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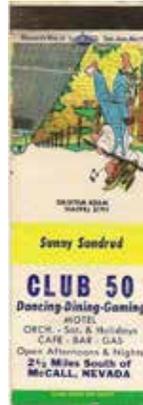
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All Your Convention info inside:

- Program of Events
- Banquet Speaker Bio's
- Educational Speaker Bio's
- Convention Merchandise
- And more....



**A Forensic Investigation
Into Illegal Gambling History
in Florida and Illinois**

Also In This Issue:

- Waitangi Days
- Lots of Local Club News
- Chip Guide Trade Maker



But Wait.... There is late Breaking Convention News!!!

One of our members is going to attempt to break a Guinness Book of Records record for the largest collection of \$1 Casino Chips and Tokens!!!

Casino Collectibles Association

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Reference Center

Welcome to the CCA Reference Center! Here you will find useful information on the hobby of casino chip and token collecting.

Convention Videos – Four videos of the 2018 Convention have now been added.

Casino Collectibles News – A publication of the Casino Collectibles Association. This is the official organization award winning magazine, which is a must read for every casino collectible enthusiast.

For The Beginner

- CCA Mentoring Program – Help others or find help for yourself.
- Ask the Expert! – a list of CCA members who have volunteered to answer your questions.
- Chip Conditions – an official list of CCA sanctioned terminology used to describe chip condition.
- Glossary – an extensive list of terminology used in our hobby – a “Chipitinary”, if you will.
- Chip FAQ – a huge list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding our hobby
- Chipology 101 – a great introduction to chipping seminar presented at the national convention.
- Cleaning Chips – a good primer on cleaning casino chips.
- Mold Designs – Robert Eisenstadt’s mold design project
- Club Action – Catalog, terms and conditions and current high bids.

Detailed Reference

- Illegals & Manufacturer Records – a huge compilation of chip manufacturer records.
- Fakes / Fantasy / Counterfeits – a large list of fake, fantasy, and counterfeit chips including pictures
- Brass Core – a thorough presentation of brass core controversy
- Fraternal Order of Eagles – Aeries listed numerically.
- Cancelled Chips – Nevada Casino Chips know to exist cancelled.
- Illegal Chips – 2012 Seminar presented by Ed Hertel and Gene Trimble.

Books, Magazine Articles, etc.

- Club Library – a list of club reference material that you can check-out and use.
- Gaming in Atlantic City – By Steve Piccolo
- Playboy Cheques, Chips & Tokens – By Tom Stroh
- Knapp on Books – A series of book reviews by Michael Knapp
- Flamingo Capri Revisited – By Mike Quinlvan
- Casino Collectible News – Back issues.



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State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

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Membership Application

Our club, CCA, is founded under the ANA, maybe you would like to join it too. It is the largest organization of coin collectors in the world.

Regular Student Junior Senior Associate

Present or former ANA number, if any _____

Mr. Mrs Ms.

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Street

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Signature of Applicant Date

Proposer

The Casino Collectibles Association, Inc.

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Credit Card all Numbers Expiration Date

Signature of Cardholder (Required)

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ANA

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www.CCGTCC.com



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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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Mailing Date: March
Deadline for Ads: January 1st

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Deadline for Ads: April 1st

Fall Issue
Mailing Date: September
Deadline for Ads: July 1st

Winter Issue
Mailing Date: December
Deadline for Ads: October 1st

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Message from the Editor

Robb McPherson

Welcome once again to the Summer convention issue. You will find all the information you need about the convention including the Program of Events to make your convention planning easier. I hope the convention goes great this year. I will not be attending this year but Steve will be there to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Its great to see so many articles, we would rather have too many articles than not enough. I noticed that we have a couple more new Canadian members that have joined, one from Alberta and one from Montreal, a hardy Canadian welcome from your editor in Ontario! We are now up to 10 Canadian members!!

Letters to the Editors

The Casino Collectible News Spring edition arrived today and may I say, many many thanks! Your continued efforts are beyond loyal and so greatly appreciated, especially upon arrival of the magazine. I am sure it is no small feat to accomplish so much with so little...and yet this edition was packed with news and tidbits of interest. Please take special note that although you may not hear often from your fans across the country, there are many!

If this can be shared in the Letter to the Editors column, feel free.

Respectfully,

Nick Bates
LM 5784-190

Thank you for the kind words.SM

CCN IN LAS VEGAS! Without a doubt one of the best issues of our world famous magazine to date! Great articles by some great members! Great stories too! Have not finished reading all of the fascinating stuff by a long shot! If you haven't gotten your issue, stand by your mailbox! It is awesome! If for some reason you are not a member of the CCA you can join and get to see all the future articles yet to come!

Sheldon and Christine Smith LM-82-83

Just got the new issue and, of course, turned to my article.

Thanks for all your help. The format, pictures, chips, etc. really gave the article a professional look. Thanks again,

Alex Cilento

We try hard to help for the best presentation.SM

CCN has an excellent piece in matchbooks. Collecting by Derrell Matthews. Derrell is one of the foremost collectors of Vegas matchbooks and if he is missing a certain matchbook you can believe it is very rare. Great photos and very interesting story. Well done Derrell.

Bill Judge

New Members

<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Referral</u>	<u>Pre</u>	<u>Member #</u>
Caleb	Dunn	Las Vegas	NV	Roy Nelson	R	4727-A
Dawn	Satter	Virginia City	NV	former member	R	7271
Glen	Bush	New Tripoli	PA	Web	R	7493
Craig	Martell	Dundalk	MD	former member	R	8542
Lacy	Ramberg	Riverside	CA	James Jackson	R	8900-A
Jim	Ramberg	Riverside	CA	James Jackson	R	8900-B
Payton	Ehler	Lockport	IL	Joe Ehler	R	8910-A
Roger	D'Amours	Montreal	Quebec	web	R	8999
Anthony	Denami	Hermitage	TN	John Zoesch	R	9000
Bruce	Berman	East Point	GA	web	R	9001
Larry	Kelly	Colorado Springs	CO	web	R	9002
Vincent	Conti	Bayside	NY	Doug Balduini	R	9004
Marty	Uresti	West Jordan	UT	Web	R	9005
Chad	Jimmerson	Las Vegas	NV	Web	R	9006
Vanessa	Wood	Effingham	IL	Web	R	9007
Kareem	Jimmerson	Las Vegas	NV	Chad Jimmerson	R	9008
Joshua	Simpson	Edmonton	Alberta	Pete Donnelly/Mitch Heller	R	9009

If you are a new member & you don't see your name listed, it's because you did not chose to "Publish" option.

Albert Goulet \$100 chip I posted as a new acquisition is a Kentucky chip Albert Goulet Newport KY. Gene Trimble wrote a very interesting file on AG with a lot more history about it. Torrey Morand

Torrey I read what Gene had written about Albert Goulet. I agree that is interesting. I will be looking into if we can reprint it in CCN.SM

Steve,

Recently someone sent me your article about my book. I just wanted to thank you and invite you to Hot Springs, AR. Judging from your article, you may have already been through The Gangster Museum of America. If not, you did an excellent job telling our story. There was one typo you might mention to your staff. The abbreviation for Arkansas is AR, but sometimes in the summer I wish I was in AK. Feel free to call me. I have quite a few collectibles that some of your readers might be interested in. Additionally, how can I get an electronic copy of your article so I can share it?

Thanks again.

Robert Raines
Director, The Gangster Museum of America
501-545-0700

From the President's Desk



Greetings to all my fellow club members. I hope everyone is making plans to come to the convention this summer. This should prove to be the best one yet.

Newsletter: The first inaugural issue of the CCA newsletter went out on April first with great success. The newsletter, in my opinion has been badly needed. Communication between the CCA BOD and our members will be greatly enhanced. The newsletter will not feature articles which should be placed in the club magazine but rather its purpose is to inform you of the inner workings of the club as well as give out important notices on a monthly basis. Jim Follis does the Layouts and I coordinate the content. We will be adding another staff member very soon to manage the Membership data base concerning e-mail addresses. If you are interested in helping, please contact me @ vergatos@msn.com

POTY: The personal chip of the year contest is now in its second year. there is a poster for sale of all the chips that were entered at the 2018 convention. Currently, thanks to Chuck Gajewski we were able to sidestep the required 75-unit minimum order. Posters are now available for shipping with all proceeds going to the MoGH. The contest will be hosted at the MoGH table this year. Please plan to get your chips designed early and ready for entry into next year's competition. There are many dealers in the club that can design and supply you with chips. Please patronize them. I have expanded the entry requirement for this year's contest. Club members not attending the convention this year may still enter the contest by sending them to me before June 15th. Please mail them to Jerry Vergatos 1981 Rockledge Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89119. Also, you may enter any personal chips from previous years as long as they were not entered in last year's competition.

Legal Counsel: We have entered into a legal contract with an attorney to transfer our corporate headquarters to Nevada from New York. As of today, we have formed the Nevada corporation and are in the process of domesticating with Nevada. Our IRS status has not changed, and a simple change of address has been sent.

Convention Tables: I'm still in the hunt for Corporate Industry Dealers to have a table at our convention next year. My efforts were in vain last year, but I will continue to solicit the gaming companies that I think will offer our membership some unique experience at next year's convention. I spoke to quite a few people at the convention and got some good contact information. If anyone has a contact in the gaming industry, please give me their name and contact information. Steve Palumbo still has table spaces left and can easily accommodate any and all requests. Why not partner up with another club member and share a table. You can showcase your collection as well as offering items up for sale. Please contact Steve at stloathome@aol.com for more information.

Volunteers WE NEED YOU !!!! Scott Parriott the Convention Volunteer Coordinator for this year's convention will be setting up his schedule in the next couple of weeks with a new format to make things more amicable to all that wish to help. There will be some great incentives for all that volunteer. We will also have a special drawing for volunteers to win a very special prize soon to be announced. Additionally, all volunteers will be given a free pass to the Mob Museum or the Neon Museum courtesy of the Museum of Gaming History. Contact Scot at hkp4@icloud.com

MoGH Come visit our table at these years show. We have many new exciting promotional items for sale. This year we are issuing a beautiful set of plaques with all our exhibit locations as well as a set of octagon chips with the same theme. Special thanks to Kevin Norris for his design work. These sets are very limited and are sure to sell out very quickly. The initial offering will be at the convention with additional purchases of any remaining sets available after the convention.



Website Membership Directory: Check Sikora has volunteered to update the information on the club website. Richard Huber has also volunteered to help and is ready to assist if needed. Our volunteers are only authorized to eliminate all nonmembers and members that have been deceased. They cannot change any information concerning your e-mail address and any pertinent information you've listed. That is the responsibility of the member. This information if the updated properly offers a wide variety of options for other members to contact you. It is also important to properly format your information. Many names are transposed and quite a few have spelling errors. Please attempt to edit your information. Please contact me if you have any issues and I will direct you to the proper person.

Jim Whobrey /Club Photographer Chairman: Jim is developing a schedule by which all our club events will be properly recorded. I would please ask anyone interested in taking pictures to communicate with Jim so that there is no confusion as to the coverage needed to properly document and photograph the convention and any other club function. We have set up a drop box account so that all pictures taken will be available for us to retrieve for the magazine or any other needed purpose. Your candid photos of the convention and some events are very much needed and appreciated. Jim has authorization from his appointment to organize, schedule and implement his plan to achieve all that is required. Please contact Jim at jimwho55@hotmail.com at your convenience to coordinate our efforts.

Banquet Speaker Jonathon Ullman President and CEO of the Mob Museum will be our banquet speaker this year. He is sure to be one of our most informative and entertaining speaker yet. His presentation will cover many facets of his duties and responsibilities at the Mob Museum. You won't want to miss his great presentation. He will be bringing some Moonshine from their speakeasy to donate to our banquet raffle.

Pre-registration Packet The convention is getting closer and closer pre-registering is a great way to get some good values. Inside the packet will be coupons and casino items and much much more. With all the goodies the packet is worth well over \$75. The cost of pre-registering is only \$20. One of the top items is you will be able to enter the convention floor one hour before the official opening of the convention!!

Raffle Doug Smith is the raffle chair and he has solicited many great items for this years raffle. Get your tickets early and often for a chance to win a ton of items. Doug regularly posts on the board the many great donation to the raffle. This raffle along with the club auction are our two best moneymakers and help the club run smoothly throughout the year. Please support these two great events.

Until the next issue I wish all the members of this great club the very best. As always, your comments and suggestions are always welcome

Best Regards to all

Jerry Vergatos LM 8093-241
President
CCA
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Due to the overwhelming participation in the Personal Chip of the Year Contest, the CCA and the MoGH has authorized this to be a sanctioned annual event. To commemorate the inaugural 2018 contest, a poster of the entrants and winners has been created. The poster is 17 X 20 on medium weight paper with a matte finish, suitable for framing.

The Poster will also be available at the 2019 Convention for \$9.99

or can be ordered for \$14.99 to include shipping

All proceeds will go to the Museum of Gaming History.

If you would like this shipped please send a Check or Money Order made out to the MoGH for \$14.99 to

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1981 Rockledge Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89119.

Please no PayPal or Cash.
(Shipped included to the Continental US, foreign rates may apply).

The project would not have been possible without the efforts of Jim Whobrey, Todd Barrett, Jim Follis and Chuck Gajewski. Thank You for your efforts

Jerry Vergatos LM-8093-241
President CCA

A Message from the Vice President. Jim Follis



Greetings to everyone, near and far. We are very, very close to the Club's annual Convention and Show, and I wanted to take a moment to THANK our many wonderful Convention and year-round Volunteers. Without all of you working hard and diligently toward a common cause, the rest of the Convention and Show attendees would not have the great opportunity to renew friendships, add to their collections and otherwise have a great time in Las Vegas.

Within this wonderful publication and that of the Convention Program, you will see several lists of individuals that have volunteered their time and efforts. If you attend the Convention, you will also see that those individuals are identified with badge appendages that denote, "COMMITTEE" or "VOLUNTEER" or "ChipGuide ADMIN" or "OFFICER" or "EXHIBITOR". When encounter them, please take a moment to thank them for their involvement!

I would like to take a moment here to thank our President, Jerry Vergatos in his efforts to establish the CCA Newsletter. The CCA Newsletter is published monthly, as an email to all of our members, for which we have a valid email address. Published the 1st of every month (we have already delivered Issues 1 and 2) by the time you receive this great magazine, we will have sent out issue #3.

If you are NOT receiving the CCA Newsletter, then you **NEED** to get your email address added to our distribution list. You may do so by sending an email to Vergatos@msn.com and simply state... Add me to the Newsletter distribution, please, or words to that effect.

BREAKING NEWS!!!

Did you know that the Guinness Book of World Records has an entry for "World's Largest Collection of \$1 Casino Chips and Tokens"? It does! And at the Convention and Show this year, there will be an attempt to beat the current World Record. This is an authorized Guinness attempt and follows the criteria currently set forth by Guinness for this category. Win or lose, this type of event can be repeated in future years. Further details will be available at the Convention and in the July CCA Newsletter (Volume 1, Issue 5).

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Convention and Show and as a final thought here, I am thankful that the Convention did not fall on my wife's birthday this year (Sunday, June 23rd) and I'll say, Happy Birthday to Love of my life, Pam Focazio. In support to the MoGH, Pam will be spending much of here time at The MoGH Table (as will I), so stop by, say Hello and wish Pam a Happy Birthday!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Welcome to 'Membership Matters'. I'm Roy Nelson, your Membership Officer, and this column is my way of keeping you up to date regarding how we've been doing with membership recruitment and retention and what's next with these efforts. This is also my chance to remind you that keeping our club growing and viable requires everyone to do a little bit more. After all, 'Membership Is Everyone's Job'.

RECRUITMENT

2019 Membership Campaign—This year's Membership Campaign (our 3 month push to recruit new members) ran from February thru April with a goal of adding 25 new members to the CCA. We came close to meeting our goal by recruiting 22 new members! Thanks to the following 'Recruiters':

Ron Gaudette	Jerry Vergatos	Roy Nelson
John Zoesch	Joe Ehler	Carol Edgington
Doug Balduini	James Jackson	Chad Jimmerson
Pete Donnelly	Mitch Heller	

I'm already thinking about plans and incentives for our 2020 Campaign and will keep you posted. Recruiting new members is a critical first step in growing the CCA. The next important 'R' step is.....

RETENTION

Our CCA Board charged me, with the help of Rick Timmins, to form a group to brainstorm and develop recommendations related to how we might do a better job of retaining club members. A very small group of volunteers (Doug Balduini, Sheldon Smith and myself) met via phone conferences a few times and put together the 9 recommendations that follow. Some you see are new, some have been talked about and even tried in the past, and some are currently being implemented. If you would like to comment on, help with, or add to this list just contact me at membership@ccgtcc.com.

1. Create a membership brochure/application holder that can be displayed at local clubs, shows and businesses. (Our club brochure/application holder has been created and is in use. If your local club/show/business would like to display one at an event please contact me.)
2. Develop the capability to communicate with members on a regular basis via email. Vary the content and stagger its timing with the club magazine. (The CCA Newsletter is a reality! It, or its link, is sent to every member with an email address. Not getting yours? Contact me to make sure we have your email address and it is up to date.)
3. Track the effectiveness of our 'We Want You Back' letter. (This is a letter sent to all folks who have not renewed their membership for 2 consecutive quarters.)
4. Send expired members a 'Why You Left Us' survey to see if we can address issues before we lose members.
5. Gather contact information on non-members who attend the convention. Use this data to send an invitation to the following convention. (We recently mailed 250+ postcards to last years group with an invitation to join us again this year.)
6. Place a small 'Do You Collect Casino Chips?' ad in the Las Vegas, Atlantic City and Reno newspapers along with our website contact information..

7. Contact other organizations (such as ANA) to ask what strategies they use to retain their members.
 8. Create a badge or other ID for new/newer/first-time convention attendees. Encourage club members to welcome these folks.
 9. Plan a 'get together' geared to newer members at the convention and ask about what they would like to see from the club and how the club can meet their expectations.
- I, and all your Board members, encourage your comments, help with, or additions to these recommendations. We are just an email away!

WHERE HAVE ALL OUR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS GONE?

When Associate Membership became an option we were 'flooded' (in a good way) with members signing up family members to be 'Associates'. One of the goals of Associate Membership was to get and keep spouses/significant others and younger family members interested in our hobby with the hope they one day would become Regular Members. Well, over the past 3 years we have lost 101 Associates from our membership rolls! Obviously, kids move out and relationships change but I think it is just forgetfulness that has caused us to lose Associates. So, if you're one of those who has just forgot, now is the time enroll or re-enroll family members. The cost is still just \$5. Go to our club website (www.ccggtcc.com) and click the membership tab to get our Associate numbers back to where we want them to be.

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

So, how does our overall membership stand for the March-April-May period? (A reminder that 'Membership Matters' is written before the end of May, so the member renewal numbers below may change slightly.) Here we go:

Memberships Expiring in March	182
March-April-May Renewals	<u>154</u>
Net	-28
New Memberships	<u>22</u>
March-April-May Net	- 6

Looking ahead, our Summer and Fall recruiting periods have been our strongest so, to keep our membership going in the right direction it is vital that we give extra effort to our recruiting and retention efforts as we head to the convention and beyond.

MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYONE'S JOB !!

Happy Recruiting,
Roy

Correction for the Spring 2019 Issue 32-1

P 26. In the book review for "*Images of America Hot Springs from Capone to Costello By Robert K Raines*" a correction needs to be make. The sentence in the first paragraph should read; *This book goes into the gambling history of Hot Springs AR.* Not AK.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION NEWS



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

Attendance Tops 3,000 at National Money Show

The American Numismatic Association's (ANA) 2019 National Money Show® in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, welcomed a total of 3,002 people to the three-day event, held March 28-30 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. "The Pittsburgh convention was very successful thanks to the combined efforts of the great ANA staff and the tremendous support provided by PAN [Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists] and its volunteers," said ANA President Gary Adkins. "The show was well attended and the venue overlooking the river and skyline was incredible."

During the show's opening ceremonies on Thursday morning, President Adkins presented National Money Show Host Chair Pat McBride with the ANA Goodfellow Award in recognition of his service. Adkins also recognized the host club, PAN and its president, Tom Uram, with the Lewis S. Werner Host Club Award.



See \$1 Billion of Historic Rare Coins in Rosemont, IL, **August 13-17, 2019** Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Rd., Rosemont, IL 60018

Come see over one \$billion\$ of rare coins and colorful currency and find out what your old coins and paper money may be worth!

SHOW HOURS:

Tuesday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (FREE admission on Saturday!)

Last admission is 30 minutes prior to closing.

Admission is \$8 for the public; free for ANA members and children under 12. Admission is free on Saturday, August 17.



Aloha from the Old Grumpy Happy CCA Chipp'n Senior Column

Aloha All You Chipp'n CCA Chippers,

This is a BIO of fellow CCA Convention Volunteer Photographer & CCA Magazine Photography Chairman.

His name is Jim Whobrey. At our June Convention. Jim and I have too much fun taking our photos during the convention.

To cover the most ground and to take the most photos, we are never together, except during the banquet.

At the banquet, along with photographer Chuck Gajewski, we take candid sneaky shots of each other. Call it photo TAG!

Please enjoy reading Jim Whobrey's BIO.

And remember...SMILE for our Camera!

Ah Hui Hou & Okole MaLuna,

Quintin Kamm

R-8447

My name is Jim Whobrey. I'm 60 something years old. Semi-retired music educator, musical arranger/ composer, fine art photographer. Have been a member of CC>CC CCA for 19 years. Born in Indianapolis, Indiana. My parents moved to southern California in the 1950s. Started collecting Casino chips in 1965 while on a vacation with my parents in Lake Tahoe. My dad was a big coin collector and I had tried it, but just wasn't interested in coins. When I saw the colors and cool mold designs on chips I was hooked. I also started collecting LV dice at that time. My dad was a big craps shooter and he would give me dice on occasion. Back then you had to ask the pit boss for dice. The first chip I ever collected was a 25 cent pink small crown chip from the Nugget in Tahoe. Unfortunately, I lost that chip when my house was burglarized in 2012 when we lived in Torrance, CA, and my collection was stolen. My mom would bring me home chips from Las Vegas, mostly fractional's and a few \$1s. Had to sneak chips from her as my dad was totally against her giving me any chips at that age. Started seriously collecting chips and dice in the mid to late 70s when all I wanted was a \$1 chip from every Las Vegas Casino. My wife thought I was crazy bringing home chips without cashing them in. Dice were free for the asking at that time.

I almost gave up chip collecting after my collection was stolen but wanted to stay in the club as I had made so many friends over the years, and had learned so much about chips. Several years ago the So. Cal club met every month with attendance of about 15-20 members at every meeting. I have continued to replace some of my collection over the past few years (I focused on obsolete LV chips from, Mint, LV Hilton, Flamingo Hilton and the Desert Inn) but could never replace it all. I still focus on chips from the Mint Las Vegas (Steve Bedo nicknamed me "Mr. Mint") but have really increased my sample chip collection and have collected more and more large crown mold chips from anywhere.

I currently live in Rancho Mission Viejo, CA with my wife of 42 years, Andrea. We have two children, Adam and Ashley both in their mid 30s.

We are soon to be first time grandparents as my daughter is expecting her first child in August.

JW
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Local Casino Collectibles Club News

Nor-Cal-Nev Casino Collectibles Club



Saturday' chip dig was attended by 14 NCNCCC members and wives. Several members set up tables to sell. The NHS let some of us use the library to trade chips. No formal meeting as no officers were present. Howard "Howdy" Herz was very appreciative that we participated in the event. I did take some photos and have included a few here..

Raulin Mendonca



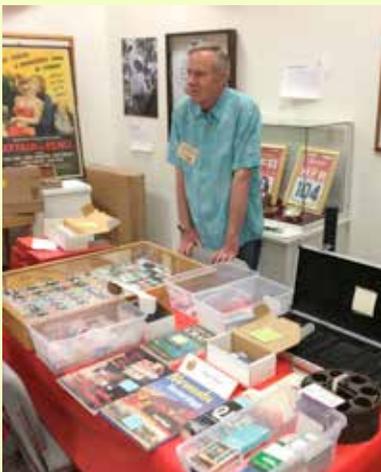
*Curt Squires and his wife
Diana and their table*



Bob McCollum



*Bill Judge's table with
NCNCCC member Richard
Siri looking at chips*



Steve Blust at his table



*Howdy Herz's table (A
NHS docent is seated there
helping Howdy)*



*Yes Bud had a table and Jay
is looking at the chips. Bud,
where were you??*

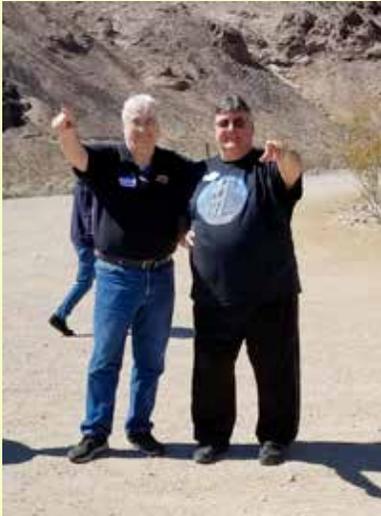


*Steve Passalacqua's at his
table*

Southern Nevada Casino Collectors Club



The Southern Nevada Casino Collectibles Club has had a great first quarter. **Rich Burgel** and President **Jerry Vergatos** put together a road trip to remember. We had 46 members sign up and spent the whole day touring historical sites in Northern Nevada. Rich provided many free gifts and special chips for all attendees. As our tour guide, he entertained us throughout the whole trip.



Our meetings which are averaging well over 48 members continues to provide our membership with some great speakers. Mr. Tom Dyer was our speaker in April. Tom is retiring as Exhibits Manager for the Nevada State Museum he spoke about the exhibits that he is in charge of procuring and maintaining! A great, informative and entertaining presentation!

Mr. David Schwartz was our speaker in March. David has been in the casino industry for the last 18 years! He is the analytics manager from MGM Resorts International! David spoke about the odds of winning at many different games and the difference between: DROP/HOLD/WIN at a casino! A great, informative and entertaining presentation!

Our June meeting will be on Wed June 19th at the Southpoint Hotel and Casino in the Joshua Room located very close to the Convention hall where the CCA show will be. The meeting will be from 3pm to 5pm with a special guest speaker to be announced shortly.

All are invited to our meetings which are at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino every second Tuesday of the month at 6pm. If you are interested in joining our club please contact our Membership Director Jaydon at jaydon9ogden@gmail.com
Our membership dues are only \$12 per year. Our current membership is at 194 and growing!!

Jerry Vergatos
President
SNCCC

NY Metro Chip Club

by Steve Miller



Charles Kaplan Ron Kirzner

Pete Volberg organized another meeting for the NY Metro Chip Club on Sunday April 14th. Unfortunately it conflicted with the Ohio Chip Show, but there was still a good turnout. We had a brisk trading session and an exchange of news and information.



Michael Siskin Harry Schoppman

Ohio's 8th Annual Casino Show

by Steve Miller

Mark Britton organized his Ohio's 8th Annual Casino Show Saturday April 13th. Once again it was held at the Double Tree Hotel in Westlake, OH. Mark runs a good show in a large room with wide aisles and plenty of space for setup. There is a trading session on Friday night for those who come in early and group dinner on Saturday after the show for those who want to attend. Mark gives out a prize for the best Personal Chip.



Mark & Tammy Britton



The Room



Mark Britton & Robert Baker



Ed Cohen & Charlie Turner



Dinner



The Chips

Silver Strikers Club

By Robb McPherson

If your interested in casino tokens with cars and/or Route 66, you will want to take break from the convention and cruise on down to the Four Queens Casino on Fremont St.. The tournament strikes feature the Route 66 theme this time around. If your interested in playing in the slot tournament, all the information is included below.



SILVER STRIKE

***\$10,000 SLOT TOURNAMENT**

June 21, 22, & 23, 2019

Package Includes

- **FREE** Three night stay at the Four Queens Hotel & Casino
- Welcome Cocktail Reception-Open Bar and Buffet
- Awards Ceremony with Cake and Champagne
- Limited Edition Silver Strike Token
- Entry into the *\$10,000 Slot Tournament
- **3 ROUNDS**

*With 1st Place taking home \$4,000

Schedule of Event

Royal Pavillion

Friday, June 21, 2019

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Welcome Cocktail Reception and Buffet
Slot Tournament Registration

Saturday, June 22, 2019

9:00am

Slot Tournament 1st Round and **TRADE SESSION**

1:00pm

Slot Tournament 2nd Round and **TRADE SESSION**

5:00pm

\$300 Coin Release

6:30pm

Silver Strike Club PIZZA PARTY

Sunday, June 23, 2019

9:00am

Slot Tournament 3rd Round

2:00pm

Slot Tournament Awards Ceremony with Cake and Champagne

Space is limited so call Room Reservations today at
(800)634-6045 (press #1) OR (702)385-4011

Ask for Theresa, Alba, Joe or Claudia

*Slot Tournament prize money is based on 150 participants and will pay 20 places.
Prize money will be adjusted based on actual entries.

Based on space availability. Prior reservations required. Package price is per person and based on double occupancy. **Single and No Room Needed Packages Available—please call for details.** Packages cannot be split. Tournament entry is non-transferable. Must be 21 years of age or older to enter. Offer may be modified at anytime. Tournament rules available at Welcome Party. Management reserves all rights.

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FOUR QUEENS
HOTEL & CASINO

Calling all local clubs!! This section is for all the CCA related clubs to show off what your club is doing and to promote your club!! All it takes is a short little note and lots of pictures. Just have someone in your club send in the information and pictures to Steve & I and we will do the rest.

editor@ccgtcc.com or editor2@ccgtcc.com



MUSINGS from the MoGH

From the Publicity Directors Desk,

Announcing the SECOND meeting of the MoGH BOD and the MoGH Advisory BOD.

This meeting will take place on June 17th, Monday at 9 AM to 12 NOON at the Mob Museum, in the OSCAR GOODMAN room.

We are moving on TWO fronts if not THREE towards an actual, honest to goodness brick & mortar museum. Kudos all the way around, but more on this as we move closer on the plans. Possibilities exist at a MAJOR CASINO and in cooperation with a MAJOR LAS VEGAS VENUE. Perhaps a ways off but our sights are set on success. Conversations are occurring along a wide range of issues including GRANT WRITING and FUND RAISING.

The meeting will last no more than 3 hours.

The MoGH is moving forward in its development and continues to need the input of professionals familiar with the gaming industry, museum workings and developmental issues revolving around the MoGH. We will have an agenda reflecting our progress over the last 12 months AND devoted to exploring how to move the MoGH from its relatively modest, mostly MINI-MUSEUMS & virtual, underpinnings.

The MoGH now has mini-museums established in the El Cortez Casino, The Plaza Casino, The Neon Museum, The Nevada State Museum, Spinettis Gaming Supply and the Mob Museum. We seek to go further and we solicit your help.

We must have your help. The BOD of the MoGH needs it from you, the ADVISORY BOARD, now more than ever. Your expertise in industry, museum activity, entrepreneurship, etc., must come into play. There is still a long road ahead.

Please help MoGH move yet another step closer.

Thank you,

Sheldon Smith
MoGH Board member
MoGH Publicity Director

MoGH Membership

By Jerry Vergatos LM-8093-241

As the Membership Director for the Museum of Gaming History I am pleased to report our growing upgraded membership Please consider upgrading your status and help support our efforts to someday build a museum. We added two new members this month.

There are many exciting projects coming and the MoGH needs your support to bring these projects to fruition. Visit our table at the convention and let's talk on how you can be part of the future.

Volunteers are also needed to help us achieve our goals. There is no required time commitment and we are very flexible.

To Learn More please visit our website at museumofgaminghistory.org

Founding Members/ Honorary Life Members

Mike Skelton	Doug Smith	Eric Rosenblum (Deceased)	Mike Quinlivan
Charles Kaplan	Wayne Thompson	Gene Trimble (Deceased)	Andy Hughes
Jim Kruse			

Life Members \$250 (one time)

Jerry Vergatos	Malcolm McNeal	Robert Pardue	Tony Kreuzsch
Michael Gersie	Ann Gersie	Gary Kuehl	Tom Lopez
Steve Palumbo	Ronald Gaudette	Mike Spinetti	Chuck Sikura IV
Don Priff			

Gold Members \$35 (Annually)

Barry Hauptman	Eduardo Estebanez	Erick Isackson	Alan Schuyler
Nate Pincus	Terry Vaughan	Rich Burgel	Ross Poppel
Rick Peterson	Steve Lauber	Paul Liscio	Erik Dauplaise
Pete Donnelly	Michael Blishak	Tom Pleau	Casey Burke
Dennis Lee	Roy Nelson	Jay Sands	Dennis Page
Ted Whiting	Jim Follis	Carol Vergatos	Sharon Nickson-Cox

The Board of Directors of the Museum of Gaming History wish to thank all the members listed who have made the commitment to continually support our efforts in providing exhibits and contents to further our name to the community.

Without their support we could not move forward.

Jerry Vergatos LM-8093-241, MoGH LM-0001

Membership Director

Museum of Gaming History

MoGH Promotional Items

The MoGH is pleased to offer many new and exciting promotional items this year at the convention.

- A new Tee shirt with a listing of all our exhibits
- Hoodies with our embroidered logo
- A limited edition set of Octagon chips
- A Limited Edition set of Plaques
- Sew on patches with our logo for hats and shirts
- Much, Much, More items

This year you will see that there is a lot of action happening at the MoGH table as well. We will be hosting the Personal Chip of the Year Contest, a visual presentation of the ChipGuide for you to actually see how it works. It's a very impressive data bank of Casino chips and memorabilia with over 200,000 scans, and we will be the headquarters for the balloting on the People's choice awards.

Please come by and talk to our board members, sign up for some free raffle prizes and see what we are all about.



CHIPGUIDE TRADE MAKER

by Charles Kaplan, LM-115-48

Hello. In 2018 the My Collection feature was added to the ChipGuide. With My Collection, you could easily track your collection, your Trade List and your Want List on the ChipGuide. And at your discretion, you could let others view your lists. My Collection has taken off well and as of now, there are 98,406 items in collector's My Collection lists, 28,853 items on Want Lists and 17,856 items on trade Lists. ChipGuide Query was updated for My Collection to allow collectors to view their lists and the lists of others' that they are permitted to see.

Recently the first My Collection enhancement has been rolled out. It is called Trade Maker. Trade Maker allows collectors to match up items on their want list with other's trade list and vice-versa in order to make a trade. And it is as easy as 1-2-3-4:

1. Select your want list or trade list.
After you make your selection, Trade Maker finds other collectors who have matches for your list.
2. Select another collector.
When you make a selection, Trade Maker will find all the items that match both lists.
3. Select the items that you want to make a trade for.
After you select the items, Trade Maker prepares an email for you to send to the other collector. You can add your own comments to the email, if desired.
4. Send the email.
You will also receive a copy of the email.

While Trade Maker may sound a little complicated, but it really isn't, it is very intuitive to use. Here, I'll show you.



Here's how you get to Trade Maker. First LOGON to the ChipGuide. You will see Trade Maker in the Member Services section.

Select Your Want List or Trade List

Optionally, you can select (Yes or No) whether you want to see other's lists, even if there are no matches to your list.



Select Another Collector

The list includes all collectors that have a Trade List on the ChipGuide. Their names are in GREEN if they have an item that matches your list, otherwise, they are in Red. I am picking Carl Shalit's Trade List to match against my Want List.

ChipGuide - A Catalog of Casino Chips and Collectibles

Trade Maker

Make a trade by matching your Want List with someone else's Trade List
or matching your Trade List with someone else's Want List

1) Do you want to see other collector's lists even if there are no matches?

2) Select your Want List or Trade List:

3) Select another collector's Trade List:

(Green = Match)

- Pete Klinger
- Robb McPherson
- Brian Meath
- Steve Millett
- MANUEL ORAMA
- Carl Pollock
- Luke Rapley
- Robert Reno
- Darren Roemhildt
- Mark Russell
- Jim Sarra
- Al Scalzo
- Carl Shalit**
- Sunday Silverman
- Dominic Sokolosky
- Peter Stackhouse
- Raymond Talbot
- Charlie Turner
- Marty Uresti
- Thomas Walton

Select the Items that you want to make a trade for

There are 3 matches, but I only want to trade for the Wind River \$1 chip, so I clicked on it (circled in **RED**) and the clicked on **CREATE EMAIL**.

ChipGuide - A Catalog of Casino Chips and Collectibles

Trade Maker

Make a trade by matching your Want List with someone else's Trade List or matching your Trade List with someone else's Want List

1) Do you want to see other collector's lists even if there are no matches? No

2) Select your Want List or Trade List:

3) Select another collector's Trade List:

(Green = Matches, Red = No Matches)

There are 3 items on these lists
Click each item you want in the trade and press the EMAIL button

		<input type="checkbox"/> CG026877 Denom: \$1 Mold: H&C (RHC) Color: White Valley View Casino Valley Center, California
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CG055540 Denom: \$1 Mold: H&C (RHC) Color: White Wind River Casino Riverton, Wyoming
		<input type="checkbox"/> CG074851 Denom: \$1 Mold: Plain Color: White Mazatzal Casino Payson, Arizona

Send the Email

I added a comment (circled in **RED**) and clicked on **SEND EMAIL**.

ChipGuide - A Catalog of Casino Chips and Collectibles	
<h3>Trade Maker</h3> <p>Make a trade by matching your Want List with someone else's Trade List or matching your Trade List with someone else's Want List</p> <p>Review the email, add (optional) comments, and press SEND EMAIL</p>	
To	cshalit@gmail.com
From	chas@ckaplan.com
Subject	ChipGuide Trade Maker Request
Body	<p>Carl Shalit,</p> <p>Hello. I am interested in trading for the items below from your Trade List. Please check out my Trade List on the ChipGuide and let me know if we can make a trade. Thanks.</p> <p>Note that the images are from ChipGuide and are not the actual images of the chips available for trade. Please confirm the condition of the chips prior</p>
Additional comments, if any	<p>Carl, see you at the convention.</p>
	<p>CG055540 Denom: \$1 Mold: H&C (RHC) Color: White</p> <p>Wind River Casino Riverton, Wyoming</p>
<p><input type="button" value="Send Email"/> <input type="button" value="Start Over"/></p>	

Email Sent Confirmation

ChipGuide - A Catalog of Casino Chips and Collectibles	
<h3>Trade Maker</h3> <p>Make a trade by matching your Want List with someone else's Trade List or matching your Trade List with someone else's Want List</p> <p>Congratulations - Your Trade Request has been emailed</p> <p><input type="button" value="Start Over"/></p>	

The Email

The email is sent to both of you.

From Charles Kaplan ★
Subject **ChipGuide Trade Maker Request**
Reply to chas@ckaplan.com ★
To cshalit@gmail.com ★
Cc chas@ckaplan.com ★

2:39 PM

Reply Forward Junk Delete More

Carl Shalit,

Hello. I am interested in trading for the items below from your Trade List. Please check out my Trade List on the ChipGuide and let me know if we can make a trade. Thanks.

Note that the images are from ChipGuide and are not the actual images of the chips available for trade. Please confirm the condition of the chips prior to making a trade.

Thank you,
Charles Kaplan
Carl, see you at the convention.

	<p>CG055540 Denom: \$1 Mold: H&C (RHC) Color: White</p> <p>Wind River Casino Riverton, Wyoming</p>
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Now it is time for Carl and I to work out a trade. This is really easy; the entire process, from start to email, took 6 clicks and was completed in less than 1 minute. Several collectors wrote to me saying that they have already many a few trades and love the Trade Maker. Are you going to try it?

If you would like to see a live demonstration of the ChipGuide Trade Maker, please attend the ChipGuide Seminar at the convention, Friday, June 21st at 3pm. I can't wait to see you there.

Members Corner

Jerry Vergatos LM 8093-241

Steve Miller LM-1069-245



Greetings to my fellow club members. Welcome to this edition of Members Corner. My newest victim is someone who we should all know. He is one half of the dynamic duo that are the club's magazine editors. Steve along with Robb McPherson do a fantastic job in putting out a world class publication. The Club magazine has won countless publishing awards based on their great efforts. I had the honor of presenting Steve and Robb with the President's Award last year for their fine work. I present to you **Steve Miller**.

Jerry: Where are you from and where do you currently live? Are you married? Children?

Steve: I was born in Brooklyn, NY. As a child my family moved to Levittown, then Melville both on Long Island and back to the city, Corona, Queens. After marrying my first wife, I moved to Jackson Heights, Queens and was there for about 16 years. When I married Tina in 1992, I moved in with her and her sons in the Bronx. In 1995 we all moved to Emerson, NJ. About the same distance from NYC except on the other side of the Hudson River.

Jerry: What is your career and how long have you been doing it?

Steve: I really don't remember not working. During my senior year of high school I started working in a movie theatre as an usher. I spent 16 years working for Walter Reade Organization. WRO operated about a dozen first run premiere theatres in Manhattan. So I was at many movie premieres over the years. When the company was merged out of existence, I was General Manager for Concession for the NYC district for 11 years. Basically I was chief, cook, and bottle washer. I handled all tasks needed to be done: hiring, payroll, inventory, repairs to equipment, directing contractors when opening new or replacing candy stands, merchandising, and anything else that came along.



My second career overlapped the last fourteen months at WRO. So I was working double shifts 12 days in a row. I entered the family business, (4th generation) stagehand in Local 1 of International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees. I started as an apprentice at ABC Television Electric Shop. When I received my full union card, I moved down to the Carpenter Shop to work, and then onto be a prop man on the soap opera *One Life to Live*. Over the 15 years working in Local 1, I also worked at Madison Square Garden, Broadway theatres, in the shops at NBC and CBS, the Daytime Emmys and more.

After we moved to Emerson I got involved with the school my stepsons attended. The Principal suggested that I would make a good teacher. With his mentoring, I finished college with 160 credits and got certified to teach. My timing was perfect; in July 2000 I had open heart surgery for a prolapsed mitral valve. I could no longer put in the hours that being a stagehand required. So February 1st 2001 I started teaching Business and Technology at Ridgefield Park Jr-Sr High School. It was the best job I ever had. I continued to add to my work load there, as school treasury, handling the funds for all school activities, and teaching Life Skills and Career Exploration for the extended year program for the multi-learning disable.

Life is never a straight line; Thanksgiving of 2007 I was diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma which caused me to spend six months in and out of Memorial Sloan Kettering. Then, in August of 2010, I had colon cancer. By the end of the school year in June 2011, I retired on disability.



*Me and
Beard of
Knowledge*



*Steve and Tina
at Coffee House*

Jerry: How did you come to be a collector of casino memorabilia/chip collecting?

Steve: Here is another long story. After getting divorced from my first wife, I started going to AC with friends after playing on their home set up. I had always played cards with family so blackjack was right up my alley. My friends convinced me to visit Vegas in 1984. On my first visit I stayed at the Hacienda in the motel units. We had dinner at the top of the Landmark, the Top of the Mint Steak House, and Center Stage and after seeing **Jubilee**, and Siegfried and Roy at the Frontier I was hooked.

After the first trip, I continued to come out once or twice a year to Vegas and made monthly trips to AC. When I was out in Vegas with my friends, who were night owls, I had the rental car to go where I pleased. So I wandered about to local casinos, North Las Vegas, Henderson, Pahrump, the Yesco grave yard, and many more sites. For me the big find was Bill Borland and Starr. I was a kid in a candy store. I have a Mint layout, chips, and much more I bought from Bill. He kept trying to convince me to become a dealer. If had not started dating Tina I might have. It was his store where I found out about CCGT&C and the magazine. Shortly after reading the magazine I became a member. I was so happy to find there were other idiots like me. Boy do I have stories from over 35 years of visits, and staying in over 30 hotels.

Jerry: Are you involved in any other hobbies aside from Casino Memorabilia?

Steve: I am interested in the entertainment business having grown up with it. I am a member of the American Truck Historical Society, and the Volvo Club of America. I attend auto and truck show and museums throughout the US. I like reading about Nevada history and its' relationship with organized crime. Trains, business history and antiquing are few other activities that keep me busy.

Jerry: I know you and you have a very outgoing personality. Have you connected with any other members?

Steve: For a long time, I really did not know too many people in the club. I did attend conventions at the Aladdin, Trop, and the Riviera but I didn't interact with many members. I had a gap of several years due to the kids and then teaching, that I really didn't do more than read the magazine. I did buy current chips from Tom at Coast to Coast and older ones from Doug's Chip Chat. So once I retired I decided to come every year to the convention and become active in the organization. Through the conventions and the magazine I have met so many members way too many to list. Not a lemon in the bunch.

Jerry: In what direction would you like to see the club go?

Steve: I like where we are headed with our relationships with other museums and displays in casinos. I think we should continue to expand into casino history of all kinds. I think a big tent of casino interests and associations with museums will help us survive in the long run. I know when I joined it was a club, but a club does not make us sound inclusive or give us credibility to the professional research that many of our members perform. So I think the new CCA name makes us sound more professional and inclusive (sorry Archie.)

Jerry: List the top things you like about our club.

Steve: I like being around people who have similar interests. I had a great time on Alan Schuyler's book tour, when he was fact checking his book. The convention with the speakers presented. I have met so many friends through CCA. The magazine, even before I became editor.



Alan Schuyler, Steve Palombo, Doug Smith & Me 2016



Tina @ Ohio Show 2018

Jerry: How do you think we could attract more members, young and old to our club?

Steve: Using the big tent theory, making more connections with other museums where we can show off CCA. Try to be more involved in presentations along with the show cases. Maybe have a night at the Neon Museum where we make a presentation instead of the usual docents. I know that some of the libraries around Las Vegas have exhibit space. This might be something to look in to. Organizing tours to outsiders. I know the local club did a tour. Continue connecting to other local groups that are trying to preserve Las Vegas history. We know a lot of people younger than most of us do not collect so we have to get them with experiences.

Jerry: Tell me something about yourself that no one knows.

Steve: Well I think there is quite a bit in what I have already told you. I miss working. For forty odd years I worked sixty plus hours a week and being retired for eight years now, I still miss working. I learned how to play craps in the Ziegfeld theatre box office. The Vice President of WRO taught my girlfriend and I to play craps, and most importantly always go to the table with the screaming woman.

Jerry: Since I love Jelly donuts what is your opinion about them?

Steve: Being gluten free because of Celiac disease, I have problems finding a good one anymore. When I lived in Queens there was a bakery that made excellent apricot jelly donuts.

Steve: Your final words

I really enjoy working on the Casino Collectible News. It gives me something to do and allows me to connect with members and Las Vegas. I wish I could be closer to Vegas to be more involved in saving the history of the golden years of gaming. It is difficult being on the east coast and seeing some of the opportunities that are offered in Las Vegas area that I cannot participate in. I hope that our organization continues to exist grow, and expand. I look forward to many more years of friends and participation.

Jerry's Final Words

Steve is a great member and continues to show his passion in dealing with the club magazine. I had the pleasure of talking to him at last years banquet and found him to be very knowledgeable and approachable person. His personable demeanor is a true credit to the club. Please feel free to reach out to him on his e-mail at lvsteve1@gmail.com

Thanks Steve for everything you do and I will see you in the magazine!!!

Minnie Van



Buddy Co-Pilot



Viva Las Vegas *Celebrating the 27th Annual* *CCA Convention*

By Steve Palumbo

It's getting close. Really close. We're only a few weeks away from-

The World's Largest Casino Collectibles Show.

This will be the CCA's 27th Annual Convention and I know that

You will want to be there!!!

Elvis

Elvis will be in the building. Come say hello to him at the Banquet dinner on Wednesday night between 5PM and 6PM.



Get your picture taken with the King.

It's time to Celebrate Vegas Style. Can you say Rat Pack, Elvis, Liberace, Casino's, Desert Sun, Gambling and Partying Vegas Style.

I am looking to seeing everyone and having a great time.

There will be, as usual, a huge number of events and a tremendous assortment of casino chips and other collectibles to purchase.

The Party begins on **Tuesday** night, June 18th, at the Silverado Lounge. Come by and say hello to some old friends and make some new ones. Have a drink, trade personal chips and talk about chip collecting and family. It's a great way to start the week. Starting time is 6:00PM, although a number of people show up earlier.

On **Wednesday** we will have a very special Educational Seminar. **Mr. Ted Whiting** is currently the Vice President of Corporate Surveillance at MGM Resorts International. He will do a fantastic seminar on "**Cheating in Las Vegas**". If you want to learn and see how some have done it, you won't want to miss this event. Learn how one devious group stole over \$800,000 at a black jack table in just 45 minutes.

Wednesday night we are having a fantastic **Viva Las Vegas Banquet** and get together. **Mr. Jonathan Ullman, President & CEO of The Mob Museum**, will be our guest speaker. He's a fascinating person with a tremendous story. You won't want to miss it. There will also be a great dinner. See you there.

Wednesday also features our awesome, annual **Blackjack Tournament**. It will take place at 9PM, at the Black Jack Pit adjacent to the Catalina Island Bar. You can pre-register or just walk on down and join.

Thursday morning will see the **Annual Ribbon Cutting**, at 9AM signaling the beginning of the 27th Annual CCA Convention. Our BOD's and myself(Steven Palumbo) will be doing the cutting honors.

The **Convention Doors then open to Pre-Registrants at 9AM**. You'll want to be among this first group to ensure that you get first choice of the great collectibles that the show has to offer. The **Pre-Registration Packet** is an outstanding value. Not only do you get in early but you get a special \$2.50 purchase Octagon chip, a \$2.00 food coupon, special chips and other items, a free ticket to the Mob Museum, a free ticket to the Neon Museum and a whole bunch more. You won't want to miss it. Also on **Thursday**, at 7PM, will be the Bruce Landau Memorial Auction. The Silent Auction will run during the convention show hours. Both of these events are always exciting. I've gotten several of my best buys from these auctions. We will also be hosting two educational seminars on Thursday. Our first for the day will be at 8AM and feature Michael Knapp.

Michael will be teaching "Chipology 101". At 3PM Charles Kaplan will present "Preserving Gaming History and the Chip Guide". There have been a lot of upgrades to the Chip Guide. You'll want to learn about them.

WOW!!! What a Day!!!

The Convention opens at 9AM on **Friday** and runs until 4PM. We will have 2 great educational seminars on **Friday**. The first, at 8AM, will feature Brenda Riemer. Brenda's seminar will be, "The Mental Game: Learning to Relax In Order to Win!!" I've got to see this one. I also need one on how to Learn to Relax After Losing. Maybe next year. At 3PM, we will have George Steel. His seminar sounds really interesting. Another must go and see. It is titled "A Study of Detroit Casino's". It sounds awesome. Also on **Friday** will be the **Splashy Awards in the Silverado Lounge** at 4:30PM and the annual **Gene Trimble Memorial Poker Challenge** at 6PM. Walk-ins are welcome.

There can be only one. Winner that is!!!

And just when you think that there couldn't possibly be anything more going on. Well, there is.

It's Saturday.

The show opens again on **Saturday** at 9AM. There will still be plenty of great buys to be found. At 12PM there will be the Exhibit Awards. There will be some great Exhibits this year including a try for a **Guinness Book of Record Exhibit**. At 2PM one of my favorite events will occur. For the second year they will be giving out the **Personal Chip of the Year Awards**. It was a lot of fun last year and you won't want to miss it this year. There's still time to have your very own personal chip made.

Rumor Alert!!! Rumor Alert!!!

There is a rumor circulating that Elvis (you probably didn't know he was huge chip collector) will be putting in an appearance at the show sometime on Saturday.

You won't want to miss that. So much fun, so many things to do and all in three days. How are we going to get it all done. We'll find a way. If you like chips, casino memorabilia, Vegas, get together, fun and much, much more, you won't want to miss the

27TH ANNUAL CCA CONVENTION

There will be so much fun that we should probably issue a health warning of some kind. So remember

Viva Las Vegas

SEE YOU SOON!!!



The Convention Merchandise



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CONVENTION SCHEDULE FOR 2019

Wednesday – June 19, 2019

9:00 am - 4:00pm - Pre-Registration and banquet ticket pick-up only. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS AT THE EXHIBITION AREA BOX OFFICE ACROSS FROM THE EXHIBIT HALLS.**

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

Dealer credentials required for entry

9:00 am to 1:00 pm - Slot Card Club Meeting - Joshau Room

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

No sales. Registration badge required for entry

1:00 pm - Educational Seminar – Joshua Room

Cheating in Las Vegas - Presented by Ted Whiting

3:00 Pm - 5:00 pm - S.N.C.C.C Club Meeting - Joshau Room

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: Jonathan Ullman - Mr. Ullman is President and CEO of the Mob Museum the National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement

Ticketed event – advance purchase only

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

No sales. Registration badge required for entry

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

Thursday – June 20, 2019

7:00 am - 9:00 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)

Chipology 101 - Presented by Michael Knapp

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

9:00 am - **RIBBON CUTTING** by Board of Directors 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

9:00 am to 4 pm - Pre Bidding begins on the 7:00PM Bruce Landau Memorial Auction

10:00 am - 2019 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 21, 2019

- 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
The Mental Game: Learning to Relax in Order to Win - Presented by Brenda Riemer
- 9:00 am** - Registration & Show floor opens – Exhibition Hall “C”
- 11:00 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
Sign up at the Registration Desk
- 2:00 pm** - Standards and Archives Committee Meeting – Cypress Room
- 3:00 pm** - Educational Seminar – Joshua Room
A Study of Detroit Casinos - Presented by George Steel
- 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
- 7:00 pm** - Gene Trimble Memorial Poker Challenge – Poker Room – Casino floor -
Walk-ins Welcome starting at **6:00Pm**. Tourney starts promptly at **7:00PM**

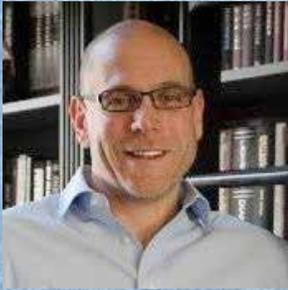
Saturday – June 22, 2019

- 7:00 am** - Dealers with credentials may enter showroom
- 7:30 am** - **Annual CC>CC/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”
- 2:00 pm** - Personal Chip Award of the Year - MoGH Tables 37 & 38
- 3:00 pm** - **2019 Show Closes – See you next year! SAVE THE DATES: June 18 – 20, 2020**
- 5:00 pm** - Dealers must vacate the show floor
- 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm** - **Volunteers’ Reception** – Exhibition Hall “D”
Guest Speaker: Dustin Marks.
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

2019 Convention Speakers

Early Bird Banquet Keynote Speaker: Mr Jonathan Ullman



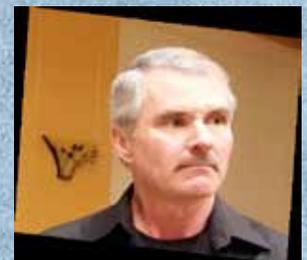
Jonathan Ullman is President & CEO of The Mob Museum, the National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement. The Mob Museum is a 501(c)3 nonprofit located in downtown Las Vegas, with a mission of advancing the public understanding of organized crime's history and impact on society. Reporting to a 22-member Board of Directors, Jonathan is responsible for leading the organization that has The Mob Museum been named both a "Top Workplace" and "Best Museum" by the Las Vegas Review Journal and ranked #20 on TripAdvisor's list of top museums in the United States.

Jonathan has spent over 20 years in a variety of management and leadership roles within the nonprofit industry. Jonathan's museum career began at Liberty Science Center, New Jersey's most visited museum, where he was intimately involved in the strategic planning and operationalizing of the facility following a \$109 million capital expansion. Over the years, Jonathan served in numerous capacities with responsibilities including intensive staff management, program oversight, and external relations. Immediately prior to joining The Mob Museum, Jonathan was the president and COO at the National Soccer Hall of Fame, where he led the dramatic transformation of the organization's operating model.

Jonathan earned his Bachelor's Degree from Rutgers College and his Masters of Business Administration from Rutgers Business School. A believer in the importance of community, Jonathan has volunteered on a number of nonprofit boards and community-driven initiatives. Jonathan currently serves as Chairperson of the Downtown Las Vegas Alliance. He is a graduating member of the LV Metro Police Department Citizens' Academy and the FBI Citizens' Academy, now serving as the President of the FBI Citizens' Academy Alumni Association. Additionally, Jonathan is a graduate of the Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Las Vegas program and a past Curriculum Chair. Jonathan resides in Las Vegas with his wife and three children.

Volunteers' Reception Keynote Speaker: Mr Dustin Marks

Dustin Marks is, without question, one the most successful blackjack cheaters in history. Possessing an uncanny ability to remain calm under pressure and the talent to perform undetectable sleight of hand under fire, he was employed as a blackjack dealer by several well-known casinos in Las Vegas during the 1980s. While under the watchful eye of casino surveillance systems and pit bosses, he beat the casinos and WAS NEVER CAUGHT! Dustin Marks is the author of several well-known books, including Cheating at Blackjack and Cheating at Blackjack Squared, both which have been updated (2016) and combined to create the seminal work on blackjack-cheating techniques.



Educational Seminar Speakers

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR #1 WEDNESDAY JUNE 19th, 1:00 PM

JOSHUA ROOM - Ted Whiting- "Cheating In Las Vegas"



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 and 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 and Casino project known as City Center. Ted became the director of Surveillance for City Center's Aria Resort and 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 at 12 properties in Las Vegas, Maryland and Massachusetts.

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR #2 THURSDAY JUNE 20st, 8:00 AM

JOSHUA ROOM - Michael Knapp & Dick Covington - "Chipology 101"

Dick Covington and Michael Knapp created Chipology 101 in 2000 to explain visually many of the terms, features and distinctions of casino chips. For example, what's the difference between a chip and a token? How do foreign chips differ from US chips? What's a jeton? What's the difference between antique chips and modern chips? Why do some people talk about poker chips - aren't they all? What's a crest and seal? Are inlays in the middle of a chip or around the edge? How do I read a chip description and envision what it looks like? What are the main distinguishing characteristics of chips? What does variety or variation mean? Whaddaya mean, there's stuff on a chip that I can't see?!

Chipology 101 is a seminar for new – and not so new – chippers. Chances are, everyone will learn something!

Dick Covington started collecting in 1992 and is a Lifetime Member. He is one of the original members of and is currently serving on the Standards and Archive Committee, Co-Chair of the club Auction (producing the Multi-media Auction presentation used during the Auction so that the audience can see the item(s) in the respective Lots with the bids from the Auction Floor shown live. Dick's graphic skills have also been used in the update of the Club Logo, creating: live casino chips for play at multiple casinos; convention program and auction covers; banquet dinner tickets; NCV chips used at both the conventions at the Orleans and the club logo for the Premium Tokens. Dick has also served as Convention Photographer/Co-Photographer since the the conventions at the Aladdin.

Michael Knapp is an original charter member of the Club and served as its secretary for its first 13 years. He is a member of the Hall of Fame and is an Honorary Life Member. He has served as convention co-chairman, educational director, and chairs the Standards and Archives Committee. He is the author of numerous articles for the Club magazine and co-authored The Chip Rack and The Gaming Table.



EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR #3 THURSDAY JUNE 20st, 3:00 PM

JOSHUA ROOM - Charles Kaplan - Preserving Gaming History & The ChipGuide



Charles will be presenting some of the many updates and changes that have been made to the Chip Guide. If you collect chips you'll want to attend Charles presentation on the many new things you can do with the Chip Guide.

Charles Kaplan, LM-115-48, is on the Museum of Gaming History Board of Directors 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 Carribean, obsolete \$1 Nevada chips and \$1 chips from everywhere.

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR #4 FRIDAY JUNE 21nd, 8:00 AM

JOSHUA ROOM - Brenda Riemer- "The Mental Game: Learning to Relax to Win"

Brenda Riemer will be discussing a few mental skills that people can practice in order to reduce anxiety and stress.

The philosophy behind a mental skills seminar is the fact that people are not born with perfect mental skills for competition (and life events). Just as you had to learn how to play poker (for example), you can learn how to overcome any nerves you might have in any situation. Brenda Riemer earned her Ph.D. in Sport Psychology from Michigan State University in 1996. Since then, she has taught Sport Psychology at the collegiate level and has worked with college and high school athletes, and other sport performers. Brenda is a professor at Eastern Michigan University.



EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR #5 FRIDAY JUNE 21nd, 3:00 PM

JOSHUA ROOM - George Steel- "A Study of Detroit Casinos"



George Steel is a retired Detroit attorney and a long-time member (R-361) of our club. As a life long Michigan resident and a casino history enthusiast he is very familiar with the inception and development of Detroit casinos. He has represented casinos in litigation and has had professional relationships with members of the Michigan Gaming Control Board.

At our 2019 convention George shall present "A Study of Detroit Casinos", an informative and entertaining perspective of the prelude and evolution of modern Detroit gaming.

Line-Up of Convention Exhibits and Exhibitors

Convention Exhibits are a keystone concept to the CCA's Educational activities, as a function of our 501 (c)(3), Not For Profit status with the IRS. Convention Exhibits, both Competitive and non-Competitive, along with the Trail of the MoGH Exhibits, Convention Seminars and the Greg Susong Digital Media Center (including it's now iconic, GhipGuide) the Club's multi-faceted Educational efforts are a hallmark of our membership.

At the Convention this year, we have a line-up of at least 6 confirmed Exhibitors and Exhibits, as of press time.

Those Competitive Exhibitors and Exhibits are, in no particular order,

Jerry Vergatos - "Baseball Chips and Silver Strikes"
Paul Schaffer - "Records are Made to be Broken" (working title)
Mary Lou Werner - "When Elvis was King of Las Vegas"
Rich Burgel - "How it's Made', an Inside Look at Chip Manufacturing"
Loretta Palumbo and Jennifer Mullins - "Eddie's Fabulous 50's"
Chuck Sikora - "The Sands of Atlantic City"
Jerry Birl - (Title pending)

The non-Competitive Exhibits and Exhibitors are, and again, in no particular order,

Trey Warren - "2018 OTY Nominees"
Michael Knapp - "Examples of Official Standards and Conditions"
Jim Follis - "VIVA Las Vegas" (downstairs display case)
Trey Warren - "All Past OTY Award Winners"

Jim Follis
The MoGH Board, Exhibits and Events

The 13th Annual Splashy Awards - By Doug Smith

Please join us for fun and festivities at the 13th Annual Brian Cashman "Memorial" Splashy Awards. The event will be held in the Silverado Lounge at the South Point on Friday just after the show closes, from 4:30 - 6:00Pm. This year we will recognize Chris "I volunteer for everything" Carlson for his outstanding dedication and honoring of the Splashbar Tradition. At this event we will also honor our events Founder, Brian Cashman as well as the other Splashbar members who have passed and who's memories we cherish. I hope to see you there to help us continue this great tradition and pay homage to "Mr. Splashbar"



Splashbar 2018

THE 2019 ANNUAL CCA CONVENTION RAFFLE

Want to win some great prizes and
support the CCA?

**THIS YEAR THE
PRIZE POOL INCLUDES
OVER \$4,000
TOTAL PRIZE VALUE**

5 - \$100 South Point Gift Cards
Set of 300 Brass Core Poker Chips in Case
40" LG HDTV Set New In Box
Over 3,000 Casino Chips Tokens, Matchbooks,
Slot Cards, Room Keys, Dice, Postcards, Paper Items,
Glassware, and Much, Much More !!!!!

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25
and available at the Raffle Table



Convention Volunteers

Did you sign up as a volunteer yet for this years convention? If not, volunteers are always needed and you can contact Scot Parriott at hkp4@icloud.com

Volunteers will be receiving the following:

A free pass to the Mob Musuem or the Neon Musuem

A catered Volunteer Reception on Saturday after the close of the Convention with Guest Speaker, Mr. Dustin Marks

A special raffle will be held at the Volunteer Reception (This will be a great prize)



2019 The Volunteer Plaque

2019 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 2019 CONVENTION STAFF:**

President, Jerry (Bag of Doughnuts) Vergatos

Vice-President, Jim Follis

Secretary, David Spragg

Treasurer, Steve Asrilant

Membership Chair, Roy Nelson

Legal Counsel, Eric Rosenblum, Emerituis

Hall of Fame President, Jim Steffner

Museum of Gaming History Chairperson, Mike Quinlivan

Convention Chairperson, Steven Palumbo

Pre-Registration Chairperson, Archie & Brenda Black

Pre-Registration Co-Chair, Miriam & JJ Engle

Convention Set-Up/Take Down Chairs, Alan Schuyler & Chris Carlson

Volunteer Coordinator, Scot Parriott

Graphic Designer, Todd Barrett

Convention Program Editor, Todd Barrett

Promotions and Property Director, Roy Nelson

Bruce Landau Memorial Auction Co-Chairs, David Spragg and Jay Sands

Auctioneer, Tyrus Mulkey

Black Jack and Poker Tournament Directors, Jerry Vergatos and David Sowell

Publicity Director and Advertising, Rich Burgel

Social Media Director, Jay & Evy Ogden

Banquet Master of Ceremonies, Wayne Thompson

Casino Collectibles News Editors, Robb McPherson and Steve Miller

MY CLUB 50 STORY

By Rich Burgel R839 /R8816

Since I retired to Nevada around 1997 I had a big ambition to explore all of the small towns and historic area's of the Silver State. This story is about the long gone Club 50 Bar Cafe & little Casino. About 1942 until the late 1970's, the Sundrud family owned and operated this watering hole located around 15 miles outside of Ely and halfway to McGill, Nevada. Federal Highway 50 was part of the original "Lincoln Highway" ... famous for being the start of the U.S. Highway System across America.

Club 50 was situated on around 10 acres, with land on both sides of the highway and a railroad crossing. The Club offered a long large pinewood bar with a dance floor and a big fireplace, for a short period they offered live 21 and a few slots. Famous for the big steak dinners served in the cafe ... people would come from all over the area for these juicy steak dinners. Other ammenities included a small RV park & campground located on the westside of the property plenty of truck driver parking and a small tourist gift shop in the cafe. In it's hey days ... the Club 50 was a thriving stop along the highway, truckers, tourists, locals and railroad men all loved the friendly family hospitality and good food.



And now my story at Club 50 begins. I got a call from fellow chipper James Campiglia that the Club 50 was up for sale and I may be able to get a great deal and re-open the Club. Since I was recently divorced, I thought what the heck, take a look ... I had a background in bartending, cooking, and even Casino Hotel Management. In February 2005 I took a friend and my new big Chevy truck from Las Vegas up to Ely. We stayed a few days at the historic Nevada Hotel and I scouted around the area to see if this old club could become alive once again. I had no idea how cold it gets up north in the Ely area as the altitude gets much higher in Nevada as you travel North.

I met with the local realtor and we surveyed the property. It was boarded up and was in desperate need of repair, but mostly cosmetic. We went inside and behold a beautiful long large bar with old swivel stools, and a nice pinewood back bar, a large brick Club 50 fireplace along with a working upright piano. I said to myself I could really decorate the bar & room with great old gambling photos and Nevada memoribilla. The kitchen area was already halfway remodeled with a new sink and prep area. I was getting excited about this project, I could see the Club 50 alive again. We went downstairs and I found an old Club 50 Calender and some old bottles ... the realtor said take them with you.



We went around back and there was 2 small rooms with baths attached to the building, I asked what were these? ... He said they were for the cook and helpers to live in as part of their pay. Next door to the Club was the owners house and a smaller house they rented out for income. It all was adding up to a good investment ... I could bring up my big motorhome and live in it while the restoration and remodel was going on and (a) open RV park rentals ... (b) open gaming 15 slots ... (c) open Cafe / Steak House (d) open Bar & Entertainment once again. A package liquor license, RV Camp license, a Bar license, a restaurant license, a 15 machine slot license ... all were all available at Club 50.

I left town after a whirlwind of emotions and ideas only to return a week later with a offer to buy. I had a check with me and I was ready to open escrow ... wow I was about to own a little Bar Cafe Casino ... I may have to wear western attire and grow a beard.

The next day I had some big doubts about what I just did and they were rattling around in my mind ... ok I said, why has no one in town bought the Club 50 and opened it? If it was such a good deal ... how come it was still sitting idle? I got in my truck and drove to the White Pine County office to ask some hard questions ... I met with the sweetest elderly lady who ran most of the departments ... I told her of my new project and she shook her head and said you look like a nice young man ... the liquor license is only \$25 for the year, but it could cost you much much more. I tried to have her elaborate, but she said just ask around ... some of the old Club 50 customers will tell you stories that I cannot because of my job with the county. I thanked her and left a bit confused and more skeptical ... I spent the night in Ely & McGill going to the bars to ask the locals about Club 50 and it's closing.

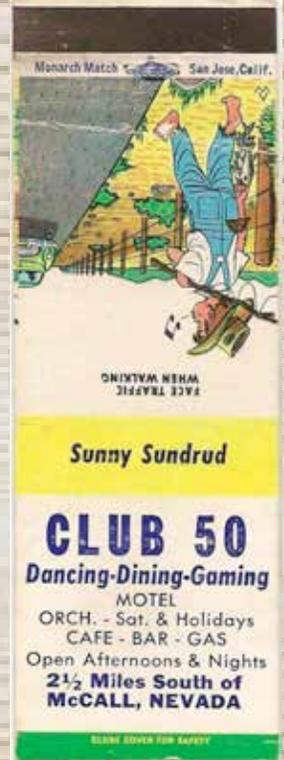


Lo and behold ... it turns out that the powerful new owners of a famous hotel, casino & brothel in Ely ... did not want any new competition, after all Ely is a small market for gambling, drinking and dining. The White Pine Sheriffs Department got the word to sit down the road from Club 50 at night and catch the locals for D.U.I.'s after the word got out, that if you drink or eat at Club 50, you probably will get pulled over on your way home. It was a very effective way to stop your competition, after all it was out in the middle of almost no-where and you had to drive out there to have fun and get one of their famous steaks. Club 50 closed in the late 1970's and sadly has never re-opened. I thank god for the sweet old clerk at the county office, she opened my eyes and saved me a bundle.



Bruce Sundrud was the son of Sunny the father and owner ... Bruce grew up there and moved away in the late 1970's ... many people have tried to purchase the giant neon Club 50 sign on the highway. I even tried, but to no avail ... I hope someone, maybe Jim Marsh (Skyline Casino) will buy this landmark on the lonely highway 50. Last I heard someone got that sign in 2018 ... and that is my (almost) bought the Club 50 story!!....I will C U IN LAS VEGASthanks for reading my story ...Rich Burgel

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A Forensic Investigation Into Illegal Gambling History in Florida and Illinois

by Ed Hertel

The availability of the chip manufacturing records of various companies has been an absolute boon to the researchers of gambling history. Before we had the opportunity to look into these time capsules of information, it was practically impossible to legitimately attribute most obscure chips. (Not that people didn't have a field day making up all sorts of wild claims – some still do.) With records from such companies as Taylor & Co, Mason & Co, Jones Brothers, and others, we are now able to see who originally ordered the chips, and sometimes much more.

I think, however, it's important to remember that the information on these cards are just the tip of the iceberg. So often collectors see a club name on the record, label their chip, and move on. If a name is all they are looking for, they are usually denying themselves of so much more. The information on the records are just facts, nothing more. Beyond the basic information is often a treasure trove of history that can be both fascinating and highly entertaining. History taught using only names and dates is boring, but to bring out the subtext and build a narrative behind the raw facts makes it engaging.

For me, the hunt for history is exciting. The moments of discovery by tying loose ends is both entertaining and rewarding. That "ah ha!" moment when something clicks into place is exhilarating – and I've had many of them.

I'm often asked how I go about researching illegal chips and their clubs, and my answer is

always the same... "Every one is different." There is no formula or step-by-step process. Some chips are easy and reveal their histories by a simple Google search. Others hide their secrets more closely and require calls to local libraries, interviews with family members and sometimes, unfortunately, speculations and informed guesses.

Usually, however, a research project falls somewhere in the middle where key sources such as city directories and archived newspapers are good places to find much of the information. An example of a complex project came from one particularly busy manufacturer record from Taylor & Co. for a couple chips marked with a simple hotstamp of a top hat. The record as a mess of writing, some crossed out, some cut off, notes everywhere. It's the kind of record that most people would discard, believing the chips were rejected for some reason, or the club was a no-go. Jumping to this conclusion would be a mistake however as this card had much to say, but only if we are able to unravel its secrets. In order to get to the bottom of this, we need to go full out Quincy on this thing and dissect it piece by piece.

Let's open a new case...



THE CHIPS AND RECORD

The chips that started this project were pretty basic. Made by Taylor & Co, they bore a hotstamp of a top hat and were made with the company's "T's" mold. The exact hotstamp was on two other orders, but those used the "harp" and "Raised Circle" molds.



Upon inspection of the card, it was obvious these chips had been through a lot. The card was filled from top to bottom with writing. The only way to make sense of it was to start at the beginning and see what could be pieced together.

Starting with the first slide (1) on the dissection we see who originally ordered the chips. The address has been struck through, indicating a return and resale (to be dealt with later), but for now we need to understand the "who". Unfortunately the "Name" has been partially cut off. It seems the cut was not due to a copy error, but the original card had been trimmed and some information lost. All we know for sure, whoever ordered the chips had them sent to "US Rt #1, Pompano, Fla."

Looking closely at the name line I can maybe make out a few words – perhaps "Pump" and it looks like "Club" at the end. That's a good place to begin the investigation.

I started ploughing through my sources and couldn't find mention of a Pump Club and

nothing is coming up on the address. If a club did indeed exist there, it was either a secret, or very short lived. In this particular case, we do have a backup source that might be helpful. In the 1950s, an investigation by Senator (and presidential hopeful) Estes Kefauver into illegal gambling was in full swing. The committee had sent subpoenas to most of the well-known gamblers and crime bosses, as well as some companies which catered to the gambling industry. Taylor & Company had received a subpoena in 1951 requesting that they send in a copy of the customer list, which they complied and we have available. Lucky for us, this request came in just after the chips were ordered, and a scan through the hundreds of names brings up only one possible listing for Pompano, Florida:

LIST OF ACCOUNTS OF
TAYLOR AND COMPANY,
4848 West 25th St.
Cicero, Illinois

Dick Guest
c/o The Romp Club
U. S. Route #1
Pompano, Fla.

According to the Taylor directory, the "Romp Club" was located off of U.S. Rt #1 and it seems like a good fit for the clipped name on the original card. However, my research was still coming up with nothing. But here, we get a luckily break in that the name "Dick Guest" was also included. Research into him would bare much riper fruit.

Looking back at our spliced Taylor record, we see from (2) that the original chips were ordered in January 1950. If I wanted to find out what these chips were used for, I needed to see what this Dick Guest was doing around this time.

An article from the Fort Lauderdale Daily News titled "Gamblers Seek Green Light At Beach Spot" from November 23, 1949, ended with: "... A mile north of Pompano Beach a lavishly decorated former boat is being fitted out... One of the owners is Dick Guest, a New York gambler..."

The article said Dick Guest was starting operations in Pompano, and it didn't take long for me to find ample material about his history.

Richard C. Guest, alias Dandy Phil Castell, started hustling in New York in the late 1920s. Despite later being called a "gambler", he started his career as nothing more than a low rent con-man. His specialty was in setting up dummy companies and convincing people to pay him a small fee in exchange for a paying job. Being the Depression, there was no lack of desperate people needing work. His preying on the unemployed earned him a lashing from a judge calling him "undoubtedly the meanest man in town".

Between running scams, Dick Guest had a go at running small time poker games around town. This must have been much easier than constantly looking for marks as the gamblers always seem to find him. It was time to move his practice.

As news of him moving into the Pompano area were reported, notices of a new club

started popping up, but not exactly what I had expected. The December 22, 1949 issue of the *Palm Beach Post* proclaimed "New Pomp Club Opening Dec. 30" followed by "the supper club, operated by Richard Guest of Pompano and New York..."

We now have new information, no longer are we looking for the Romp Club as the Taylor directory listed, but instead the "Pomp Club". (This happens more times than you might think. The manufacturers records aren't always correct, and slight spelling changes should be considered when tracking down information.)

THE POMP CLUB

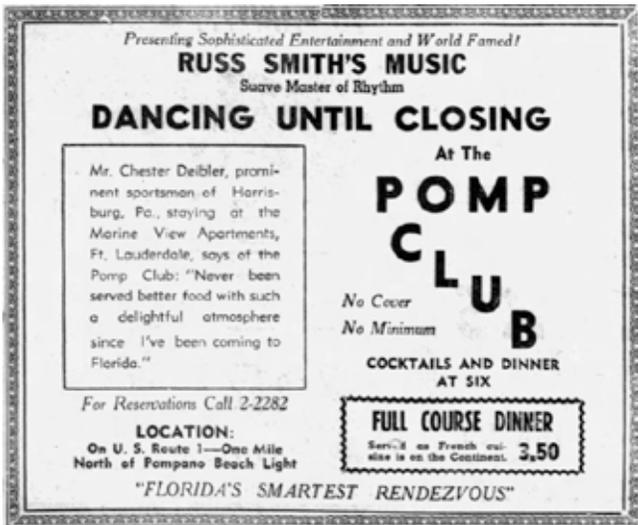
News of Dick Guest's new venture in Pompano Beach started in August 1949 when locals awoke to find a large barge that had been run aground in a slip just off the highway and a mere 1,000 feet from the city limits. The land was owned by a local artist and civic leader who sternly denied the boat would be used for any wrongdoing. He stated quite clearly, "I want to emphatically and positively be on the record as stating that no building or boat or structure of any kind ever will be used on my property for purposes which are against the laws and morals of the community."



Picture of the Pomp Club barge in its slip on the land of local Pompano Beach painter H. J. Cope.
(*Fort Lauderdale Daily News*, August 15, 1949)

Despite this clear declaration, whispers were soon rampant that linked the barge to none other than Richard C. Guest, renown New York gambler with a history in the area. It had only been two years since Guest had tried opening a floating casino just south of Miami. With a story that sounded familiar to the Pompano boat, Guest had purchased a failing dinner cruise barge called the *Atlantis*, renamed it *The Ship*, and started running it as an illegal gambling casino. The Dade County commissioners acted quickly to get the boat removed and it closed almost immediately.

Now, it seemed he was using the same trick to bring a new club to Pompano Beach. As the new year approached, more information about this Pomp Club was starting to be publicized. The grand opening would be December 30, 1949, giving it a day to work out the kinks before New Year's Eve. The club was reported to have seating capacity for 150 guests who would be entertained by the orchestra from the famous Stork Club in New York City and fed by chefs from the Arrowhead Club in Saratoga. Dick Guest was going all out to make sure he had the goods to bring in the crème of the crop of the local patrons.



Not surprisingly, there was no mention of gambling in any of the press releases. Dick Guest's reputation and the Taylor record of the chip order tell that story. Although the chips were shipped on January, 11, 1950 and would miss the grand opening, they were still in time

for plenty of action. It looked like Dick Guest and his Pomp Club were heading for success.

As seen on item (3) in our Taylor record, the chips were returned February 20, 1950, less than two months after the club's grand opening. Clearly this is not an example of a club never opening. Also, we don't immediately suspect that the chips were mistakes because we don't have a re-order. Can research uncover what happened?

PROBLEMS AT THE POMP CLUB

The difficulties at the Pomp Club came quickly, and for once it wasn't law enforcement applying all of the pressure.

Even before the barge ever moved to Pompano Beach, Dick Guest had taken on a partner named Charles Thoms who provided the capital for most of the furnishings in exchange for a third interest in the club. From the start Thoms reiterated, in no uncertain terms, that he wanted the barge to be run as a legitimate dinner club – nothing illegal. Guest, having ideas of his own, had the barge hauled off to Pompano Beach without even letting Thoms know. When word spread about the Pomp Club's notoriety for gambling, Thoms was incensed.

On February 15, 1950, Charles Thoms filed a suit against Dick Guest enjoining him from running the Pomp Club as a gambling house. He claimed that "gambling endangered his interest and risks the property being confiscated by law enforcement officials."

While the courts took their time processing the complaint, Dick Guest put the club on lockdown. Rumors of the boat working as a "sneak joint" were bandied around, but it was clear that gambling, for the most part, was on hold.

In the meantime, Florida was in the midst of a complete gambling shut-down. On February 23, 1950, then Governor Fuller Warren sent a short letter to all sheriffs,

constables and state attorneys saying simply, "You are directed to use the full power of your office to enforce strictly all laws, particularly the laws against gambling."

It was obvious to Dick Guest that the future of gambling at the Pomp Club was pretty dim. He sold his interest in the barge, returned the chips, and left Pompano. The short gambling life of the Pomp Club was over almost before it began.

The Pomp Club, under new ownership, would take one more shot in 1954, but this time as a legitimate dinner club. As a substitute for roulette they offered steaks. Instead of dice, they rolled cigars.

The club was a failure and closed before the year was done.

Richard Guest's problems didn't end with the closing of the Pomp Club. A lifetime of hustle was catching up and he spent 1950 ducking a Kefauver Senate Crime Committee looking at collusion between the governor and gamblers, as well as fighting extradition to New Mexico on a check fraud case.

Guest's story in Florida was not entirely complete however. Despite his epic failures with the Atlantis, aka The Ship, and then the Pomp Club, Guest would show up again a couple of years later when it was reported in March 1952 that he "has converted a war surplus barge into a unique dining spot" in north Miami and called it the *Vessel*. No mention of gambling, but did it really need to?

And so that ends the history of the chips association with the Pomp Club, but according to the Taylor record, there is still some story left to tell. Slicing out the piece marked (4), we find the location of the person who purchased the slightly used chips a couple months after being returned (no doubt for a considerable discount). Again, we find that this name has been clipped, although this time we have an entire unique address and most of the name visible.

THE CHIPS MOVE ON

Since the address is full, we could go straight into city directories and see if we can find a hit, but instead, since the date is still prior to the Kefauver request, I checked the Taylor directory and came up with the entry easily.

Art Strange
c/o Clark's Pool Hall
757 N. Water St
Decatur, Ill.

The name Clark's Pool Hall fits nicely into the partial clipped name on the record. Along with it, we get the name Art Strange.

Any notion that Art Strange was using these chips for his own personal use is quickly dispelled with a deeper dive into his long history. Going back into the late 1920s, Strange is being associated with various bars serving liquor. What makes this newsworthy is that the country was in the middle of a national Prohibition against alcohol. His keeping of disorderly houses and bootlegging earned him numerous visits to court and a stay in county prison.

During the 1930s, he moved from liquor to gambling with equal notoriety as he was busted time and again for running poker and gin rummy games all over town. After a couple decades of operating from various locations, Art Strange formally teamed up in 1946 with F. E. Clark in his pool hall at 757 North Water Street.

His reputation as a man that shouldn't be crossed might have played a part in a bizarre robbery that occurred in November 1947. One night after hours, a burglar broke into the poolroom and cleaned out the register of everything but some loose pennies. An investigation ensued, and although a suspect was questioned, nothing could be proven. Then, in what the police called a "unique experience", a man walked into the police station and confessed to the crime. His stated reason was guilt, saying "I've got to get it off my conscience", but I wonder if it might have

been something a little more weightier than his conscious bringing him in.

Gambling at Clark and Strange's poolhall is confirmed in May 1953 (three years after the chips were purchased) when a raid on the café found eight men playing poker.



Around 1956, Strange would move down the street to 835 North Water, but the action was still the same. In 1959, he was caught in a raid and again a poker game in action was taking place. It had been a lifetime of eschewing the law and no doubt that played a large part in his decision to retire to Las Vegas. There, he could play poker in peace until he passed away 1971.

To finish up our examination of the Taylor card, we look to further sales of the tophat resale. There is a note (5) that states "To protect Art Strange, do not sell remainder of checks in Illinois". This of course is to ensure than no one could buy chips from Taylor, and then introduce them into Strange's game. Whether this was a request from Strange himself, or a courtesy from Taylor & Co, it was a kind gesture that was all but ignored. As seen in (6), in October 1950 the chips were sold to C. E. Staton in Sterling, Illinois, then again in April 1951 to Taylor's Quiver Beach Inn in Havana, Illinois.

I doubt the employees filling orders looked too closely at the card asking them not to sell in the state of Illinois. That being said, it's

probably unlikely someone would try to "ring in" chips into a small game such as those at Art Strange's poolroom. From the raids, it seems they were mostly a one table poker affair and additional chips would probably be easily accounted for and no doubt the perpetrator dealt with appropriately.

The first Illinois order was delivered to Charles E. Staton's house. As a carpenter from Sterling, its unlikely these chips were used for anything more than home play.

The second Illinois order went to the Quiver Beach Inn in Havana, Illinois. Havana was a town bustling with illegal gambling, so it is not unlikely the Quiver Beach Inn might have put these chips to use. According to an ad from 1951, they were a dinner club with food and entertainment. Be sure to try the fried turtle!



Well, that wraps up our examination of one of the busiest manufacturer's cards you'll ever see. Just imagine if upon looking at the card it was dismissed on the assumption that returned chips probably had no history attached. It just goes to prove that you never know what you'll find unless you go out and look.

Waitangi Day

By John K. Kallman
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There are many different ways to add to one's collecting of what ever it is that is casino related. One such way is to actually go to the casino(s) from time to time and see what if anything is new or different. Or, conversely, is old and removed.

If there are several casinos within a small confined area and you can get to more than one on a day trip, that is even better! Of course, there are many areas where this is not possible. New Zealand is one such place.

As with any endeavor, it is always wise to insure before departure, that the casinos will in fact be open once you get there, and that there is no major road construction / repair that would impair you getting to your desired location.

Even with the best of planning, sometimes things still go awry! Such was the case in my most recent trip to New Zealand to visit all the casinos there as well as some Harley Davidson locations that were not too far distant from the intended journey's path.

While I have been to all of the casinos located there at least once (or more), getting to them, is as they say, half the fun! One of the nicest ways is by cruise lines. Depending upon which line you sail with, many either start, end, or at least visit Auckland. From there, it is an easy day trip to nearby Hamilton with nearly hourly bus trips there (and back again).

The two hardest locations are the two casinos located in Queenstown. Many cruise lines offer a two-day excursion that among other things, spends an overnight stay in that city before rejoining the cruise at a different port of call. While the buses do stop at Dunedin, where another casino is located, it is only long enough to allow for the bus traveler's a quick visit to public restrooms that are not moving, and does not afford sufficient time to visit the casino which is only a few blocks away. Of course, if you opt out of that trip; you can visit the casino in Dunedin, which is only a short bus ride from the port of call, but still too far away to make the casinos in Queenstown.

Like Australia, the number of casinos within a certain geographical area are limited both by design as well as exclusive contracts that insure there will be little if any competition. While some areas allow small alcoves of slot machines, there is rarely any associated memorabilia to go along with them. Players cards are few and far between. Most take coins of the realm or paper money, they usually dispense coins and rarely if ever dispensing Ticket In / Ticket Out (TITO's).

With the exception of Queenstown, there is only a single casino located in the six cities that do permit full line casinos to operate. Thus, for my most recent visit there, along with my chip running friend, Matt Elliott, planning for this trip started a full year before actual departure. We were to meet in Auckland and on day two, take the day trip to Hamilton for a short visit before flying down to Christchurch (too far to drive). There, we

would get a rental car with a visit to Dunedin the next day before going to Queenstown, where after our visit, the rental car would be deposited at the airport before flying to Matt's place for the remainder of the trip.

Since I had already been to these casinos, it was only a matter of finding the information necessary to make it to any Harley-Davidson dealers that were more or less along the intended route. The trip was planned such that our arrival was a few days after the start of the Chinese New Years in hopes that related chips would be on the tables for those casinos that issued them.

There is a Harley dealer located in Auckland, but our flight was such that by the time that we cleared customs, got to the hotel and had time to freshen up, it was too late in the day to get there before they closed. But the fall back plan was to visit them the next morning shortly after they were scheduled to open, before heading to the bus terminal for the day trip down to Hamilton that day.

And that is where Waitangi Day comes in. While there were numerous news articles about the impending day both in print and on television once we arrived, neither of us took much notice as we were totally unaware of either the significance nor the reason for it at all! As it turns out, Waitangi Day is the national day of New Zealand, and commemorates the signing, on 6 February 1840, of the Treaty of Waitangi. Think of it as America's 4th of July Celebration. Ceremonies take place at Waitangi, Northland to commemorate the signing of the treaty, which is regarded as New Zealand's founding document. The day is observed annually and is designated a public holiday, unless 6 February falls on a Saturday or Sunday, when the Monday that immediately follows becomes the public holiday. As such, many places of business, including Harley Davidson dealers are closed. This, we found out, the hard way!

Sky City Auckland, while they had introduced a new rack since my last visit, these had been on the tables for a while, and I already had most if not all of the denominations that I collect so it was only a matter of checking the tables to insure that my information and collection was up to date, that nothing new had been added, and to pickup a few spares for resale.

New slot cards were available, and used at all of the casinos which they manage. I was able to acquire 3 of the 4 levels of cards currently in use!





The following day, we were up early and planned to have breakfast after visiting the Harley dealer and before our bus trip to Hamilton. The front desk staff called for a taxi and we were off. Our hotel was in the middle of the city, and I thought it somewhat strange of the lack of traffic since it was a “work” day, as well as the number of places that appeared to be closed.

Like Australia, New Zealand “groups” it’s business by type so that all companies selling or providing maintenance / repair for various modes of transportation are all grouped in a centralized area. We arrived at the Harley dealer a few minutes before there advertised opening time. Up and down the block, there was not only little if any traffic, it did not appear that any of the related business were even open or in the process of getting ready to open. While the driver was not a native to New Zealand, he had lived there long enough to be able to inform us as to the significance of the day, and while most places of business, including this one, would probably NOT be open! So much for not only Plan “A”, but our intended visit to the Harley dealer in Hamilton was likewise going to be a wash!

Sky City Hamilton is what one would consider a “boutique” casino. It is only a short walk from the bus terminal and if nothing else, the stroll helps you unlimber from the 90-minute bus trip. Again, there was nothing “new” at the casino, and like its bigger sister casino in Auckland, no Chinese New Year chips either. The only thing of note is that \$1 chips are no longer on the tables and while the cashier’s cage had a sign indicating that they DID sell chips from the cage, none were there either and the only \$2.50 chips that were available were those on the tables as no spares were available from the cage either. One wonders if these at some stage will like-wise be discontinued or that they are simply awaiting a new rack or re-order to arrive?

Both Sky City Hamilton along with Auckland have nearly identical TITO’s with only the name of the casino on the opposite side denoting the location being the difference between the casinos.



Similar TITO’s are also in use at Christchurch Casino (although unaffiliated with the Sky City organization) and of course, the Sky City Queenstown Casino. The Sky City Wharf

Casino machines do NOT issue TITO's, and of course, the Dunedin Casino has its own TITO!

Things improved greatly the next day after a very short flight from Auckland to Christchurch. After getting our rental car, we drove by where we would be staying as it was along the way to the Harley dealer, who, thankfully, was open! While pickings were slim, at least we were able to get all of five (5) chips from this location!



Back to the hotel, check-in, a quick freshen-up, and with map in hand, we were off for a leisurely stroll to the casino, going this way and that in hopes of finding a nice place not only for supper that evening but breakfast the next day as well.

There was little new here, but this casino had issued Chinese New Year chips in the past and nice bright shiny Year of the Pig \$5 chips were on the tables when we arrived!



While I had left my identification back at the hotel, Matt did have his to use for procurement of a player's cards, only to find out that they were out of branded cards and the one issued was a plain vanilla card with no casino name or logo on it. However, I did find someone else's card lying about, that was quickly spirited away!



While there appeared to be no “new” chips on the tables (other than the Chinese New Year Chip), some of the \$1 chips appeared to be at least a re-order of the previous issues. Perhaps it was because they had not seen much if any wear, they did somehow seem “different”. To me, at least, the hot stamp appears to be more “flat” than “shiny” if you will. I will leave it to collectors to decide for them self’s if this in fact a “new” issue or not!



“Newer”? Rack

“Older”? Rack

While somewhat above my preset spending limit on any single chip, I was able to at least come away with purloined scans of higher denomination chips that replaced the previous rack once it had been found out that chips made in excess of the original order were finding there way to the cashier’s cage!



I do not know what would happen if you try to redeem one of the older rack of chips without having to answer some perhaps embarrassing questions as to how you came about them, especially if you are only visiting for a day and it is clear by your accent that you are not from the local area!

We were up early the next day for our trip to Dunedin. While we could have stopped at the casino on the way out of town, we decided after spending several hours there the previous evening, time would be better spent on the twisting winding roads that were

necessary to get to where we were going. For the most part, the roads in New Zealand are far better maintained than comparable roads at least around my neck of the woods. Still, there was a fair amount of road work in progress along the way which reduced the speeds that were not all that great to start with.

We got into Dunedin late afternoon and after settling in to our hotel for the next two days, availed ourselves of the free shuttle service to the casino and decided to dine there that evening.

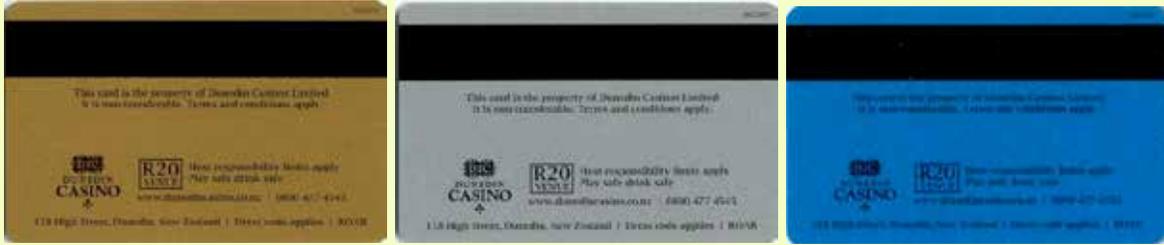
The Dunedin Casino is one of the few that DOES issue Chinese New Year chips, and thankfully, they were available both from the cage as well as the tables. When they first started out issuing these, they were \$5 in denomination, but starting in 1977, they up the ante so to speak, and started issuing them in \$25!



Also added to our growing stash was a TITO!

And before the night was over, we had added 3 of the 4 slot cards currently in use as well.





The following day, we first set out for the Harley dealership, only to have to make a series of detours to get there as there was a street festival in progress blocking several of the streets between where we left and where we were trying to get to! But eventually we got there and adding to our collection!



We spent the rest of the morning and part of the afternoon looking for garage sales and stopping at “antique” shops found along the way – and came up with a whole lot of nothing! But I keep hearing that the fun is in the hunt!

Back to the hotel, some rest, and a shuttle ride back to the casino for some supper, gambling, and sweet talking the staff (the later was mostly Matt’s effort), for which he was greatly rewarded!

The next item that was came our way was “Jackpot Winner” chip that is normally given to those who beat the odds on the “pokies” as they are called!



Before the evening was over, we were given perhaps the greatest treasure of our trip to date. A complete set of training chips. While there are no denominations on these chips, we were given the corresponding values (shown below the chips) based upon their colors. The denominations were purposely left off the chips so that the dealers could determine the best in play solely by the color of the chips.



As luck would have it, we found out about a week after leaving New Zealand, that a new 25c chip was on the table, but so far to date have not been able to acquire one or even a scan. Perhaps, this is excuses enough for a return visit!

Up again early the next day for more twisting, turning roads to our final destination – Queenstown! If there was one place in all of New Zealand that one would consider a “tourist” area, this would be it. It is a 4-season resorts area, with water skiing in the summer snow skiing in the winter, with everything else in between!

The town is mostly hotels, restaurants, gift shops, outfitters, and of course bars! One of which we happen upon while trying to get to the first casino of the day was the Minus 5 Bar! The stick here is that, for a fee, you dress up like Nan-Nook of the North, and go into the bar area for (yes, you guessed it – another fee) you can drink your favorite beverage. There are other associated for a fee activity, but it all revolves around paying money to freeze your hinny off! One of the reasons I visit New Zealand / Australia during the dead of winter is to ESCAPE the cold – NOT to pay (more) to refresh my fading memory. Heck, if I want to get drunk and frozen I could have stayed home and just walked out my front door!

As luck would have it, we arrived around mid-afternoon to bumper to bumper traffic and nearly as many people as cars on the sidewalks.

Matt dropped me off at the town's tourists center to get a local map of the area and directions to our hotel. While we had two days for this location as well as Dunedin, I had tried to explain to Matt well in advance that we would only need a half a day at the most. But while I had been here before, this was Matt's first (and probably his last) visit so he wanted to make the most of it.

As mentioned in the opening portion of this travelogue, Queenstown is the only location of two casino that are but perhaps all of two blocks apart from each other. Not only are they both on the same side of the street, they are also both in a multi-story shopping venue.

The two casinos used to be owned by separate owners at one stage, but Lasseter's sold their Wharf Casino to Sky City, which operates the other casino just down the block. The Wharf Casino is the smaller of the two with only 6 tables where as the Sky City casino has all of 8 tables!

I had been to the Wharf casino while it was still being operated by Lasseter's, and not much has changed there, nor have the few changes necessarily been for the good!

Originally, I thought that Sky City had purchased the casino to eliminate the completion, and while the transaction took place several years ago, the place still remains open well after the transaction was completed! Perhaps they are locked in a long-term lease, or if they close down that operation, they would not be able to increase either the number of tables nor slot machines in the bigger of the two casinos, not that they have the room for either!

The only change to date at the Wharf casino is a new \$2.50 chip while all of the other denominations from the original Wharf casino are still on the tables.



Both casinos will only issue slot cards to locals. The Wharf casino only accepts coins or bills on the slot machine, and only dispenses \$2 coins. Thus, if you have a balance left under that amount, it is best to play it out or else you leave that amount for the next player to use.

In proof that this is a small world after all, we ran into two friends of Matt from the Perth area who were on a motor bike holiday of New Zealand and after coordinating schedules we had a nice visit over supper that evening. While the casino hunting here was pretty much a "bust", at least some good did come out of the stop.

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EXHIBITS

Some fine displays of chips and tokens have been promised to be set up at the show by a few of the club's more prominent exhibitors. This is always an excellent opportunity for both the novice and the advanced collector to gain additional knowledge of their own collecting specialty.

EARLY BIRD WELCOME

For those of you who are in town early on Wednesday, you are invited to attend our "Early Bird Welcome" to meet face to face, the officers and some of the fine dealers and collectors that you've been corresponding with over the past several years. Complimentary wine, cheeses, soft drinks, coffee and tea are the usual fare at this annual get-together. A cash bar is also provided for those who like the stronger stuff.

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Lynn Noyd, Art Nayot and Brian Tomarchio served as judges to select the designs for the token and chip to be issued by the Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collector's Club in conjunction with the club's Second Annual Convention to be held at the Aladdin Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada on April 28-30, 1994.

Kevin Norris of Louisville, Kentucky submitted the winning entries for both the medal design and the chip design. The CCGTCC plans to issue the convention medals in bronze and in .999 fine silver. The cheque (chip) will be manufactured by CHIPCO of Windham, Maine. The token will be struck by Masterpiece Medallions of Claremont, California.

Judge Lynn Noyd has an art minor from State University College in New York at Fredonia. She is married to Dr. Dan Noyd and they have two daughters, Nicole and Ashley. Lynn is a substitute teacher in New Jersey.

Judge Art Nayot is a U.S. Navy Retired Commander who worked in the medical administration field. He is the owner of ADEN & Associates, an administrative and support and consulting firm.

Judge Brian Tomarchio is a graduate of Rutgers School of Business, Camden, and is working as a Computer Tech at CompuCom. While attending college, Brian worked at Harrah's Atlantic City. He is a member of CCGTCC and his father, Chuck, is the CCGTCC Treasurer.

Medal and chip ordering information is published elsewhere in this issue of the club magazine, or it can be requested from Janice O'Neal, CCGTCC V.P., 1836 Fisk Rd. Howell, MI 48843



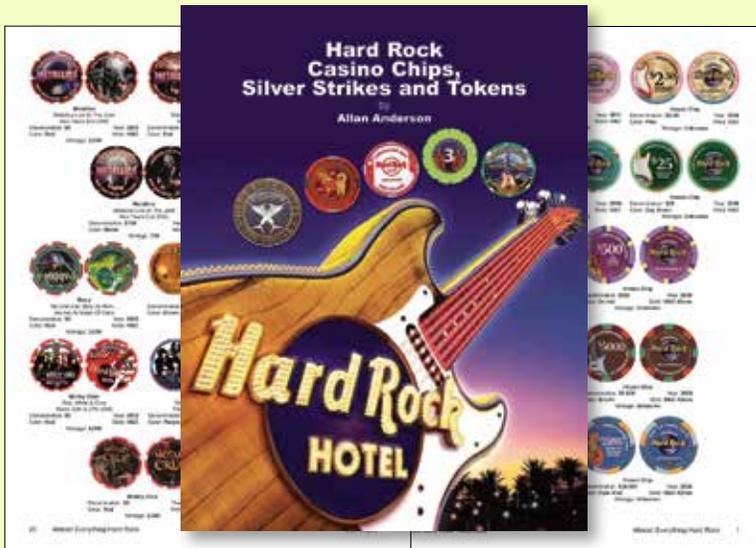
Judges Lynn Noyd (right), Art Nayot and Brian Tomarchio pause while judging the 15 chip & medal art entries submitted for the club's 2nd Annual Convention in Las Vegas



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES AT 1994 CONVENTION

(l to r) Michael Knapp; Archie & Brenda Black; Janice O'Neal; Chuck Tomarchio; (not in photo Earl Donley).

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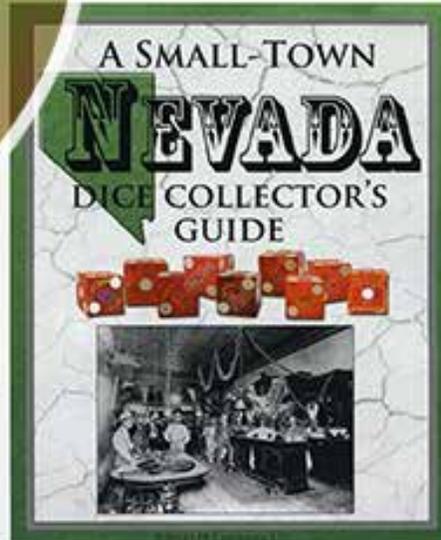
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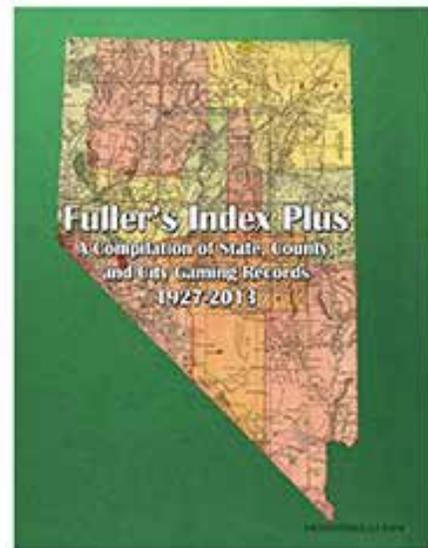


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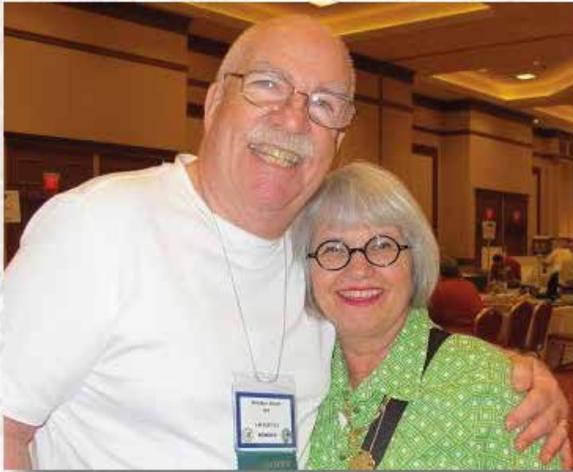
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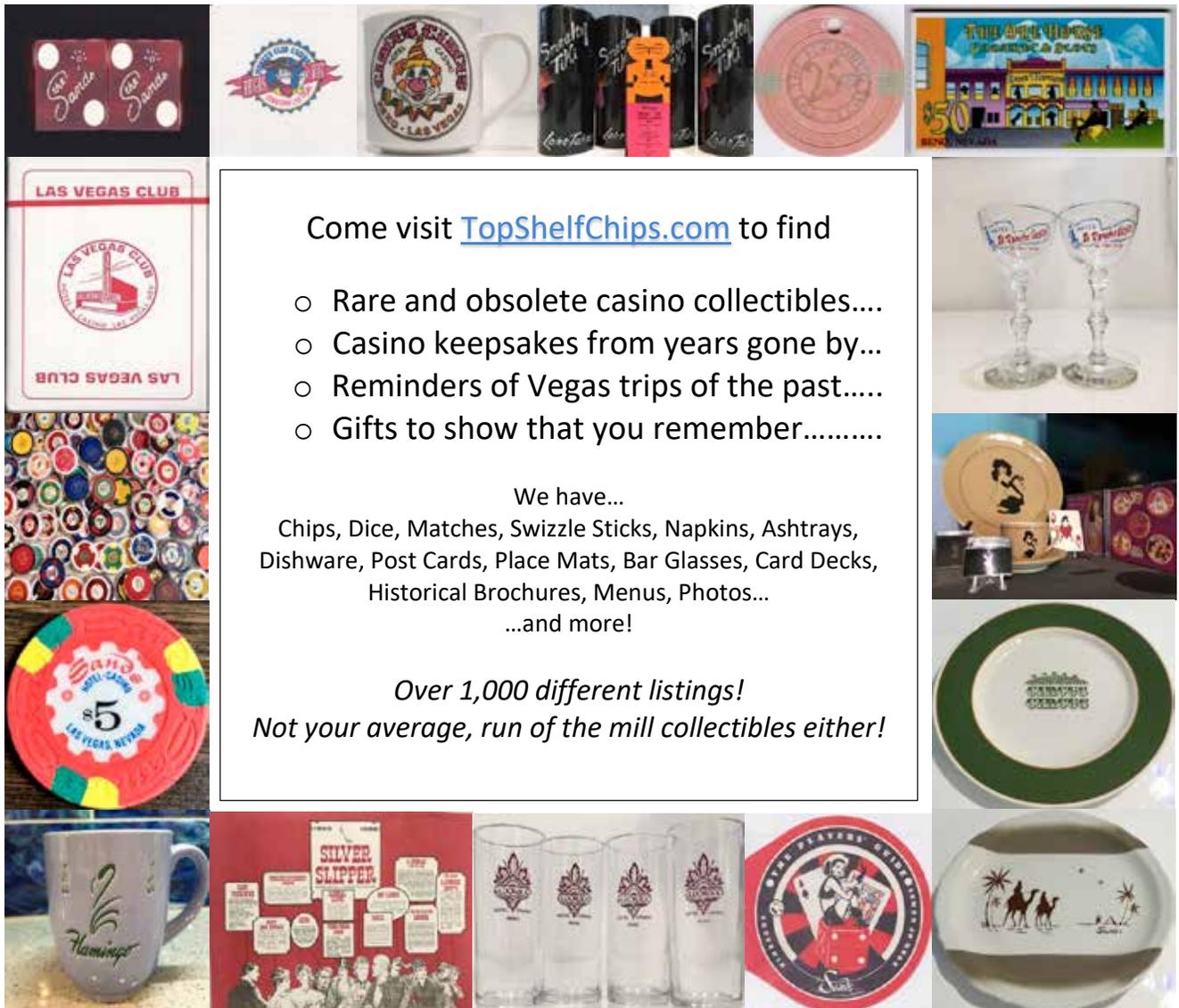


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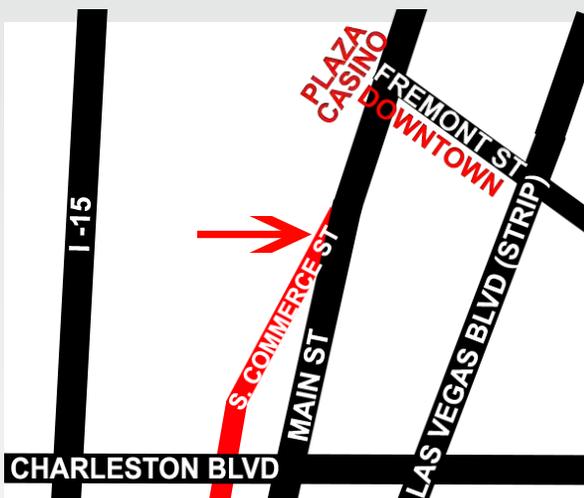
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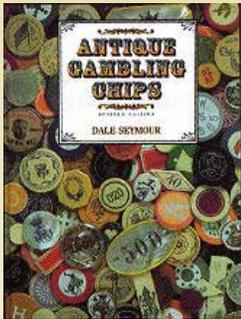


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First scan or take a picture of the item to be submitted. Scans are preferred because they usually provide better results. For best image results, look at the Tips and Techniques guide that is available on the SUBMISSION page. Then fill out the form, attach the image and press SUBMIT. It is really that simple. The ChipGuide accepts casino items used as money (chips, tokens, etc.), equipment (dice, playing cards, etc.) and other items as long as they contain the casino name, logo or picture (ashtrays, matchbooks, postcards, etc.). Please use the COMMENTS box on the form to provide any information needed to put the item on the ChipGuide, if it is not apparent, like colors of the chip and inserts and the date that the item was in use.



In every casino and item information box, there is a blue UPDATES button. When pressed, it formats an email to send to a ChipGuide Administrator with information to improve information about the casino or item.

Casino Chip Scanning Tips

By Charles Kaplan, LM-115-148

Chip Preparation

- 1) Remove chip from holder. If the chip is in a plastic flip or has any covering, the covering will cause some lighting distortion.
- 2) Clean chip, if needed, if the cleaning will improve the appearance. Some chips should definitely not be cleaned.

Using a Scanner – Use a CCD (not CIS) scanner. CIS scanners do not render certain colors correctly, such as orange or pink.

- 1) Set resolution to 300 to 600 DPI. The higher the resolution (DPI) the better the results.
- 2) If your scanner software allows, use the mode that gives you the entire scanner bed (no cropping or adjustments)
- 3) Make a “frame” for the chip using blank side of 3.5x5” index card and draw thick black border with magic marker
- 4) Place chip 1” from the side and top of the scanner and put index card on top of the chip, aligned in the corner

Using a Camera – it is more difficult to get a good image of a chip with a camera. You need a steady hand or tripod.

- 1) Put the chip on low, flat and level surface, if possible use a solid colored or white background under the chip
- 2) Use indirect natural light, no flash or direct sunlight. The lighting in a casino is fine, no flash needed.
- 3) Take picture from directly above the chip and as close to the chip as possible. Otherwise the image distorted, not round.
- 4) Check results and reshoot making adjustments

Image Editing with PhotoScape (free and safe download from http://ckaplan.com/PhotoScape_V3.7.exe)

- 1) LIGHTING CORRECTION – lighten, darken or adjust contrast, if needed, by pressing the “BRIGHT, COLOR” button at the bottom, center of the home page, use slide bars to make adjustments, click “OK”
- 2) ALIGN
 - a. Align tool is on the home page (rotate arbitrary), 1st button on the left over “RESIZE”
 - b. If > 15° adjustment or image is tightly cropped, go to the “ROTATE” tab and click on “KEEP THE ORIGINAL SIZE”
 - c. Use the slide bar to align, focusing on a straight up or down line or symmetrical points
 - d. Click “OK” when done
- 3) CROP
 - a. Go to the “CROP” window and click on “CROP ROUND IMAGE”
 - b. Enlarge image to make cropping easier by pressing the “ZOOM IN” button (circle with a plus sign)
 - c. Position cursor at top of the chip, press and hold the left mouse button, and drag to the bottom of the chip and slightly to the right and release the left mouse button
 - d. Drag the left and right anchors to the sides of the chip
 - e. Check the cropped size, 2nd box from the left under the image, and make sure that width “w:” is equal to height “h:”, if not make adjustments by moving the anchor points
 - f. If anchor points are correctly at the top, bottom, left and right and width does not equal height, it is OK, as long as it is within 1%. If width=309, then length can be from 306 to 312
 - g. Click “CROP” to make the crop
- 4) RESIZE
 - a. Go back to the HOME page, and click on the “RESIZE” button (center, near bottom)
 - b. Object Sizes
 - i. Round objects, regular Preferred: 450x450, Minimum: 240x240
 - ii. Round objects, large Maximum: 950x950
 - iii. Cards – slot, playing, business, room key w:525
 - iv. TITO’s, post cards w:750
 - v. Large items maximum width: 950
 - c. For round objects, if width does not equal height
 - i. Resize width to 450 (or 240)
 - ii. Unclick “PRESERVE ASPECT RATIO”
 - iii. Resize height to 450 (or 240)
 - iv. Click on “OK” to complete resizing
- 5) SAVE
 - a. Click on the “SAVE” button
 - b. Any name is OK, keep it simple
 - c. Use “QUALITY SETTING” of 85%

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 9/16/19, 11/18/19*

Chicagoland Casino Collectibles Club: 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. 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; 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; Quarterly meetings at various locations Membership \$10.00 Yr

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

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

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

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Southern Nevada Collectibles Club: Jerry Vergatos President 1981 Rockledge Dr. Las Vegas NV 89119; monthly meetings; Follow us on Facebook SNCCC. Membership dues \$12.00

All the club information that was received at the time of the creation of the list. If you have information your club would like to add please contact the editors at Editor@ccgtcc.com.

CCA Mentoring Program

Introduction

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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.

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The Program

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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
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- The entities formerly known as “Chapters” are prohibited from using the Club name, logo or symbol as representative of their organization

Example



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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.

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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 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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