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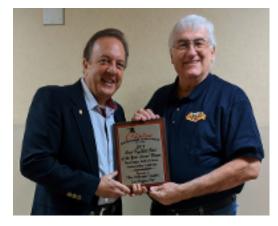
# 2019 OTY Award Winners Receive Their Presentation Plaques!

Following a months-long, COVID caused delay, CCA President Jerry Vergatos was able to hand-deliver the 3, 2019 OTY Award presentation plaques to the respective winners. And just in time too, as we are just a month away from the kick-off of the 2020 OTY Awards! (Details will be available in next month's issue of the CCA Newsletter.)



2019 - COTY Winner the PLAZA Jay Franken - VP Operations





2019 - SSOTY Winner 2019 - CKOTY Winner Four Queens The Orleans

Shaun Webster - Director Slots

Mike Musicaro - VP Operations,

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Club Directory Address Changes

4338 Grey Spencer Dr Las Vegas, NV 89141-4397 <u>membership@ccgtcc.com</u> The CCA Newsletter is a monthly publication of the Casino Collectibles Association.

Jerry Vergatos - Content Editor

Jim Follis - Copy and Layout Editor

Richard Huber - eMail Manager

## **Current circulation is at: 2251**

Please invite others to get onto our list by contacting Richard Huber (linked above).

## IMPORTANT MAGAZINE (CCN) AD DEADLINES SPRING - FEBRUARY 1 SUMMER - MAY 1 FALL - AUGUST 1 WINTER - NOVEMBER 1 Advertising Manager: Nate Pincus Alternating CCN Editors: Robb McPherson <u>robb4640@outlook.com</u> Steve Miller Lvsteve1@gmail.com

## **Membership Renewal Reminder Cards**

Just a reminder to those members who recently received a blue renewal postcard that your dues are due soon. Follow the directions on your postcard, or contact Roy Nelson at <u>membership@ccgtcc.com</u>, to renew.

Renew now and don't miss out on your next copy of the Casino Collectible News. Not sure about when your membership renewal is due? Just email Roy and he will get back to you.

Roy Nelson CCA Membership Officer

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**



Greetings and Happy Holidays to all. I hope everyone had a joyous Thanksgiving as best you could. This holiday season has and will put a strain on us the likes of

which we have never seen.

This is the time of the year where all of us look forward to having our friends and loved ones gather to reconnect. With the new protocols in place that makes it a difficult and gut-wrenching endeavor.

Nevertheless, we must all stay hopeful that we will endure and get past all this.

Surfing the internet, I find some solace in postings that offer a lighter side to our present situation. I would like to share them with you and hope they will put a smile on your face as they did for me.

Your mission should you choose to accept it, will be to find a roll of toilet paper

This message will self-flush in 5 seconds—Good Luck!!

Due to the quarantine, I am only telling inside jokes!!

My fridge just groaned, rolled its eye's, and hissed at me Not you again!!

So, you are staying inside, practicing social distancing, and cleaning yourself? Congrats you just became a

Congrats you just became a house cat!!

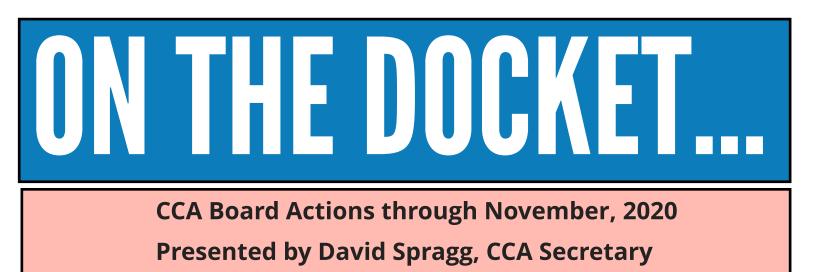
## My 5-year plan is to make it through this year!

In closing I wish everyone a Happy Holiday season and my sincerest hopes that we all survive this year and have a great New Year in 2021.

Jerry Vergatos **e de la compa** President







#### Website Revision

The new Club website remains in the process of being written.

Action: No action required

#### **Publicity Officer**

Brad Smith has been appointed as the new Publicity Officer.

Action: Agreed Unanimously

#### Claims

For info only, one claim carried over from October has been resolved, and one remains ongoing.

Action: Pending

## New Appointment

I am happy to announce the appointment of Brad Smith, R-7932 as our new Publicity Chairman. His qualifications are impeccable, and he will certainly do an exceptional job in promoting our Club and all its endeavors. He has over 40 years of working in the publicity and advertising field. His expertise will be a boost to our efforts to put our name out and increase our visibility to potential new members.

Additionally, Brad recently became a Life Member of the Museum of Gaming History (MoGH). His support of the MoGH is greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to contact Brad at: brad@b2bsmithgroup.com with any suggestions and comments.

I also wish to thank Rich Burgel, our previous Publicity Chairman, for all the work that he has done the past year and a half. His many contributions to the Club included providing merchandise for our membership drives and for doing an excellent job promoting our Convention last year. His efforts had attributed to the Convention having an increase in attendance, after many years of decline. He also promoted the Club in his business and his many contacts in the business world.

Thank You, Rich!!

Jerry Vergatos LM-8093-241 CCA President

# SUGGESTION BOX

## The Suggestion Box.

The purpose of this Section is to allow all of our viewers a chance to speak up about what they feel my help our Club become even greater. All are welcome to submit to me any ideas and thoughts. Submittals will be shared here, but they must be sent to me via email to: vergatos@msn.com. I do this so that they can be meticulously organized and implemented, or, forwarded, to the appropriate Club Chair(s).

I would also ask that you offer your assistance in implementing your suggestion. This will ensure that your suggestion can be accomplished much sooner than expected and offer the Club a new benefit. When listed here, Suggestions will be anonymous, so please feel free to express your ideas openly. The suggestions listed will have a disposition to show their progress.

## **New Items**

<u>**Club Magazine**</u> - Due to the high cost of printing the Club's magazine (Casino Collectibles News) it should be made available in digital format only, similar to the CCA Newsletter. Member could then print it, if desired.

<u>Action -</u> This suggestion will be discussed at the CCA semi-annual meeting to be held in Mid February, 2021.

**Advertising** - The club should advertise more to increase our visibility in magazines and collectible publications.

<u>Action</u>—Matter to be turned over to our new Publicity Chairman Brad Smith for consideration.

## **Prior Items**

Audits - To determine the credibility of our Finances

**Action** - An Accounting firm has been contracted to perform a year-end review. Report to be posted upon completion. Estimated date is Mid February, 2021.

**Inventory** - Storage units to have all items recorded.

**Action** - Jim Follis is presently conducting a systematic record of all contents. Report

## **Suggestion Box (continued)**

to be available upon completion.

**Advertising** - Solicitation from Casinos for our Magazine and Convention Program

**Action** - Suggestion was referred to Nate Pincus for consideration and implementation. Outcome pending.

<u>Memorial -</u> Establishing an *In Memorandum To...* section in the Club's Newsletter, Magazine and Website.

<u>Action -</u> A call to membership for a volunteer to coordinate and gather information has gone without a volunteer. Anyone wishing to get involved please contact jerry Vergatos at <u>vergatos@msn.com</u>.

The suggestions listed above, do not necessarily include all that were submitted. If your suggestion was not listed please resubmit it to me at vergatos@msn.com .

Closed items that are suggested will be deleted from this section. Posts on the websites may be overlooked and are not to be construed negatively in any way if they are omitted in the Suggestion Box.

Volunteers are needed. Anyone interested in joining our staff to administer the Suggestion Box please contact Jerry Vergatos at vergatos@msn.com for consideration.



## Christmas Songs

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#### **Poker Tournament - CCA Fund Raiser**

Only a few days before our third and final event of this year's CCA Members-Only Poker Tournament. If you have already sent me your \$100, via PayPal, then you are good to Register. For those of you that haven't sent the \$100, please do so and I will reinstate you on PokerStars so you can Register. If you have not played in this game and want to join in, send an email to <u>Burbankchipper@aol.com</u>. My**PayPal account is <u>Hubeedoo@aol.com</u>**. Remember this game plays **December 7, 2020 at 6 PM PST** as a fundraiser for the CCA, as \$20 of each player's Buy-In is donated to the CCA. Come and join the fun and be one of the players that knocks out the defending champs; Jerry Vergatos and Mike Nawrocki. The winner will receive a 1-once silver card protector plus \$\$.

NOTE: This event, while it benefits the CCA, is not endorsed nor affiliated with the CCA.

CCA Member Paul Schaffer, advises us that based on data extracted from ChipGuide, these are some of the recent, new releases. Thanks Paul, and Thank You to the ChipGuide Submitters!!!



#### CCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

#### BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

- Quarterly magazine Casino Collectible News
- Access to dozens of books in the club Library.
- Superior trading status as a member of the CCA, people will be more trusting in their trade transactions with you because they know you're bound by the Code of Ethics. Additionally, members prefer to trade with other members, and in fact, some people will only trade with club members.
- Ability to vote for the Chip Of The Year, Silver Strike Of The Year, Token Of The Year, and Card/Key Of The Year.
- You can pre-register for the convention and get one of the famous goody bags.
- You can attend the Early Bird Banquet before the convention.
- You can be listed in the public, online Club Directory (along with your email and website URL) for others to learn about you and your collecting interests
- You will develop life-long friendships with other club members.
- You receive a membership card and are entitled to use the club logo on your business cards and web pages.
- You get to have a vote in the direction of the most influential organization in the hobby.
- You have access to the full Club Directory that contains many names and addresses not available in the public, anline directory.
- You have the honor of belonging to an organization that takes its ethics and codes of canduct very seriously.
- You have the honor of belonging to an organization dedicated to the preservation of part of our nation's history.

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Annual dues will be renewable in the same quarter in which the membership application was processed. Check our address labels for your membership expiration dates. Mail your completed application with your check made payable to CCA to:

> CCA Membership Officer **Roy Nelson** 4338 Grey Spencer Dr Los Vegos, NV 89141 Or apply online with your credit card at www.ccgtcc.com

#### Join the CCA today!

Tap or click the membership application on the left to download a printable Membership Application form.

Or, do the same **HERE** to immediately visit the CCA's online Membership Application page and join right now!



Are you a Member of the CCA? Want to learn more? Please use the QR Code, at right, with your hand held, to visit the CCA's Membership Application Page.



## **Recognize this webpage?...**

ChipGuide - A Catalog of Casino Chips and Collectibles

The ChipGuide



You can help the MoGH achieve greater success in our efforts to add more content. This recent screen shot shows 262,189 images are currently on ChipGuide. But we have plenty of room for more. Do you have scans of casino memorabilia and collectibles that could be added? If so, please visit the site and offer your scans by clicking on "SUBMISSIONS."

## Museum of Gaming History Membership Report

Our MoGH Membership upgrade program continues to grow. The Board of Directors of the Museum of Gaming History wishes to thank the following members for their financial commitment in helping to support our many ongoing and new projects.

#### Life Members

Jerry Vergatos Malcom McNeil Robert Pardue Michael Gersie Ann Gersie Tony Kreusch James Love Gary Kruehl Wayne Thompson Jonathan Ullman Steve Kuska Brad Smith Tom Lopez Steve Palumbo Ron Gaudette Mike Spinetti Doug Smith Chuck Sikora IV Mike Skelton Neal Silverman Charles Kaplan Geoff Schumacher Mike Nawrocki Don Priff Chris Carlson Steve Miller David Loriso Fred Bergman Jim Steffner Mike Quinlivan Jim Kruse Andy Hughes Barry Hauptman Alex Cilento

#### **Gold Members**

Ken Kendra Alan Schuyler Rich Burgel Steve Lauber Michael Blishak Dennis Lee Dennis Page Sharon Cox Bud Myer Sharon Nickson Cox Eduardo Estabanez Nate Pincus Ross Poppel Paul Liscio Tom Pleau Roy Nelson Ted Whiting George Dmitrevski Allan Anderson Michael Hennessey Erik Isackson Terry Vaughan Rick Peterson Eric Dauplaise Carey Burke Jay Sands Jim Follis Donald Durnin James Hogg Herman Rush



#### Please Join Us....

Your support is needed for the MoGH to continue to grow and succeed in our quest to someday have an actual museum. One that will carry our name forward, and one that we can be proud of.

Please contact me if you wish to upgrade your already existing membership at <u>vergatos@msn.com</u> for further details

Jerry Vergatos MoGH LM-0001

Membership Director

**ATTN: Gold Members.** Your annual dues are likely due now as the majority of you renew during and at, the Annual Convention. Be on the lookout for a reminder email. Thank you

## Local Club Activities....

The following is provided solely for educational and entertainment purposes and should not be construed as an endorsement of any person or entity of the Casino Collectibles Association and/or any related entity.

#### The Sheldon Smith Memorial SNCCC After-Meeting Report

As noted previously, this Report is now named the "The Sheldon Smith Memorial SNCCC After Meeting Report", and more simply as the "Smith Report".

The November Meeting of the SNCCC was held on the Tuesday, the 10thof November at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino, starting at: 6 PM through 8:02 PM. This meeting was deemed to be a Holiday event, and we enjoyed catering services of sandwich's (cold cuts), chips, lemonade and salted nuts. All of which was staff-served, much like a buffet line. We also enjoyed a yummy, marble sheet cake from an outside vendor.

Every SNCCC member was given a raffle ticket upon entry, for the Member's-Only Raffle event. Raffled items were donations from various SNCCC members as well as Boyd Gaming. Included were Rick Lonski, Jerry Vergatos, Pam Focazio, . Every attending member received a prize! The monthly auction was purposely delayed until 7:15, to allow bidders to eat first and not have to call out bids with full mouths. (LOL) The SNCCC thanks those who provide auction items and those who place bids.

Following the auction, Jim Follis, as a representative of the CCA's Museum of Gaming History (MoGH) gave a presentation on the MoGH's effort to put a Milestone Exhibit into the Neon Museum about the Moulin Rouge. This is because the Neon Museum just recently, had the Moulin Rouge sign restored and lit-up and is considering having the MoGH set-up a display of Moulin Rouge collectibles and memorabilia. On-hand was a grouping of Moulin Rouge items, courtesy of Bill Lange, Janice O'Neal and Jim Follis.

There were 27 members and guests in attendance at the meeting, which was video recorded and broadcast to Facebook, courtesy of Ron Gaudette, who travels all the way from Barstow, CA for each meeting. Thank you Ron! The Business portion of the meeting was Call to Order at 7:51 PM, by President Vergatos, with Reports from Jim Follis, Secretary (reading of the Minutes from the October meeting), Terri Lonski, Treasurer (reporting a balance of \$7,279.33) and Pam Focazio, Membership (reporting paid membership at 156).

There was no Old Business to discuss. New Business was discussed, wherein, the December Meeting will take place at the Late, Michael Spinetti's home, courtesy of Mike's widow, Anne Spinetti.\* This event is a SNCCC Members-only event, and is limited to 40 attendees only, on a first come, first served RSVP basis. ALL requests must be processed through President Vergatos at: <u>vergatos@msn.com</u>. This portion of the meeting was The

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#### Smith Report (continued)

adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Afterwards, we conducted our regular raffle, a 50/50 and prizes.

Jim Follis for Sheldon Smith

In a separate development, SNCCC President, Jerry Vergatos, has been able to renew our use of the Gold Coast meeting room facilities for another year. And again, at no cost! This action is courtesy of Mr. Mike Musicaro, VP of Operations, Gold Coast and The Orleans Casinos, Boyd Gaming. Thank you Mike, and Jerry!

In other SNCCC news, the SNCCC donated \$150 to the non-profit group, Three Squares Food Bank. This donation was matched by Boyd Gaming for a total of \$300, which makes 900 meals available to those in need. And then, Bruce and Mary Ann Massey made a like donation to Three Squares Food Bank, also in the name of the SNCCC, which resulted in an additional 900 meals! Also joining in the spirit, was Ron and Vicki Gaudette with another \$150 donation, and when all are matched, they total \$900, for 2,700 meals, for those in need!

The SNCCC Board thanks Bruce, Mary Ann, Ron and Vicki for their donations and Challenges everyone and other Local Clubs to consider making a donation to this worthy cause, in their own name or that of the organization of their choice.

(EDITOR'S NOTE)

Due to changes in the State of Nevada's COVID response regulations, the December SNCCC meeting, planned as a Tribute to Mike Spinetti, has been postponed to March 2021. Additionally, the December Meeting is canceled and will not take place.

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The Lonski's - Master Rafflers



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#### SILVER STRIKERS Hall of Fame and Strike of the Year Contests Begin.

The Silver Strikers Club has started their annual Awards Contests, starting with a Call For Nominations through December 31st. Strikers should contact Al Varelas, Chairman SOTY / HOF Strikes, Silver Striker's Club, at: alvarelas@gmail.com for details.







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## News from the Colorado Casino Collectors Club...

To all you faithful:

Our meetings of the Colorado Casino Collectors are at the American Legion Post 21, 500 9th Street, Golden, CO 80401 as usual.

Good news is that I've scheduled all the six meeting for 2021 at this same place. They are the 3rd Sunday of every other month.

Save the following dates:

January 17,2021	July 18, 2021
March 21, 2021	September 19, 2021
May 16, 2021	November21, 2021

I've talked with Bob Clay and he is planning to bring some more of Dean Porter's casino items to the meeting.

Masks and social distancing are expected.

Hopefully we'll have another good meeting.

# The Market Place...

## Club Merchandise

Convention Chips – \$5.00 each / 3 for \$10.00 Set of 10 (including 2019) – \$25.00 Years Available – 2001, 04, 07, 08, 09, 11, 12, 14, 15

2019 Silver/Bronze Convention Medal Sets - \$60.00



(Silver front and bronze back shown)

2019 Bronze Medal \$10.00 each

2019 Convention Pin - \$5.00 each Prior year pins (1997 - 2001, & 2003-2018) - \$3.00 each

Set of all 22 pins (2019 included) - \$25.00



12, 13, 14, 15, 16,17, 18

Years Available - 2004, 06, 07, 09, 10, 11,

Poker/Blackjack Tournament Sets - \$15.00

(2 sets \$12.00 each, 3 or more sets \$10 each)





Common back design

CCA Polo Shirts No Pocket \$26.00 With Pocket \$28.00 Not all colors in all sizes email to check



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## CCA MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

Set of 13 (including 2018) \$30.00 Prior Years Available: 2001, 04, 07, 08, 09, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	Year/Set	Quantity	Total
Prior Years Available: 2001, 04, 07, 08, 09, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17			
2018 Poker/BJ Tourney Set\$15 each			
2 or more sets \$12.00 each, 3 or more sets \$10 ea	Year/s	Quantity	Total
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2018 Convention Pin\$5.00			
Prior Yr Pins (1997-2001 and 2003-2017) \$3.00 each	Year/Set	Quantity	Total
Set of all 21 pins (2018 included) \$30.00			
2018 Convention Plaque-\$20 (only 30 made)			
Membership Pin-\$5.00	Quantity Total		
CCA Polo Shirt\$26.00 (no pocket)	Color	Size Tota	I
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Not all colors in all sizes—email to check			_
2018 Silver/Bronze Medal Set\$60 each			
2018 Bronze Medal Only\$10 each			
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Order Amount up to \$5.00 add \$2.50, up to \$10.00 add \$3.50, up to \$25.00 add \$6.95, up to \$50.00 add \$8.95, over \$50.00 add \$10.95

NOTE: Some items, because of shape and/or weight will be mailed pre-paid priority and shipping cost may increase.

International Orders/Orders from Alaska and Hawaii-Contact for shipping charges

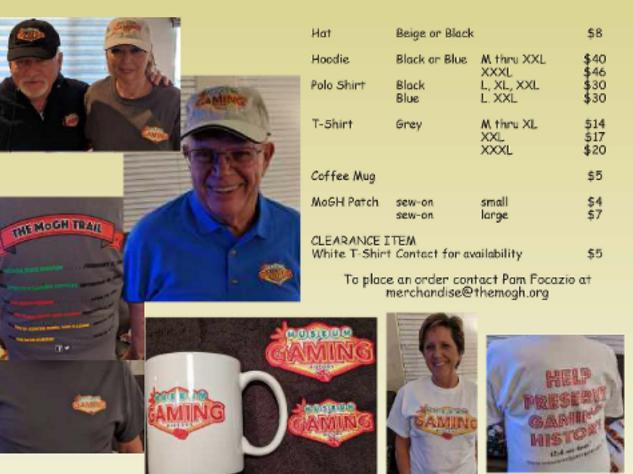
## **MoGH Merchandise**

Trail of the MoGH Milestone Markers



Contact Pam Focazio to place an order for MoGH Merchandise at: Merchandise@themogh.org

#### MoGH Promotional Merchandise



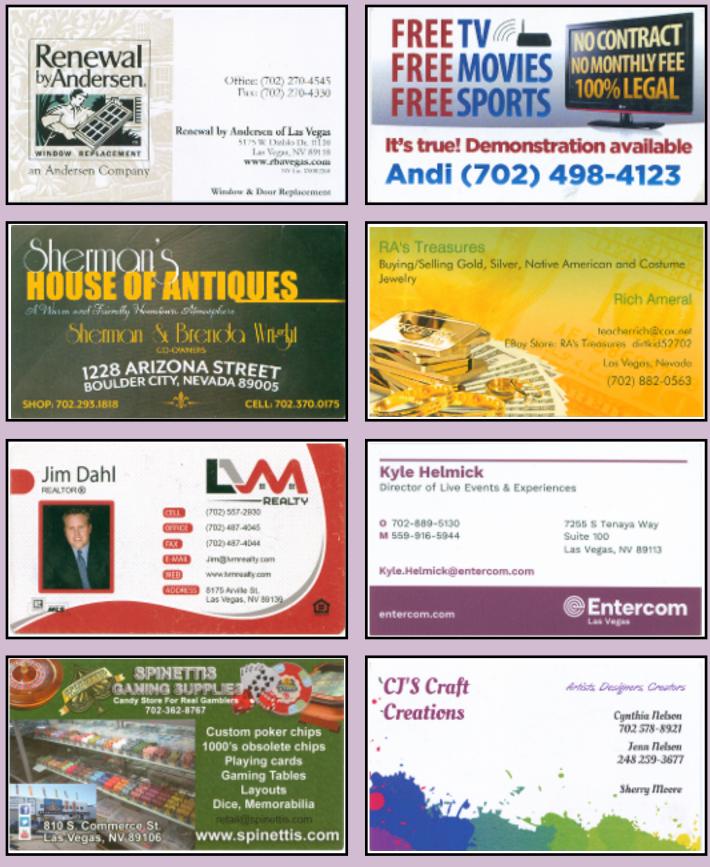
Annual Gold Membership Plaques are available only to Life Members at \$10 each. Email Jerry Vergatos at Vergatos@msn.com



Shipping for MoGH items will be via USPS Priority Mail, Flat Rate at \$7.75, which covers Insurance.

















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