

Convention 2010

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Ah Hoy Matey!! This year the CC>CC is holding it's 18th Annual Convention at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas June 23th thru the 26th.,.

Everyone agreed the South Point is a vast improvement over our past venues. But it gets even better. Last year we secured room rates of \$75 for any night. This year the room rate is down to \$70.00 for any night of the convention.

The show floor is big, beautiful. and easy to access. There are many great restaurants with reasonable prices, bowling, movie theaters, and lots of good slots and table games. You are just a short ride from one of the larger outlet malls and a large antique mall.

Make your plans now. Book your room at the South Point and make those airline reservations. We have a lot of surprises in store and you won't want to miss a minuet of all the activities.

Help Wanted

Part time positions are open for members who wish to volunteer a few hours during the show. It is because of these volunteers that the show goes on. Without your donation of a few hours we could not provide all the fun and excitement that all members enjoy.

If you wish to volunteer for positions such as registration, promotions table, auction table, membership table, or show setup and teardown, please contact Bob Bickford, Volunteer Coordinator, oldbera@wowway.com

Pre-Registration

Once again, pre-registration is offered to those who would like to eliminate standing in the long lines on Thursday morning. Price is only \$20.00 and your pre-reg packet will include a chip valued at \$3 in trade at any of the show dealers during the convention. Keep it or use it, it's your choice. We're looking for other items to include to make pre-registration even more attractive.

The registration form can be found in this issue of the magazine, and on the club web site. George D. will again be handling the pre-registration. His address and e-mail are on the registration form. Payment by check or money order made out to CC>CC must accompany the form. No credit card transaction can be used with the mail-in form. Be sure to include your e-mail, or phone number to receive your confirmation. You can also pre-register on-line at the club web site, www.ccgccc.com using VISA or MasterCard (sorry no other credit card can be accepted). Be sure you follow all the instructions in each step of the registration process. Do not close out until you are shown that you have completed the process. With either the mail in form or the on-line process, you WILL receive a confirmation within 30 days. If you do not receive your confirmation, you are NOT registered. Postmark and on-line deadline is May 9th, 2009. Any registrations received after that date cannot be accepted. Please note---due to gaming regulations we can not accept on-line payment for either the poker tournament or the blackjack tournament. If you are entering either or both of these you will need to submit the pre-registration form with payment in check form.

A photo ID with address will be required to pick up your packet and each person must pick up their own. No packets will be mailed to non-attendees. Children under 12 for which there is no charge for show entry, do not need to pre-register, but if they will be attending the show, please provide their names and ages and a special

Junior Collector packet will be available for them. Pre-Registration packets can be picked up at the registration desk on Wednesday June 24, 2010 between 9AM and 4PM ONLY, and during regular registration desk hours on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. There will be four lines separated alphabetically to make the process smooth and fast. Your pre-registration envelope will contain your show badge, banquet tickets (if ordered), poker and blackjack confirmations (if participating), and any special coupons, freebies, or give-a-ways that we can obtain.

Hotel Reservations

Reserve your room directly with the South Point Hotel. Call their toll free registration number 1-866-791-7626 or 702-797-8905. Be sure to mention that you are with the **Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors - 2010**. Ask for your confirmation number. Deadline to book our special rooms is May 28, 2010, or until our block of rooms is filled.

Hotel room rates for the 2010 convention will be \$70.00 for any night. Special rates are effective from June 18, 2010 thru June 28, 2010 for those who wish to arrive early or stay over. Reservations must be made before May 28, 2010 to be included in the club room block. All reservations made at the South Point and included in our special club room block help the club keep costs down in future years and assist us in negotiating more favorable contracts for future conventions. Support your club and stay at the South Point.

Chip and Medal Design Contest

Put your artistic talents to work, or even if you can't draw a straight line, submit your ideas and rough drawings. You don't need to be an artist. Enter the chip and medal design contest and compete for cash prizes. Your winning entry could be on the club chip, the silver and bronze medals, or the t-shirt for the 2010 18th Annual Convention. See the article in this issue, start thinking, and submit your entry. Cash prizes will be awarded for first and second place in the chip, medal, and T-shirt design categories. The convention theme for this year is "Pirates". Good Luck!

Early Bird Banquet and Trade Session

The banquet is scheduled for Wednesday evening, June 23rd. Reserve your tickets using the registration form or on-line. Ticket price is \$45.00 per person or a table of 10 seats for \$450.00. No tickets will be available at the door. The banquet is always a sellout so don't miss your chance to attend. Due to many requests for a theme like we had two years ago, we are planning a Pirate night at the banquet. Get out some crackers, dust off Polly, polish that wooden leg and enjoy the festivities. While this isn't a formal event, pirate related or business casual will be appropriate. Please, no flip-flops, shorts, or tank tops.

Reserve your seat or reserve a full table of 10 seats so all your friends can sit together. Please provide all ten names and full payment when you send in the reservation form. Several serving lines, fabulous food, and elegant deserts will add to an event you won't want to miss.

All banquet attendees must be club members. If you plan on bringing a spouse or friend, make sure to sign them up for club membership BEFORE the banquet. There will be no opportunity to join the club at the show before Thursday morning after the exhibit hall opens. Banquet tickets will be in your pre-register envelope and can be picked up at the registration desk between 9AM and 4PM ONLY on Wednesday.

When the banquet ends about 8PM, the gigantic trade session begins. Bring what you can carry, allow space for others and remember NO direct selling of items. Have fun!

Exhibits – Grand Ballroom – A & B

All members are encouraged to enter an exhibit and compete for cash prizes. Show cases are provided at no cost. The exhibits that members provide show their collecting specialties and interests. The exhibits can be either competitive or non-competitive. Contact Casey Focazio-Follis, Exhibit Chairman at exhibits@ccgtcc.com to enter. The club will provide the display cases for your exhibit.

This is one of the highlights of the convention and members look forward to seeing what other members collect. In the past exhibits have included chips, tokens, silver strikes, ashtrays, dice, belt buckles, money clips, hotel history, security badges, t-shirt quilt, and much more.

Educational Seminars

Many good suggestions were received for seminar topics. Sheldon Smith, Education Director has lined up some great speakers to keep everyone well informed, educated, and entertained. Watch for a complete seminar schedule in the next issue of the Chip and Token News, and on the club web site.

Bruce Landau Memorial Auction

The auction will be Friday evening June 25th and once again David Spragg will be organizing the popular event. David has assembled some excellent lots for this year's auction that may include some lower and medium priced lots plus items other than chips. Be sure to order your auction catalog as they usually sell out by show time.

Poker Challenge and Blackjack Tournament – Palms Hotel & Casino

The poker and blackjack sessions will again be held at the South Point. The action starts on Wednesday with the Blackjack Tournament at Noon. The Poker Challenge will be Thursday evening with a start time of 7:00 PM. Check related article for all the details. Advance signup for both sessions can only be done on the registration, due to gaming regulations we are no longer allowed to accept payment on-line. Players can also sign up at the convention for the Poker Challenge if seats are still available, but they usually sell out well before. Cost this year will be \$90 for the poker tournament and \$70 for the BJ tournament.

A special set of tournament chips will be available for purchase starting on Friday morning when the show opens or by mail thru the Promotion Director. For any questions, please contact Bob Pardue, robert.pardue@cox.net

Trade Sessions

Several trade sessions are planned during the convention. Check the schedule at the show for times and locations. Bring some binders but leave space for others. Please, no outright sales of merchandise or you will be asked to leave the trade session.

Last Dance Swap Meet

On Saturday, June 26th, the Last Dance Trade Session will be held. The event will begin at 7PM and last until the last two traders call it quits. This is not a “dance” with a band or music but just the last chance for members to get together after the convention closes to find that elusive chip, token, or slotcard. Check show schedule for location.

Watch for more updates in the next magazine and on the club web site. See you all in June and have fun collecting!