

NEWSLETTER

of the Casino Collectibles Association

CONVENTION 2020



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Special Edition of the CCA Newsletter!

With this issue, we commemorate our canceled 28th Convention and Show. This Edition, being published on what would have been the Opening Day of our annual event, is intended to announce all the Club Awardees, normally presented at the Early Bird Banquet and during the 3-day event at the South Point Hotel Casino Spa. Our Convention Chairman, Steve Palumbo, has assured the CCA Board of Directors that he will keep the aliens iced-down for next years event. Please make plans to join us June 17th 2021 at the South Point's Area 51 Exposition Hall.

Congratulations to all our Awardees, and our thanks go to all the volunteers that stood ready to make the 2020 Convention an event to remember. We hope that everyone can join us next year.

Welcome

to this year's annual Club Awards. It is my honor, as CCA President, to present these Awards to our Club members who have contributed their efforts to further the Club and the hobby, in general, over the past year.

Please contact these exceptional Club members to congratulate them on their fine achievements. They are a true credit to our Club and are worthy of such accolades.

Jerry VergatosLM-8093-241

President

Casino Collectibles Association



President's Award

This Award is given to Club member(s), in recognition of their dedicated service, actions, and engagements to further the objectives of the CCA. This Award is selectively chosen by the President of the CCA. Congratulations to this year's recipients.

Jim Follis - Aside from being an excellent Vice President, he has demonstrated his willingness to embrace all the necessary functions of his position and more. Notably, taking on the responsibility of being the Copy Editor for the monthly CCA newsletter. Every month he spends countless hours preparing the publication for distribution. jim@gamingore.com



Mike Spinetti, Rick Lonski, Rich Burgel and Rich Klabacha

I like to refer to these 4 individuals as my "Recruiting Team".

Their generous merchandise donations, to my recruiting efforts, have resulted in over 65 New Members joining our Club.

Due to the untimely death of Mike Spinetti, I will be sending his award to his wife, and CCA member, Anne.

Mike Spinetti - wholesale@spinettis.com

Rick Lonski - casino_1sbcglobal.net

Rich Burgel - rburgel@cs.com

Rich Klabacha - dalek1616@cox.net



The Greg Susong Award

This Award is given to the person that makes the greatest contribution to the chip collecting hobby in addition to having the greatest impact on advancing the hobby during the previous year.

This award is nominated by, and elected by, the Club's membership each May.

Congratulations to this year's winner **Steve Miller** Co-Editor of the CCA magazine. Steve has been instrumental in producing a quality magazine, worthy of the many awards that have been bestowed upon our magazine. lvsteve@verizon.net



Museum of Gaming History's Chairman's Award

This Award is selectively given by the Chairman of the MoGH to a member in recognition for their dedicated service in furthering the objectives of the MoGH.

This year's recipient is **Charles Kaplan** Vice Chairman and ChipGuide webmaster. Charles's work with ChipGuide and his leadership with the ChipGuide Admins has enhanced and expanded a valuable asset to the Club and the hobby. chaz@ckaplan.com



The Robert "Bob" Mera – Recruiter of the Year Award

This Award is presented to the Club member who actively recruits the most New Members in the past year. This award named after the late, Robert "Bob" Mera, for his recruiting effort from his store-front in Atlantic City, NJ. This award is determined by the Membership Director for the CCA.

This year's recipient is **Doug Smith**. Through Doug's great efforts he continuously achieves great success in bringing new members into the Club. msmith310@aol.com



The Harvey J. Fuller -Article of the Year Award

This Award is presented in recognition to the best written article appearing in the Club's Award Winning magazine. Named in honor of Harvey J. Fuller for his legendary articles, recording historical gaming information in the State of Nevada. This Award is voted on by the CCA Board with recommendations from the CCA Membership and the Club's Magazine co-editors.

This year's recipient is **Ed Hertel** for his article "Forensic Investigation into Illegal Gambling History in Florida and Illinois Summer 2019". Ed has won this award many times for his highly informative and detailed research on very interesting subjects. edhertel@hotmail.com



The Janice O'Neal-Book of the Year

This Award is named in honor of Janice O'Neal, who contributed a vast amount of knowledge and research of many books written of collectors interest. This Award is chosen by the CCA BoD, with recommendations by the CCA Membership.

This year's recipient is **Paul Bender** for his book "The Joints of Jeffersonville and Southern Illinois" pbender134@aol.com



The OTY Awards – COTY, SSOTY and CKOTY

Each year, CCA members are asked to Nominate eligible candidates, in each of the OTY categories, from items released in the previous 12 months. The OTY Awards Chairman, Trey Warren, narrows down the Candidates to the top 10 (or fewer), most Nominated Candidates. The CCA membership then votes on these Candidates, with the top vote-getters being recognized as the Best of the Year. Awards are given to the respective casinos. These awards will be presented in person as my travel permits.



Slot Card or Room Key of the Year 2019 (CKOTY).

Presented to: ***The Orleans Hotel Casino Spa*** "Burlesque Hall of Fame Weekender Room Key"



CCA Silver Strike of the Year 2019 (SSOTY)

Presented to ***The Four Queens Hotel and Casino*** \$10 "Route 66 America's Highway"

Chip of the Year 2019 (COTY)

Presented to: ***The Plaza Hotel and Casino*** \$5 Tower Mural, Pop-Art Girl.



Hall of Fame Induction Report...

As Chairman of the CC>CC's Hall of Fame Committee, the Committee, as a whole, started the process of evaluating and voting on those resumes submitted to us for consideration, by Club members, of those they felt should be included into the HOF.

We began our work in early February and the twenty-one living members of the HOF completed their work in mid March. This was done well before any thought that the pandemic might close Las Vegas and close any festivities.

I would like to thank all those who submitted nominations and especially the following HOF members for their diligence throughout this process.

HOF Member Year Inducted

Archie Black 1998

Howard Herz 1998

Dale Seymour 1998

Michael Knapp 2000

Allan Myers 2000

Ernie Wheelden 2000

Doug Saito 2001

Phil Jensen 2003

Mike Skelton 2005

Jim Steffner 2007

Allan Anderson 2008

Jim Kruse 2009

Mark Lighterman 2009

Wayne Thompson 2010

Carey Burke 2011

Belinda Hixon 2012

Steve Passalacqua 2013

Doug Smith 2016

Roy Nelson 2017

Charles Kaplan 2018

Brenda Black 2019

As everyone waited for any word about the annual Convention moving forward, being postponed or canceled, the Committee had to wait also on how we needed to proceed with any announcement of our results. When word from the CC>CC Board finally came down that this year's annual Convention was canceled because of the coronavirus, it was also announced that any inductee would need to be made in a Special Edition of the CCA Newsletter.

Therefore, as would have been announced at the annual CC>CC Convention's Early Bird Banquet, the HOF Committee would not have inducted anyone into the CC>CC Hall of Fame for 2020.

As soon as possible, the Committee will meet through and discuss how we will move forward and once a new time line for the 2021 Convention is set, please look for next year's CC>CC Hall of Fame Recommendation Form.

Again, thanks to everyone involved,

Mark Lighterman

CC>CC Hall of Fame Committee Chairperson

Canceled CCA Convention Commemorative Chips!

There are only 50 of these 4-chip, chip-sets.

If you want to get a set, here is what you do:

The sets cost \$20 each (\$40 for 2 sets, with 2 sets max per request), mailing in the US included. If you are an International member, I will let you know the additional mailing cost.

In order to reserve your set(s) you will need to email Roy Nelson at membership@ccgtcc.com with your request for 1 or 2 sets. Please include your mailing address in the email.

Roy will track email requests, by when they are received, and will post on TheChipBoard and Club's websites, when all 50 sets have been reserved.

Roy will notify those who have reserved sets, that they have 2 weeks to pay:

Send payment thru PayPal at sales@ccgtcc.com or by check, by sending to:

Roy Nelson

4338 Grey Spencer Dr

Las Vegas, NV 89141

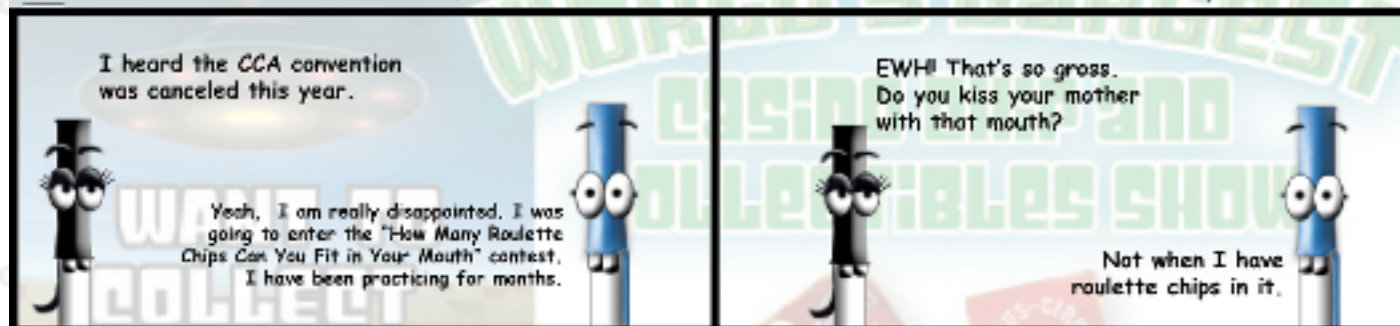
Any sets not paid for after 2 weeks will be re-offered, based on the order request emails, that were received in excess of the 50 sets.

Chip-sets will be mailed in batches, as payments are received.



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MEMORIAL ONLINE POKER TOURNAMENT

Convention? No - Poker Tournament? Yes

Sponsored by:

Richard Huber - LM-3053-226 and past Membership Officer

Steve Bedo - LM-5259-111 and past Membership Officer

Disclaimer: The Casino Collectibles Association is not liable for any money or the management of the tournament.

We are planning a poker tournament for CCA members and a fund raiser for the CCA. Here are the basic facts. The Buy-In will be \$100 (USD) of which \$20 of every entry will be donated to the CCA. Cost for a trophy to the winner will be taken and then 100% of the remaining (minus any PayPal fees) will be awarded to the top finishing players.

The number of players paid is always determined by the total number of entrants. All players must be CCA members in good standing, valid through June 30, 2020. The tournament will be held on Poker Stars (10K starting chips), as many of you already play on Poker Stars. I have selected June 20, 2020, at 12:00 (Noon) PST as the starting time. This will give the East Coast enough time to play and maybe even Europe, as it is about 8-9 hours ahead.

How do I play? Here are the basics.

1. Have a Poker Stars Account and Nickname
 - a. Download Poker Stars (PS) software from www.pokerstars.net and sign up (No I pads).
 - b. Give yourself a poker Nickname
2. Once you have a PS nickname, email me with your Nickname,

and your CCA membership number.

- a. My Email is burbankchipper@aol.com
 - b. I will then verify your membership status
 - c. I will then email further instructions on getting into the tournament
3. Send \$100 (USD) via PayPal, Venmo or check - Do NOT mention poker in the payment, just note: "CC-PT"
- a. PayPal -- Hubeedoo@aol.com
 - b. Venmo -- Steve-Bedo @Steve-Bedo
 - c. Check -- Richard Huber 1534 N. California St. Burbank, CA 91505 (Make check payable: Richard Huber)
4. After 1-3 are completed, you can then log into Poker Stars and sign up for the game. Sign-ups start June 6, 2020 at 12:00 PST (noon).
5. **If you are not now a CCA member**, you can join by going to the web site noted below, fill out the form and use my name (Richard Huber) as your sponsor. The Membership Officer will Let me know when he gives you a Membership number, confirming your membership. Use the following link to join --
- <http://www.ccggtcc.com/promo/newmember.html>
6. Because all of the required steps that need to be done, we cannot guarantee your entrance into the game. If that should occur your money will be refunded.

This is time sensitive. Act now to play and support the CCA!