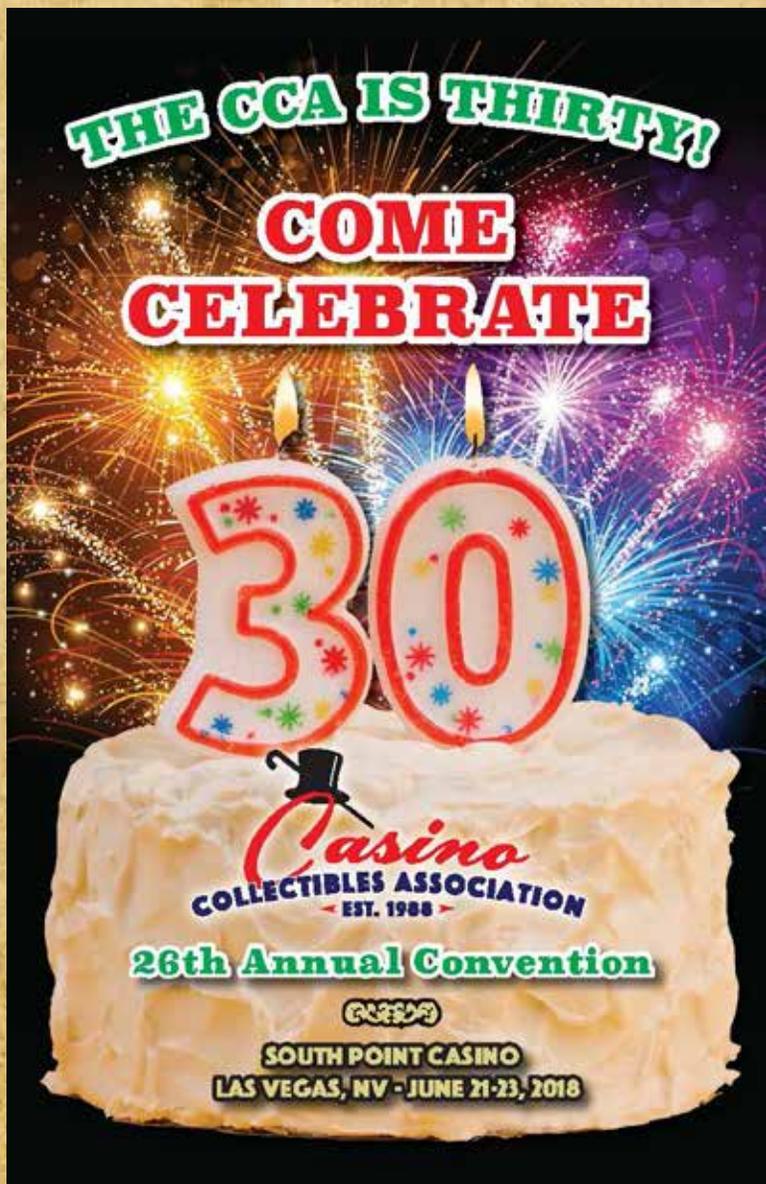


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Visit the Membership Section to find all the information you need about our members as well as all the information you need to become a member. Find information about local clubs, visit the Hall of Fame and more.

Check out the Reference Center, where you will find useful information on the hobby of casino chip and gaming token collecting. There are articles for the beginning collector and detailed reference materials for the more experienced collector.

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Deadline for Ads: October 1st

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER 2018

Jerry Vergatos



Greetings,  
**Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday to our great club!!!** This is a very special year with lots to celebrate. Our Convention will be highlighting our 30<sup>th</sup> year as a club. I'm sure many of you have seen a lot of changes over the last 30 years. I

would sincerely hope you seek out Archie Black and any of the other Charter members to thank them for their efforts in founding our great club. There are many great events and seminars this year to interest a wide variety of our membership. I will be hosting my own table, "Meet the Prez" this year. At my table I will also have some free drawings and giveaways. Also, by popular demand I will be hosting a personal chip contest. Each member can enter up to three chips (six if they are different sides) for a chance to win an award. You can enter your chips all the way up to Saturday Noon. Judging will be at 1pm with awards to follow. There will also be a Facebook live cam run by Ron Gaudette. Please take the time to stop by and let's talk about your interests and suggestions. Doug Smith is hosting the Splashbar this year as a memorial to the passing of a great friend to all of us. I encourage you to stop by and help celebrate the memory of Brian Cashman. Don't forget to get your tickets and participate in our Club raffle and Auction. Money raised from those events help the club immensely. I hope everyone has a great time and hope to see you all there.

It is truly an honor to be your president.

**Jerry Vergatos**  
**LM 8093-241**

## Message from the Editor

Robb McPherson

Hello fellow members, its great to see the club reach their 30th Anniversary!!

I regret that I will not be able to attend this years convention so have to extend my best wishes to everyone attending. I am glad that I can work behind the scenes by being editor for your club magazine.



In this issue you will see a few pictures and images from previous back issues of the CCN. As I had mentioned in my previous issue, I have the whole set of club newsletters and magazines now and I am able to go back through them to pull out interesting pictures and articles from the past 30 years!

I would like to thank all the members that have been submitting articles now for the last few for Steve and I. We have seen a few new people coming forward now and submitting new content. If everyone keeps up with sending in new articles it makes it much easier for Steve and I to complete each issue.

By seeing the huge list of new members that was submitted for this issue, it shows that the club continues to grow which in these times is a good thing. Many of the numismatic clubs that I see are seeing a decline in memberships.

Hopefully every member is using the ChipGuide, the new feature that Charles Kaplan is about to unveil at the convention will undoubtedly make this the best reference site in the world. Not only can you just look items up, but you will be able to keep track of which items you own or are looking for and that way you can look it up on your tablet or smartphone while walking around at the show. All the administrators have had a first hand look at the new feature as beta test for Charles. In this issue, Charles has put together a brief look at this new feature. All you have to do is come to the seminar at the convention to see the full capabilities of this new feature.

**Robb McPherson R-8583**

## New Members

Last	First	State	City	Ref.	Pre Memb #
Seeger	Lynda	WI	Waunakee	Club Web Site	R 8941
Dobie	Russell	TX	Austin	Club Web Site	R 8941
Gallagher	Dennis	WI	Wanakee	Club Web Site	R 8940
Ingram	Kathy	OR	Charleston	Club Web Site	R 8939
Feldman	Tyler	NV	Las Vegas	Club Web Site	R 8938
Turner	Charlie	KY	Louisville	Paul Bender	R 8937
Woodrich	Woody	TX	Lakeside	Club Web Site	R 8936
Schwarz	Scott	CA	Pasadena	Club Web Site	R 8935
Pierce	Linda	MI	St. Clair Shores	Club Web Site	R 8934
Nye	William	NY	East Aurora	Club Web Site	R 8933
Blishak	Michael	AZ	Tucson	Club Web Site	R 8932
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Pappin	Craig	MI	Jackson	Club Web Site	R 8930
McMullen	Kevin	OK	Edmon	Joe McMullen	R 8929
McCabe	Jerry	PA	Morton	Doug Smith LM-3209-147	R 8928
Albrand	Jack	PA	Glen Mills	Doug Smith LM-3209-147	R 8927
Seidel	Beverly	PA	Reading	Club Web Site	R 8926-A
Shollenberger	Bruce	PA	Reading	Doug Smith LM-3209-147	R 8926
Melander	Mikko	NV	Las Vegas	Spinetti, Mike	R 8925
Stumphauzer	Theodore	IL	Plainfield	Club Web Site	R 8924
Langley	Robin	TX	Fort Worth	James Horvatic	R 8923
Steiner	Robyn	AZ	Cave Creek	Wendy Schultz	R 8922-A
Steiner	Rick	AZ	Cave Creek	Wendy Schultz	R 8922
Schad	Mike	AZ	Lake Havasu City	Club Web Site	R 8921
Smith	Pete	MN	Minneapolis	Mark Lighterman	R 8920
Dodson	Robert S.	GA	Marietta	MoGH	R 8919
Clark	Dennis	IA	Grinnell	Doug Smith LM 3209-147	R 8918
Balduini	Carla	NJ	Haledon	Club Web Site	R 8917-A
Balduini	Doug	NJ	Haledon	Doug Smith LM-3209-147	R 8917
Horvatic	James	TX	Fort Worth	Club Web Site	R 8916
Shobe	Richard M.	OH	Urbana	Club Web Site	R 8915
Michler	Julie	NV	Carson City	Club Web Site	R 8914
McClelland	Paul	IN	Elkhart	Doug Smith LM-3209-147	R 8913
Miller	Matthew	NJ	Bridgeton	Doug Smith LM-3209-147	R 8912
Neilson	Donald	NY	Saratoga Springs	Doug Smith LM-3209-147	R 8911
Ehler	Joe	IL	Lockport	MoGH	R 8910
Mikszta	Robert	NJ	Bridgewater	Doug Smith LM-3209-147	R 8909

### ***Notes from Membership Officer Richard Huber:***

Life Members, did you know your Associate(s) can be Associate Life Members? Renewal reminders are sent via email, so if you get a postcard I don't have your email. All members that don't renew by month end get a postcard. Any request for Life Membership has to be okayed by the Membership Officer and can only be paid by check (no PayPal option).

Please contact me immediately if you have a change of address (Bulk magazines are not forwarded), change of email address, change of name, etc. Another reminder to check your emails for renewals. The renewals are sent out for March, June, September and December. No email - a postcard will be sent.

# Local Casino Collectibles Clubs

**Atlantic City Casino Collectibles Club:** <http://gaming-chips.com/>; Charles Kaplan, 11 Calais Court, Rockville Centre, NY 11570; 4 meetings a year on Sunday's in AC; \$10.00 annual dues. *Next meetings are 3/18/18 , 5/20/18, 9/16/18, 11/18/18*

**Chicagoland Casino Collectibles Club:** [ikcarkop@comcast.net](mailto:ikcarkop@comcast.net); Riverboat Rick Pokracki; meetings are at various locations in the tri-state area.

**Colorado Casino Collectibles Club:** Ken Hallenbeck, treasurer, 711N Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-1007. [kenhallenbeck@comcast.net](mailto:kenhallenbeck@comcast.net). Meetings Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, and Nov. on the third Sunday of the month, 11 AM to 3 PM at the American Legion Post 21, 500 9th St. Golden, CO 80401

**Dallas Chip Club:** [txbel711@aol.com](mailto:txbel711@aol.com); Belinda Hixon; various, contact for next meeting

**Florida Casino Chip & Token Collectors Club:** Jerry Leonardo [561-445-4007](tel:561-445-4007) 6646 110th Place Sebastian FL 32958: [jerryleonardo@bellsouth.net](mailto:jerryleonardo@bellsouth.net); Quarterly meetings at various locations Membership \$10.00 Yr

**Houston Chip Club:** Houston Chip Club on Facebook; Frank Chalfant; 1st Wednesday of the month starting at 7 PM

**Michigan Chip Club:** [albertscalzo@gmail.com](mailto:albertscalzo@gmail.com); Al Scalzo; 7229 Flamingo St. Clay, MI 48001; Elks Lodge #810, 2100 Scott Lake Rd. Waterford MI

**Nor-Cal-Nev Casino Collectibles Club:** Todd Dingley, [sandpointe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sandpointe@sbcglobal.net), 6 Sandpointe CT. Sacramento, CA 95831. Contact us about our next Get-together!

**NY Metro Chip Club:** [qualpete@aol.com](mailto:qualpete@aol.com); Pete Volberg, 516-322-3892; PO Box 3037, Farmingdale, NY 11735; Knights of Columbus Bethpage, NY; no membership dues.

**Silver Strikers Club:** Jeff Bitzer, [president@silverstrikers.com](mailto:president@silverstrikers.com), Two tournaments annually at Four Queens Hotel & Casino, visit [www.silverstrikers.com](http://www.silverstrikers.com)

**Slot Card & Room Keys:** Dave Johnston, 350 E Desert Inn Rd D-205, Las Vegas, NV 89109; 702-351-8573

**Southern California Collectibles Club:** [georged@mindspring.com](mailto:georged@mindspring.com); George Dmitrevsky; 818-384-7357; 3rd Tuesday of every month locations vary 7-9 PM

**Southern Nevada Collectibles Club:** <http://snccc.weebly.com/>; Rich Klabacha; 1616 Gleneagles Court Boulder City, NV 89005-3653; monthly meetings; membership dues \$12.00

*If you have information your club would like to add please contact the editors at [Editor@ccgtcc.com](mailto:Editor@ccgtcc.com).*

# CCA Mentoring Program

## Introduction

The program is offered free of charge and available to everyone. The Mentoring Program is specifically designed for new casino chip collectors offering a wealth of information and experience of our seasoned casino chip and memorabilia collectors.

Seasoned collectors have gone through many a trial and tribulation, learning as they go and learning from their mistakes over the years. Knowledge increases little by little over time as we absorb what we can from our interactions with other collectors and individual experiences. If one is going to learn from mistakes, isn't it always best to learn from someone else's mistakes?

Collecting has many forks in its windy road, and is filled with many potential unwise choices, but our experienced collectors will help guide the beginner down the path.

Quite often a new collector just happens to stumble onto a casino chip online message board or web site. They most likely have just a few chips, no price guides and no real idea of the best way to proceed with their new hobby. They often times have no idea how vast chip collecting is. That's where we come in!

- Find out which price guides are available.
- Find out which price guides should and shouldn't be used.
- Be able to ask questions about casino chips and casino related collectibles and find the answers.
- Find resources online and offline through our resource pages..
- Find out the best ways to increase your collection.
- Discover the many different collecting areas of casino memorabilia.
- Learn from the pros, what's valuable and what's not!

## The Program

Simply go to [www.ccgccc.com](http://www.ccgccc.com), click on the "EDUCATION" button to the top of the page. From there click on the "CCA Mentoring Program" link and a questionnaire/application will download to your computer, print out and complete the questionnaire/application and mail it to the address provided. The questions are designed to best identify your interests and to match you with a suitable mentor for your particular collecting interests.

Initial Stage: lasts for a period of 30 days. During this time, both parties will be encouraged to communicate back and forth through e-mails, and/or telephone. The mentee (new collector) will be open to ask any and all questions he may be interested in, and the mentor (experienced collector) will address the questions, giving advice and direction.

At the conclusion of the initial 30-day initial stage, the program chairman will contact both parties to see if both wish to continue. If both parties are pleased with how things are going, they may choose to continue for an additional 11 months. This short initial period is particularly good for beginners who just need a little help and direction while getting started.

Either the mentee or the mentor can conclude the relationship at anytime. This may need to be done because of unforeseen real life issues that may arise.

The program will continue for a maximum period of one year from the beginning of the initial active date, with a review after six months.

Mentoring Program Director, Terry Shaffer R-5645  
[terryshaffer@hotmail.com](mailto:terryshaffer@hotmail.com)

# NY Metro Chip Club News

By Steve Miller

Once again Pete Volberg organized a nice meeting for the NY Metro Chip Club. the turn out was small, but everyone had a great time. The trading session was productive for everyone who participated.



*Charles Kaplan & Michael Siskin*



*Pete Volberg & Paul Liscio*

## Convention Blast from the Past



*Left to right; Brenda Black as Jeanie, Archie Black as Aladdin, Vince Mowery property manager.*



*Greg Susong receiving the Hall of Fame award 2002*



## *From the President's Desk*

**Greetings to my fellow club members.**

By the time you read this in our club magazine, the convention will be close at hand.

### **CONVENTION**

This year's celebration has many exciting things happening – a bigger space, a larger group of dealers and a very special birthday of the club. Considering this is his first year as Convention Chair, Steve Palumbo has done an excellent job organizing the activities. Please find the time to thank him personally if you are attending our show this year.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

A Membership Committee was authorized by the CCA Board of Directors naming Rick Timmins as the chairman. He has assembled an impressive list of committee members and has had meetings regularly to discuss his suggestions and avenues of approach to help solve the problem of our shrinking membership. They will be making a presentation to the Board of Directors at our June Meeting as well as hosting a seminar at the convention. I encourage all members to attend and participate in the seminar. The survey that was taken will be discussed.

### **PERSONAL CHIP OF THE YEAR EVENT**

I will be hosting this inaugural event at my table, "Meet the Prez" at this year's convention. My goal is to generate some fun and see how creative our members are. I will be giving out awards to the first three finishes. Stop by at my table and submit your entry!

### **MEET THE PREZ TABLE**

At my own expense, I am hosting a table for all club members to come and chat with me. I will listen to any and all comments you may have. Here is your chance to say whatever you want. There will be several drawings and giveaways for all that step up to the plate. I like the saying, "The Chip Stops Here!" (See next page for details)

### **TAX-EXEMPT STATUS**

An application has been submitted to the Nevada Dept. of Taxation requesting we be given exemption from all State and Local Taxes. If granted the club could save a substantial amount of money on all purchases made in Nevada, particularly taxes charged the club at the convention. This does not pertain to our IRS designation as we are already tax exempt from them or the sales taxes that are collected and forwarded by our dealers at the convention.

### **ELECTIONS**

At the time of this writing, I will not know the results of the election. I do wish to thank all the candidates for all the work they have done for the club elected and non-elected. It is amazing the caliber of volunteers that our club has had, and we would not be anywhere without those that serve in one way or another.

The amount of work needed is daunting and the rewards are not acknowledged monetarily, but rather a sense of pride and duty prevail. For that, all that serve the club are to be commended.

It is an honor being your president.  
Hope to see you all at the convention!!!!

Jerry Vergatos  
LM-8093-241  
President CCA

# Personal Chip of the Year Contest

Greetings to all members interested in participating in the first ever Personal Chip Contest.

In an effort to do something different and fun I have with the recommendations of many club members from last years convention decided to take this on. While not an official club ( To be considered at later time) event I think it warrants a try. I believe it good to try and do different things and am glad some members brought it up to my attention. I will be hosting this fun event at my table at the convention (#38 & #39 ) "MEET THE PREZ "

## Here are the rules:

- You can enter up to 3 different chips ( 6 if they have different sides )
- Chips can be entered all day Thursday and Friday and until noon on Saturday.
- Judging will start at noon on Saturday with the winners announced at 2pm.
- You do not have to be present to win but you must submit your entry personally.
- The judges will be 3 independent non members with no affiliation to the club.
- Each chip will be judged in 3 categories, Originality, Theme, Graphics
- Each category will have a max 10 points each.
- Top three total scores will win plaque awards.
- Since this is the first year I will make the exception and you can enter chips made from previous years. But just this year, next year will need to be from the current year.
- All chips submitted will be donated to the MoGH for possible future exhibits and displays.

Please try and patronize our dealers who are club members. There are a few and I'm sure they can help you design a winner.

If you have any questions please let me know at [vergatos@msn.com](mailto:vergatos@msn.com) or on the boards  
LET THE FUN BEGIN!!!!!!!

Jerry Vergatos LM-8093-241





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## CCA 2018 RAFFLE

The CCA will be conducting our annual raffle at the June 2018 convention at the South Point Casino in Las Vegas. We are looking for all types of donations of items to be included as part of the raffle - chips, dice, slot cards, strikes, tokens, postcards, matchbooks, ashtrays, swizzle sticks, room keys - ANY type of casino memorabilia that is in good condition that you would like to have in YOUR collection. Thanks to the great participation in the past from our wonderful club members in the way of ticket and raffle item donations, this has been a success over the past several years both for the club AND for the winners.

Ticket donations are \$10 for one, or \$25 for three raffle tickets. You need not be present at the convention to win. Those not attending will have their winnings shipped to them (at no additional cost) after the convention closing.

**Ticket donations can be made via mail by sending your ticket donations check payable to CCA to:**

**Douglas Smith**  
**Raffle Chairman**  
**PO Box 691085**  
**Houston, TX 77269-1085**

Use the same address if you are sending a donation of chips, dice, slot cards, strikes, tokens, postcards, matchbooks, ashtrays, swizzle sticks, room keys - ANY type of casino memorabilia that is in good condition that you would like to have in YOUR collection. Thank you for all of your past support and we look forward to your continuing support to once again make the 2018 raffle a SUCCESS!

# AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION NEWS



By Archie A. Black HLM-001 - ANA Club Representative

## Welcome to Philadelphia "CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE"

### 2018 ANA CONVENTION AUGUST 14-18 PHILADELPHIA, PA



Philadelphia, Pennsylvania's largest city, is notable for its rich history. On display at the Liberty Bell, is Independence Hall (where the Declaration of Independence and Constitution were signed) and other American Revolutionary sites. Also iconic are the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, immortalized by Sylvester Stallone's triumphant run in the film "Rocky." Many of the most popular visitor attractions are free; such as the Liberty Bell, Betsy Ross House, Elfreth's Alley, US Mint, Independence Hall, Rittenhouse Square, Reading Terminal Market, Harbor Park, etc

There are two casinos in Philadelphia; Harrah's and Sugar House Casino. Plus only a chip's throw away, a one hour drive from Philly via the AC Expressway, is exciting Atlantic City with all of its notable casinos including the brand new Hard Rock Hotel Casino and the famous Boardwalk. August in A.C. is a very desirable month to visit Atlantic City with lots to see and to do.



Hopefully, a few east coasters who are ANA members will enter competitive displays in the gaming category in the huge exhibit area at the “World’s Fair Of Money” show. Come see more than \$1 billion of historic rare coins and colorful currency, including real \$100,000 bills by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and a nickel worth \$3 million. Hours to the show are Tuesday 1-6 pm. Wednesday-Friday 10 am to 6 pm. Saturday 10 am to 4 pm (FREE admission on Saturday). Admission is \$8 for the public; free for ANA members and for children under 12. Admission is free to all on Saturday August 18th. Last admission on all days is 30 minutes prior to closing.



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Bureau of Engraving &  
Printing

## Your magazine needs your help!

We hope you enjoy your magazine....we need help getting articles.

**No English Majors needed....**We need your input: how did you start collecting, interesting stories while collecting, what you collect, show off your collection, history of gaming companies, locations, or equipment, anything that interests you, will more than likely interest others. The article does not have to be long. It can be more photos than text. Give us an outline and we will flush it out. All articles are sent out to copy editors for grammar and context.

Contact either Steve or Robb at [editor@ccgtcc.com](mailto:editor@ccgtcc.com) for help, questions, submissions.

# Southern Nevada Collectibles Club News

## Snippets from the SNCCC

As previously noted here, the Southern Nevada Casino Collectibles Club meets each 2nd Tuesday of every Month, at the Gold Coast Hotel Casino. Meetings begin at 6:00 pm with socializing (talking, selling and trading), an Early Bird Auction at 6:45 pm, followed by a Guest Speaker, the Business Meeting and then a Raffle (50/50 and prizes).

Our past several meetings have included Guest Speakers such as, Dr. Lonnie Hammargren, former Nevada Lt. Governor and collector extraordinaire, Mr. Richard Munchkin, a Professional Gambler, Mr. Bob Dancer, author and radio personality on Video Poker, and Mr. Paul J. Moradkhan, VP for Government Affairs, Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce.

The SNCCC currently has 117 members, some of whom live out-of-State, yet support the Club through membership. All receive monthly Newsletters and Invitations. We kindly ask for any Members of the CCA to become a Member, which costs \$12 annually. Our Monthly Auctions are posted on the various, online Message Boards, and those not attending are welcome to view these posts and follow the instructions to participate in the auctions.

The SNCCC recently made a second donation to the CCA's Museum of Gaming History (MoGH). The first was for \$500 and the second, more recent donation, was \$300. The SNCCC is pleased to support the MoGH and the CCA. The SNCCC also attempted to offer several minor scholarships to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), unfortunately, UNLV was not geared to accept minor scholarships and our efforts failed.

As noted, we meet each month at the Gold Coast Hotel Casino as a courtesy of Boyd Gaming. In the past we have provided Boyd Gaming with our SNCCC Member's B-Connected membership numbers, as a reflection of our "action" when at the casino. If you too are a member of Boyd Gaming's B-Connected Program and would like to help our numbers, please feel free to contact me at: [SNCCC\\_Secretary@GamingOre.com](mailto:SNCCC_Secretary@GamingOre.com) with your B-Connected number and I will add you to the listing.

At our last meeting, we recognized our outgoing Membership Officer, Mr. Rich Klabacha with an Honorary Life Membership into the SNCCC, for his many, many years of service to the Club as the Membership Officer. Thanks Rich! Newcomer to the hobby, Jaydon Ogden, has been appointed to finish Rich's term of office. Thanks for stepping up Jaydon. For Membership actions, Jaydon can be contacted at: [jaydon9ogden@gmail.com](mailto:jaydon9ogden@gmail.com).

Until next quarter, enjoy the hobby!

Jim Follis, Secretary  
Southern Nevada Casino Collectibles Club

*Retiring Membership Officer Rich Klabacha receiving a plaque and SNCCC logoed shirt, for his long and dedicated service as the Membership Officer, from SNCCC President, Jerry Vergatos.*





## MUSINGS from the MoGH

### Congratulations to Terry Shaffer!

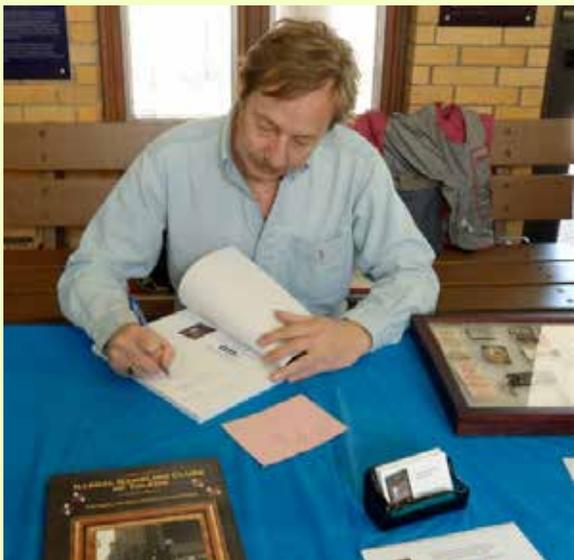
By Jim Follis for the MoGH

This is just in... Our very own subject matter expert (SME) on Illegals of Toledo, Ohio, Terry Shaffer will be a Guest Speaker at the Mob Museum during the upcoming Convention and Show. Terry will be discussing his research and findings that lead to writing a book, "Illegal Gambling Clubs of Toledo". Terry will also be doing a book signing and this will all be on Saturday, June 23, 2018, 2 pm at the Mob Museum (there will be a cost).



The MoGH Board is presently considering the feasibility of creating a "MoGH Speakers Bureau" wherein the MoGH will seek a Chairperson/Director to be on the lookout for and maintain a listing of talent, from within the Club (like Terry) to be SME Guest Speakers. This MoGH resource can then be used to provide speakers to educational organizations and public/community activities throughout the United States and perhaps beyond.

The MoGH would look for potential engagements, as well as promote the availability of rostered speakers. In this instance, Terry Shaffer was first asked by the MoGH if he would be interested in re-doing his past Convention Seminar at the Mob Museum, and with his positive reply, through Past MoGH Board member, Mike Quinlivan, Terry's bio and contact info was provided to the Mob Museum.



Accordingly, the MoGH is very pleased that this test of a concept has worked so well, as evidenced by Terry having a Guest Speaker's gig at the Mob Museum, and a book signing too boot!

So, while the jury is still out on creating a MoGH Speakers Bureau, we are pleased to express our congratulations to Terry and our thanks to Mike for bringing this together!

The MoGH... always moving forward!



## More MUSINGS from the MoGH

ChipGuide Update

By Charles Kaplan, LM-115-148

Hello. I'm getting excited about the convention that is coming up in just a few weeks, although by the time you read this it may have already happened. After a very busy season of business and personal matters, they are finally behind me and I can focus on Las Vegas in June. There will be a ChipGuide seminar at the convention this year, it is slated for Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 3pm. At the seminar we will reveal a major new enhancement to the ChipGuide, so be sure to attend the seminar to find out all about it. For those not going to the convention, here is a little preview of the new ChipGuide "My Collection" feature.

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The image above shows the ChipGuide listing for a \$1 chip from the Sands Casino in Las Vegas, NV. What is new are the two RED BUTTONS in the information box (right side) on the left side of the top line. The buttons are MC for My Collection and WL for Want List. And they are RED because the item is not in My Collection or on my Want List. When a button is pressed, it will turn from RED to GREEN, green meaning that it has been added to My Collection or my Want List. Here is the same image after both buttons have been pressed. And if the button is green, pressing it will turn it to red again.

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You may ask yourself why would an item be both in My Collection and on my Want List? It is possible that you have the item, but not in the condition that you want so that it is also on your Want List in order to find a condition upgrade.



How does My Collection work? The first thing that you need to do is have a ChipGuide membership. ChipGuide membership is available to all members of the Casino Collectibles Association (CCA) at no additional charge. To request ChipGuide membership, click on the MEMBERSHIP link on the ChipGuide.

Next you will see the enrollment page. Just fill out the form and press SUBMIT. In a day or so, your ChipGuide membership request will be reviewed and when it is confirmed that you are a current member of the CCA, your request will be approved and you will receive a confirmation email.

A screenshot of a web form titled "ChipGuide Membership Request". The form contains several input fields: "First Name", "Last Name", "Email", "Password" (with a note "Minimum 8 characters"), "CC&GTCC#", and a large "Comments" text area. A green "Submit" button is located below the form. Below the form, there is a "Message" section that says "Enter Information and Press Submit", a "Notes" section with several paragraphs of text, and a "Questions? Click here" link.

Now that you are a member of the ChipGuide, you need to LOGON. Click on the LOGON link, just below the MEMBERSHIP link, enter your email and password and you are logged on. The MEMBER SERVICES panel will change to show your membership level, name and active profile. When you logon, that will trigger the My Collection and Want List buttons to appear next to every item on the ChipGuide.

The most difficult tasks, getting ChipGuide Membership and logging on, are now behind us and the rest is easy. Note that when you LOGON to the ChipGuide, we will leave you logged on for 1 year, unless you logoff. Now that we know who you are, you can move about freely on the ChipGuide and put items in My Collection and on your Want List.

Once you put items on My Collection and on your Want List, what else can you do? Glad you asked, because this is where it gets exciting. The ChipGuide Query Facility (CGQF) has also been updated. Now, when you go to query the ChipGuide, an additional option will be shown, if you are logged on. This is the CATALOG option, outlined in RED below.

ChipGuide Query Facility

Region  State

Casino Status  Casino Type  MGMTCO

Collectible Type  Denom  Mold  Color

Event  Date Range  Date1  Date2 (optional)

Columns  Items Per Page

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There are three choices for the CATALOG option: “ChipGuide” for the entire ChipGuide database; “My Collection” for just the items in My Collection; and “Want List” for just the items on your Want List. Pretty self-explanatory. You can use the CGQF on My Collection and Want List to see items just the same as you can for the entire ChipGuide. For example, you can pull up images of all the red \$1 chips from California in My Collection. Or print out a checklist of your Want List. Imagine that you happen to pass by an antique shop and stop in to take a look. You see a box of postcards and check them out. You find a great postcard but are not sure if you have it in My Collection. You can get out your smartphone and know for sure in a just a few seconds. And now you don’t have to bring a current copy of My Collection when you go to a show, because you can access it wherever you are right from your phone.

This enhancement to the ChipGuide was designed to be as easy to use as possible, just logon and press a button. I anticipate adding more features to My Collection, but I am going to wait to get feedback from you on what you would like. If I can figure out a way to implement your request so that it is easy to use, then it will be done. So, try out My Collection, which will become available on June 21<sup>st</sup>, right after the ChipGuide seminar. Let me know what you like, don’t like, and where improvements can be made. Thanks, and see you at the convention.

## Update Your Club Listing On the Club Web Site

It’s up to you to have the correct information on the club web site for your listing. It’s FREE!

Let others know what you collect and how to reach you. Check out the web site now and then UPDATE your profile!

**It’s YOUR Listing...  
Make sure it’s updated!**

# “A Day and Night at the Museum”

By Jim Follis for the MoGH

In the last issue of the Casino Collectibles News (CCN) we told readers about the newly planned Exhibit at the Nevada State Museum, Springs Preserve in Las Vegas, NV. We are pleased to announce that the Exhibit was installed March 1<sup>st</sup>!

As noted on the several Message Boards at that time...

*Congratulations to the Museum of Gaming History on the installation of their 5th, Gaming History Exhibit at the Nevada State Museum, Springs Preserve, Las Vegas, NV.*

*Earlier today [March 1<sup>st</sup>] CCA President and MoGH Board Member Jerry Vergatos, CCA Hall of Famer and Co-Historian Carey Burke, and myself, along with my son Casey Focazio-Follis, filled 3 display cases with Nevada Casinos-only, ashtrays, match books and playing cards, as part of the MoGH's mission to preserve and educate about the history of Gaming around the World.*

*This Exhibit, which is planned to run through September 2018, is the 5th MoGH Exhibit/Displays, in and around Las Vegas, NV. The others are located at the El Cortez and Plaza casinos, the NEON Museum and the Mob Museum.*

The MoGH is pleased to add this Exhibit to our line up, and we thank Mr. Thomas Dyer, Exhibits Manager of the Nevada State Museum, Springs Preserve, for his assistance in our setting up the Exhibit. We also express our thanks to Mr. Dennis McBride and others at the Museum for granting approval for our Exhibit.

In another development, later in March, the Nevada State Museum played host to an event entitled The “Nevada State Museums Showcase”. The MoGH was asked to join-in with 20 other Nevada-based Museums and staff a table that presented information and insight to their museums. Included were, The Clark County Museums (Mark Hall-Patton), Barrick Museum of Fine Art, NEON Museum, Mob Museum, Museum of Burlesque, 2 Nevada State Railway Museums (working railways), Museum of Atomic Energy, and several others. The MoGH was in good company at this day-long event, which also had a 2-hour, by-invitation-only, evening event.



*The full Set-up*



The computer monitor shown on left, was used to display the MoGH's ChipGuide in real-time! The monitor is a touchscreen display, and we asked visitors where they were from and would then visit that location. Everyone was impressed that we could show collectibles nearby or fairly close to their selected location. We even had a former employee of the Beverly Hills Casino, Russian Federation confirm the use of Chuck Norris chips!

An article, entitled, "A Day and Night at the Museum" was prepared for the several, collector Message Boards, and is reprinted here:

*Our day started at about 7:15 am at the Nevada State Museum, Springs Preserve, to participate in their Nevada State Museums Showcase. The MoGH was one of 20 museums, State-wide, that were invited to participate. It was a great event, as over 1,100 visitors saw our set-up during the day, and another 100 VIP and special Guests were on-hand for the evening VIP event.*

*The first group of pictures below, show our set-up before the visitors arrived. Please note that the 3 tall display cases are the current "MoGH Exhibit" at the Nevada State Museum. The tables in front are what we brought in, to show-off, our stuff for the day! We thank the Nevada State Museum and Springs Preserve for the opportunity to be there and for the ample space given!!!*

*The MoGH thanks, Club member and MoGH Board member, Steve Palumbo for allowing us to show a portion of his Casino Satin Jackets collection.*

*The MoGH also thanks, Club member Rich Burgel for his very, very generous donation of "trinkets", to use as handouts to the many kid visitors. Rich, your keychains, magnetic mirrors, large pencils and straws were a great hit! I believe your donation was in excess of 1,000 items, the majority of which were handed out and the balance will be used at the 2018 Convention for the Club's Youth Program!*

The MoGH's Exhibit at the Nevada State Museum will soon be upgraded with 2 more display cases, and is scheduled to remain through September, 2018.



*Shown are Club member Christine Smith and Club President Jerry Vergatos, stuffing the "Swag Bags" we handed out at the evening VIP Event*

*Club member and Hall of Fame inductee Carey Burke, also worked the table. Carey was so very instrumental in getting the MoGH into the Nevada State Museum, and in turn, the Showcase!  
Thanks, Carey!!!*



The full Crew!

*L - R Front Row - Pam Focazio, Christine Smith and Sheldon Smith*

*L - R Back Row - Jim Follis, Jerry Vergatos and Carey Burke*

*Photo by Club member Jack Wiengarten, who also stopped by, as did other Club members, Mike Spinetti, Bruce and Mary Ann Massey, and Gary Kuehl*

# IN THE BEGINNING .... OVER 30 YEARS AGO

By Archie Black

2018 Convention Chairman, Steve Palumbo, asked me to write a short accounting of the club's early days for publication in this convention issue of the club magazine. I don't know how to condense 30 years of club history into a "short" article, and much of the club history has already been reported in several previous forms and in more detail on the club's website... but suffice it to say..... the club was officially formed during an organizational meeting that was held at the 1988 American Numismatic Association annual convention on July 23<sup>rd</sup> in Cincinnati, Ohio when the first slate of officers were elected ... 30 YEARS AGO

Before 1998, around 1986-1987, I recall there was some small talk about forming a national club during one of Jim Munding's early chip shows that Brenda and I had the pleasure of attending in Bellflower, California prior to the 1988 ANA Convention, but no one actually offered to step forward to organize it. During a coffee-klatch session after the Bellflower chip show at a nearby restaurant, I remember Gene and Arlene Grossblatt being very interested as was Janice & Jerry O'Neal, Mel Jung, Armin Pfaender, CT Rodgers, Jim Munding, Don & Jean's Tokens and a few others. Since I was corresponding regularly with a small group of chip & token collectors via a very small 5 page double-sided newsletter that I was writing on my Magnavox word processor (no computer or email for Archie back then ... that came much later) and running off hard copies at Quickie Print to mail out to a few dozen collectors. By osmosis I became the first Editor of what has subsequently become the award winning "Casino Collectible News" that we know now ....after several changes of excellent Editors, each one surpassing the quality and content of their predecessor.

After the ANA 1988 organizational meeting it was decided to offer Charter memberships to the first 100 applicants to apply. The response was overwhelming. My little 5 page photocopied newsletter evolved into hundreds of copies of a journal that was printed professionally with black & white photos in Barnegat, NJ. After picking up the finished product from the printer and bringing them back to our home, Brenda and I had to manually insert the first issues of the magazines into hundreds of brown paper bag "mailing sleeves" with the bag bottoms cut out; affix a rubber hand stamp return address on each brown bag sleeve in order to economize. Later on as the membership grew even larger, it became necessary to apply for a bulk mail permit and go with printed envelopes. This added another chore to the mailing process as each piece of bulk mail now had to be pre-sorted by the first three digits of each zip code by hand. Literally dozens of US Mail bags now littered our living room floor as each weighed bag had a different destination to USPS sorting centers... and the mail bags now had to be transported from our home to the local post office... usually on the way to work. Later on, as the mailings got larger, to over a thousand plus, we called upon our friends Tom & Kathy Duffy in Toms River to help out with the sorting by hand. \*\*\*\*As an interesting aside ... the owner of the print shop I was using in Barnegat, NJ was charged and convicted with counterfeiting US currency and was sentenced to jail. It was at that time the club switched over to a bound magazine printed out of state for many years, and the new printer took over all of the cumbersome mailing chores (for a fee). It was not until Kregg Herz took over as Editor that color was first introduced into the magazine covers.

*Editors Note: The next page is a reprint of Volume 1 - Issue 3, Page 12 of the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Newsletter  
Third Quarter - 1988*

## MEETING NOTICES

An informal meeting of the club will take place during the combined 13th Annual Garden State Convention/New Jersey Token & Medal Show in Cherry Hill, NJ. Our meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday June 25th at the Cherry Hill Hyatt. I hope to see many of our east coast members in attendance. Several out of state folks have told me that they are planning to make the trip to meet club members with whom they have been corresponding.

Our "official" Annual Meeting will be held during the A.N.A. 97th Anniversary Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. The convention dates are July 20-24, 1988 at the Clarion Hotel/Convention Center.

### NOTICE

#### OUR FIRST OFFICIAL NATIONAL CLUB MEETING:

Saturday, July 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in Room 225 of the Cincinnati Convention Center in conjunction with the national American Numismatic Association annual convention. I hope to see as many of you as possible in attendance, especially those of you who also collect coins, medals, tokens, or paper money, and belong to A.N.A. as well. If you've never attended an A.N.A. convention before, you are all in for a real treat!! I encourage those of you who are planning to attend to bring some of your duplicate chips and/or tokens for trading or selling. If you would like to offer to give a short talk on your collecting specialty at our meeting, I'll be happy to make the arrangements. (How about it JEFF STOKES?) Jeff collects foreign M.O.P chips and they are beautiful! JANICE O'NEIL could tell us about her Indian reservation casino chips. BRUCE LANDAU could tell us about anything....he has just about everything that was ever issued!

## SPECIAL DEAL FOR MEMBERS ONLY

An 18 page, well illustrated soft covered booklet on "Casino Chips and Tokens of Monte Carlo", by Thomas C. Day, has been reprinted by A.N.A. Included in this booklet is an addendum which lists additional chips/tokens that were not listed in the original article that was published in two prior issues of the "Numismatist". Over 100 quality photographs of Monte Carlo chips and tokens are illustrated on glossy paper. This superb reference publication is now available for just \$2.95 each, plus .85 cents postage. If you would like a copy, send your check to: A.N.A. 818 NORTH CASCADE AVE. COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO 80903-3279. If you would like to become a member of A.N.A. I would be happy to sponsor you. Please advise and I will send you an application for membership.

## SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

BRUCE LANDAU, for offering to serve as our temporary club Treasurer until nominations are held at our "Official" meeting in Cincinnati. A mail ballot will be included in the 4th quarter issue of our Newsletter.

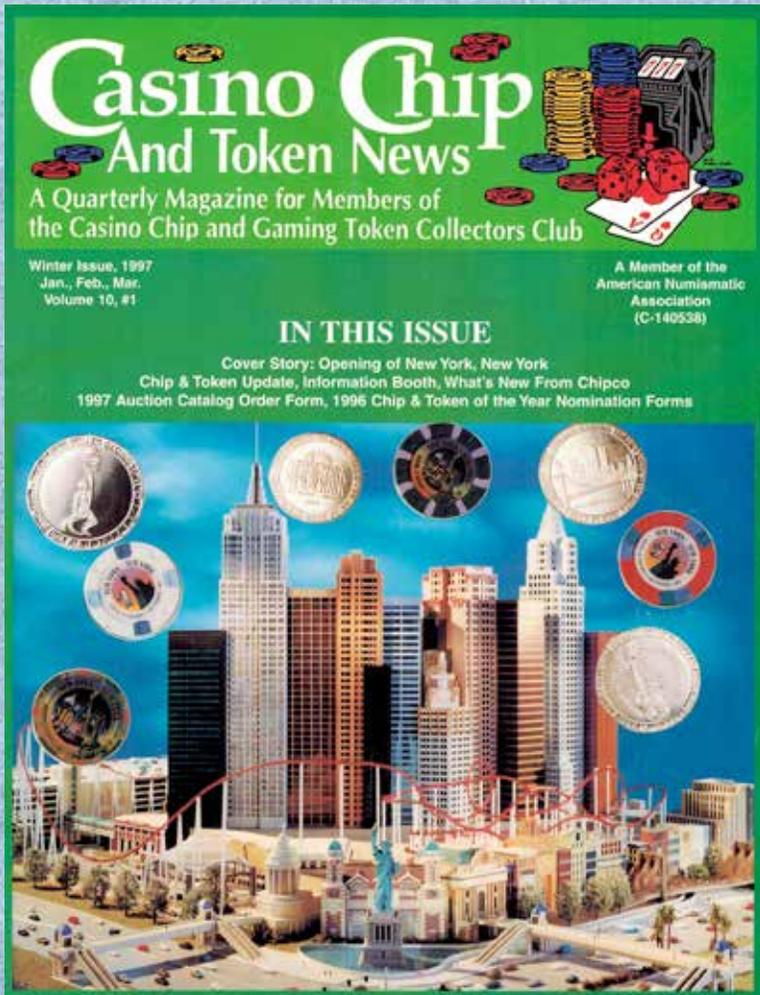
BOB PARDUE, for contributing such an interesting article on the "California Poker Parlor Chips" published in this issue and also for conducting the club survey that most of you responded to and for compiling the results.

MICHAEL KNAPP, for offering his fine penmanship skills on our new membership cards and for his Tony Cornero/Rex/Ta go stories.

ALL OF OUR ADVERTISERS!! All of you have certainly made this job more enjoyable knowing that I have so much support.

THANK YOU ALL!!

*Achieve*



*Editors Note: The first colour cover from Editor Gregg Herz*

While I have been credited as being the founding President of CC&GTCC (1988-1999), I had lots and lots of terrific help along the way. Certainly the first team of officers (Janice O'Neal, Bruce Landau, Michael Knapp, Earl Donley, Chuck Tomarchio, Vince Mowery, had the largest impact on the early formation of the club and deserve a lot of the credit. We formulated the original Constitution and By-Laws for the organization; we set up club information tables to publicize the club in several major cities around the country at the annual ANA conventions, even held club meetings open to the public and held trade sessions after the meetings at ANA and recruited many new members. We also planned and conducted our first Annual convention to be held at the Aladdin Hotel Casino in Las Vegas five years later, in 1993. There were some doubting Thomas' who proclaimed that the club would not last five years and my Uncle

Andy (an All State Insurance agent) told me that the old Aladdin Hotel would be torn down before our 1993 convention dates. Speaking of the first convention in 1993, if it were not for Michael Knapp's presentation before the town fathers, our club auction was in jeopardy. Evidently there was an ordinance that prohibited auctions being held in Las Vegas hotels due to some fraudulent past fly by night art and rug auctions in town. It was only through Michael's efforts that our club auction was exempted at the very last moment and we have not had a problem since.

For a detailed list of all previous and current club officers and club appointees; please visit the club website at [http://www.ccgccc.com/ccgtcc\\_history.pdf](http://www.ccgccc.com/ccgtcc_history.pdf). The historic list is too long to publish here. The club is very fortunate to have so many people who have offered to pitch in and volunteer their time and efforts to this great organization over the past 30 years.

Before I close, I want to acknowledge Mr. Steven Cutler. Through Steve's personal contacts and influence with Tropicana, the club held several conventions at the Trop at little to no expense to the club for ballroom rentals which boosted the club's finances considerably... from which our treasury still benefits today.

In 2017 the Board of Directors established the "Casino Collectibles Association (CCA) as a d/b/a for the CC&GTCC, Inc.

The rest is history. Enjoy the show!

Archie Black

# CCA TODAY AND TOMORROW....

By Jerry Vergatos

As we embark on our 30th anniversary, it is with great optimism and foresight that I believe our future has great potential.

Today our club is going through a metamorphosis with many new endeavors in the works. We have come a long way with many challenges today as in the past. We have the renewed energy of many club members in seeing our club prosper and thrive. Many of our club programs are being redeveloped as we speak in terms of membership ideas and website design.

Our convention this year is in the largest space since its inception with a larger than average number of dealers. I am very receptive to new ideas and programs that will enhance our club and its members. My focus on this year's convention is to offer myself to the membership to listen to their opinions and suggestions on whatever they wish to try to accomplish. I am hosting my own table and wish to listen and learn.

I am constantly amazed by the fact that we have a fantastic group of individuals who volunteer at our conventions. The level of professionalism and dedication is something I have never seen anywhere else. These individuals are what make all our activities extra special. There are not enough words or accolades that can describe their contribution to our great club.

The Museum of Gaming History is on a fast track with a renewed sense of accomplishment. Being the educational project of the CCA, its future is essential as our living legacy to our club. The Board of Directors, the Advisory Committee, and our members comprise individuals with a deep sense of commitment and passion for the future. The members of the MoGH BOD and its Advisory Committee include very prominent people in our organization as well as the museum community. Our acceptance into the museum community has been very positive and our participation is very welcome in some day having our own brick-and-mortar museum.

The CCA Board is made up of members who work tirelessly to maintain the inner workings of our great organization. They should never be taken for granted and should be heralded for their service. Elections for new board members is on the horizon with a very impressive field of candidates, many of whom, if elected would certainly carry on that tradition and level of service.

It is with great honor that I am the President of the CCA on this 30th anniversary. I look back at all the past presidents with great reverence and respect. Their contributions of time and effort can never be repaid, their dedication was unwavering and forthright. We as an organization were lucky to have such dedicated and passionate people at the helm. The future for the club is dependent on its members. I am optimistic that we are heading in the right direction with a renewed sense of optimism. I invite all members to embrace this concept and help usher in the next 30 years.

I hope to be a part of this great organization for a long time and sincerely wish that my fellow club members feel the same.

**The future is now!!!! Enjoy it and Have fun!!!!**

Jerry Vergatos LM 8093-241 - President

# Members Corner

Jerry Vergatos LM 8093-241

Welcome again to the current edition of Member's Corner. This month we're featuring Albert Scalzo. I consider Albert one of the Club's 'Hidden Treasures,' as he is one of the administrators for the Chip Guide. They are a small army of dedicated individuals who diligently administer the entries and information into what has become the best reference library in the world. The guide has just reached it's 200,000th entry and still growing strong. Enough said, I present to you Albert Scalzo.



**JV:** How long have you been in the club?

**AS:** I joined the club in the 1st quarter in 1997 and became a Life Member in August 1998. So, this means 21+ years.

**JV:** Tell me about your personal life. Are you married, kids? What type of work do you do?

**AS:** Born & raised in Detroit, MI. High school-4-year Varsity letter in Track, graduated in 1974. Worked at Stroh's Brewery as summer help that year before getting a job at Ford Motor Co in September '74. Great career there spent 16 years in production then 16 years as a Millwright (Skilled Tradesman) and was able to walk out at 49 with 32 years seniority. Very thankful to Ford Motor Co & the UAW! Now, just livin' da dream with Pam!!! Married 9/1/1978 to Pam, no children but have 5 Nieces & Nephews and as of right now 3 Great Nieces & Nephews and we love them all to death. Pam & I have been power boaters since September 1978, love to fish & cruise, Live in Michigan on part of the Great Lakes which gives us room to roam. I was a licensed Captain for 30 years on the Great Lakes (that was a hobby too) till I gave it up 2 years ago. Have also done a lot of tournament & ocean fishing southern Atlantic side of Florida & Florida Keys.

**JV:** What kind of casino memorabilia do you collect?

**AS:** Did you know that Michigan had the first Indian Casino in the country? Yep, it was in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The casino name & original building has been changed but the same Indian Band is still in the Casino business. Also enjoy collecting some Cruise ship/Day boat chips along with tropical themed & Halloween chips. I have even been known to collect a couple urinal strainers (New in wrapper of course!!)

## Members Corner Continued

**JV:** If there is anything you could say to new members what would it be?

**AS:** Hobbies are supposed to be FUN, so be sure that you have FUN!! You get out of things what you put in, if you are not active, you miss out on many things your hobby & club offers. Ask questions and listen to what older club members have to say, oh there is just so much knowledge there. Never hurts to ask the same question to a couple different people because you will get different answers and you get a broader education. Don't get hung up on the politics of ANYTHING in life, which can sour a sweet treat. Get with fellow collectors and plan local road trips, they are so much fun collecting together and really bonds great friendships for a long time. I have a few of those with great memories & laughs.



**JV:** What is your favorite saying?

**AS:** "If you are not happy, do something about it!" You have the control over most of your life. Friends, spouse, jobs, hobbies, whatever, life is short, and we deserve to be as happy as we can for the time we are here.

**JV:** Where do you live?

**AS:** Michigan in the summer and we head to the southeast Florida for the Social season (ha ha!).



**JV:** Based on the pictures you have posted on the club website & the chip board, it looks like you are well traveled. Tell us where you have been and where are you planning to go.

**AS:** Oh my, travel is exciting for us. We love to follow a Food Network tv show “Diners, Drive-In’s & Dives” with host chef Guy Fieri. We have been to 285 different locations in the USA, Canada & Mexico. While doing this, we try to touch base with chipper friends we made through the 21 years and have a lunch or dinner with them. Been to 45 of our 50 states, Mexico, Canada and had many weeks stays in the Caribbean. Also, have taken over 20 cruises. We still need to hit the last 5 states and a few more Caribbean Islands to hit. Also, in the works are an Italian trip and a cruise through the Greek islands.

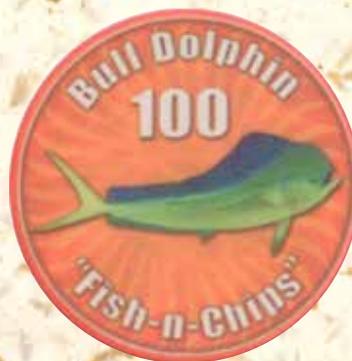
**JV:** What other interests or hobbies do you have?

**AS:** Besides Fishing, love to travel. I guess my other hobby/passion is the ChipGuide, I have been very active with it since the Museum of Gaming History (MoGH) was given the rights in 2010 to continue adding to it since our friend Greg Susong passed away. In 2011 I was named ChipGuide Webmaster to allow Charles Kaplan to do more things for the MoGH.



**JV:** What got you into the club?

**AS:** My 1st trip to Las Vegas, April 1992, my dad had a \$5 token (dated 1967) to the Sahara casino and he asked me to run in and cash it. I went in, cashier never seen it before and called over a 2nd cashier. She mentioned it has been years since that was accepted there but called over a 3rd cashier that said not accepted any more but since it was Sterling Silver, I could take to a pawnshop to get a better value. Well, we did that and by weight was told it was worth \$12.00, so I gave my dad the \$5 he wanted and became a “Collector”. I still have the token.



**JV:** Give me “Al’s Top 10 Observations” about the club. Start at #10 and end with #1 being the most important.

**AS:** This, for me is a very hard question. I have tried to come up with 10 but just can’t do it.

- 5.) Some ups & downs through the years, a few bad members but look past that and see all the good and work with that.
- 4.) I do believe that the last few boards are working hard on the latest issue of the club shrinking in size.
- 3.) Conventions, what fun!
- 2.) Educational seminars at the conventions.
- 1.) Great group of people that has created great lasting friendships while collecting!!!

**Al’s Final words:**

For those who met me back in the late ‘90s and early 2000, I was over 450 pounds. After a successful weight loss surgery, I have held for 14 years a 180-pound weight loss and today am healthier and a happier collector. With all that weight, I had trouble just walking in the front doors of the casino!! Remember, if not happy, you must make a change.



*One of my unique awards for the most unique casino collectable.*



**Jerry’s Final Words:**

I had a chance to talk to Albert at the last convention and was taken aback on how friendly and outgoing he was. It was easy to see his passion for the club and how that translates into a tremendous amount of work that he does for the club! We spoke briefly, and he had some great suggestions and ideas. Please take the time to meet Albert at the convention this year. You will be impressed!

You may contact Albert at: [albertscalzo@gmail.com](mailto:albertscalzo@gmail.com)

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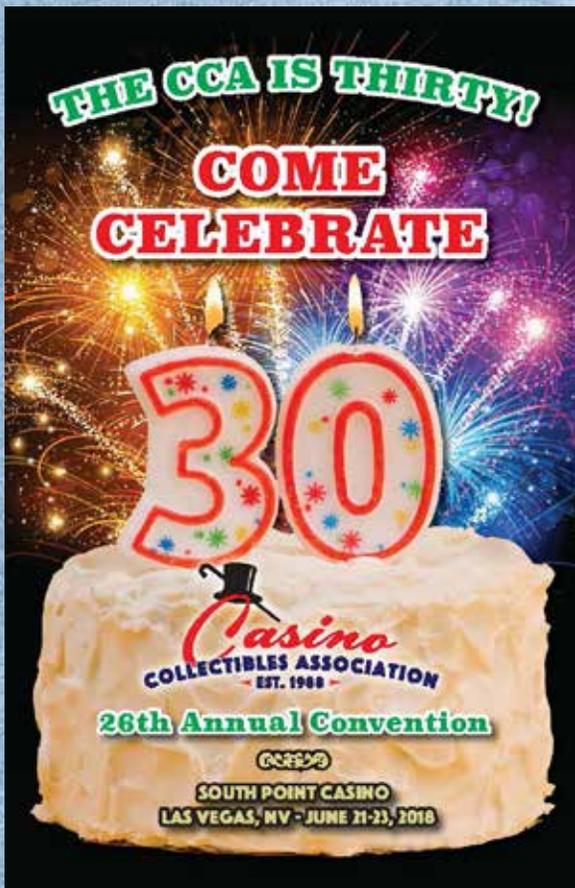
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## Happy 30th Birthday CCA!!!!

Only a few more weeks before the **World's Largest Casino Collectibles Show**. This will be the 26th Annual Convention and the CCA's 30th Birthday.

Come out to the South Point Casino in sunny Las Vegas and help us celebrate.

**Celebrate!!! Celebrate!!!! Dance to the Music!!!!**

There will be a huge number of events and even bigger amount of merchandise to buy, sell or trade. Come see for yourself.

The festivities begin on Tuesday night, June 19th, with an informal get together at the Silverado Lounge. Come say hello to old friends and make some new ones. Have a drink and talk a little talk. Starting time is 6:00pm.

On Wednesday, June 20th, the show set-up begins at 9am and runs until 4:00pm.

Wednesday night we are having an awesome banquet featuring a Mediterranean Buffet and Mr. Ted Whiting as our special guest speaker. Afterwards there will a Black Jack Tournament on the casino floor at 9PM.

On Thursday morning The Annual Ribbon Cutting ceremony takes place, featuring our first President Archie Black, our current President Jerry Vergatos, and myself, Steven Palumbo, Convention Chairman will take place at 9am.

Thursday begins the big show. Doors open to Pre-Registrants at 9am and then at 10am for the General Public. It should be a fantastic opportunity to find those items that are still missing from your collection. In addition throughout the day and into the evening there will be trading sessions where you can trade chips for chips.

Also on Thursday will be the Bruce Landau Memorial Auction. The Silent Auction will be taking place Thursday during the show and the live auction will occur Thursday night, starting at 7pm. This is always a great event.

We will also be having two outstanding educational seminars on Thursday. Our first for the day will be at 8am and will feature Mr. Chris Carlson who will be presenting a seminar on Colorado Gaming. In the afternoon Mr. Charles Kaplan will present "Preserving Gaming History and the Chip Guide".

Wow!! What a day!!!

On Friday there's even more. The convention begins again at 9AM and the excitement continues. There are 3 great seminars on Friday. At 8am Ed Hertel will present an "Interesting History of Illegal clubs". This will be followed by Rick Timmins at 12 noon who will feature "Growing the Club and Hobby". Then at 3PM Fred Tenney will do a presentation on "Antique Postcards".

All of the ladies attending the show are invited to the Ladies Luncheon at 12pm. Please sign up at the registration booth. Everyone will meet at the South Point Buffet a few minutes before noon.

The day continues after the show closes with the Gene Trimble Memorial Poker Tournament. Meet before 6pm at the South Point Poker Room. Walk-ins are always welcome.

I'm getting tired just reading all of the events that are occurring. And there is still another day to go. Saturday begins Day 3 of the Worlds Greatest Casino show and again this year the show will be free to the public on Saturday.

At 12noon in Exhibit Hall "C" The Peoples Choice Awards will take place. After the show will be a final round-up trading session.

At 6pm the Volunteer Reception begins. For all of those who volunteered and helped make the show a success we will celebrate with food, a guest speaker and prizes.

Also our President Jerry Vergatos is holding the first ever Personal Chip Contest(hopefully to become an annual event). To enter just give Jerry 2 of your personal chips(so he can show front and back). Jerry will also be at Tables 37 and 38 throughout the show. Please come and "Meet the Prez" during the show.

There is also going to be a whole bunch of exciting exhibits that will be well worth seeing throughout the 3 days.

After 3 wonderful and busy days I think everyone's going to need at least a couple of weeks to rest, sort out and file purchases and start making plans for 2019.

By the way. What's the theme for 2019. Well that's easy.

## **"Viva Las Vegas"**

Our president Jerry Vergatos is already looking for an Elvis Suit.

I'm looking forward to seeing everybody and remember:

**Have Fun!!!! And lots of it!!!!**

Thanks and best wishes to all.  
Convention Chairman  
Steven Palumbo

# 2018 Convention Speakers

## Early Bird Banquet Keynote Speaker: Mr Ted Whiting



Ted Whiting has been employed in the Gaming industry since 1989. Early in his career he held various casino positions such as Dealer, Cage Cashier, and Poker Room Brush. From 1995 until 2009, Mr. Whiting worked in The Mirage Resort & Casino Surveillance Room and was promoted to Director of Surveillance in 2001. Starting in 2006, Ted worked on creating the casino surveillance system at the multi-billion dollar Resort & Casino project known as City Center. Ted became the Director of Surveillance for City Center's Aria Resort & Casino in 2009. In February 2015, he was promoted to his current position as Vice President of Corporate Surveillance at MGM Resorts International in which he oversees all Surveillance Rooms at 12 properties in Las Vegas, Maryland and Massachusetts.

During his career, Ted has written different computer programs that are in use in several Surveillance Rooms on the Las Vegas Strip. One of his programs called Baccarat Player Analysis is used to evaluate high action Baccarat play. His second foray into Surveillance software was to create a Surveillance database, a report-writing program, which included a Card Counting and Basic Strategy tutorial.

Mr. Whiting has spoken as an industry expert at UNLV, University of Denver, Cornell University Alumni conference and John Hopkins Educator Conference as well as participating on panels and as a speaker at casino industry conventions such as Global Gaming Expo (G2E), the World Game Protection Conference (WGPC) and the International Security Conference West (ISC West). He has been featured on several TV programs on different networks including National Geographic Channel, Destination America, CNBC, The Today Show and local news. Mr. Whiting has been interviewed by print media as well, including Popular Mechanics and various Security and Surveillance industry magazines.

## Volunteers' Reception Keynote Speaker: Mr Neal Portnoy

Neal Portnoy is considered to be the country's leading sports illustrator and caricaturist. Neal provides feature works for the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* and his portraits have illustrated Page One stories. His subjects have included Derek Jeter, LeBron James, Larry Bird, Bruce Springsteen and hundreds of others. Commissioned by the Children's Miracle Network to create a multi-action portrait of Duke University basketball coach Mike Kryzewski, sales of the work help fund a new wing for Duke's Children's Hospital. Neal's works have appeared on the covers of over 700 NCAA athletic programs and media guides. He maintains a studio and retail store at 1537 W Oakey Blvd., Las Vegas NV.



## Educational Seminar Speakers

### EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR #1 THURSDAY JUNE 21ST, 8:00 AM

JOSHUA ROOM - Chris Carlson - "Colorado Gaming"



Chris currently resides in Phoenix area where he's worked for over 20 years as a technician for a world wide communication company. Chris had a gaming license for over 12 years while living in Colorado. He's Life time member number LM7928-253 and has belonged to the CCA for over 10 years. Chris has also been a member of the Florida Chip Collectors Club and ANA for several years.

Chris loves traveling and has visited most of the National Parks and many casinos in the US and the Caribbean. Years ago Chris developed a love for Colorado casinos and chips and has put together a huge collection.

### EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR #2 THURSDAY JUNE 21ST, 3:00 PM

JOSHUA ROOM - Charles Kaplan - "Preserving Gaming History and the Chip Guide"

Charles Kaplan, LM-115-48, is the Museum of Gaming History Chairman and Webmaster, consultant and administrator of the ChipGuide, Vice-President of the Atlantic City Casino Collectibles Club, CCA convention Seminar speaker and volunteer. Charles also frequently provides articles for the Casino Chip and Gaming Token News. Charles is a casino chip collector who specializes in the Caribbean, obsolete \$1 Nevada chips, and \$1 chips from everywhere.



### EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR #3 FRIDAY JUNE 22nd, 8:00 AM

JOSHUA ROOM - Ed Hertel - "Interesting Histories of Illegal Clubs"



Ed Hertel has been a member of the CCA for over twenty years. He has spent the majority of it researching and writing about illegal gambling clubs from around the country. His research has led to hundreds of chip attributions, as well as many corrections. This year's seminar will showcase some of his more unusual and surprising finds over the years - from a plush casino in an Alabama cave, to an Arkansas club that opened and closed in the same night. These stories and more are subjects in this year's seminar.

# Educational Seminar Speakers

## **EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR #4 FRIDAY JUNE 22nd, 1:00 PM** JOSHUA ROOM - Rick Timmins - "Growing the Club and Hobby"



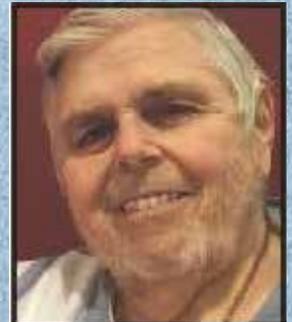
Several months ago a committee of member volunteers came together to develop recommendations for the CCA Board to consider what might potentially grow our hobby and club membership. This committee also wants to hear from our members. During this session you will learn some of our recommendations. More importantly however, this meeting is a opportunity for us to hear our members thoughts, opinions and ideas. The meeting will be conducted by Rick Timmins who is club member and collects \$5 Nevada chips.

Rick is a former VP Finance Executive at Motorola and Cisco Systems for a combined 35 years. He lives with his wife in Austin, Texas. He is now the Board Chairman of the Central Texas Angel Net.

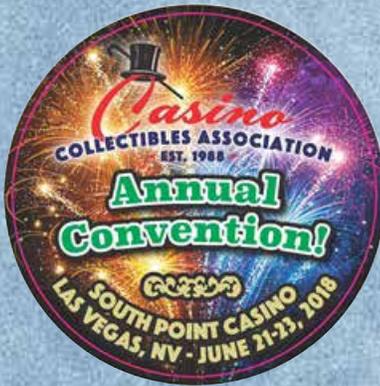
## **EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR #5 FRIDAY JUNE 22nd, 3:00 PM** JOSHUA ROOM - Fred Tenney - "Antique Postcards"

Fred Tenney is a ephemera dealer located in Scottsdale Arizona. He has long been recognized as a leader and expert in the field of post cards. He has authored a number of books the latest being Large Letter Postcards published by Schiffer publishing and available on Amazon. Fred has lectured on a variety of subjects in the collectible arena and will certainly provide interesting and often controversial information for those choosing to attend his presentation. His workshop will be a brief primer on identifying post cards, their age and desirability. A focus will be on gambling post cards with a little introduction to other ephemera.

Feel free to bring your post cards and other ephemera for a verbal appraisal free of charge. If there are any special requests please contact Fred and make your desires known. Professionally Fred was Chief Executive Officer of Southwest Business Industry and Rehabilitation Association.

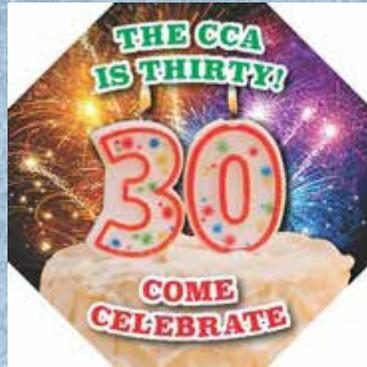


# Convention Merchandise



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Convention Chips

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Medals



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logo.



# Here is our full CONVENTION SCHEDULE FOR 2018

## Wednesday – June 20, 2018

**9:00 am** - Pre-Registration and banquet ticket pick-up only. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS AT THE EXHIBITION AREA BOX OFFICE ACROSS FROM THE EXHIBIT HALLS.** As we mentioned above, this is NOT the big box office you see as you come up the escalator or off that elevator! We have our own private Box Office a little way down the hallway. You'll see our signs!

**9:00 am** - Dealer set-up begins – Exhibition Hall “C”

*Dealer credentials required for entry*

**9:30 am to 4:00 pm** - Member trade session – Cypress Room (across from the Exhibition Halls)

*No sales. Registration badge required for entry*

**4:00 pm** - Member trade session closes; Pre-Registration and Banquet ticket pick-up closes

**4:00 pm** - Dealer set-up closes.

**5:00 pm** - Cocktail hour – Brunswick Room (up the escalator located across from the Hotel Gift Shop)

**6:00 pm** - Early bird banquet – Brunswick Room

**Guest Speaker:** Ted Whiting - Mr. Whiting has been employed in the gaming industry since 1989. He is currently Vice President of Corporate Surveillance for MGM Resorts International.

*Ticketed event – advance purchase only*

**9:00 pm** - Blackjack Tournament – Blackjack Pit adjacent to the Catalina Island Bar.

Open to walk-ins

**8:00 pm to 11:00 pm** - Member trade session – Cypress Room (across from the Exhibition Halls)

*No sales. Registration badge required for entry*

## Thursday – June 21, 2018

**7:00 am** - Dealer set-up continues – Exhibition Hall “C”

*Dealer credentials required for entry*

**8:00 am** - Educational Seminar – Joshua Room (across from the Exhibition Halls)

*Colorado Gaming* - Presented by Chris Carlson

**8:30 am** - Registration opens – at Exhibition Area Box Office, across from the Exhibition Halls.

**9:00 am** - **RIBBON CUTTING** by 1st President - Archie Black, Current President - Jerry Vergatos and Convention Chair - Steve Palumbo!

**9:00 am** -Early admission for pre-registered members – Exhibition Hall “C”

**9:00 am to 4 pm** - CCA Silent Auction Bidding Begins At The Auction Tables

**10:00 am** - 2018 Show Opens for General Admission Attendees – Exhibition Hall “C”

**3:00 pm** - Educational Seminar – Joshua Room

*Preserving Gaming History and The Chip Guide* - Presented by Charles Kaplan

**5:00 pm** - Show in recess until 9:00 am Friday

**7:00 pm** - Bruce Landau Memorial Auction – Joshua Room

**7:00 pm to 11:00 pm** - Member trade session – Cypress Room – **No Sales**

*Registration badge required for entry*

## Friday – June 22, 2018

- 7:00 am** - Dealers with credentials may enter Exhibition Hall “C”  
*Dealer credentials required for entry*
- 7:30 am** - Past CCA President’s Breakfast At The Coronado Cafe
- 8:00 am** - Educational Seminar – Joshua Room  
*Interesting History of Illegal Clubs* - Presented by Ed Hertel
- 9:00 am** - Registration & Show floor opens – Exhibition Hall “D”
- 10:30 am** - Hall of Fame Committee meeting – Cypress Room
- 12 noon** - OTY Awards – Exhibition Hall “C”
- 12 noon** - Ladies’ Luncheon – Reserved Area in the South Point Buffet - Coordinated by Marion Engel
- 1:00 pm** - Educational Seminar – Joshua Room  
*Growing the Club & Hobby* - Presented by Rick Timmins
- 2:00 pm** - Florida Collectors Club meeting – Cypress Room
- 3:00 pm** - Educational Seminar – Joshua Room  
*Antique Postcards* - Presented by Fred Tenney
- 4:00 pm** - Registration closes - Show in recess until 9:00 am Saturday
- 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm** - Brian Cashman Memorial Splashy Awards - Silverado Lounge
- 5:00 pm** - Show floor secured
- 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm** - Member trade session – Cypress Room (*across from the Exhibition Halls*)  
*No sales - Registration badge required for entry*
- 6:00 pm** - Gene Trimble Memorial Poker Challenge – Poker Room – Casino floor - Walk-ins Welcome

## Saturday – June 23, 2018

- 7:00 am** - Dealers with credentials may enter showroom
- 7:30 am** - **Annual CC&GTCC/CCA Business meeting** – Joshua Room
- 9:00 am** - Registration opens. **ADMISSION IS FREE FOR ALL ATTENDEES!**
- 9:00 am** - Show floor opens – Exhibition Hall “C”
- 12:00 noon** - “People’s Choice Awards” – Exhibit area – Exhibition Hall “C”
- 3:00 pm** - **2018 Show Closes – See you next year! SAVE THE DATES: June 20 – 22, 2019**
- 5:00 pm** - **Dealers must vacate the show floor**
- 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm** - **Volunteers’ Reception** – Sonoma A  
**Guest Speaker:** Neal Portnoy.  
*By Invitation only.*
- 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm** - **“Last Dance” Member Trade Session** – Cypress Room (*across from the Exhibition Halls*) *No sales - Registration badge required for entry*
- Times and locations are subject to change. Visit the club table for up to date details*

### **OFFSITE Non Convention Related Event**

- 2:00 PM** Terry Shaffer - The National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement (aka the Mob Museum) “Illegal Gambling Clubs of Toledo”

# 2018 CONVENTION

## BLACKJACK AND POKER TOURNAMENTS

David Sowell, Tournament Director

### BLACKJACK TOURNAMENT AND POKER CHALLENGE

The Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve renaming the poker challenge. The poker challenge will now be referred to as the "Gene Trimble Memorial Poker Tournament." The request was submitted by Jim Follis.

As in the past, both the blackjack tournament and poker tournament will be held at the South Point in their respective locations on the casino floor and poker room during the annual convention. The tournaments are open to current CCA regular, life, and associate members only, aged 21 years or older. Daily convention membership does not qualify for entry into the tournaments. Both tournaments require a minimum number of entries. Full tournament rules will be available at the tournaments. Registration for both tournaments must be done on the convention registration form and must be paid by check.

### NEW TIME for BLACKJACK

The blackjack tournament this year will begin at 9 PM on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Blackjack pit adjacent to the Catalina Island Bar. The entry fee is \$70 per player. Each player receives 3,000 NCV tournament chips each round. The bet limits are: 25 minimum / 3000 maximum. Final-round players win a portion of the net price pool which is dependent upon the number of players. The number of rounds played will be determined by how many participants sign up. Players may sign up at the convention, but as always, it is on a first-come first-served basis. Tables will be consolidated between each round of the tournament.

The Gene Trimble Memorial Poker Tournament will be held on Friday, June 22 starting at 6 PM. The entry fee is \$90 per player. Each player receives 5,000 in NCV tournament chips. The format will be no limit Texas Hold 'Em. Blinds start at 25 – 25 and limits and antes increase each period of play. Minimum bet and raise increments are equal to the big blind, unless all in. Tables and seats will be assigned prior to the start of the tournament. If seats for the poker tournament are still available, players can sign up at the convention prior to the start of the tournament. But as always, it's on a first-come first-served basis. Tables will be consolidated periodically throughout the tournament. Finalists will be paid in the order of finish based on the number of players

Please join us for a great time and register early so that we can get a good idea of how many participants will be at this year's tournament.

A special set of souvenir chips may be purchased at the tournament at a discounted rate from David Sowell, our tournament director, or at the club table during the convention. If you have any questions about either tournament, please e-mail David at [david.sowell@verizon.net](mailto:david.sowell@verizon.net).

## 2018 Convention Exhibits

### COMPETITIVE:

Archie Black, HON LM 0001  
"The Sanderson Letters"

Howard Edelman, R2938  
"The Howard Edelman Collection"

Jim Kruse, LM 0632-32  
"Hot August Nights"

Richard Siri, R-4268  
"Harolds Gun Club"

Jerry Vergatos, LM 8093-241  
"Babe Ruth Silver Strikes"

Jerry Birl, LM 774-27  
"The Ultimate Roulette Collection"

Terry Shaffer, LM 5645-161  
"Illegal Gambling Clubs of Toledo"

Ted Whiting, R-8879  
"Much ado about..."

Loretta Palumbo, R-6711A  
"Margaritaville"

### NON-COMPETITIVE

Jim Follis, LM 3872-53  
"Permanent Collection of all Past OTY Award  
Winners"

Jim Follis, LM 3872-53  
"2017 OTY Awards Nominees"

Michael Knapp, CH-0007-HON  
"Condition and Grading Standards"

MoGH  
"Collectibles of the Michael Gaughan Casinos"

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# 2018 ANNUAL SPLASHY AWARDS

**Friday June 22, 2018 - Splashy Awards  
Silverado Bar - 4:30Pm-6:00Pm**

One of the most popular non club sponsored events during convention week are the Annual Splashy awards. The Splashys were founded in 2006 at the original Riveria Splash Bar by Brian "Mr. Splashbar" Cashman and were hosted by Brian for the past 11 years. Each year Brian honored a new Splashy winner who was roasted during the awards and offered a fun time to all that attended.



**Brian Cashman and Doug Smith**

*Photo taken from CCN Vol. 19 Issue #3  
Summer 2006*

This year Doug Smith (The very first Splashy award recipient) has accepted the honor of continuing the awards and honor Brian in a very special memorial. We have arranged for his wife Pam and Daughter Deenen to attend the ceremony so they can experience for themselves how much Brian meant to us all.

Please plan on attending this very special event and sharing your memories of Brian with the group. Several special activities are planned and we want everyone to know how much Mr. Splashbar means to the club, the hobby, and all his friends.



**Splash Bar 3**

*Photo taken from CCN Vol. 20 Issue #3  
Summer 2007*

**REMEMBERING  
"MR. SPLASHBAR"  
Brian "Mr. Splashbar" Cashman  
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## 2018 Volunteer & Convention Staff

**THANKS TO ALL OUR COMMITTEE CHAIRS, DIRECTORS AND COORDINATORS** along with our BOARD OF DIRECTORS! We have no “fancy names” for them this year, so let us just re-introduce them to you as **your 2018 CONVENTION STAFF:**

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Club Historian, Carey Burke  
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# A Short History of the Burt Company

By Robert Denbow R-7362

Among collectors, finding an early Las Vegas chip made by the Burt Company is worth a “Eureka”!! They are scarce and highly sought after. Few are aware however, how this small company tucked away in a suburb of Portland, Maine obtained such prestige as a creator of chips so highly valued. A glance back in history is needed--all the way back to 1869.

In 1869, a young New York inventor, John Wesley Hyatt, made a breakthrough on finding a substitute for ivory used in making billiard balls. What motivated his quest was a \$10,000 reward offered by Phelan & Cortander, a New York City maker of billiard tables. That offer, made in 1865, would be the equivalent of \$167,000 today. What prompted the plea was the result of a severe shortage of elephant tusks needed to make billiard balls. The shortage had been created by the explosive popularity of the game which had become the “rage” in both Europe and the Americas. In 1850 alone, estimates were some 50,000 elephants were slaughtered solely for their tusks. Each tusk produced approximately eight balls.

Hyatt’s “substitute” was a commercially viable way of producing solid, stable nitrocellulose. A material that had the capacity of being molded or shaped, usually by application of heat and pressure. He patented the process under US No.50359 and named it “Celluloid.” Historians heralded the patent as the start of the “The Plastic Age”. However, there is no record of anyone collecting the \$10,000 reward.

Shortly after receiving his patent, one of almost 200 he would receive in a lifetime, Hyatt formed the Albany Dental Plate Company, later renamed (1873) the Albany Billiard Ball Company. Along with billiard balls, the company product line included false teeth and piano keys.

Records are few, but it is known three generations of the Burt family were connected to Hyatt’s operations. In fact, the earliest linkage would be at the World Expo in Philadelphia in 1876. On display was a set of colored balls tagged “Ivory Burt Triple Strip Pool Ball Set.” George Q. Burt, his sons George Henry Burt and Alonzo Burt, all played key roles in this developing industry, both as inventors and entrepreneurs.

George Henry Burt is best noted as the patent holder of Crystalate, a material for gramophone records. Among his ventures (1890’s) was a billiard plant in Millburn NJ. A photo titled the “George H. Burt Celluloid Factory” is listed in the Millburn city archives. At the turn of century, George H. Burt transferred himself and his enterprises to England. The Millburn plant was acquired by his younger brother Alonzo, who eventually moved the entire operations to Portland, ME. He named it the Portland Billiard Ball Company and by 1913, Alonzo was open for business.



*George Burt's billiard ball factory circa 1900*

Burt's new site in Portland was located in a section known as Morrell's Corner. He had bought out and renovated four buildings in what was once known as the Marquard Leather Works. This area had an adequate work force and a rail line on the property.



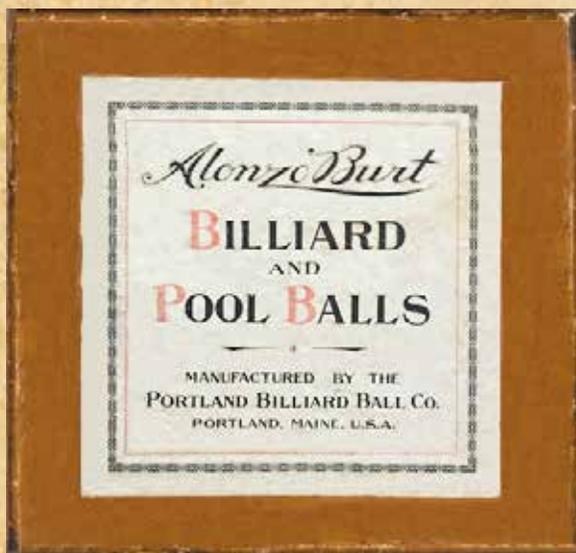
Alonzo Burt



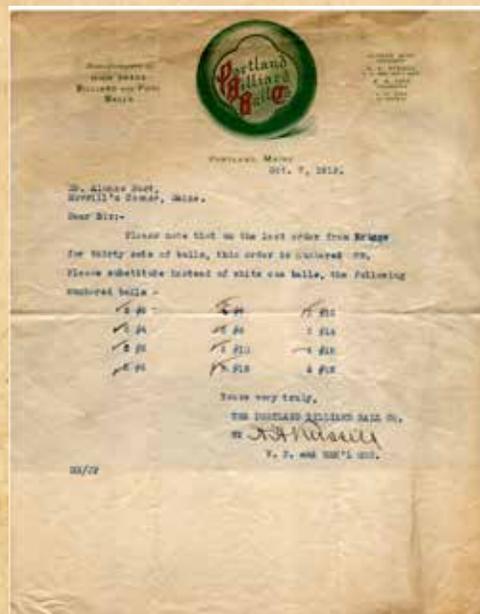
Portland Billiard Ball factory circa 1920

Although production was centered on billiard balls, the company had a wide array of gaming products. They included bowling balls, checkers, dominoes, Ma Jong sets and tally balls. The latter, tally balls were indispensable accessory to Kelly pool. Kelly pool was gambling! Authorities raided pool halls, confiscating cash and issuing fines.

In one state, Montana, Kelly pool was illegal until 1964. Some authorities equate the use of chips as a substitute for cash, particularly, in back room poker sessions, which led to the demand for such items.



Box of balls from the factory circa 1920



An early company letter, dated October 7, 1913

In the early 1930's, the Portland Billiard Company started manufacturing gaming chips. There were two types of chips, one made of clay called "smoothies" and the other made out of a type of plastic called "Plaston". Portland Billiard Company used a patented form of it called Breaknot. The company like the fact that Plaston came in many colors. Both types of materials were offered to clients. Designs could be custom or generic. Clay chips, being more labor intensive, were more expensive. As a new product line, chip making was open to innovative touches. The Burt tradition of creative excellence was up to the task. One of the most sought after pieces in the collector world are chips with a "diecut metal" design. Who would not drool at the chance to get a Flamingo Casino chip featuring this technique.

In 1936, the Portland Billiard Company changed its name to The Burt Company. Although it was business as usual, their established product, chip making was getting all the attention. The Golden Age of Las Vegas was just around the corner and The Burt Company was evolving to meet their needs.



*On the left a classic clay smoothy and on the right a clay round edge with a die cut inlay.*



*These are custom designs. SC is on a square edge, EPM on a round edge, and HJ is on an interlocking chip.*

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*Die cut metal inlays applied to round edge Breakout chips.*



*Shows die cut metal inlays applied to square edge breakout chips.*



*Shows a variety of available die cut designs. These are applied to round edge chips.*

Editors Note: Robert was able to provide the following information on the source of this story.

Among contributors tracking the Burt's history are Jim Blanchard , Robin Burt Hodges and her brother, Jay Burt. Jim's uncle bought out the Burt company in 1985 and Jim functioned as plant manager, thereby, gaining insight into the making of chips few have been exposed to. The Burt grandchildren, Robin and Jim, provided historical background with scores of photos and scrapbook clippings adding to the saga. "

**Stay Tuned!! Next issue will feature the Burt Company and their contributions to Las Vegas and the Golden Age of Casino Chips.**

# CASINO TECH

## MAGNETIC STRIPES ON PLAYERS CARD

BY ERIK DAUPLAISE

I was going through my collection one day and found a couple of old player cards from the Planet Hollywood Casino (now part of Caesars) and from Trump casinos in New Jersey (all closed or new owners). I wondered what was stored on the magnetic stripe and how easy it would be to erase it.

### Magnetic Stripe History

I found two articles on [www.creditcards.com](http://www.creditcards.com) about magnetic stripe. The following paragraphs are my edits from these articles.

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#### *The rise and fall of the credit card magnetic stripe*

By Marcia Frellick / Published: June 14, 2011

<https://www.creditcards.com/credit-card-news/history-credit-card-magnetic-stripe-1273.php>

#### *Magnetic stripe begins its farewell tour*

Once-innovative technology now scorned for fraud vulnerability

By Sienna Kossman / Published: December 2, 2015

<https://www.creditcards.com/credit-card-news/magnetic-stripe-farewell-tour-1273.php>

When introduced in the 1970s, magnetic stripes were cutting-edge technology and changed the way payment cards would be processed for decades.

Jerome Svigals is the project manager who engineered the technology for IBM in the mid-'60s that would make it possible for the cards to be used in readers all over the world. Forrest Parry, an IBM engineer, is credited with the first success in the early '60s with attaching the magnetic tape to a plastic identity card for officials of the CIA by essentially melting the strip on. That technology was greatly refined for credit cards by Svigals' team.

Part of the urgency for new technology came from the airlines, says Svigals. They were looking for a way to streamline ticket purchasing, check-in and boarding for the boom in passengers who came with the advent of large-body aircraft such as 747s. Also, banks were looking for a way to have machines take money from a customer's account automatically from remote locations and also accept deposits. Thus, at the same time he was developing the magnetic stripe, Svigals was also project manager for IBM's ATM, which debuted in 1973.

But perhaps the biggest driver for the stripe technology was the prevalence of credit card fraud in the 1960s, which was hard to prevent with the lag between purchase and account verification. Using a device called a zip-zap machine, a merchant would apply a roller over paper covering the raised numbers on the customer's card, then physically take the paper to the bank. The bank would read it optically and manually check the number against known fraudulent accounts. Processing the transaction slips took two or three days, creating a vulnerable window for fraud -- as did telltale carbon copies of credit card numbers absently tossed in the trash.

### The big breakthrough

In 1970, the credit card's magnetic stripe had its first big test when it was rolled out in a joint pilot project by American Express, American Airlines and IBM at Chicago's O'Hare Airport. IBM accepted the team's recommendation to adopt the technology in 1973, and it rolled out bank cards and employee ID cards.

However, it wasn't until 1980 that the price of the technology became acceptable to Visa and MasterCard, Svigals says. The original cards cost about \$2 per card to produce, he says, but with economies of scale and improved production methods, they came down in price and cost less than 5 cents per card to produce just before MasterCard and Visa came on board.

Now a swipe of a credit card or debit card in an electronic reader sends the customer's information to the bank that issued the card. The bank's computers verify that the cardholder has sufficient credit or funds to cover the purchase and can either approve the request or decline --- all within seconds.

### Mag stripe's rise

The magic of the magnetic stripe came from combining two existing technologies -- the telephone and the magnetized tape used in reel-to-reel tape recorders. By affixing a small strip of magnetic tape to the back of a card, and programming a unique number into the tape, it could be read with a swipe and sent over the telephone for near-instant verification. "That was a tremendous leap from the standpoint of the technology," said Doug Johnson, senior vice president and adviser of risk management policy with the American Bankers Association.

"It was a fairly inexpensive technology because a mag stripe is basically a piece of magnetic tape like a tape recorder," said Thad Peterson, senior analyst with Aite Group. "It had a limited amount of data it could carry, but it did what it needed to do and quickly became the standard."

### Stripe's days are numbered

Through the decades, the magnetic stripe has stayed the same in content, width, density and tracks. Despite the mag stripe's advances, it became clear that their data could easily be stolen and used to create counterfeit cards. As a result, EMV payment technology standards were introduced in Europe shortly after the turn of the 21st century specifically to protect payment card information. [New] technology and consumer tastes are finally bringing change. As EMV payment and smart phone technology becomes more widely adopted, there will be a strong desire in the payment industry to get rid of the mag stripe in favor of more secure options, such as chip-only cards.

"There are still vending machines and parking garages that may take a long time to upgrade to chip. At least for the foreseeable future, mag stripe is going to be around because there are so many locations where mag stripes will be accepted and chips might not be," said Stephanie Ericksen, vice president of global risk products at Visa.

### More than just a mag-stripe maker

Svigals considers the magnetic stripe his biggest achievement among his myriad accomplishments. The technology helped transform the mass transportation, banking and retail industries. That led IBM, as part of the company's 100-year anniversary celebrations in 2011, to list the stripe as one of its top 100 contributions to society. "I think the mag stripe was, by far, the biggest for the very simple reason that it's used by 80 percent of the people in the world," Svigals says. "Except for lead pencils, that's a pretty good accomplishment."

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The web articles focused on credit cards and mention that magnetic stripe technology will be used at merchants for several more years because of the cost. I work for a large US retailer and can confirm that the EMV card readers cost upwards of \$800US each. Mag stripe cards are manufactured for a few pennies, EMV cards cost about \$2US each.

What does this mean for players cards? I am not sure. I cannot image a scenario where a casino needs secure EMV data transfers like credit cards. I have never heard of anybody creating a fake players card. What casino is going to spend \$2US for each players card and request expensive EMV readers in slot machines?

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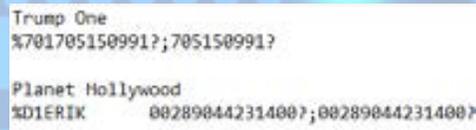
Reading the magnetic stripe on any plastic card is easy. You can find card readers on eBay or at technology stores for about \$10US that connect to your computer via a USB port. Open any document software (Word, Notepad, etc.) and swipe the card.



My test subjects and card reader



There was not very much stored on the mag stripes - my player numbers were listed twice on each card, some control characters and a few extra numbers (701 on the Trump card and 31400 on the Planet Hollywood card). The PH card also had my name which I assume a slot machine uses for the small LED display above the slot.



What surprised me the most was how easy it is to erase a players card. I used two cheap magnets: a thin, flexible magnet from a local business and a heavier magnet imbedded in a plastic souvenir. Both of them erased the players cards with a single pass. Never put your players card in the same back as the trinkets you are bringing home from Las Vegas if you ever intend to use them again.

I tried the magnets on an expired credit card. Neither magnet had any impact on that stripe. It took a horseshoe magnet with a lift rating of two pounds to erase the credit card. I would still recommend keeping your credit cards away from refrigerator magnets.

### What's in store for Casino Tech?

I have worked in the technology field for most of my life. I enjoy learning about technology and how it is used in our everyday lives.

I plan to research several other technologies used in casinos: room locks, card shufflers, slot machines, playing cards, RFID, and dice to name a few.

If you work(ed) in a technology company that has a product used in casinos and would like to write an article let me know. I would be happy to help you. If there is a casino tech you want me to investigate send me an email (erik24@cox.net).

Nothing is off limits, not even talking toilets!

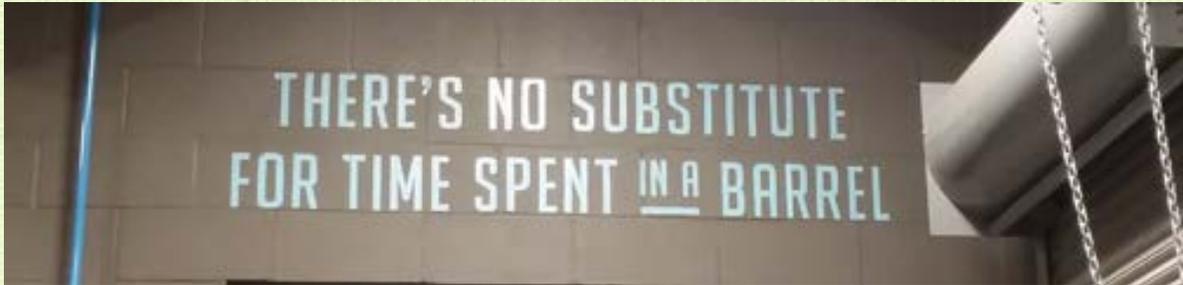


# Kentucky Bourbon Trail

by Erik Dauplaise / R-8053

The Kentucky Bourbon Trail is a program of the Kentucky Distillers' Association (KDA) to promote the bourbon industry in Kentucky.

But is it a good place to collect casino memorabilia?



There are 20+ working distilleries in Kentucky. They are located all over the state. Much of Kentucky has limestone aquifers which naturally removes calcium from the water. Add in Kentucky's yearly climate (which is excellent for aging whisky in barrels) and you have the perfect place for distilling whisky. Many people think that to be bourbon it must be distilled in Kentucky. Not true - but it does distill 95% of the bourbon in the US.

A concurrent resolution adopted by the United States Congress in 1964 declared bourbon to be a "distinctive product of the United States" and asked "the appropriate agencies of the United States Government... [to] take appropriate action to prohibit importation into the United States of whiskey designated as 'Bourbon Whiskey'." Federal regulation now defines "bourbon whiskey" to only include "bourbon" produced in the United States. {1}

There are requirements for a whisky to be legally sold as bourbon in the US:

1. Produced in the United States
2. Made from a grain mixture that is at least 51% corn
3. Aged in new, charred oak containers
4. Distilled to no more than 160 proof (80% alcohol by volume)
5. Entered into the barrel for aging at no more than 125 proof (62.5% alcohol by volume)
6. Bottled at 80 proof or more (40% alcohol by volume)

The Kentucky Bourbon Trail was "created" in 1999. Every year it draws thousands of visitors to the region every year. The ten distilleries on the Trail are located in the heart of Kentucky: Lexington to the east, Louisville to the west and Loretto to the south forming kind of a bourbon triangle.

My best friend Curt and I visited the Louisville area in April of 2018 to celebrate turning 50 years-old in 2017. We visited six Kentucky distilleries and drove 4 hours to Lynchburg, TN to visit the Jack Daniels campus.

Distillery tours last 60-90 minutes and include a tasting; some give you a souvenir glass. They cost between \$12-\$20 per person (Buffalo Trace was free!) and all of them have a gift shop with their whisky and branded swag for sale.

If you are a whisky lover then this is the trip for you. If you also enjoy Kentucky BBQ then it is as close to heaven on earth as you can get!

*Jim Beam welcome center and a fermentation vat filled with corn, rye, barley, and yeast*



So, Louisville is a whisky paradise - but it is a place to collect casino memorabilia? Yes, no and maybe.

### Yes you can collect casino memorabilia!

You can take a 30 minute car ride over the Ohio River and visit Caesars Horseshoe Southern Indiana Hotel and Casino in the small town of Elizabeth. This is a docked riverboat casino (it floats) with a 500 room hotel, a shopping/dining pavilion. They have hundreds of slot machines and plenty of table games. The gift shop sells souvenir chips and canceled decks of cards. They did not have any dice available while I was there.

Jim Beam has a wonderful display of decanters on the tour. Here is a picture of one created for Harolds Club.



These were not for sale.

### No, but there are other chips

There are no other casinos within a 1-2 hour drive. I picked up an advertisement chip from Evan Williams and a dozen different chips from Jim Beam (one for each of their products). These chips were about a dollar each. I also took a picture of two chips that you can exchange for a drink & souvenir glass in their tasting room. These were \$8-12 each so we got our drinks instead of keeping them. I bought a rack of 100 Jack Daniels poker chips at their gift shop for about \$45.

### Maybe, I'm not sure

Louisville is home to the Kentucky Derby and the state has a colorful history of illegal establishments. If I had gone on this trip with my wife Carole we would have visited Churchill Downs, antique stores and other historical locations. Who knows what we would have discovered in the area.



### Sobering up at home

My friend and I returned with nine bottles of distilled spirits which is quite a feat considering you cannot put alcohol in your carry-on or send it thru the post office. USPS, FedEx and UPS have policies against shipping alcohol - we were told a lot of snow globes and olive oil are shipped from Louisville. Both of us had to buy a new suitcase and towels at a local department store to get the bottles home safely.



Just a few of the different whiskies offered by Jim Beam

### I ♥ Whisky

I have never been a big beer or wine drinker but I love whisky. If you have any whisky questions or want more information about my experiences in Kentucky please feel free to contact me at erik24@cox.net.



Chips in the Jack Daniel's poker set

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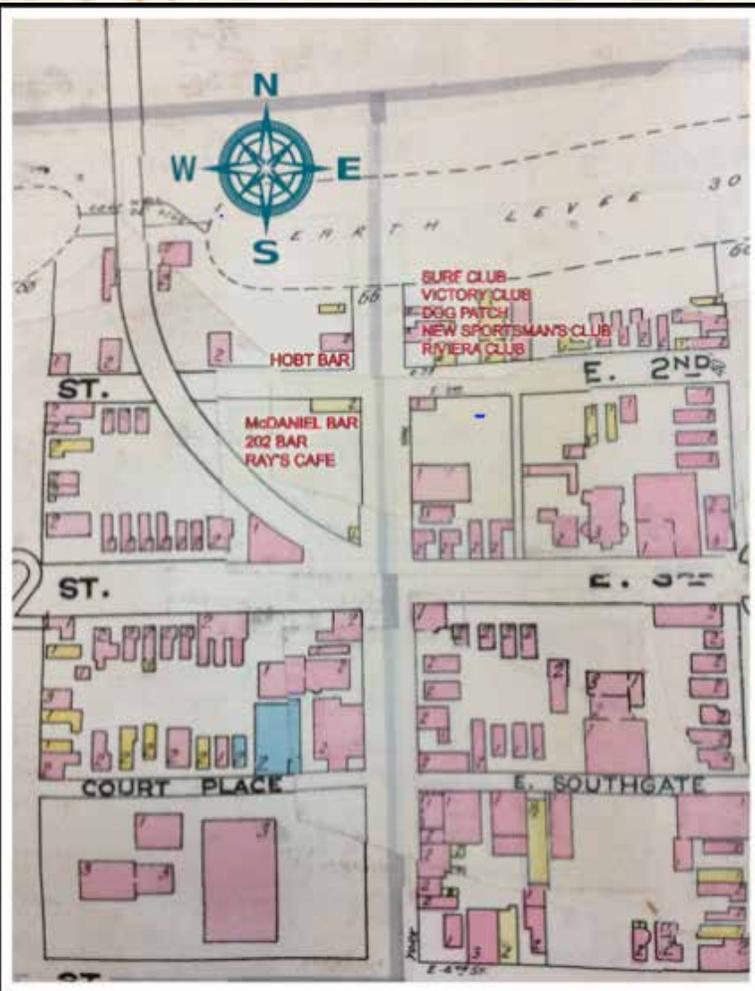
# BUSTOUTS, HOOKERS, GAMBLING AND OTHER FUN STUFF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY PART II

Jim Linduff

Continuing our look at the small outfits that operated in Northern Kentucky during the “glory days” of the area, 1940’s and 1950’s, we merely have to walk across York Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to the SW corner of 2<sup>nd</sup>/York to find another series of bars even more despicable than those described in Part I.

On the way to the SW corner, however we must stop on the NW corner to Hobt’s Bar/Saloon.

## NW CORNER, 2<sup>nd</sup>/YORK



## HOBT’S SALOON

Charles Hobt  
2nd & York Sts  
Newport, Kentucky

Our story starts in 1919 when the place was known as Hobt’s Bar owned by Charles and Emma Hobt. Facing a revoked license and an impending divorce, Emma went in front of the Newport City Commissioners to lobby for time to sell the bar. However, at the hearing, a resident of an apartment above the bar, May Pere, testified asked that her

husband be not permitted in the saloon due to his continued drunkenness. Mrs. Hobt agreed to try to comply. Mrs. Hobt was granted a 30 day extension.

One month later the same woman who testified was picked up with her husband, a soldier who had lost both legs in Germany on a charge of drunk and disorderly conduct due to a fight at the bar. Mrs. Pere was observed running around in scant attire and was punched in both eyes by her husband. Both were sentenced to 30 days jail time. The Kentucky Post headlines read, **LEGLSS YANK JAILED**. You can’t make this stuff up!

Later in October, 1919, Emma Hobt was summoned into court to answer a charge that the saloon was being allowed to stay open all night and “drunken women were being carried from the place and put in automobiles. After several appeals, the Newport City Commission granted that the license would not be revoked and Emma was granted 30 days probation. The location did not survive prohibition, however and was raised in the 1920’s.

## SW CORNER 2<sup>ND</sup>/YORK

Moving across 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to the southwest corner, we discover a location that housed bars that defined the Bottoms area during the period.

### MCDANIELS RESTAURANT

McDaniel acquired the bar in the early 1930’s, probably just after prohibition ended and while little is known about the bar itself, McDaniel certainly was well known in the legal community.

#### SELF DEFENSE PLEA IS MADE BY M’DANIEL

Cafe Owner Goes on Trial for  
Killing Man Said to Have  
Assaulted Woman

William McDaniel, 38, cafe owner, Second and York streets, Newport, went on trial Monday before a jury in Campbell Circuit Court charged with the murder of Harry “Pistol Pete” Gordon, 32, of E. Riverside drive, Newport.

The greater part of the morning was taken up in selection of a jury. Many were excused after they declared they were opposed to capital punishment.

McDaniel is alleged to have shot and killed Gordon on July 2 in a rooming house at 227 Monmouth street. McDaniel surrendered to police. Gordon, questioned by police before he died, refused to name his assailant even when told McDaniel had surrendered and confessed.

McDaniel told police Gordon had assaulted Mrs. Minnie Taylor, an employe in his cafe, and that he accompanied Mrs. Taylor to the rooming house where they confronted Gordon.

The latter, McDaniel said, denied having struck Mrs. Taylor and then reached into his coat. McDaniel said he believed he was reaching for a gun and fired in self-defense.

Gordon was a police character in Newport and Covington. He was a known gunman and once was convicted for the shooting of a Newport Negro.

One of McDaniel’s waitresses complained about being grabbed and kissed by one Harry “Pistol Pete” Gordon, a local gunman who had several beefs with the City. McDaniel and his waitress went to Pistol Pete’s home and after a confrontation shot and killed him. Newport justice prevailed and McDaniel was acquitted of all charges in late 1935. He continued to run the restaurant/bar for several more years, then sold it to one of the Kings of the Local Newport underworld, Ray Bridewell.

The bars located on the southwest corner were some of the worst “knife and gun clubs” in Northern Kentucky, run by several characters specializing in robbing and pillaging patrons throughout the Bottoms. The Bridewell brothers, Jim (Toughy), Ralph, Ray and Emile came from Jackson County in Eastern Kentucky and quickly established several saloons featuring prostitution, doctored drinks called Mickey Finns and muggings/robberies to relieve their customers of any remaining cash after visiting the girls of the night. Gambling was sometimes provided and in two of their uptown locations, chips have been authenticated



Both bars were located on south Monmouth Street and had small gambling rooms, but their main service was prostitution, consistent with all the Bridewell dens.

## 202 Bar/Ray's Cafe

Located on the property of the McDaniel Bar, Jim Bridewell survived several prostitution beefs and even a 2 year sentence for kidnapping of George Schiel, heir to the George B. Cox estate. George, "Boss" Cox was one of the original political operators in Cincinnati. Schiel was given a nice Mickey at the 202 bar, looted of about \$3200 then released a day or two later.

Not to be outdone, brother Ray Bridewell was arrested and put on trial with a Cincinnati doctor for operating an abortion ring in Newport, providing that essential service to customers. Both were acquitted, of course in 1958 for lack of evidence.

The others in the family took over operation of the Harbor Bar, Corky's Bar and The Thunderbird all in the Newport bottoms. Ray moved to the Haiti Club at 116 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street after the 202 Bar, then called Ray's Café was closed and the license revoked due to a prostitution raid in 1957.

## 200 Bar

Another local character took over the old Ray's Café/202 Bar; Sammy Eisner. Sammy had his fingers in several gambling operations and had an antique store on Monmouth which was a front for stolen goods. Sammy shifted the emphasis what he called the 200 Bar to gambling, installing pinball machines, dice cages and a crap table into the joint. Hookers still roamed the bar, however and a vice raid in 1957 caused the Alcohol, Beverage Control Board to shut the place down. During the process of appeal, the bar burned down on July 31, 1957 under "suspicious circumstances" and the heavy odor of kerosene. No suspects were ever found and what was left of the building was converted to a store front church.

Our boy Sammy continued his robbery ring and ran a couple of gambling joints including The Stark Club, but was murdered in 1972. This murder was never solved despite some local knowledge of the circumstances and the work of Callie Blaine, an ex-stripper and Sammy's wife who operated the Pink Pussycat on 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Newport. Rumors about a mob hit continue to this day, but the likelihood of solving the murder are two; slim and none.

A final chapter to this saga needs to be considered, at least. In the early 1960s, a cleanup effort resulted in the formation of the Committee of 500, headed by George Ratterman, the local ex-Cleveland Browns player. Previous efforts had always failed, but with help from the Federal Government and a foiled attempt to drug Ratterman and place him with a hooker, The Committee took over and ran out the major players at the Beverley, The Lookout House, The Yorkshire and others who moved to Vegas during the "Newport Airlift" in 1961.

The Committee and Ratterman were successful in running out the big gamblers, but had no plan on how to replace the taxes and jobs that were lost in the process. Enter the low life locals described above. Strip joints, bust out gambling joints and street crime filled the void. The population in Newport dropped from 30000 in 1940 to about 15000 in 2000 until the Newport on the Levee/Aquarium projects opening in 2001 started to revitalize that area. Is Newport better now? It's all about who is asked.

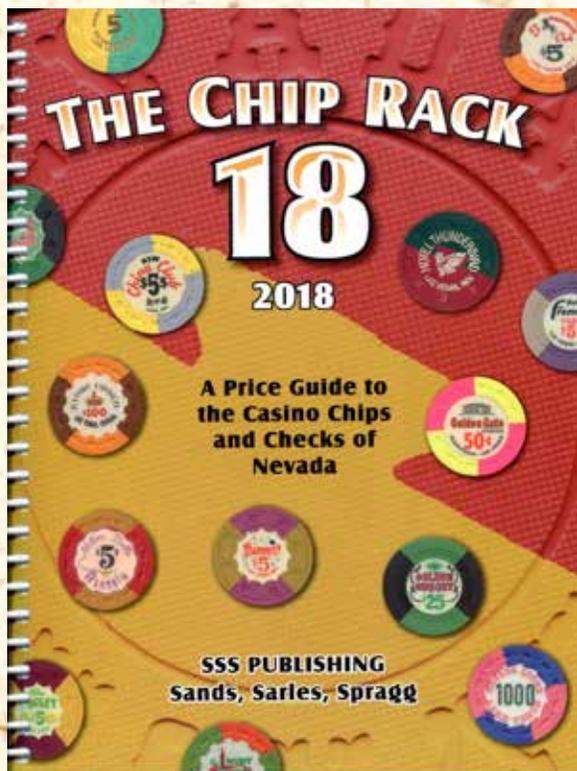


# KNAPP ON BOOKS

Michael Knapp

I must have books in order to review them, so if you're an author, let me know by sending me an e-mail at [ChipProf@aol.com](mailto:ChipProf@aol.com) to arrange for a review copy.

As with all reviews, this column contains my opinions.



***THE CHIP RACK: A PRICE GUIDE TO THE CASINO CHIPS AND CHECKS OF NEVADA, 18<sup>th</sup> Edn., (2018) by Jay Sands, David Sarles and David Spragg***

Since its first publication in 1993, *The Chip Rack* has been the foremost price guide and catalog for Nevada casino chips and checks. At the time, it was written and published by KMW – Knapp, Myers and Wheelden, who inexplicably receive no credit in the current edition. It is, however, still the most complete, attempting to list all chips, whether house issues or limited editions or com-memoratives, and its unique catalog numbering

system has provided the hobby with a quick and easy reference to Nevada chips.

When it was first published, *TCR* contained fully descriptive listings in 58 pages. Over the years, the authors enlarged and expanded the book, and today's *TCR* consists of over 400 pages.

The new edition continues with the wealth of information and guidance as did the previous editions. More than 1,000 values of the more than 36,000 chips listed in the *TCR* catalog have been changed since *TCR17*, which was published in 2016. There is no more up-to-date or complete catalog of Nevada checks and chips than *TCR*.

The authors continue to remove listings for chips once thought to be used in Nevada, but which have proved to have been used elsewhere. In addition, there have been date and attribution changes to conform with manufacturers' records unavailable at the time of the last edition.

A separate section behind the regular casino issues is included for non-casino chips: dealer schools, advertising and promotional chips, and the like. The photographic section, which makes identification of similar chips easier (for example, “do I have the large or small font version?”), is still included, although I do not believe it's been expanded.

Although the typeface is quite small – the only way to include so many listings while keeping the book to a manageable size – a ruler or other straight edge will make the entries easy to follow. Old guys like me may need a magnifying glass!

It is important to keep in mind that *TCR* is, as the subtitle says, a price guide to Nevada chips. It is not a price list, but rather a guide to values. When used properly, *TCR* is an invaluable and essential work which belongs in the library of every Nevada chip collector.

The book is available for \$55 plus shipping, at [www.thechiprack.com](http://www.thechiprack.com)

There's more Reno history in this 180-page volume than you probably knew. It's a welcome addition to the literature of Nevada gaming and collecting, putting many things in context.

Lincoln Fitzgerald, the focus of most of this book, was born in California and moved east, first to St. Louis, then to Detroit, where he became part of the "Chesterfield Syndicate," which ran illegal gambling in the Detroit area in the 1930s-1940s.

Along with Mert Wertheimer, "Dutch" Weinbrenner and Danny Sullivan, Fitzgerald eventually ran the Chesterfield Club, The Chalet and the Blossom Heath Inn, the largest and best-known of Detroit area illegal casinos.

Well-known chips bearing the addresses "24845 Gratiot," which was the address of the Chesterfield Club, the overlaid "CC" of the Chesterfield Club and "21 West Elizabeth" have been in the hobby for many years. Turns out that 21 West Elizabeth was not a gambling casino at all, but rather the address of a barber shop from which limousines would pick up passengers for a trip to the Chesterfield Club. The chips were made by the B. C. Wills Co., which Syndicate associate "Dutch" Weinbrenner owned.

Law enforcement efforts in the late 1930s and early 1940s would shut down illegal gambling in the Detroit area for good.

Fitzgerald, Sullivan, Wertheimer and Weinbrenner moved to Reno in 1946. Fitzgerald and Sullivan bought into what was then Robbins Nevada Club, while Wertheimer and Ruby Mathis wound up managing the Riverside Hotel and its casino, which they eventually purchased in 1955.

According to Sunzeri, Fitzgerald brought with him equipment (including slot machines and chips) from Detroit, and used them in the renamed Nevada Club.

He credits Fitzgerald with innovating the casino-owned restaurant, when most such restaurants were leased operations. Jeff also says that Fitzgerald began what would become the standard in all Nevada casinos – many more slot machines than table games.

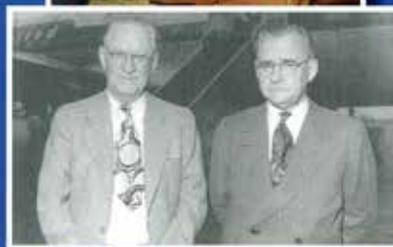
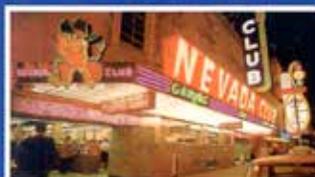
The book discusses the Fitzgerald assassination attempt in 1949 (never solved), his purchase of the portion of the Nevada Club he did not already own, in 1956, and his purchase of the Biltmore Club at North Lake Tahoe in 1957. Sunzeri traces Fitzgerald's purchase of the Silver Dollar Club (originally Harley's Silver Dollar Club) in 1965 and its demolition and the building of Fitzgerald's Hotel and Casino on the site.

The history and status of all the other Reno casinos is detailed as well.

It turns out (although we do not learn it until near the end of the book) that Sunzeri learned about Reno and Fitzgerald in his early days as an employee of Harrah's, first in the slot department, and later as a dealer on table games.

For anyone interested in the clubs and history of Reno, Jeff Sunzeri's book will be a valuable library addition. It's available through eBay and Amazon for \$19.95.

## THE NEVADA CLUB



### History of **THE NEVADA CLUB** **FITZGERALD'S CASINO** and the **DOWNTOWN RENO CASINOS**

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# An Amateur Chip Collector: How it began and my first year in the CCA

## By Hector Rivera - R-8849

On January 5, 2013, to show his appreciation for taking him to Las Vegas for his 21st birthday, my son gave my wife and I a collage he found hanging in the gift shop of the Flamingo Hotel that they were trying to get rid of. With that \$35 purchase, I became a chip collector.

By this point in my life, my wife and I were frequent Vegas visitors. We would visit around 3 times a year. I loved the city, the lights, the sounds, the atmosphere, the history. I would start planning our next trip as soon as we were at McCarren waiting for our return flight home. This gift from my son was the perfect memento to remember the city we had come to call our second home. I would often stare at the collage hanging prominently in our family room and wonder about Vintage Vegas. What would it have been like to visit back in the Rat Pack days? What were the casinos like back then? How did the casinos even come to be? On one of my daydreams, I started to notice the chips placed into the collage. Of the 9 casino chips, my wife and I had visited all 9 casinos. I thought, "what a great way to preserve the memories of all our Vegas trips and visits to different casinos." Needless to say, on our very next trip, the collecting began.

Since all the chips in my collage were \$1 Vegas chips, I figured I'd go ahead and only collect these \$1 chips. I also decided on this chip because I figured it would be cheaper. Chip collecting wasn't something I was planning on spending a lot of time doing, so I didn't want to spend a lot of money on it either. These were just supposed to be souvenirs to help reflect on our trips, just memories. As many of you can attest, that decision I made to focus solely on \$1 Las Vegas chips was probably the best early decision I made. Although I realized later that I was definitely wrong about it being cheaper.

The first time getting a chip, I must admit, I was scared. I had never even stepped up to a casino cage before. My mind was quickly filling up with questions. Were there rules to follow when buying chips? Will they even sell me a chip? Is it weird that I only want a single \$1 chip? Is it even legal to take a chip from the casino? Will I get in trouble? My anxiety was calmed after my first purchase.



The cashier must have known exactly why I only asked for a single chip, because she pulled a stack out and searched through them, giving me the nicest looking one. I thanked her and walked off like a gladiator winning his first battle!

I was so proud of my first chips. I went out and found a display board that had a whopping 26 inserts in it, along with a picture of the "Welcome to Vegas" sign in the center. It hung majestically in my family room, right next to my Rat Pack collage. I could see my board fill up after every trip to Vegas. Once home and even before unpacking, I would pop in all my new acquisitions from the casinos we visited. It took me almost 2 years to fill the board up, but when I finally did, that sense of accomplishment made me thirst for more.



It was right about this time that I found out that my very close cousin, Luis Torres (R-8848), had actually been collecting chips for years and coincidentally, he was also focusing on \$1 Las Vegas chips. I don't know how we never talked about it or how it never came up. I think maybe it was because I truly felt that I was one of the only people in the world who was crazy enough to have this idea of collecting chips to casinos that I had visited. There was no way anybody else would be doing this, especially one of my relations. Well once I found out I wasn't alone in this madness, the collecting bug bit even harder. Luis would come over and we would sit there and look at the hundred or so chips he had in his binder. I couldn't believe the number of chips he had. Easily five or six times the number I had. My collection didn't seem so grand now. He had chips from casinos he had been to, like me, but also casinos he hadn't been to. Even casinos that were no longer around. But how and where? And that's how I was introduced to EBay.

I don't know the exact date I started bidding, but I do know it was the summer of 2016. I was bidding on chips left and right. It didn't matter what casino it was, as long as it was \$1 and in Las Vegas or in the surrounding area. I couldn't believe I could buy many of the chips I needed for as low as 99¢, although most of my auction wins were in the \$2 range. I was always on EBay looking for a deal. I remember sitting in church on more than one Sunday morning with my phone on the pew next to me, silenced and opened up to EBay because I had some auctions that were ending. I hated to lose an auction. After a few auction wins where I paid for the chip and shipping, I learned about the wonderful offer of combined shipping, and once I knew I could save money, the planning started. I wrote down all the auctions I had to win. I calculated how much each chip would be if I won every auction. I was still on a budget, so I couldn't break the bank on one chip. I felt I had bidding on auctions down to a science and my collection was growing by the week. My 26 chip display board was replaced with a 35 chip insert. Then that insert was replaced with a 63 chip insert. I was finally catching up to my cousin, the only other person I knew who was collecting.

In March of 2017, on one of the visits to talk about chips, my cousin Luis told me about a group of people who were collecting chips like us. We went to the computer and came across The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, as well as the Chip Board. We were amazed with all the talk about chips in the forum. People were asking and answering questions about chips, showing off their recent additions or collections, just shooting the breeze and discussing the daily goings on, and most importantly for me, members were offering chips that I needed. Luis and I decided that night to join and to top it off, then Club President Doug Smith (LM-3209-147), was offering a great deal if you were one of the next 10 people to join and use him as a reference. How could we not sign up?

Once I became a member, I was lurking on the Chip Board every night, reading every post. I saw chips that I would love to add to my collection, but they were nowhere in my price range. On one of my early purchases from group member, Reggie Gummer (R-7369) on April 7, 2010, I found out about the annual convention. In our email correspondence I asked Reggie about the personalized chip he included with my order and he mentioned that many of the members that attend the convention will have personalized chips made. If I wanted, he'd point me in the right direction. I remember laughing at his suggestion that I go to a chip collector's convention and I simply replied, I don't know if I'm ready for that yet, but maybe someday. Well little did I know that someday was just 3 days away. Unbeknownst to us, my wife and I had planned, months earlier, to visit Las Vegas from June 21-25, 2017. This was just going to be a nice getaway to relax in Vegas. Just gamble a little bit, take in some shows and go on a drive around Red Rock Canyon. That was until April 10, 2017, when my cousin Luis called to tell me that he noticed that the annual CCGTCC convention was happening at the South Point Casino the very week that my wife and I had planned to be in Vegas. It was like a sign, almost like the planets were aligning just for me, I had to go. So, after talking it over with my wife that night (and scheduling her some time at our casino's spa) I pre-registered for the convention.

Since we flew out of Vegas to head back home on Friday, June 24th, I was only going to have the morning of the 23rd to attend. I wanted to take in as much as possible. I got to South Point early for the ribbon cutting, I had already scheduled a meeting with Albert Powell (R-5752), a member who greeted me early on and wanted to help bolster my collection, and I wanted to make sure I could visit every booth. After receiving my badge, chip and materials, I walked in to the exhibit hall. Do you remember that scene from the movie Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, when the kids walked in to the chocolate room? Well that's, pretty much how I felt at that moment. I saw all the people, the tables, the chips, the memorabilia, and I thought, "I might be in over my head."

I felt like a little fish in a huge sea of collectors. I truly felt alone. I wish I had signed up for that Mentoring Program I had read about in the Chip Collectible News. I was a fairly new chip collector with only about 150 chips in my collection. I was a very new club member and I was about to walk through the biggest event the club puts on with about a hundred bucks in my pocket, hoping to score some great deals to add to my collection and not get scammed in the process. In all seriousness, I truly was kind of scared. I really wish someone would have asked at registration if it was my first convention and offer me some advice. I wish someone would have noticed I'm a new member and reached out. At the time I was a 45-year-old man and super capable of asking any of the members or volunteers for advice or help. But, being a 45-year-old man, I usually don't like to ask for help, however, if it is offered, I usually take it.

It took me about an hour to familiarize myself with the convention and how things worked. I became friends with the many Bargain Bins I came across. I flipped through binders and peered in to cases. I learned to just pull up a chair and start going through all the chips until I found what I needed. Then in some instances negotiate a fair price. I introduced myself to the 5 or 6 members I had met while on the Chip Board, that way I could put faces with names. I made sure to seek out Doug Smith to thank him for his generous offer which allowed Luis and I to join this group. I purchased group merchandise for my cousin and myself. And most important, I had the time of my life going from table to table, drooling over \$1 chips from vintage Vegas casinos I had only read about or seen in pictures. I became overjoyed when I was actually able to purchase a couple chips from these casinos because sellers remembered what it was like starting out and gave me a great break on the price. The three hours I had allotted myself to visit the convention were no where near enough time to visit every table, so I pleaded with my wife and I came back on Friday for a couple more hours before we flew home.



When I got home from the convention, collecting was different for me. I had such a great time collecting chips in person, with other members and not having to pay extra for shipping, that I didn't want to go to Ebay and bid on auctions any more. I so much preferred the face to face transaction. For the next several months I didn't make a single purchase. It wasn't until about April 20, 2018 that I finally put in a bid and purchased a chip from Ebay. I missed collecting and I had to add something to my collection (actually 12 somethings). I had just returned from Vegas with a few extra bucks in my pocket and picking up some chips at a great price, when using combined shipping, seemed like the perfect way to spend some of the money. But it took me about 9 months to stoke that fire again. I know part of the reason I hadn't collected was the added work from my job, but I think mainly it was because of the people. The convention had helped me see that there is a whole group of people, just like me, who have been collecting for many, many more years and have vast collections, larger than I have ever imagined possible. And these were the people I wanted to deal with. Being able to sit with thousands of chips in my price range and pick out what I wanted and negotiating a price for the lot was so much more enjoyable than having to win multiple auctions for a certain amount of money, so it would be worth it when shipping is factored in. Don't get me wrong, the convention didn't spoil collecting for me, it just made me appreciate the people behind chip collecting even more.

As I sit here and reflect on my first year of membership, there are things I wish I would have done differently. I wish I had tried to reach out more. I can't blame people for not reaching out, if I am the exact same way. I wish I had joined the Mentoring Program. Even after one year of membership and watching my collection approach 500 chips, I still feel I don't know much about chip collecting. There is so much to learn, from chip condition and pricing to buying, selling and trading. I really don't know if I will ever truly understand it all. I wish I had the time to help volunteer at the convention last year. It was such a great event and I felt bad for just receiving and not giving anything back. I wish I had made more of a presence on the Chip Board. Everyone there seems to know everyone else. I think if other members knew who I was, they may have been a little more forthcoming with help or information had I asked. Lastly, I wish I had learned about and joined the group sooner. For a couple years I thought I was one of the only few people collecting chips. I had no idea our group even existed. Who knows, my little collection could have been well over 1000 chips, instead of just approaching 500.

For my second year, I think I will start to try and remedy some of those things I did wrong. Still feeling like a new collector who doesn't know much. I think I am seriously going to look in to the Mentoring Program, if it's not too late. Hopefully I can find a mentor that can educate me in the details of chip collecting that I am still lacking. It would be great if he/she also collects the same chips I do so I can practice my trading skills as well. I also need to stop lurking on the Chip Board and contribute more than I do. Who knows, I may have something informative to add to all the conversations. I need to not keep my chip collecting as a private hobby, that I only display on my family room walls. If I'm going to help this group survive, I can start with those around me. Let everyone know that I collect chips, invite them to see my small collection, take friends with me when we travel to Vegas together to go pick up newly released chips, talk about what the chips symbolize or mean to me, teach them what I have learned about the casinos whose chips I have in my collection. You never know, I might turn one of them into a collector and possibly a new member. I also would like to try and make it to the convention every year. I unfortunately can not attend the 2018 convention because of prior commitments, but when I am able to attend, you can guarantee you'll see me volunteering some of my time and giving back. But most importantly, for myself, I think I will just continue to add chips to my collection, simply because I find it fun.

Occasionally, I see some bickering going on within the group about different issues and I think to myself, "why can't people just remember why they started collecting?" If you're like me, I'm sure it's simply because you found it fun. Honestly, I don't think any of us would be here if it wasn't. Don't let the politics of the group ever let that feeling waver. And please, never forget the feeling you had when you collected that very first chip, because that's the feeling that brought all of us here together. Thank you to all the members who have "pointed me in the right direction" my first year on this journey. Here's to year number two!

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# 2018 Ohio Casino Chip Show

By Steve Miller

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Charlie Bianco was the winner of the personal chip contest. Mark is shown making presentation to Charlie.



# 2018 Casinorama - Arizona Charlie's

By Steve Miller

Feb. 2 & 3, 2018  
Arizona Charlie's Decatur





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... that the Chip Guide has almost 20,000 red chips? That is the more than any other color. Blue and green are distant seconds with just over 14,000 each.



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# Sticker to It!

By John K. Kallman

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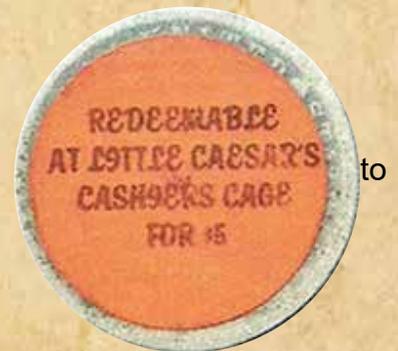
Gauging the success of advertising is imprecise especially if multiple forms are used. Cost is also of concern. Advertising can take many forms.

One such form, that is both highly collectible and relatively inexpensive at the time, was affixing stickers to silver dollars. At the time, silver dollars were the largest circulating coinage in the US that were widely used. And a number of business used these as a means to advertise to a wider audience then what could be archived by use of local billboards or newspapers.

And what better way for casinos to advertise then to affix stickers to the dollars in the slot machines at the time? While a winning player may have cash in most of a jackpot, saving one to take home was not an expensive move. Doing so, they could then not only boast of perhaps a once in a lifetime adventure, but proof, that they "broke the bank".

Of course, when the value of silver in the dollars exceeded the face value, casinos had a difficult time in keeping sufficient quantities in the cage to keep the slot machines working. While the Lady Luck casino is best known for the ever-increasing values affixed to silver dollars, starting out at twice face value (\$2), and then progressing \$3.00; \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, and finally \$5.50!

But they were **not** the only casino to do so, with Little Caesars Casino putting out a sticker token redeemable for \$5 at the cage.



It was not only silver dollars that were affixed with stickers, but also other casino's slot tokens once they came it to use. One enterprising person affixed an Lady Luck sticker to an Honest John's token!

Most stickers are only affixed to one side of the dollar, and as silver prices increase, many stickers were removed by coin collectors to see if a rare date / or mint mark (depending upon which side of the coin the sticker was affixed to) in hopes that the numismatic value would be greater than the silver content value. Additionally, no doubt, a large number of dollars with stickers were consigned to the melting pot as the price of silver increased.

A few coins in fact have stickers affixed to both sides. Examples are from Fortune Club (which includes a map to help you find the place) as well as Golden Gate which list the different games available on the reverse side.



Another sticker dollar from the Golden Gate is much more mundane, but still accretive in its stark simplicity.

Most of the sticker dollars that are known to collectors are of course from Las Vegas as that was the place most people went to, but smaller towns / casinos likewise issued them as well. From the El Capitan in Hawthorne, to Pink's Lodge in Lake Topaz, and Shahati's Stateline Country Club in Lake Tahoe



For something out of the ordinary, you may want to expand your collection to this type of items. Difficult to find, and not inexpensive, but they can be found, ***if you just sticker to it!***

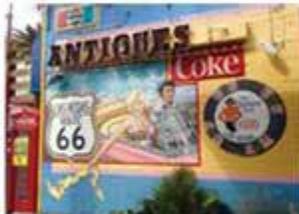
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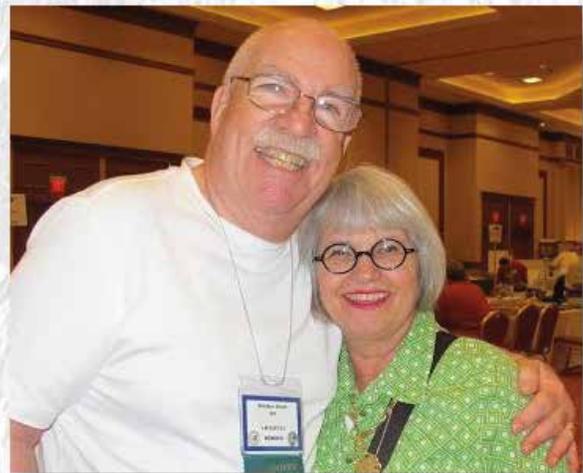
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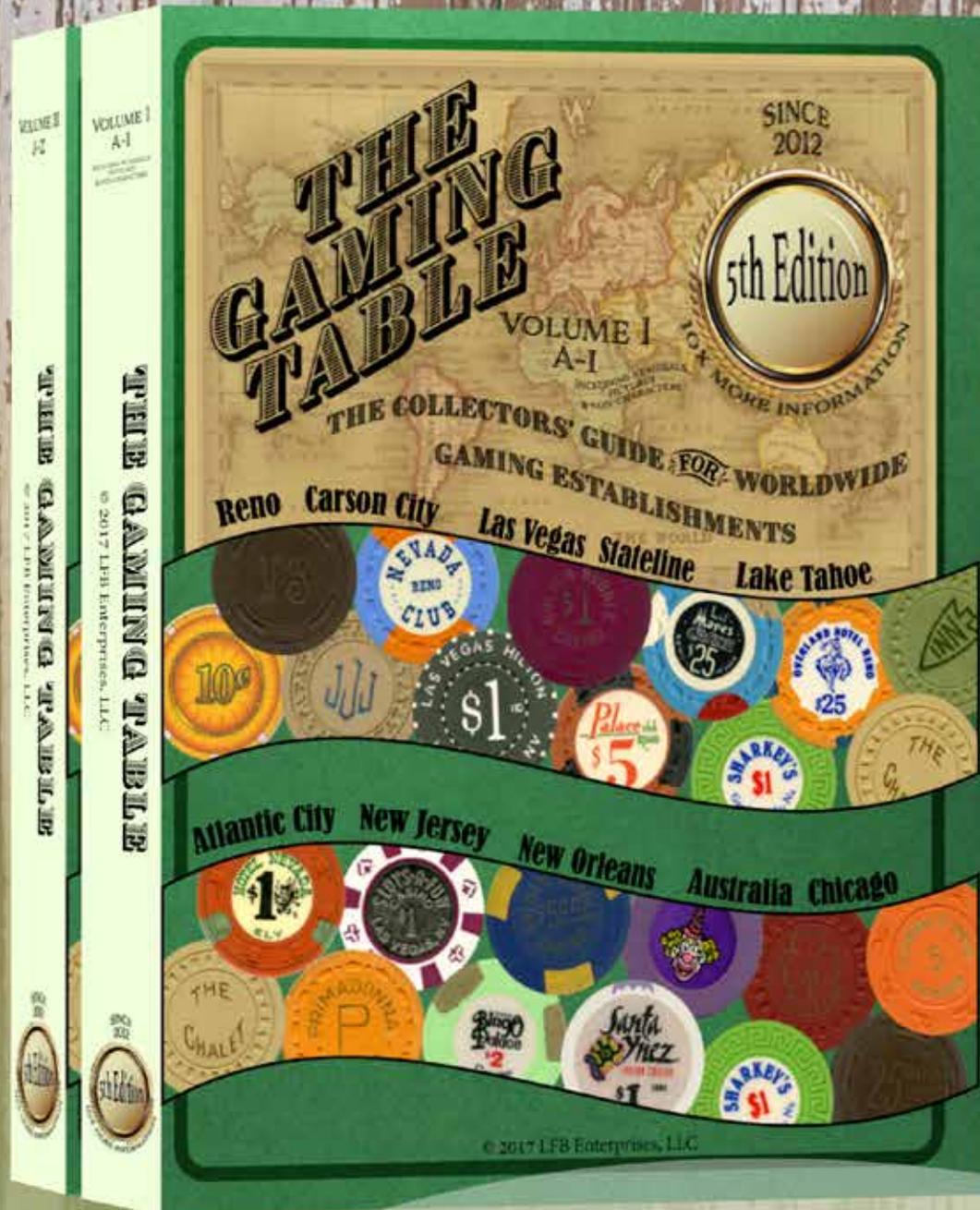
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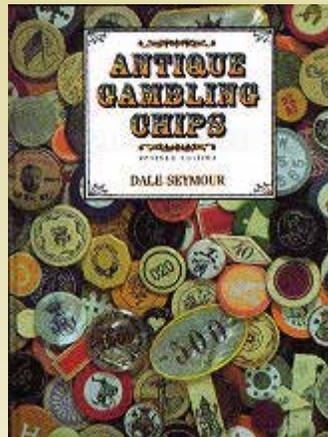
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# Logo Usage Policy

The Club has certain logos and symbols which it must protect in order to protect its reputation in the collectibles community. No member is allowed to use the Club name, logo or symbol other than is approved by the by-laws or as otherwise specifically approved in writing by the Board of Directors.

- Only members in good standing may identify themselves as members of the Club
- Any member who identifies himself/herself as a member must affix or state their membership number so as not to confuse the public.
- “Identifies” includes advertising, announcements, business cards, internet websites, internet or live auctions, e-mails and any and all types of communication.
- Every member must make an effort not to confuse the public or lead the public to think that the member represents or speaks for the Club, other than those officers who actually do speak for the Club or those who have been authorized by the Board to speak for the Club.
- No event, show, auction or convention shall use the Club name, logo or symbol for any reason whatsoever unless it is an event, show, auction or convention run by the Club.
- The Board has approved a “Member’s Logo” which contains the member’s membership number. Only that logo may be used by members in their advertising, promotions, business cards, auctions, etc.
- Any other use of the Club name, logo or symbol must be submitted to the Board of Directors for their approval prior to such use.
- The entities formerly known as “Chapters” are prohibited from using the Club name, logo or symbol as representative of their organization

Example



Please contact the Secretary for a copy of the logo with your membership number on it.

# CCA Claims Form

Up until now, there has never been a uniform, standardized way of filing a Claim against another member for an alleged Code of Ethics violation. Claims have been filed over the years in formats ranging from hand written notes, typed 5-6 page letters to just an email saying "I want to file a claim against \_\_\_\_\_".

Most of the time the information provided to the Club is vague and/or incomplete. The Claims Director may spend more time gathering basic information that should have been provided in the first place, than on resolving the issue at hand.

This form provides all the basic information needed by the Club, in written form, first hand from the member filing the complaint.

The process will work as follows:

1. Fill out the form completely, sign and date it.
2. Forward it the Vice-President..
3. Vice-President will make an initial determination on the Claim.
4. If further action or investigation is warranted, the Vice-President will forward the form to the Claims Director to open a Claims Investigation.
5. The Claims Director will work to mutually resolve the matter between the parties or if that is not possible, make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for the appropriate action.
6. The Board will act on the recommendation and the final report of the Claims Director. The parties involved will be notified of the final decision of the Board by the Vice-President. If you find it necessary to file a Claim against a fellow Club member, please help us to resolve the matter as quickly as possible by using the Claims Form.

\*The form will be available on the Club website at [www.ccgcc.com](http://www.ccgcc.com) for you to download and print out. We are working on a program that will allow you to fill out the form online and send it electronically to the

## Reward Fund

Several years ago, the Club had a standing offer to help deter theft of member's collections. Somewhere along the way it was either dropped, forgotten or just faded into obscurity. The Board has voted to reintroduce the reward offer. We would like to thank Jim Reilly for his research and assistance with this project. The terms of the offer are similar to those used by the ANA. Please contact any member of the BOD for further information.

The Club offers a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons charged with the theft of any part of a club member's collection.

The Club will pay a reward as follows:

If the retail value of the stolen property is less than \$5,000, the reward is \$260

If \$5000 to \$20,000, the reward is \$500

If greater than \$20,000, the reward is \$1000.

The purpose of this reward offer is to increase the likelihood of apprehending and convicting those who steal from club members, as well as to increase the likelihood of recovering the stolen property. The reward offer, however, is not intended to reimburse any club member's loss. It is each member's responsibility to maintain insurance against losses of this kind.

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