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World's Largest Casino Chip and Collectibles Show This Week in Vegas

31st Casino Collectibles Association Show Runs June 13-15 at South Point



LAS VEGAS (June 10, 2024) — The world's largest casino chip and collectibles show runs June 13 -

15 at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. For anyone who finds casinos – and specifically casino history – a fascinating topic, this show, hosted by the <u>Casino Collectibles Association</u>, is a must-see event. It is the greatest single-location collection of artifacts and



mementos, with over 50 worldwide dealers on hand to offer attendees the unique opportunity to examine, buy, sell, or trade casino memorabilia. And for the low price of admission, \$10 max (not to mention free parking and no traffic hassles), it's



entertainment value. The event is open to the public and includes a multitude of fascinating displays and activities.



Greatest collection of casino memorabilia assembled in one place.

Many are symbols of past gaming grandeur that are gone or becoming rare; souvenirs from when the casinos wanted customers to pocket their branded keepsakes as reminders of a memorable experience. Things like gaming chips of all denominations, gaming tokens, dice, slot cards, playing cards, matchbooks, ashtrays, menus, dinnerware, swizzle sticks, casino photos, post cards, signs, table felt – just about anything a casino could put its name on.



Celebrity Meet & Greet Gaming Education Series.

The *Celebrity Meet & Greet Gaming Education Series* is the personification of the Casino Collectibles Association's objective to foster the preservation and education of gaming history. Each gaming celebrity has volunteered their time to greet, meet and mingle with show attendees, answer their questions and satisfy their curiosity about the personality's unique role in the shaping of the gaming industry we know today.











Dr. David Schwartz Mark Hall-Patton Geno Munari Susie Isaacs Tom McEvoy *Dr. David Schwartz*, author of the book *At the Sands: The History of a Las Vegas Strip Icon*, covering the forty-four-year life span of the Sands, from opening to implosion. 9 a.m.. to 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 13.

Mark Hall-Patton is the retired Museum Administrator for the Clark County Museum system in Las Vegas, who played a cameo role verifying historical items in over 200 episodes of the History Channel's reality show *Pawn Stars*. Noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 13.



Geno Munari is the past owner of Cowboy Gene's casino in Henderson, NV, and author of *The Dunes Hotel and Casino: The Mob, the connections, the stories.* 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 13. *Susie Isaacs* is a poker pro who owns two WSOP bracelets, a top ten finish in the WSOP Main Event World Championship, 12-year columnist in *Card Player* magazine and author of two poker books. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, June 14.

Tom McEvoy won the 1983 World Series of Poker Main Event and was inducted into the Poker Hall of Fame in 2013. Author of 14 poker books and soon-to-be-released autobiography. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, June 14.

Four free gaming memorabilia-related seminars

Registered show attendees can also take in these four free educational seminars that run concurrently with the show. These seminars are located across the hall from the show in the Joshua Room of the South Point Hotel and Casino:

History of the Sands—its construction, operation, expansion, highlights, and demise. From opening to implosion, the forty-four year life span of the celebrated Sands casino is directly linked to the story of the growth of gaming, Las Vegas, and the Strip. No one knows the story better than Schwartz, author of At the Sands: The History of a Las Vegas Strip. Seminar: Thursday, June 13 at 8 a.m.





The Dunes Hotel; the Mob, the Connections, and the Stories. Author of the only book about the famous Las Vegas landmark, The Dunes Hotel and Casino: The Mob, the Connections, the Stories. Geno Munari's seminar will feature stories of some of the Dunes Hotel's characters and their connection to the infamous Meyer Lansky and Jimmy Hoffa, as well as the "chip-cup" scam that pilfered millions from the major

casinos and led to a high-profile mob killing. Seminar: Thursday, June 13 at 3 p.m..

New Horizons—Preserving Gaming History with Podcasts. Rene Contreras is the host of the Side Bet Podcast. He will outline his journey into the hobby of chip collecting and how it led him to focus on a new way and a new platform for new and old collectors to educate, share and preserve gaming history. Seminar: Friday, June 14 at 8 a.m.







Gambling on a Dream: The Classic Las Vegas Strip 1930 – 1955.

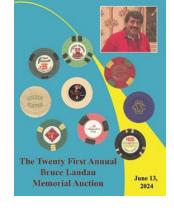
Lynn M. Zook is a noted Las Vegas historian/author. Lifted from the rich content of her latest book, *Gambling on a Dream: The Classic Las Vegas Strip 1930-1955*, her presentation will cover the iconic Strip casinos such as the El Rancho Vegas,

Flamingo, Thunderbird, Desert Inn, Sahara, Sands, Riveria, Royal Nevada, and the

Dunes. Seminar: Friday, June 15 at 3 p.m.

Huge auction of casino gaming chips and mementos

Registered attendees on Thursday, June 13th can review and bid on 200 auction lots of casino chips and other casino memorabilia. A live auction will be conducted that evening at 7 p.m. in Exhibit Hall D at South Point The auction is open to the public. Admission to the show floor on Thursday is \$10. The auction catalog can be viewed at www.ccgtcc.com/events/auction.aspx.





Show hours and admission info

The Casino Chips and Collectibles Show registration and admission is open to the public:

June 13, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (admission \$10)

June 14, 9 a.m. -4 p.m. (admission \$5)

June 15, 9 a.m. -4 p.m. (admission is free).

Location is Exhibit Hall C at the South Point Hotel Casino, 9777 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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For a complete show schedule: https://www.ccgtcc.com/documents/1341/Casino-Chip-and-Collectibles-Show-Schedule

ABOUT THE CASINO COLLECTIBLES ASSOCIATION

The <u>Casino Collectables Association</u>, (CCA) is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) club devoted to the fast-growing hobby of collecting casino memorabilia. The club is a resource for information and history of gaming artifacts, including one of the largest archives of gaming manufacturer records and casino gaming chips. Become a member and take advantage of the experts who volunteer their expertise in this fascinating hobby. For more information, visit the club's recently updated website at https://www.ccgtcc.com.

An educational project of the CCA, the <u>Museum of Gaming History</u> (MoGH) comprises an expanding series of fascinating casino memorabilia kiosk exhibits in Las Vegas located within The El Cortez and Plaza casinos, and the Mob and National Atomic Testing museums and Spinettis Gaming Supplies. The MoGH also puts on free gaming history seminars at the annual CCA show and maintains the <u>ChipGuide</u>, the world's largest catalog of casino chips and collectibles, currently containing over 324,000 items.

Editor's note: The Casino Collectibles Association is the dba of the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club.

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