

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>CC Convention

1994 – April 30, 1994 – Aladdin Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV@ CC>CC
Convention
1995 – April 29, 1995 – Aladdin Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV@ CC>CC
Convention
1996 – June 22, 1996 – Aladdin Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV@ CC>CC
Convention
1997 – June 21, 1997 – Aladdin Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV@ CC>CC
Convention
1998 – August 13, 1998 – Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV@ CC>CC
Convention
1999 – June 17, 1999 – Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV@ CC>CC
Convention
2000 – July 20, 2000 – Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV @ CC>CC
Convention
2001 – May 31, 2001 – Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV@ CC>CC
Convention
2002 – June 6, 2002 – Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV @ CC>CC
Convention
2003 – June 26, 2003 - Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV @ CC>CC
Convention
2004 – June 18, 2004 - Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV @ CC>CC
Convention
2005 – August 5, 2005 - Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV @ CC>CC
Convention
2006 – June 30, 2006 – Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV @ CC>CC
Convention
2007 – August 11, 2007 – Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV @ CC>CC
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 1991-1992 Elected 1991
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
Bruce Landau 1989-1990 Elected 1989
Bruce Landau 1990-1991 Elected 1990
Bruce Landau 1991-1992 Elected 1991
Bruce Landau 1992-1993 Elected 1992
Chuck Tomarchio 1993-1995 Elected 1993

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Chuck Tomarchio 1997-1999 Elected 1997
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 1992-1993 Elected 1992
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 2007-2009 Elected 2007

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
2003 - Jim & Sandi Steffner
2004 - Jim & Sandi Steffner
2005 - Jim & Sandi Steffner
2006 – Jim & Sandi Steffner
2007 - Jim & Sandi Steffner

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 – 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

Online Communications Director

Jim Follis 2001 – Present

OTY Chairperson

Archie Black 1990 - 2001

Jim Follis 2002 – Present

Building 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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1992 Robert Eisenstadt (Non-dealer)

1993 Bob Mera

1994 Bob Mera
1995 Charlie Rodgers
1996 "Need Information"
1997 "Need Information"
1998 Greg Susong
1999 Greg Susong
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"
1999 Phil Jensen for "Phil's Forays"
2000 "Need Information"
2001 Steve McLendon for "Gaming History of Lake Tahoe"
2002 Allan Anderson for "Cal-Neva Resort, 75th 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

2002 Peter Van der Kar – O'Shea's
2003 Bob Feeney – Snappers of the World
2004 Jerry Birl – Collecting U.S. Casino Roulette Gaming Chips
2005 Jerry Birl – A Study of the Slot Machine Tokens & Gaming Vouchers Used in Atlantic City Casinos from 1978-2003
2006 ??
2007 ??

OTY Award Winners

See CC>CC website for pictures – www.ccgccc.com/oty_awards.html

Chip of the Year – Winning Casino

1990 Harrah's, Lake Tahoe NV
1991 Main Street Station, Las Vegas NV
1992 Lilly Belle's Casino, Black Hawk CO
1993 Luxor, Las Vegas NV
1994 Luxor, Las Vegas NV
1995 Holiday Inn Boardwalk Casino, Las Vegas NV
1996 Stratosphere Casino, Las Vegas NV
Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville CT
1997 Flamingo Hilton, Laughlin NV
1998 Excalibur, Las Vegas NV
1999 Harrah's, Laughlin NV
2000 Fiesta, Las Vegas NV
2001 Aladdin, Las Vegas NV
2002 El Cortez, Las Vegas NV
2003 Palms Casino, Las Vegas NV
2004 Hard Rock, Las Vegas NV
2005 Four Queens, Las Vegas NV
2006 Sarasota Kennel Club, FL

Token of the Year – Winning Casino

1990 Trolley Stop, Las Vegas NV
1991 Santa Fe, Las Vegas NV
1992 Harrah's, Las Vegas NV
1993 Aladdin, Las Vegas NV
1994 Coyote Creek Casino, Central City CO
1995 Luxor, Las Vegas NV
1996 Sahara, Las Vegas NV
1997 Harrah's, Laughlin NV
1998 Golden Gate, Las Vegas NV
1999 Tropicana, Atlantic City NJ
2000 Easy Street, Central City CO
2001 Caesar's, Atlantic City NJ
2002 Railroad Pass, Henderson NV
2003 Double Eagle, Cripple Creek CO

2004 Gold Diggers, Cripple Creek, CO
2005 The Teller House, Central City, CO
2006 Bronco Bill's, Cripple Creek, CO

Silver Strike of the Year – Winning Casino

2000 Caesars Palace, Las Vegas NV
2001 O'Shea's, Las Vegas NV
2002 Palms, Las Vegas NV
2003 Palms, Las Vegas NV
2004 Treasure Island, Las Vegas, NV
2005 Plaza, Las Vegas, NV
2006 Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, NV

Card/Key of the Year – Winning Casino

2002 Palms, Las Vegas NV
2003 Stardust, Las Vegas NV
2004 Trump Plaza, Atlantic City, NJ
2005 Riviera, Las Vegas, NV
2006 Stardust, Las Vegas, NV

Club Poker Tournament Winners

1999 Tony Kreuzsch
2000 Jim Follis
2001 Russ Diaz
2002 Rick Aliperti
2003 Patti Norris
2004 Steve Wells
2005 Jeff Wilcox
2006 Wendy Beckers
2007 Mark Abramson

Club Blackjack Tournament Winners

2003 David Lazarcheck
2004 Peter Nathan
2005 Peter Ricardi
2006 Charles Lindsey
2007 George Payne

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