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# Casino Collectibles Association Newsletter

The CCA Newsletter is a monthly publication of the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc. (CC&GTCC), doing business as the Casino Collectibles Association (CCA), as established and originally Incorporated in the State of New York in 1988, and now Incorporated in the State of Nevada.

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Jim Follis - Editor

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The CCA Newsletter, in addition to publishing news and information about the CCA (which includes the Museum of Gaming History (MoGH)) also allows content regarding our partner organizations and their activities.

The Newsletter also publishes content about the casino collectibles hobby, which includes CCA member business cards, news from various casino collectible clubs (Local Clubs) and other outside content. In doing so, the CCA is simply providing information of possible interest to our members, and collectors in the hobby and does not specifically endorse or promote those entities. Some content is edited to be allowable in accordance with the CCA's 501 (c) (3), Not for Profit status.

# EDITOR'S WELCOME



Welcome to this issue of the CCA Newsletter!

**As seen on the cover, the Annual CCA Convention and Show is just ahead!**

The CCA Board and Convention Chairman are looking forward to offering a spectacular event this year. We have received many Dealer Contracts notes Jim Steffner, Convention Chair, and George D confirms receiving several Pre-Registrations.

In this issue we note that the 2024 election Nomination cycle is now complete and there will be a lone, contested Officer position. Temporary Election Chair, Doug Smith's Nomination Report is provided inside, as well as Candidate Statements.

This issue also inaugurates a new Section

entitled **Volunteer Vacancies**. Our volunteers are critical to the longevity and excellence of the CCA. We are very much in need of filling some exceptionally key volunteer positions and respectfully request our Club members to review our needs and see if you can help the CCA to continue being the premier provider of hobby content to the World.

Also included in this issue are candidate nomination/recommendation forms for the Greg Susong Memorial Award 2023, and the 2023 OTY Awards. Your participation is requested.

We also have details about the 2024 Convention Raffle, presented by James Hogg, and other exciting Club news.

Thank you for your readership!

Jim Follis

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## On the Docket... Board Actions Through November 2023

On Tuesday, January 30th, 2024, the full Board of the CCA met in person and conducted a semi-annual Board Meeting. James Hogg, CCA Secretary has documented that meeting, and the Report is being reviewed by the CCA Board for finalization. Board decisions made during that meeting will be presented here in our next issue.

# CONVENTION and SHOW - June 13 - 15 2024

## DEALER NEWS FOR OUR 31st ANNUAL CONVENTION AND SHOW!

Greetings,

Linked [HERE](#) is a Dealer Contract for the June 2024 Convention.

**GOOD NEWS** – no increase in table fees or admission fees for 2024..

**GOOD NEWS #2** – for 2024 we are offering the opportunity for any dealer who had tables for the 2023 show to purchase one additional table for the discounted rate of \$140.00.

Here is the fine print conditions:

The bonus table is available as an additional table above the number of tables you had in 2023. Example – if you had two single tables or one corner table you would be able to add one single bonus table. If you had one single table, you could add one bonus table. If you had three single tables, you could add one bonus table. See the pattern? The bonus table is over and above the number of tables you had in 2023. If you had two single tables, you could not sign up for one regular price table and a bonus table. Only one bonus table available per dealer.

By adding additional tables to the show floor, table positions from 2023 may change slightly but every effort will be made to honor your placement requests based on the Dealer Point System, 2023 floor plan and final table floor plan.

Please read your contract and abide by the content. Load-in and set-up instructions will be sent to each dealer advising the date, time, and hours of access to show floor.

I will send confirmation of receipt of your contract. Based on postal service please allow two weeks after mailing your contract and check. If you have not received confirmation by then contact me at: [Convention@ccgtcc.com](mailto:Convention@ccgtcc.com), or [jimsteffner@mail.com](mailto:jimsteffner@mail.com).

Any questions? It's time to have fun again!

Jim Steffner, 2024 Convention Chairman

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**Website Redesign** - The CCA website is now fully operational.

Thanks-a-plenty are due to Barry Sherwood, Mike Brodeur and David Spragg.

The new website includes a new Message Board, referred to as a "Forum".

The old Message Board (thank you Greg Susong) has now been archived, into 2 segments, and is still accessible, as a read-only, searchable listing of all past messages.

Visit the new website by clicking [HERE](#) to get signed up and also access the CCA Forum.

**2024 Convention Theme:** As a reminder, the theme for our 31st Annual Convention and Show, will be based on the 1931 date where 3 key things happened in Nevada making our hobby more desirable to a greater future audience. 1931 saw the start of the Hoover Dam, legalized gaming and quickie divorces.

**WANTED CCA Membership** - Are you a non- CCA member reader of this Newsletter? Your membership is solicited. You may visit this [link](#) to join, or contact our Membership Officer, Jay Sands at: [Membership@CCGTCC.com](mailto:Membership@CCGTCC.com).

It is also noted that CCA Member, Doug Balduini, is currently offering a \$5 discount towards a new member sign-ups, which also awards this special chip. Doug may be contacted at:

[northeastchipper@gmail.com](mailto:northeastchipper@gmail.com)



## **Personal Chip of the Year Contest - 2024**

We are pleased to announce that we will be offering this contest again for 2024. Get your personal chips made now in preparation for this annual contest. Look for details in the next CCA Newsletter.

## **Greg Susong Memorial Award NOMINATIONS -**

Use the form on the following page to submit a candidate nomination for the 2023 Greg Susong Memorial Award.



**Casino Collectibles Association**  
**GREG SUSONG MEMORIAL AWARD**  
**NOMINATION FORM**

The Greg Susong Memorial Award is given to the person voted to have made the greatest contributions to the casino collectibles hobby, in addition to having the greatest impact on advancing the casino collectible hobby during the previous year (2023). Criteria should include contributions in all facets of the hobby, both online, in print and in person at CCA functions.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ CCA # \_\_\_\_\_

hereby nominate the following CCA Member in good standing  
for the 2023 Greg Susong Memorial Award:

NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(nominate only one person)

The reason that I am nominating the person noted above is because:

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**Please make your case – you are NOT limited to the space above!**  
The info you provide may be used on the ballot

RETURN COMPLETED NOMINATION FORM TO:

Jim Follis  
5466 Jacobs Field St.  
Las Vegas, NV 89148

E-MAIL SUBMISSIONS ARE ALSO ACCEPTED BY SENDING THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:

*GregSusongAward@gamingore.com*  
Postmark & E-Mail Submission Deadline: May 13, 2024

**This 2023 Greg Susong Nomination Form can be  
downloaded and used to submit your recommendation as**

## 2023 OTY Awards

### OTY AWARDS 2023 – OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Chip of the Year (COTY)

	Casino Name	Denom.	Description	City/Locale	State/Country
1 .					
2 .					
3 .					

#### Silver Strike of the Year (SSOTY)

	Casino Name	Denom.	Description	City/Locale	State/Country
1 .					
2 .					
3 .					

#### Slot Card/Room Key of the Year (CKOTY)

	Casino Name	Description	City/Locale	State/Country
1 .				
2 .				
3 .				

I have 2 different email addresses that you may send your nominations to:

[OTY@CCGTCC.com](mailto:OTY@CCGTCC.com) & [link2179@juno.com](mailto:link2179@juno.com).

Please submit your nominations in the above format (you can copy and paste this table if you wish).

Submittal deadline is midnight (CST) March 31, 2024.

Click [here](#) to see details on how to submit selections.

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## 2024 Convention Raffle

Hello and greetings from James Hogg, your new CCA Convention Raffle Chairman. I look forward to this fundraising event and hope that the participation is equal to or better than the excellent results of 2023. Other than a new address to mail donations and submit ticket payments, nearly all of the previous Raffle details will stay in effect. As a reminder, ticket donations are \$10 per ticket, or 3 tickets for \$25. We are once again offering the Super Pre-Convention Specials of:

- 34 tickets for a donation of \$200!
- 15 tickets for \$100.
- 34 tickets for \$200.

Pre-Convention Specials are only available by mail. Raffle DONATIONS and Ticket Donations may be mailed to:

**James Hogg - CCA Raffle Chair**  
802 Fetter Court  
Henderson, NV 89052

**It is that time of the year, again! The 2024 CCA Convention Raffle is now open for donations and ticket sales, as noted above. Thank you for your support.**



## VOLUNTEER VACANCIES!

Welcome to our new **Volunteer Vacancies Section**, which will become a regular feature here and on the Club's website.

The CCA is a wholly volunteer-run organization. As such it is inevitable that there are almost always volunteer vacancies in one or more areas.

Volunteers are the **backbone of the CCA**, looking after things as diverse as managing the Club's property, photography or mentoring new members, to name a few.

Volunteer positions can range from a couple of hours at the annual Convention and Show to a number of hours per week at home.

Some people are looking for new challenges after retirement or want to develop new skills. **There is something to suit everyone!**

Please take a look at the **vacancies** on the following pages and contact the relevant person to learn more if you are interested...

If you are interested in volunteering at the 2024 Convention, please contact Scot Parriott at:

[hkp4@icloud.com](mailto:hkp4@icloud.com) for more information.



## Fancy developing or honing your publishing skills? MAGAZINE CO-EDITOR NEEDED!

Steve Miller needs a new co-editor for the **Club's Award winning magazine and Convention Program!**

There are three ways in which this may work. Firstly, you could be a direct replacement for the retiring Robb McPherson, responsible for **2 magazine issues a year.**

It could also be someone to assist Steve in collecting content and organising the layout for all four issues, plus responsibility for the annual Convention Program. This option would give you the opportunity to learn how to use the provided software **over a period of time.**

Lastly you could be responsible for the Convention Program **only**, but this option assumes you already have the relevant knowledge base.



For more information, please contact Steve Miller at:  
[lvsteve1@gmail.com](mailto:lvsteve1@gmail.com).

## Do you have what it takes to be the new CCA Convention Chair?

A new Convention Chair(s) is needed from **2025**, although ideally any prospective volunteers would be available to shadow at **this year's show**.



This position reports to the BoD but has a large degree of **autonomy!** Logistical skills would be beneficial. The Chair is the primary contact with the hotel, suppliers and other relevant committee chairs.

Use your **unique ideas and creativity** to plan the show, sell the dealer tables and inspire the team to make this event more enjoyable every year.

The annual show at South Point brings together collectors and dealers from the US and the world to buy, sell and trade collectibles, learn and **have a great time!**

Contact Jim Steffner at [jimsteffner@mail.com](mailto:jimsteffner@mail.com) for more information.

## OTHER VACANCIES

### ELECTION CHAIR(S)

We are looking for an Election Chair or Chairs to replace Acting Chair Doug Smith once this year's election cycle is over. Responsibilities include calling for nominations, preparing ballot forms where necessary and tallying votes/announcing results. Contact Doug Smith at [msmith310@aol.com](mailto:msmith310@aol.com) for more information.

### GREG SUSONG AWARD CHAIR

A volunteer is needed to handle the annual Greg Susong Award. Again this includes dealing with nominations, ballot and votes. The winner is announced at the annual convention but it is not essential that the Chair is present to make the award. Contact Jim Follis at [jim@gamingore.com](mailto:jim@gamingore.com) for more information.

### GRAPHIC ARTIST

A graphic artist is required for occasional work including convention flyers, promotional items including chips, and possibly assistance with advertisements. Contact David Spragg at [president@ccgtcc.com](mailto:president@ccgtcc.com) for more information.



These 3 vacancies are not particularly time consuming but will involve working to reasonably rigid timescales.

# PRE-REGISTRATION BONUS...

## Want to WIN one of these AWESOME \$25 Plaques ???

Only one way to get them is to Pre-Register for the Convention for a chance to win.

8 More plaques will be given away to lucky winners this year and only 32 people have won them in the past 4 years.

Plaques are all numbered and #34 thru #42 will be given away at the 2024 convention.

To win you must:

- 1) Pre-Register for the convention
- 2) Find the bright green card in your Pre-Registration package
- 3) Put your name on the special raffle ticket
- 4) Deposit the ticket in the raffle drum at the raffle table

4 Winners will be drawn Thursday at 2:00 and 4 more on Friday at 2:00

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN! When your a name is called, that individual has 10 minutes to claim the plaque at the Raffle Table.

Any person who is not present at the drawings at 2:00 each day will forfeit and we will draw another name for those in attendance.

Don't miss out on your chance and Pre-Register !!!!

Visit **HERE** to Pre-Register.



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## 2024 CCA Nominations Report

Twenty Three (23) Valid Nominations were received by the January 19, 2024 deadline and no Nominations were voided.

Eleven members received a minimum of two nominations from current CCA Members, per the requirements, for the CCA Board Of Directors positions shown.

Four members, Wendy Schultz, Rich Klabacha, Pam Focazio, and Oscar Lappalainen received one nomination however based on the CCA Constitution, a minimum of two nominations are needed to run for a position.

The nominees responses regarding whether they accepted or declined their nominations are shown below.

Vice President: Jim Follis (Accept) / Jerry Vergatos (Accept) / Steve Miller (Decline)

Treasurer: Bud Wisinski (Accept)

Membership Officer: Jay Sands (Accepted) / Doug Balduini (Decline) / Doug Smith (Decline)

Member at Large (2 Year Term): Richard Huber (Accepted) / Ed Hertel (Declined) / Bob Miksztal (Declined) / Rick Timmins (Declined) / Doug Smith (Declined)

Member at Large (1 Year Term) : Dick Bartley (Accepted) / Nate Pincus (Declined) / Bob Miksztal (Declined) / Paul Schaffer (Declined) / Richard Huber (Declined)

While 4 of the 5 positions will be uncontested and elections not needed for those, there will be an election for Vice President between Jim Follis and Jerry Vergatos.

Ballots will be prepared and issued in the next issue of the magazine as an insert. The ballot will also be posted on the CCA Home page when the magazine is mailed.

The uncontested positions along with the elected Vice President will be certified at the annual CCA Business Meeting on Saturday June 15, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Douglas Smith  
Acting CCA Election Chairperson

## Jerry Vergatos

### Candidate for CCA Vice President



Greetings to my fellow CCA members. I have decided to run for office of Vice President this election cycle because I am concerned that our Club is not heading in a good direction. There are many issues that need to be dealt with so that our Club will prosper in the future. The many questions that stick in my mind are what does our Club stand for? What is our purpose? Why do people join our Club? Why are they not joining our Club? Why are they not renewing? How are we advancing our hobby? As a member for 11 years, I have participated in many areas of the Club and have achieved many accomplishments and now wish to be part of the solution to advance us to the pinnacle of the hobby. We were at one time the foremost authority on the hobby but because we have become complacent, other Clubs and Websites have left us in dust. With your vote I will strive to be involved in the many facets of our Club and the hobby as I have done for so many years and answer these questions and find Answers. I have the motivation and drive to get things done.

### Platform

The following are items I will pursue for the Club to better enhance our presence and increase our place as the top Casino Collectibles Club in the world.

**Exposure** We need to get our name out and publicize our Involvement in the Hobby world and the General public. My thoughts are to conduct a Charity event where we co-brand with another High-profile Company to get maximum exposure. I would consider a Poker Tournament, Golf tournament and any other activity to get our name out there. Part of the proceeds would be donated to the co-sponsor to entice them to join us. My particular favorite, whom I have had a good relationship is with the Make a Wish Foundation. I conducted an event in Denver as a Board member of the Denver Chapter of the Mercedes Club. I would like to form a small committee to explore this possibility. The Duke of Fremont Street could help us in this endeavor. We also need to form partnerships with like clubs to advance our identity. There are many Clubs local and national that may be in the same boat as us and would be willing to form a consortium/ Association for mutual benefit.

**State Tax Exempt Status** I attempted this during my Presidency and narrowly lost the appeal by one vote. It is worth another attempt as the cost to apply is minimal. I spent 5 months on this project but feel I may prevail this time around. The attempt is worth the reward. I will seek out the legal eagles of our club to make a very concentrated effort to get this done.

**Grants** One of the main reasons I pursued the corporate transfer from New York to Nevada was to pursue Grants. It is a lot easier to and less cumbersome to receive Federal grants with a lot less people applying for them. We have a greater chance of any request being granted. We are already a federal tax-exempt corporation and with our MoGH and CCA Club credentials we have a good chance in achieving success. I will ask that a committee be formed to determine what the in's and outs are. I received some contact information from Jonathon Ullman the President of the Mob Museum to help layout a roadmap.

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If we were to receive any type of Grant we could designate a myriad of special projects which would include a Brick-and-Mortar Museum, Public Relation Marketing Personnel to gain national prominence and any other worthwhile endeavor the Club could suggest. I will give this all the attention I can to achieve success.

**Website** During my tenure as President we came very close to achieving a new website. I have thoughts on how to make it more user friendly and have the prototype that was designed with my board members at the time. I believe I could make a difference and satisfy some of the concerns I have seen on the boards. Kudos to those that brought it to fruition so far, but we can make it better. We also need to rethink the Website as a viable way of promoting our Club. We need to drive the public and the membership to our site so that we can tell our story.

**Transparency** We need more concerning the inner workings of the Club board. More open communication as to what proposals are being discussed and what decisions are being made in a timelier fashion.

**Contact/ Communication** We should have some online Zoom meetings more frequently as the once-a-year Business meeting held at the Annual Convention does not suffice. Last year the Business meeting was cut too short at approximately one hour+ or -

**CCA Magazine** Our editors do an excellent job in putting together a First-Class publication. We fall short many times because of lack of content. We have so many members who have a wealth of knowledge in the history of Gaming. I would give a high priority to seeking out these individuals to share their knowledge before it's too late. The magazine costs an exorbitant amount of money, we need to get the maximum bang for our buck.

## In Closing

I would like to say that ever since I joined this Club I have been active in almost every aspect of this Club. I know its inner workings and feel I have contributed more than most in terms of time and money. Everything I have done is for the betterment of our organization and the hobby.

At one time I was President of 3 related clubs. This was not an ego thing but rather I was called upon by members of these organizations. They saw in me a true passion for getting things done to make things better for all. I am not a dealer nor do have any vested interest in personally making money but rather I enjoy doing my best to help the Club succeed in every aspect.

The hobby is alive and doing well , the same needs to be said about us and with your vote you will empower me again to get involved. We need to start thinking outside the box to get us on a good path.

Talk is Cheap action speaks volumes. I am able to start projects and finish them.

I ask for your vote and if you have any questions please reach out to me at [vergatos@msn.com](mailto:vergatos@msn.com).



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## 2024 Election Candidate Statement - Jim Follis

Greetings members of the Casino Collectibles Association, the CCA.

As many of you may know, I am running for re-election as the Vice President of the CCA. I have served the CCA, in this capacity since 2018, under 2 different Presidents, and several different Board members over that time. I feel well prepared to continue as the Club's Vice President.

During my tenure, I have faithfully and unrelentingly met all of my Vice Presidential obligations, and I have continually conducted myself in accordance with the CCA's Constitution, Bylaws and Code of Ethics.

I have dedicated a substantial amount of time to the CCA and on several occasions I have had to step-up and fill-in for an absentee President, in accordance with the CCA Constitution, and faithfully fulfilled those duties for many months, on several occasions.

The CCA is now in the beginning stages of the 2024 Election, and I am respectfully requesting the support of CCA members everywhere, with your votes to retain me as the Vice President. Look for the CCA's Official Election Ballot in the upcoming Spring issue of the CCA's Award-winning magazine, the Casino Collectibles News. Be sure to copy and share the ballot with your affiliated Associate member(s) to cast votes in my favor.

I have a proven track-record of allegiance to the CCA. I have had and continue to have an excellent working relationship with the current CCA Board and look forward to continuing that relationship with the uncontested slate of Board members, including the 2 new, At-Large positions that begin their terms in June. I congratulate both of them, Dick Bartley and Richard Huber, both of whom I have known and have worked with for years.

At the 2023, 30th Annual Convention and Show, I was honored to receive my 25th Anniversary Membership Service Pin, which I proudly attached to my Convention Badge. That badge reflects my extensive involvement with our Club in the past, and as we all know, past actions are a good forecaster of future actions, and actions speak louder than words.

Thank you for your time in reading this Statement and I plan to issue further Statements on the hobby-affiliated Message Boards and elsewhere.

Respectfully yours,

Jim Follis

Vice President

Casino Collectibles Association



# Musings from the MoGH...



**Total Items on ChipGuide is 321,715 as of publication date.**

You can help the MoGH achieve greater success in our efforts to add more content to ChipGuide. Do you have casino memorabilia and related collectibles that are not in ChipGuide? If so, we encourage you, and anyone (Club member or not) to submit images and descriptions of such items to ChipGuide via this [Submission](#) link.

**ChipGuide Changes:** ChipGuide images are now watermarked, however, additional programming continues to be performed to have the watermark attached to downloaded images.

**The MoGH's "PERIODIC TABLE of Casino and Gaming Currencies" Concept**

- There a few remaining shirts in inventory and will be offered at the 31st Convention and also via mail order to the MoGH's Promotions Director, Pam Focazio, at: [pam@themogh.org](mailto:pam@themogh.org).

**"Trail of the MoGH" Exhibits Update - The Jackie Gaughan Tribute**

As the MoGH's Director of Exhibits and Events I had a meeting with the GM of the El Cortez, where the MoGH's "Jackie Gaughan Tribute" Exhibit is housed. Mr. Weisberg, through a prior meeting with Charles Kaplan had offered an additional location within the El Cortez for the MoGH to display more El Cortez artifacts.

Inside the El Cortez there is a hallway that connects the coin-operated slot

# Musings from the MoGH cont...

machine area and the main casino area, as breezeway between the two sides of the building. That hallway is named the "Hallway of History" and is used to hang historic, large sized, framed Las Vegas News Bureau photographs. Towards the West end of the hallway is a no longer used service window, previously used as a pass-through from the hall to the security office. This service window has since been blocked off (on the security office side) leaving an opening of about 38" (h) x 36" (w) x 3" (d), with a lockable, clear glass, sliding window on the hallway side that Mr. Wiesberg would like filled with casino collectibles.

This Project has been completed, and is documented in the next issue of the Club's Award winning publication, the Casino Collectibles News, through which we will premier this new addition.

As noted in the last CCA Newsletter, I was contacted by the CEO of the Plaza Hotel and Casino, Downtown Las Vegas, where the MoGH has another "Trail of the MoGH" Exhibit. This Exhibit is dedicated to the history of the PLAZA and the CEO, Mr. Jonathan Jossel, has invited the MoGH to refresh the existing Exhibit and if desired and workable, expand the Exhibit further.

This development is also documented in the next issue of the Club's magazine and will be detailed in-full, in the next issue of the CCA Newsletter as we will be deeper into the Project.

However, there is a recent development (occurring after the article was submitted to the CCN) which is a donation being made to the MoGH from the Plaza Hotel and Casino, pictured here.



The next issue of the CCA Newsletter will better detail this donation, but we thank the Plaza Hotel and Casino for this donation.

# Musings from the MoGH cont...

## 2024 Convention and Show preparations:

### Educational Seminar Speakers:

**Lynn Zook**, who was one of the Educational Seminar speakers at last year's Show, will be returning for Part II of her book, "Gambling on a Dream: The Classic Las Vegas Strip 1930 - 1955" looking at post 1955 activities. Lynn will also spend several days at the MoGH Table interacting with Convention attendees, selling her book and perhaps getting additional information for another book from our members and other Show attendees.

**Rene Contreras** will be an Educational Seminar speaking, presenting on his role with the CCA's Social Media Team, wherein he conducts podcasts, interviewing gaming-related personalities in support to gaining followers and thereby bringing greater awareness to the hobby and the CCA.

Rene will also be spending time at the MoGH Booth conducting podcast interviews with invited guests and passers-by that may wish to participate.

### Educational Exhibits

We are still in need of Educational Exhibitors and Exhibits, and have already lined up several Competitive Exhibits featuring, Silver Strikes collecting, SNAPPERS collecting, Casino Butler Adventures and more. We will also be featuring the regular, Non-Competitive Educational Exhibits, including examples of the CCA's "Standards and Conditions Grading" of casino chips and tokens, the "Permanant Collection of All Past OTY Award Winners", examples from the 2023 OTY Awards Contest (nominees and winners), and displaying select, past donations to the MoGH.

Other plans and offerings are being developed to enhance the MoGH's Mission of Preserving Gaming History.

# News From Around the Hobby

**Silver Strikers News** - On January 26th, the Silver Strikers Club came out in force to the MoGH's storage unit, to remove and take possession of two (2) Silver Strike slot machines, that by a previous agreement would be stored by the CCA for 10-years. That agreement has expired and removal of the units returns some storage space back to the MoGH. I regret not having a list of the Silver Strikes that performed the move, but I was very impressed with their dedication to volunteering! Here a few uncaptioned pictures of the move.



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**OHIO CHIP SHOW RETURNS** - The Ohio Chip Show will return Saturday, April 20th, 2024, with a Trade Session on Friday the 19th. The Hard Rock Hotel is only 5 minutes away from the casino, with a shuttle going between the two. A flyer will be posted after New Year's.

You can email me or call me for details.

Charlie Wilson 937-313-0359

# News From Around the Hobby

## A Co-Branding Opportunity

Following a CCA Member's suggestion, posted on the ever-popular TheChipBoard.com message board, pertaining to reaching out to other hobby organizations to co-advertise or exchange Dealer Table access, at respective events, a "contact us" email was sent to the "Front Row Card Show" organization. Requested was an opportunity to discuss such an arrangement. Specifically asked was if they would entertain the exchange of a Dealer Table at our 31st Annual Convention and Show in June, for a Dealer Table at their April 2024 Las Vegas Show?

While not ruled out in the future, there was a complication for this year, in that our Convention and Show coincides with a Show they are doing the same weekend in Arizona. They cannot cover both events with their few employees, as they are not volunteer supported and instead operate as a business.

In an effort to keep the dialog going, in the event of a change in the future, it was explained that the CCA Show includes a table where members and approved non-members/businesses can place their advertising flyers/cards. If the Front Row Card Show folks also did that, can we agree to putting our flyers at their April Show in Las Vegas and we will place their flyers at our table in June, for their future event(s).

While not yet written, we are in agreement to do so. Perhaps this can lead to additional interest in the CCA.

