

# ***The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club History Page***

Chip and token collectors have been around as long as casinos have, but it wasn't until the 1980's that collectors began talking with each other on a regular basis and dealers began to concentrate on casino material. Before the 1980's, chips and tokens could be found outside of casinos only as oddities: a few chips or tokens mixed in with a coin dealer's stock, or a few chips at an antiques shop or garage sale.

Two early chip dealers published short-lived newsletters, and a contributor to one of them was Archie Black, who lived not far from the relatively new casino gaming jurisdiction of Atlantic City, NJ. When the second of the two dealer newsletters ceased publication, Black, a chip collector with a long history of coin collecting and organizing coin clubs, decided to test the waters to see whether or not there might be sufficient interest to organize a chip and token collectors club similar to the coin clubs he had participated in. Late in 1987, Archie wrote to a number of collectors who appeared on the newsletter's subscriber list, inquiring about interest in an organized club.

The first issue of what would eventually become "Casino Chip & Token News", the quarterly magazine of the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club at over 100 pages per issue appeared in January 1988, and was entitled "Atlantic City Chip & Token Newsletter." The five page newsletter was the creation of Archie Black, who began publishing his newsletter quarterly including news and history of the relatively new (10 years old) Atlantic City casino industry.

The response to the survey Black included in his first issue was overwhelmingly in favor of establishing a formal club, and the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club was a reality. The initial group of collectors numbered about 20, but the charter membership was extended to the first 100 members. That goal was passed immediately after the Club's first annual meeting at the American Numismatic Association convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, that July.

## **Annual Meeting**

1988 – July 23, 1988 – Cincinnati, OH @ ANA Convention – Organizational meeting  
1989 - August 12, 1989 – Pittsburgh, PA @ ANA Convention  
1990 – August 25, 1990 – Seattle, WA @ ANA Convention  
1991 – August 17, 1991 – Chicago, IL @ ANA Convention  
1992 – August 15, 1992 – Orlando, FL @ ANA Convention  
1993 – May 1, 1993 – Aladdin Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV @ CC&GTCC Convention

1994 – April 30, 1994 – Aladdin Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV@ CC&GTCC  
Convention  
1995 – April 29, 1995 – Aladdin Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV@ CC&GTCC  
Convention  
1996 – June 22, 1996 – Aladdin Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV@ CC&GTCC  
Convention  
1997 – June 21, 1997 – Aladdin Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV@ CC&GTCC  
Convention  
1998 – August 13, 1998 – Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV@ CC&GTCC  
Convention  
1999 – June 17, 1999 – Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV@ CC&GTCC  
Convention  
2000 – July 20, 2000 – Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV @ CC&GTCC  
Convention  
2001 – May 31, 2001 – Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV@ CC&GTCC  
Convention  
2002 – June 6, 2002 – Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV @ CC&GTCC  
Convention  
2003 – June 26, 2003 - Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV @ CC&GTCC  
Convention  
2004 – June 18, 2004 - Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV @ CC&GTCC  
Convention  
2005 – August 5, 2005 - Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV @ CC&GTCC  
Convention  
2006 – June 30, 2006 – Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV @ CC&GTCC  
Convention  
2007 – August 11, 2007 – Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV @ CC&GTCC  
Convention

**Dues – Annual for domestic members**

1988 - 1989 \$5.00  
1989 - 1991 \$10.00  
1991- 1995 \$15.00  
1995 - 2006 \$20.00  
2006 – Present \$30.00

**Treasury Balance (periodic balances)**

December 15, 1988 - \$636.25  
March 31, 1989 – \$795.15  
May 31, 1990 - \$2,716.00  
May 31, 1991 - \$5,868.00  
June 30, 1995 - \$20,742.00  
December 31, 1995 - \$29,852.00  
June 30, 1996 - \$42,112.00  
December 31, 1996 - \$46,389.00  
June 30, 1997 - \$60,186.00

December 31, 1998 - \$47,041.00  
December 31, 1999 - \$47,483.00  
December 31, 2000 - \$70,992.00  
November 30, 2001 - \$103,950.00  
September 27, 2002 - \$130,499.00 (includes \$14,693 in Building Fund)  
December 31, 2002 - \$141,435 (includes \$16,912 in Building Fund)  
December 31, 2003 - \$156,078 (includes \$31,841 in Building Fund)  
December 31, 2004 - \$174,955 (includes \$57,858 in Building Fund)  
April 30, 2005 - \$231,320 (includes \$59,438 in Building Fund)

### **President**

Archie Black 1988-1989 Elected 1988  
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Archie Black 1992-1993 Elected 1992  
Archie Black 1993-1995 Elected 1993  
Archie Black 1995-1997 Elected 1995  
Archie Black 1997-1999 Elected 1997  
David Sarles 1999-2001 Elected 1999  
Nate Pincus 2001-2003 Elected 2001  
Mike Skelton 2003-2005 Elected 2003  
Mike Skelton 2005-2007 Elected 2005  
Wayne Thompson 2007-2009 Elected 2007

### **Vice President**

Janice O'Neal 1991-1992 Elected 1991  
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Janice O'Neal 1993-1995 Elected 1993  
Janice O'Neal 1995-1997 Elected 1995  
Janice O'Neal 1997-1999 Elected 1997  
Janice O'Neal 1999-1999 Elected 1999 – Resigned 1999  
Ken Hallenbeck 1999-2001 Appointed 1999  
Neal Silverman 2001-2002 Elected 2001 – Resigned 2002  
John Zoesch 2002 -2003 Appointed 2002  
Wayne Thompson 2003-2005 Elected 2003  
Wayne Thompson 2005-2007 Elected 2005  
Jay Sands 2007-2009 Elected 2007

### **Treasurer**

Bruce Landau 1988-1989 Elected 1988  
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Chuck Tomarchio 1993-1995 Elected 1993

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Nate Pincus 1999-2001 Elected 1999  
Dave Shron 2001-2002 Elected 2001 – Resigned 2002  
Mike Quinlivan 2002 -2003 Appointed 2002  
Mike Quinlivan 2003-2005 Elected 2003  
Mike Quinlivan 2005-2007 Elected 2005  
Doug Smith 2007-2009 Elected 2007

### **Secretary/Corresponding Secretary**

Michael Knapp 1988-1989 Elected 1988  
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Michael Knapp 1993-1995 Elected 1993  
Michael Knapp 1995-1997 Elected 1995  
Michael Knapp 1997-1999 Elected 1997  
Barry Weintraub 1999-2001 Elected 1999  
Marty Kaplan 2001-2002 Elected 2001 – Resigned 2002  
Tyrus Mulkey 2002 -2003 Appointed 2002  
Belinda Hixon 2003-2005 Elected 2003  
Belinda Hixon 2005-2007 Elected 2005  
Belinda Hixon 2007-2009 Elected 2007

### **Recording Secretary/Membership Officer**

Earl Donley 1992-1993 Elected 1992  
Earl Donley 1993-1994 Elected 1993  
James Harpp 1994-1995 Appointed 1994  
James Harpp 1995-1996 Elected 1995  
Jim Steffner 1996-1997 Appointed 1996  
Jim Steffner 1997-1999 Elected 1997  
Jim Steffner 1999-2001 Elected 1999  
Ralph Myers 2001-2003 Elected 2001  
Ralph Myers 2003-2005 Elected 2003  
Ralph Myers 2005-2007 Elected 2005  
Sunday Silverman 2007-2008 Elected 2007 - Resigned 2008

### **Hall of Fame Members**

Archie Black – Inducted 1998  
Howard Herz – Inducted 1998  
Dale Seymour – Inducted 1998  
Bruce Landau – Inducted 1999  
Janice O’Neal – Inducted 1999  
Michael Knapp – Inducted 2000  
Allan Myers - Inducted 2000  
Ernie Wheelden – Inducted 2000

Harvey Fuller – Inducted 2001  
Doug Saito – Inducted 2001  
Bob Mera – Inducted 2002  
Greg Susong – Inducted 2002  
Phil Jensen – Inducted 2003  
Charlie Rodgers – Inducted 2004  
Mike Skelton – Inducted 2005  
Gene Trimble – Inducted 2006  
Eric Rosenblum – Inducted 2006  
Jim Steffner - Inducted 2007

### **Honorary Life Members**

Mike Skelton  
Archie Black  
Michael Knapp  
Wayne Thompson  
Harvey Fuller  
Jim Steffner

### **Convention Chair**

1993 – Archie Black & Michael Knapp  
1994 – Archie Black  
1995 – Mike Skelton  
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1998 – Mike Skelton  
1999 – Wayne Thompson  
2000 – Wayne Thompson & Belinda Hixon  
2001 - Wayne Thompson & Belinda Hixon  
2002 – George & Liz Conrad (Resigned due to illness)  
2002 – Jim & Sandi Steffner  
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2006 – Jim & Sandi Steffner  
2007 - Jim & Sandi Steffner  
2008 - Mike Pasternack & Dawn Satter

### **Club Historian**

Howard Herz 1988 - 1989 - Appointed 1988  
Janice O'Neal 1989 – 1999 – Appointed 1989  
Carey Burke 2005 – Present – Appointed 2005

### **Casino Chip and Token News Editor**

Archie Black 1988 – 1994  
Tom Dirnberger 1994 – 1996  
Kregg Herz 1996 - 2000

John Yee 2000 - 2002  
Allan Anderson 2000 – Present

### **Advertising Manager**

Charlie Rodgers 1991 – Present

### **Club Librarian**

Robert Pardue 1998 - 2007  
John Kallman 2007 - Present

### **Webmaster**

Neal Silverman 1999-2001  
Greg Susong 2001-2007  
David Spragg 2007 - Present

### **Publicity Director**

Kathi Lee 1997-1998  
Dennis Zeller 1998-2000  
Rich Burgel 2000-2002  
Len Cipkins 2002 – 2006  
Sheldon Smith 2006 - Present

### **Legal Counsel**

Eric Rosenblum 1990-Present

### **Promotions Sales Manager/Promotions Chairperson**

Janice O’Neal 1989-1994  
Dick Allard 1994 - 2002  
Pam Focazio 2002-2003  
Tyrus Mulkey 2003-2005  
Roy Nelson 2005-Present

### **Education Director**

Michael Knapp 1995 - 2001  
Dick Covington 2002 – 2005  
Sheldon Smith 2006 – Present

### **Claims Director**

Jim Reilly 1999-2002  
Jim Pierre 2002-2004  
Travis Lewin 2004 – Present

### **Bruce Landau Memorial Auction (2002) Chairman**

Bruce Landau 1993-2001  
Barry Weintraub 2002 – 2007  
David Spragg 2008 - Present

## **OTY Chairperson**

Archie Black 1990 - 2001

Jim Follis 2002 – Present

## **(Building) Museum Fund Chairman**

Jim Kruse 2000 – 2007

Mike Skelton 2007 - Present

## **Convention**

1993 – April 30 - May 1, 1993 – Aladdin Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV

1994 – April 28 – April 30, 1994 – Aladdin Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV

1995 – April 27 – April 29, 1995 – Aladdin Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV

1996 – June 20 – June 22, 1996 – Aladdin Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV

1997 – June 19 – June 21, 1997 – Aladdin Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV

1998 – August 13 – August 15, 1998 – Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV

1999 – June 17 – June 19, 1999 – Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV

2000 – July 20 – July 22, 2000 – Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV

2001 – May 30 – June 2, 2001 – Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV

2002 – June 5 – June 8, 2002 – Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV

2003 - June 25 – June 28, 2003 – Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV

2004 - June 16 – June 19, 2004 – Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV

2005 – August 3 – August 6, 2005 - Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV

2006 – June 29 – July 1, 2006 – Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV

2007 - August 8 - August 11, 2007 - Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV

## **Convention Banquet Featured Speaker**

2001 – Oscar Goodman – Mayor, City of Las Vegas

2002 – William Boyd - Boyd Gaming

2003 – Claudine Williams – Chairman, Harrah’s Las Vegas

2004 – Robert Maheu – Advisor to Howard Hughes

2005 – Richard Goeglein – Casino Executive

2006 – Burt Cohen – Casino Executive

2007 - Marilyn Winn - Harrah's Las Vegas

## **Membership Recruiter of the Year Award – The Robert “Bob” Mera Award (2005)**

1988 Charlie Rodgers

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1990 Bob Mera (Dealer)

1990 Robert Eisenstadt (Non-dealer)

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1993 Bob Mera

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1995 Charlie Rodgers  
1996 "Need Information"  
1997 "Need Information"  
1998 Greg Susong  
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2000 American Chip Enterprises (Campiglia & Wells)  
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2003 Pete & Chantel Rizzo  
2004 James Campiglia  
2005 Archie Black  
2006 Greg Cagle

### **Newsletter Article of the Year – The Harvey J. Fuller Award (2005)**

1988 Michael Knapp for "Information Booth" column  
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1990 Janice O'Neal for "Nevada Update" series  
1991 Alan Myers for "Southern Indiana Gambling"  
1992 Michael Knapp for "Fakes, Fantasy Etc."  
1993 Fred Borgmann for "A Token Tour of Wisconsin's Indian Casinos"  
1994 Doug Saito for "The Lowest of the Low Gives Me the Highest of Highs"  
1995 Steve Passalacqua for "Chip Find of a Lifetime"  
1996 "Need Information"  
1997 "Need Information"  
1998 Phil Jensen for "Phil's Forays"  
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2000 "Need Information"  
2001 Steve McLendon for "Gaming History of Lake Tahoe"  
2002 Allan Anderson for "Cal-Neva Resort, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary"  
2003 John Yee for "The Apache Hotel"  
2004 Mike Quinlivan for "The Flamingo Capri Revisited"  
2005 Tyrus Mulkey for "Howard R. Hughes Jr. and His Influence on the Transition From Gambling to Gaming"  
2006?

### **Best Exhibit – People's Choice Award**

1993 Henry Garrett – Cuba Display  
1994 Mark Lighterman – Monte Carlo Casino Chips and Plaques  
1995 Mel Jung – Brass Core Chips  
1996 "Need Information"  
1997 "Need Information"  
1998 "Need Information"  
1999 Cameron & Sandra Kessinger – Casino Collectibles, They're Smoking  
2000 Edward Fox – 1990's Nevada Silver Strikes  
2001 Jim Kruse – Casino Quilts



