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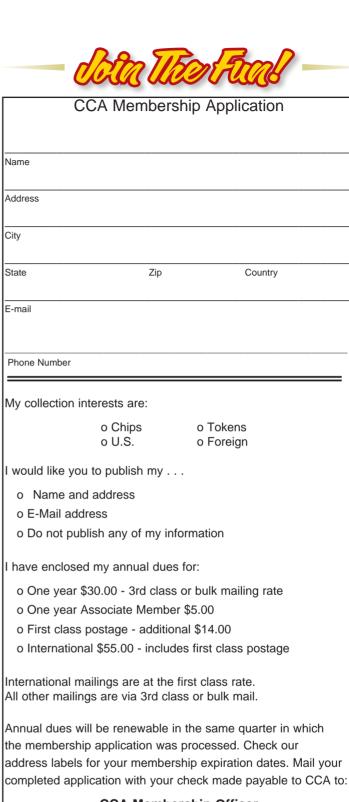
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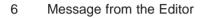
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o Mr. o Mrs o Ms.

Name, please print

Street

City

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Date of Birth

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Signature of Applicant

Proposer The Casino Collectibles Association, Inc.

o Check o Money Order o Credit Card Type \_\_\_\_

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Date

Signature of Cardholder (Required)

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Check out the Reference Center, where you will find useful information on the hobby of casino chip and gaming token collecting. There are articles for the beginning collector and detailed reference materials for the more experienced collector.

Log on to the club message board. Ask questions, get answers and meet other people interested in the same collectibles as you!



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#### Roy Nelson

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### Message from the Editor

#### **Steve Miller**

awarded Robb and I, President's Awards for our work on the Casino Collectible News. I was totally surprised and grateful for the acknowledgement for something I enjoy doing. Thank you very much, Jerry, and the members who enjoy the magazine.

'Til Spring Happy Chipp'in Steve Miller LM 1069-245

Another issue, another convention, time marches on. This year we celebrated 30 years as an organization. If you did not attend this year you missed a good time. Starting with the ChipGuide get together, the dinner with our guest speaker, the convention floor, workshops, and finishing up with the volunteers' reception it was great.



Doug Smith coordinated having Brian Cashman's family attend this year's Splashbar. This gave all who attended a chance to remember Mr. Splashbar and honor him. Brian is going to be greatly missed.

I came into town early to attend a "Mob Summit." The summit was a series of workshops and presentations on the Mob's influence on the casino industry in Las Vegas. Larry Henry started a page on Facebook for people like him, interested in the connection between the two. I found the workshops fascinating, and enjoyed visiting the speakeasy in the Mob Museum.

I also was able to arrange a visit to the "Showgirl Museum." I did not have room to report on this issue, so you'll have to wait till spring for the article. The museum right now is having some zoning issues, so they are not open to the public. They are currently trying to get them resolved. Hopefully they will be open for next year's convention. The museum has a huge collection of wardrobe, props, and scenery. If you remember and enjoyed old style variety shows like Jubilee, you will like the collection.

Unfortunately, I was contacted by the ANA recently that we did not receive an award for our magazine this year. On the other hand, our President Jerry Vertagos,





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# Visit the Greg Susong Digital Media Center!

#### at the Museum of Gaming History

The Greg Susong Digital Media Center is dedicated to Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club Hall of Fame member Greg Susong. Greg is one of those who brought the Internet to chip and token collecting. His website, The ChipGuide, was one of the first sites devoted entirely to chip and token collecting, and serves as a tremendous resource for collectors throughout the world. His work has been kindly donated to the Museum and will be continued to be updated at the Museum of Gaming History.

Visit it today at

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### **New Members**

First	Last	City	State	Ref	Pre	Memb
Joe	Ehler	Lockport	IL	MoGH	R	#
Donald	Neilson	Saratoga Springs	NY	Doug Smith LM-3209-147	R	8910
Matthew	Miller	Bridgeton	NJ	Doug Smith LM-3209-147	R	8911
Paul	McClelland	Elkhart	IN	Doug Smith LM-3209-147	R	8912
Julie	Michler	Carson City	NV	Club Web Site	R	8913
Richard M.	Shobe	Urbana	OH	Club Web Site	R	8914
James	Horvatic	Fort Worth	TX	Club Web Site	R	8915
Carla		Haledon	NJ	Club Web Site	R	8916
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Doug	Balduini	Haledon	NJ	Doug Smith LM-3209-147	R	8917-A
Dennis	Clark	Grinnell	IA	Doug Smith LM 3209-147	R	8917
Robert S.	Dodson	Marietta	GA	MoGH	R	8918
Pete	Smith	Minneapolis	MN	Mark Lighterman	R	8919
Mike	Schad	Lake Havasu City	AZ	Club Web Site	R	8920
Rick	Steiner	Cave Creek	AZ	Wendy Schultz	R	8921
Robin	Langley	Fort Worth	ТΧ	James Horvatic	R	8922
Theodore	Stumphauzer	Plainfield	IL	Club Web Site	R	8923
Mikko	Melander	Las Vegas	NV	Spinetti, Mike	R	8924
Bruce	Shollenberger	Reading	PA	Douglas Smith	R	8925
Jack	Albrand	Glen Mills	PA	Doug Smith	R	8926
Jerry	McCabe	Morton	PA	Doug Smith	R	8927
Kevin	McMullen	Edmon	OK	Joe McMullen	R	8928
Craig	Pappin	Jackson	MI	Jue Mervialien	R	8929
Glenn	Grush	Encino	CA	Dovid Spragg	R	8930
Michael	Blishak	Tucson	AZ	David Spragg	R	
				Web Site		8931
William	Nye	East Aurora	NY	Club Web Site	R	8932
Linda	Pierce	St. Clair Shores	MI	Club Web Site	R	8933
Scott	Schwarz	Pasadena	CA	Club Web Site	R	8934
Woody	Woodrich	Lakeside	ΤX	Club Web Site	R	8935
Charlie	Turner	Louisville	KY	Paul Bender	R	8936
Tyler	Feldman	Las Vegas	NV	Club Web Site	R	8937
Kathy	Ingram	Charleston	OR	Club Web Site	R	8938
Dennis	Gallagher	Wanakee	WI	Club Web Site	R	8939
Russell	Dobie	Austin	ΤX	Club Web Site	R	8940
Gerald	Bretag	Petaluma	CA	Club Web Site	R	8941
Dale	Stoyer	Depew	NY	Club Web Site	R	8942
Richard	Folks	Normal	IL	Richard Pushkin	R	8943
Andra	White	Fullerton	ĊA		R	8944
Steven	Jack	Las Vegas	NV	Ted Whiting	R	8945
Robert P.	Lovelace	Albuquerque	NM	Ted Whiting	R	8946
Charles	Crate	Henderson	NV	Hartman Soatt	R	8947
Hassan	Madeha	Las Vegas	NV	Hartman, Scott Steve Palumbo	R	8948
				Sleve Palumbo		
Charles	Lineberry	San Antonio	TX		R	8949
Sam	Acosta	Keller	TX	Camilo Acosta	R	8950
Tree	Shields	Las Vegas	NV		R	8951
Jaydon	Ogden	Las Vegas	NV	Jerry Vergatos	R	8952
Robert D.	Jenkins	San Antonio	ΤX		R	8953
Richard	Kelly	Kaukauna	WI	Sheldon Smith	R	8955
Carl	Pollack	Long Beach	NY	Richard Gummer	R	8956
Martin	Uresti	West Jordan	UT	Club Website	R	8957

If you are a new member & you don't see your name listed, it's because you did not chose to "Publish" option.

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Welcome to the Casino Collectible Association's Membership Corner. My name is Roy Nelson and I am your new CCA Membership Officer. As your Membership Officer I have two critical jobs. The first is to increase our recruitment efforts—bring new members to the CCA. The second is to hold on to members once they join—keep them with us. To do both will require everyone to participate a little more. After all, 'Membership Is Everyone's Job!

#### RECRUITMENT

One way we are going to increase our recruitment efforts is by providing more recognition and incentives for those who sign up new members. If you sign up a new member, or get a former member to rejoin, I'm going to send you a 'Recruiter Chip' valued at \$5. Is a \$5 Recruiter Chip a huge incentive? Of course not, but it is an important way of saying, "Thanks for caring about our club". And what can you do with your Recruiter Chip? Well, you can use it to make purchases from our club table at the annual convention or through on-line orders. You can collect them, trade them, or better yet wear one in your badge holder during the convention to show others that you did your part.

Another recruitment effort we will be starting is offering trial memberships. Trial memberships will be reduced rate memberships from 6-10 months to "try us out." The goal is to convert these trial memberships to regular memberships when the trial period is over.

So, we are starting off by doing a couple of things that give incentives to recruiting new members. But what about keeping these new folks?

#### RETENTIONS

Our recruitment efforts over the past 3 years would probably earn us a "C" grade—about average for a club our size. But of the 221 new people who joined CCA over that time we lost 63% of them in their first two years. We failed to give them a reason to continue their association with us. We didn't show them the added value that CCA membership brings to our hobby. We didn't tell them enough about our history and our future. We didn't show them that we aren't just a group of folks who buy and sell casino memorabilia; we are in the business of "Preserving Gaming History". In short, we just didn't have a plan for keeping these new members. And here is where you come in. Remember, "Membership Is Everyone's Job!"

A successful plan needs ideas and input from lots of perspectives, so I ask you to think about: --What benefits you get from CCA membership. (Aside from our award-winning magazine.)

- --What benefits you would like to get from your CCA membership.
- --What do you think would keep new members coming back year after year?

Once you have spent some time thinking about these questions email me at membership@ccgtcc.com and tell me what you have come up with. Your responses will help formulate our retention plan and contribute greatly to keeping our new folks as continuing members.

#### MEMBERSHIP GOALS

Our current reality is we have been losing about 6% of our membership (about 80 folks) annually for the past few years. On June 1 of this year we have 1252 members (regular, life and associate). My personal goal is that by June 1, 2020 (roughly 2 years from now), our % loss will be zero. How do we do that? Simple really. We increase the number of people who join, and we decrease the number of people who leave us.

Again, that's where you come in. Remember, "Membership Is Everyone's Job!"I'm asking each of you to make a commitment to our club. Make a commitment to bring one new member to the club. Make a commitment to talk to someone you know who is a member is no longer and get them to reconsider. Make a commitment to talk to members of your local club who aren't CCA members about joining. Or make a commitment in any other way your can to do your part to grow our club. If we all do a little more it will make a big difference!

Thanks for reading my first Membership Corner and look for it again next time. Roy



## Letter to the Editors

We did not receive any Letters to the Editor for this issue, so I am going to use this space to discuss some messages that were passed through Jerry Vergatos to me from the convention. The areas discussed were the use of two names being used for the organization in the magazine, the cost of printing, and the timeliness of the magazine getting to the users. So to let members know they are being heard, I am going to discuss what is happening in the magazine.

First issue is that the magazine is confusing as to what our organization's name is. Our official name is Casino Collectibles Association, a subsidiary of CC&GTCC Inc., which is on the masthead. Both the magazine and the website are in the process of converting all titles to Casino Collectibles Association. The editors of the magazine have been making gradual changes and carried both names for continuity, so there was no major confusion with a complete change all at once. It requires time to read through all club material and convert the name where needed. In the magazine, there are sections that have not been updated in any form for several years. Not being the editor at the time, I do not have the original copy for logos and text, so it needs to be completely recreated.

As to the logo usage policy page, the artwork for a new logo usage is currently being created. The image in the magazine is only an example of how to use it. The statement written below states, that a member must contact the Secretary for a copy of the logo with your membership number on it. The usage policy has not changed with the organization's new name. So when the new image becomes available that will be used.

I know that I have discussed the mailing of the magazine to the membership in a timely manner before. I know that both Robb and I try our best to get the magazine out to meet dates mandated by our constitution, to event schedules, and our lives. If we do not receive enough articles for an issue in a timely fashion, there are several consequences; first being, we run late waiting for articles, second our copy editors get swamped all at once that creates a bottleneck. If there is a shortage Robb and I have to put together more articles which require time, or we have a sixteen-page smaller issue. As I am writing this in mid-July, I have only received three articles, two club business, one on chips. I have posted that I need to have all the articles by the end of July. In an average issue, we need almost 20 articles.

The other timeliness issue regarding the magazine is printing and shipping. Once the magazine is finalized at the printer, it takes four to ten business days to print and ship. Those members that pay extra for first class mail, receive it in about three days after shipping. Bulk mailing can take seven to twenty days to receive. I get mine in seven days. We have no control over foreign mail after it leaves the USPS.

The final topic brought to my attention is the cost of the magazine. This is an area I have not been involved with directly in the past. I feel that the magazine is one of the main reasons to join the club. I know it was the reason I joined over twenty-five years ago. It is the only connection that all our members have. Yes, I know the world is on the web, but not all our members are. Also, many of us still like to read a hard copy. After I get this issue to the printer, I will start looking at what we can do about costs. I will be asking for bids from other printers, check the quality of their work, and services provided.

Steve Miller Editor

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## **2018 CCA ELECTION RESULTS**

The nominations for the 2018 CCA Officers and Board of Directors were submitted and tallied. 21 valid nomination forms were received; none were voided.

One member received one nomination for Treasurer. Per the CCA Constitution, a member must receive two nominations to be eligible to run for Office.

The members shown below received a minimum of two nominations from current CCA members, per the requirements, for the CCA Board of Directors' positions shown.

Vice President: Jim Follis and John Zoesch

Treasurer: Steve Asrilant, Jim Follis and Mike Quinlivan

Membership Officer: Richard Huber and Roy Nelson

Jim Follis and John Zoesch accepted the nomination for the Office of Vice President. Richard Huber and Roy Nelson accepted the nomination for the position of Membership Officer.

Steve Asrilant accepted the nomination for the Office of Treasurer. Jim Follis and Mike Quinlivan declined the nomination for Office of Treasurer. Therefore, there was no election for the Office of Treasurer.

We, along with CCA Members, Rick and Terri Lonski, counted the 2018 CCA Election Ballots on June 14, 2018. Jerry Vergatos, CCA President, was present to observe the process:

Total Ballots Received:	210
Voided:	1 – Late Arrival
Counted:	209

#### Vice President:

Jim Follis	122
John Zoesch	• 85

#### Membership Chairman:

Richard Huber	87
Roy Nelson	122

The ballots received represent 16.4 % of the total CCA membership of 1,277 as of 5/19/18.

Congratulations to Jim Follis, Steve Asrilant and Roy Nelson. The term for the Office of Vice President, Treasurer and Membership Chairman will be two years (2018-2020).

Vice President-Elect, Jim Follis, Treasurer-Elect, Steve Asrilant, and Membership Chairman-Elect, Roy Nelson, were certified by a vote of the current CCA Board of Directors and Officers at the CCA Annual Meeting on June 23, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

BRUCE & MARY ANN MASSEY CCA Election Co-Chairmen

## **Important Message from the Auction Chairs**

David Spragg & Jay Sands

The 2019 Bruce Landau Memorial Auction will once again be held during the convention, at the South Point Hotel & Casino, on Thursday 20th June 2019.

The Annual Club Auction is the Club's biggest single fundraising event. In recent years there has been a dramatic decline in the number of suitable lots consigned and lots donated in general.

As before, there are no constraints on either the number of consignors or the number of lots they can consign or donate, but that is subject to the terms listed below. I will be contacting all consignors from last year directly in due course but there is no need to wait for me to do so if you are ready to consign now.

What we are in need of is more consignors/donors and we, therefore, ask all members to help us.

The auction will, as usual, comprise approx 200 lots (including donated lots), of which a small number of the donated lots (probably 20) will be sold by silent auction in advance and on the first day of the convention. Bulky lots have caused us a problem in the past, in terms of the preparation of the auction and catalog, cost of return of unsold items, and the additional cost of shipping sold items. Consequently, I ask that consigners submit as many suitable single chip lots as possible, and I will only consider larger lots on their individual merit. If anyone has anything at all that he or she wishes to donate, then in view of the fact the club gets the full proceeds, and there is a guaranteed sale, we will be more flexible over what will be accepted, and, we reserve the right to combine donated lots together if appropriate. The club makes considerably more money from donated lots than the consignments, and being that is the purpose of the auction, I strongly urge anyone who is willing to donate chips to do so.

Bidding on ALL donated lots will once again start at just \$5. While we intend to retain a minimum bid of \$50 or above on the majority of consigned items for the purposes of advance/proxy bidding, the auctioneer will have the discretion to reduce that opening bid in the case of there being no bids, so please bear that in mind when consigning. Reserves may still be set for lots valued at \$500 and up. All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged and will be available to view in full on the club website or via email. Please therefore only consider consigning items that have a realistic chance of selling for \$50 or more.

You may consign lots (subject to the standard 10% sellers commission, which will be waived in the event of a consignor buying back a lot – 10% buyers premium is still payable) and/or you can donate lots where the club retains the proceeds.

There will be no printed consignment form. Instead, we invite would be consignors to contact us (preferably by email) to determine the suitability of lots. Please DO NOT SEND ANYTHING without contacting us first.

We will be at the Las Vegas Superbowl Chip show in early February and can collect auction lots from vendors there. Those consignors attending the show that do not have email, please have any lots ready for us. If you are not attending the show and have lots to donate or consign, please don't wait to contact us, the earlier the better.

We plan to have the auction catalog available approx 6 weeks in advance (i.e. early May). It will also be made available online for anyone wishing to view, download or print as soon as it is completed. Consequently, the latest date that anyone can contact me to consign lots will be February 4th, 2019.

Please use auction@ccgtcc.com to contact us. If you need to contact us by snail mail, please write to:

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From the President's Desk

#### Greetings to my fellow club members.

#### CONVENTION

Steve Palumbo did a fantastic job coordinating this years 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary convention. Utilizing a larger space, he managed to create a very user-friendly environment. I'm sure with the experience he gained next years convention will be even better. He has already started working on some of the details. I'm sure he would welcome all your comments and suggestions.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Rick Timmins presented a very detailed and well thought out proposal for the Board to consider. He was given the go ahead to proceed with items approved by the CCA Board. We are very excited with his enthusiasm and vision on how to increase our membership.

The CCA BOD has approved a modest increase in the dues for Annual Membership to \$35 dollars a year effective January 1, 2019. Due to rising costs and inflation on the services that the club provides, an increase is warranted at this time. The last increase was in 2006. The BOD constantly endeavors to keep costs to a minimum and is very cognizant of the financial burden this may place on some of our membership. Our decision did not come lightly.

Until December 31, 2018, we are offering a "Early Buy In" whereby you can renew your membership at the current rate for as many years as you like regardless of your renewal or expiration date. The current rates for multi-year renewals are also eligible for the promotion. The Life Membership rate and eligibility will remain the same also at this time and is eligible for the "Early Buy In" promotion. After January 1, 2019 the new rate times (X) your age will apply accordingly. After January 1, 2019 the multi-year rates will also be adjusted accordingly. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at vergatos@msn.com.

#### PERSONAL CHIP OF THE YEAR CONTEST

This year's contest proved to be a great success. There were a total of 79 entries. The winners were: 1st place Trey Warren, 2nd place Steve Palumbo, 3rd place Robert McColum. The judges for the event were independent nonclub members who volunteered their time.

I will be altering the rules for next years contest to include club members who do not have to attend the convention but rather can mail me their entries. I must receive those entries by Saturday the last day of the convention. Previous years chips will be allowed for the next contest again. Any future contest will require that the chips be made that year. I am also in the process of having a poster made of all the entries that were submitted. The poster will be sold at a very reasonable price with all the proceeds going to the MoGH.

#### **MEET THE PREZ**

I had a great time talking to over 100 club members and a few guests about

their concerns/complaints/suggestions. I walked away with many new thoughts as well as many new ideas. Some I had already been considering. I will be presenting the BOD with those ideas shortly for consideration.

#### TAX EXEMPT STATUS

Our application for tax exempt status is still pending. We received a letter from the tax authority asking for more detailed information. Vice president Jim Follis prepared an excellent response to the Nevada Dept of Taxation's request for our educational activities. Hopefully we will have a response shortly. If we are granted this tax-exempt status, we could realize a savings of over \$4000 per year.

#### **ELECTIONS**

Congratulations to our new officers: I look forward to working with these great members and I am energized by their enthusiasm in accepting these positions.

Jim Follis	Vice President
Steve Asrilant	Treasurer
Roy Nelson	Membership





I also wish to thank John Zoesch, Jay Sands, and Richard Huber for their many years of service to the club. They worked tirelessly performing their duties and should be given the highest amount of praise and recognition.

#### **NEW APPOINTMENTS**

I am happy to announce some new appointees to the following positions for 2019:

Scot Parriott Rich Burgel Trey Warren Jaydon and Evy Ogden Jay Sands Reggie Gummer Steve Palumbo David Sowell Volunteer Chairman CCA Publicity Chairman OTY Chairman Social Media Co-Chairman Claims Director Trade Session Monitor (New) Convention Chairman (Existing) Poker and Blackjack Tournament Director Existing

I wish to thank Belinda Hixson, Sheldon Smith, Jim Follis, and Chip Rosenblum, for their great service to the club. Their efforts are greatly appreciated, and I know they will assist the new appointees in the transition when needed.

#### VOLUNTEERS

I would be remiss in not personally thanking all the members who volunteered at this year's convention. There are not enough words and accolades that can express the deep appreciation I have for these volunteers. They give their time and physical efforts to bring about a great show every year. Without these efforts we would never have a convention. THANK YOU!!!

Sam Wagmeister provided a great speaker at the Volunteer's Banquet, Mr. Neal Portnoy. His presentation was very entertaining. THANK YOU, SAM!!!

#### SPECIAL THANKS

Doug Smith and David Spragg deserve special recognition for their great efforts in conducting two of our club'sbest money-making events.

Doug runs the successful club raffle which brings in a large amount of money for the club. He does it year-round: collecting, advertising and conducting the raffle at the convention.

David Spragg runs the club auction every year and conducts the largest money-making event for the club. He also donates many lots to the club and works year-round. He also conducts the auction table every day of the convention.

#### MoGH / Membership

I wish to express my greatest appreciation to Pam Focazio. She single-handedly manned the MoGH table at this year's convention all 3 days. With her very creative recruiting skills, she was able to renew 7 Gold members, enlist 11 new Gold members and sign up 4 new Life members. She also implemented some very good marketing items. She created a MoGH news letter to be distributed on a regular basis with Vice-President Jim Follis assisting. She put together some

grab bags for prospective members and was instrumental in developing a MoGH plaque reward program. She continues to get involved in many MoGH activities and will be co-hosting a MoGH open house at my home to recruit local CCA members as volunteers for the MoGH.

#### PRESIDENT'S AWARDS

This year at the Early Bird Banquet, I presented three well deserved awards. The editors of the Casino Collectible News, Steve Miller and Rob McPherson received the award for their consistently outstanding work on our club magazine.

David Spragg is one of the most pivotal members of our club. His many years of dedication have made the club what it is today.

IT IS AN HONOR BEING YOUR PRESIDENT!

Jerry Vergatos LM-8093-241 President vergatos@msn.com



### AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION NEWS



By Archie A. Black HLM-001 - ANA Club Representative

## MARK LIGHTERMAN RECEIVES ANA'S LIFETIME ACHIEVMENT AWARD

The **Lifetime Achievement Award** is presented to an individual, family, firm or judicial entity that has made outstanding contributions to organized numismatics. Energetic, organized and seldom without his clipboard in hand, life member and National Exhibit Coordinator **Mark Lighterman** is the 2018 recipient. Lighterman will be honored during the World's Fair of Money in Philadelphia.

An avid American Numismatic Association promoter, Lighterman has been a national volunteer since 2003, taking on his current duties as national exhibit coordinator in 2008. He chaired the ANA Exhibiting Committee from 2005 to 2009, and today also serves the ANA as the parliamentarian. Lighterman is president of Com¬bined Organizations of Numismatic Error Collectors of America (CONECA), treasurer of the Token and Medal Society (TAMS), past president of Florida United Numismatists (FUN), and a charter member of the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club. He has written articles for The Numismatist and CONECA's bimonthly publication, ErrorScope.

Lighterman is always looking for new Florida gaming tokens to add to his collection, and he avidly pursues error coins. Among his many major off-metal strikes are a \$20 gold piece struck on a large cent, a Flying Eagle cent struck on a half dime, and a 1934 Peace dollar struck on a quarter. Although the latter is one of his ¬favorites, he quickly notes that all his coins are important to him. Several years ago, Whitman Publishing sought him out for his expertise, and in 2010 he contributed to Nich¬olas P. Brown's 100 Greatest U.S. Error Coins.

In 2009 Lighterman took his place alongside fellow hobbyists in the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club's Hall of Fame. He was recognized as CONECA's Lyndon King Outstanding Member of the Year in 2012 and inducted into the organization's Hall of Fame in 2014. The ANA presented him its Presidential Award in 1999, the Glenn Smedley Memorial Award in 2002, Medal of Merit in 2012, Adna G. Wilde Jr. Award for Excellence in 2015, and Farran Zerbe Memorial Award for Distinguished Service in 2016.



## Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society Donates \$50,000 to Support ANA's Summer Seminar Program

The Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society has donated \$50,000 to support the American Numismatic Association's Summer Seminar. The donation includes a "matching" funds campaign to supplement the proceeds of the Young Numismatist Benefit Auctions.

The money also provides for the establishment of all-expense-paid scholarships for Young Numismatists (YNs) to attend the event. The "Eric P. Newman Young Numismatist Scholarship Program" will help students who otherwise might not be able to attend the late Eric P. Newman, who became a member of the ANA in 1935, is widely remembered and respected for his work as an author, researcher, and speaker. In 1958, he and his wife, Evelyn, established the Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society (EPNNES), which is dedicated to helping fellow numismatists realize their own potential

### A Message from the Vice President...

Greetings to all! I am humbled and honored to have been elected to the position of Vice President of our spectacular Club and I thank those that saw fit to vote for me. I look forward to working with the Club's Board (Jerry Vergatos and David Spragg) and congratulate Steve Asrilant and Roy Nelson as additions to the Board.

I would also like to thank Jay Sands, John Zoesch and Richard Huber for their faithful years of service and hope that they will continue in their roles as volunteers to the Club. I will also make a plea for others to consider volunteering to keep the Club and Hobby alive and well, into the future.

It is my plan to carry out the duties and expectations of the Vice President's position, as well as creating a few enhancements, both on my own, and in collaboration with the Board. Moreover, while I have passed



my OTY responsibilities on to 'new blood' (Trey Warren) I am committed to staying on as a Museum of Gaming History (MoGH) Board Officer and a ChipGuide Admin. This is because I firmly believe that the future of the Club and the Hobby, will best be served by the continued growth of the MoGH and further developments and enhancements to ChipGuide and it's current and planned features.

In this issue you will see articles about recent activity by the MoGH (...always moving forward!) and major enhancements to ChipGuide, as developed by Charles Kaplan, in a continuing tribute to the vision of our beloved, Greg Susong. You will also see measures to develop a superior website, perhaps one that will bring unity and branding to the multiple Club sites currently in operation.

My contact information is on the Masthead page of this fine publication and anyone, member or not, wishing to contact me about the Club or Hobby, is welcome to do so. I am proud to be a member of the Club and a Gold Level Member of the MoGH.

Respecfully yours,

Jim Follis LM 3872-53

## Southern Nevada Collectibles Club News

The SNCCC has been busy over the past several months, what with renting a table at the annual CCA Convention and conduction our monthly meetings (still every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino, Salon A). If you are in town for a visit on any given 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, please feel free to join us. We always try to have a guest speaker and always conduct an auction, a raffle, some buying/trading and always, a bit of a Business Meeting.

At the Annual CCA Convention, SNCCC members Tree Shields and Jim Lines spent many hours staffing the SNCCC Table to promote our local Club to the many visitors to the Convention bourse floor. SNCCC President Jerry Vergatos, yep, the same guy that is President to the CCA, offered a pre-paid \$2 discount incentive for new memberships into the SNCCC. That offer, along with handouts donated by SNCCC members Rich Klabacha, Pete Donnelly and Rich Burgel, was cause for roughly 50 new member sign-ups, rounding out our Membership to 161!

Officer At-Large, Dale Horyna is presently collecting TCR valued, "J" or better, chips for the SNCCC's Annual Online Auction Fundraiser that is to be conducted on The Chip Board (www.thechipboard.com). The Club wishes to express our appreciation to David Spragg for permitting the SNCCC to conduct this annual fundraiser on TheChipBoard.

Non-local SNCCC Members and non-SNCCC members alike, can support the Club by also submitting "J" or better valued auction items to Dale Horyna, by contacting him via email at dehoryna@gmail.com or by calling Jim Follis at: 520.971.7909 to make arrangements. Donors may select 100% of the proceeds to go to the SNCCC or to split with the SNCCC on a 50/50 basis.

At our July meeting we had the pleasure of having Mr. Geoff Schumacher, of the Mob Museum, as our Guest Speaker. Geoff brought us up to date on the latest happenings at the Mob Museum, which includes an expansion into their basement. The expansion includes additional displays, and they have built a Prohibition Era Speakeasy, that includes a real, fully functioning still! Geoff also brought along a Mason jar of the Mob Museum's homemade moonshine, which was won by Jaydon Ogden in our raffle event, as a bonus offering.

I have been to the basement expansion, and it is a fabulous enhancement to the Mob Museum experience. If you get a chance to go, make sure you try to see the many items on display there from SNCCC members and CCA members, alike. The most recent addition being a prohibition era radio and external speaker (both work) on-loan from CCA member Mike Quinlivan and placed in the basement expansion.



Geoff Schumacher and Jerry Vergatos

## A New Approach to Growing Our Hobby and Our Club

Rick Timmins R-7689

Well, a lot has happened since I wrote an article for last year's Winter issue of the club magazine. If you recall, in that article I suggested that we hire a full-time Executive Director to lead our club and grow our hobby. Most members choose not to move forward with that suggestion, however while I was at the Chip Show in Las Vegas during Super Bowl weekend, I met with several individuals, including members of the CCA Board. We collectively decided on a different approach that I would like to share with all of you.

This new approach led to the formation of a committee of CCA member volunteers in mid-February that agreed on a mission to develop a set of initiatives to grow the hobby and grow club membership. It is that activity that I would now like to share with you, and more importantly the activities ahead of us.

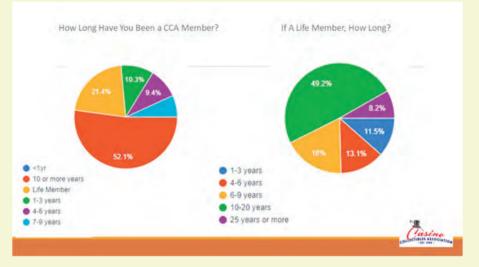
The decision to form a committee and ask for volunteers to serve on this committee was announced on the Chipboard in early February and a total of eight people volunteered to serve:

Doug Balduini	Mark Lighterman
Westen Charles	Roy Nelson
Scott Goodrich	Rick Timmins (Chairman)
Richard Huber	Jack Weingarten

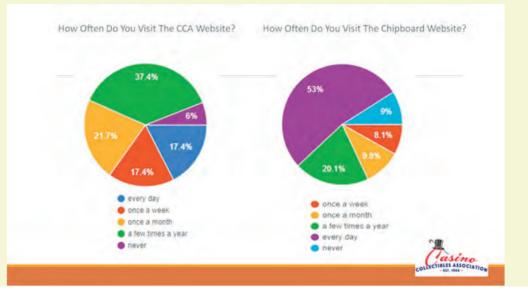
All meetings were held via conference calls and more than 10 meetings were conducted from February through early June. The end result of this committee was a series of recommendations that was shared with the CCA Board of Directors on Tuesday, June 19, just prior to the Annual Chip Show at the South Point Casino. Coming out of that meeting were two key action items that will involve more time and participation from hopefully several volunteers going forward.

One of the considerations that this committee viewed as important was to hear from club members. That concern led to the creation of a member survey. A series of questions with multiple choice responses along with opportunities for writein comments was developed. Between May 1 and May 15 the survey was sent electronically to 840 members with valid email accounts. A total of 235 members participated in the survey which is a very good response rate of 28%. This high response rate means we have a statistically accurate survey.

As you can see form the survey responses many of our most senior club members participated in the survey with most of these members also attending our Annual Club Convention/Show.

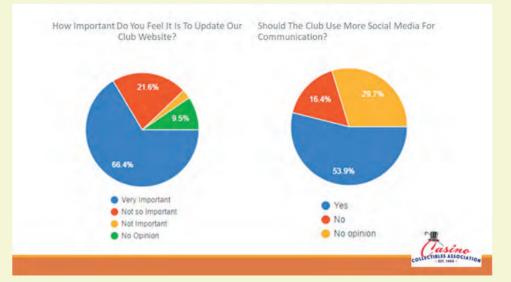


Another important piece of information is that 60% of our members only visit our club website once a month, a few times a year or never go to the site compared to 53% of members that are on the Chipboard website daily---quite a difference!!

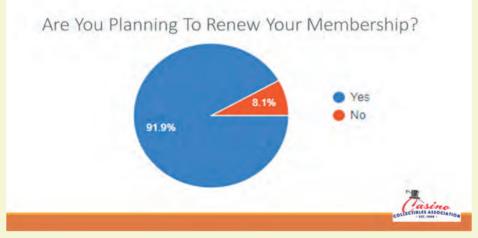


#### Growing Our Hobby and Our Club continued

However as you can see from the member responses two-thirds of our membership believes it is very important to update our member website. Also, a surprising 54% of our members believe the club should be using more social media forms of communication.



Finally an important question was asked of our members-- "are you planning to renew your membership?" While 92% said "yes" and 8% said "no," that still means a potential of 85 members are likely not to renew their club membership. This is in line with the annual declining number of members of the CCA club over the last several years.



As mentioned earlier there was also the opportunity for members to write-in comments and suggestions. The Top 3 writein member suggestions were the following:

- 1-create a more friendly and useful website
- 2-increase social media presence
- 3-find new ways to attract young collectors to the hobby and the club

As the committee reviewed the survey information and worked on a number of action items on its own, the committee developed seven recommendations which were presented to the CCA Board of Directors just prior to the Chip Show.

From this discussion at that Board Meeting came the suggestion from the CCA

Board for two key committees going forward:

1-A committee to work on the updating of the CCA website and the increase of social media communication

2-A committee to work on increasing membership of the club and people interested in our hobby

Let's expand a little more about the focus of both of these committees going forward.

The first committee is going to develop an action plan to update our club website and to make it more relevant to current and prospective club members. To do this we plan to work with a third party web development company that specializes in this type of work. The committee had many suggestions to improve this site along with several suggestions from members. All will be utilized. We feel it is critical to have a website that is useful and informative to our members and prospective members and frankly the current website does not do that. At the end of the day the website needs to be a value-add resource to everyone.

The second area of focus for this same committee is expand our use of social media communication methods. We need to take advantage of tools such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube videos and others for communication and training opportunities. We will benchmark other organizations that do this well in order to come up with ways we can take advantage of these tools. I plan to personally be involved on this committee.

The second committee is going to work on increasing our club membership. Again a number of suggestions came from both the original committee and member write-in suggestions from the survey. This includes creating "digital" and "paper" tear sheet on our club and hobby, incentives to recruit new members, and ways to better educate and communicate amongst members which we feel will increase member retention and also eventually increase membership. We are fortunate that newly elected CCA Board member and Membership Director, Roy Nelson, has agreed to serve as the Chairman for this important committee.

In order for us to make progress on these two committees and tasks we need help. We need volunteers to serve on these two committees for the next year. One of the questions we asked of our members in the May survey was their willingness to volunteer of their time to better the club. We had an excellent response of 27% or 63 members that indicated an interest in volunteering of their time. We want to tap these members to volunteer their time to serve on one of these two committees. If you are interested in participating on one of these committees I am asking you to reach out to me by October 15 (Rick Timmins rtimmins@yahoo.com) and let me know which committee you would like to be a on again for approximately one year. These committees can only be successful if people volunteer to serve and work on these two committees. It is probably going to take about three hours per month to assist on these committees. The CCA Board is also supportive of providing the appropriate funds to assist with these efforts with the right documentation and justification.

As I noted in my article of last fall, and a fact that has been ongoing for the last several years, our club membership and hobby are in decline. If many of us pull together and work on different and new approaches we can try to change the direction we are going. It will take time but we can try to make a difference. It needs the help and efforts of many people. Please reach out to me with your interest and desire to help and let's get going to grow our club and hobby into the future.

Thank you, Rick Timmins

## Donations to the 2018 CCA Convention Raffle.

The entire Board of Directors would personally like to extend our gratitude to the following people who made donations

George Dmitrevsky Robert Pardue Travis Lewin Doug Smith Riverboat Rick Ron Leis Charles Kaplan Scott Goodrich Doug Smith A Friend of the CC&GTCC Chuck Gajewski Chuck Sikora Anonymous John Gentle John Schleis Doug Balduini David Sowell Tony Tricoli John Wolf Alan Borenstein Archie Black Jerry Vertagos Gary Kuehl Fred Lamb James Jackson Larry Phillips David Sowell Jim Steffner Sheldon & Christine Smith Robert Likes Trey Warren Wendy Schultz Anonymous 2 Ed Hertel

Without the support of these donors along with all the people who made ticket purchases, we could have never made this year's raffle the huge success that it was

THANK YOU ALL !!!!!



## **MoGH Announcement of Chip Art Collection**

Las Vegas, Nevada – August 3, 2019. The Museum of Gaming History announces its first online art exhibit. The exhibit is available on the MoGH's website, themogh.org, under Resources. On exhibit is a collection of 425 hand drawn graphics used in the production casino chips from the 1960's and 70's.

#### About Chip Art

Prior to the use of computers, graphic artists hand drew their projects. Chip Art are original works of art used to create inlays on casino chips. They usually feature the casino's building or logo. This art was never meant for the collector market, they were made as part of the casino chip production process. Some of these pieces were retained by chip manufacturers, while most were destroyed. The pieces typically became available to the public when the manufacturer closed or was purchased.

#### The Exhibit

The Chip Art in this exhibit was purchased by David Sarles from Jim Blanchard at Atlantic Standard Molding. The Chip Art was in the archives of the Burt Co. when Jim purchased the company. Some of the Chip Art was sold to several collectors. The balance was shipped to Howard Herz at Gaming Archeology for appraisal. Howard photographed the collection as part of his appraisal. Those photographs were edited for this exhibit. The art was then donated to the Nevada Historical Society in Reno.

Charles Kaplan, Chairman, Museum of Gaming History

## Just another day at the Museum... NOT!

What a special day at the Nevada State Museum for the MoGH!!!

With the assistance of MoGH Board members, Steve Palumbo, Ross Poppel, and myself, along with Club Hall of Fame member, Carey Burke, my wife, Pam Focazio, our son Casey Focazio-Follis and the Club's most recent, Early-Bird Banquet Keynote Speaker, Club member and MoGH Gold level member, Ted Whiting, we placed a refresh/enhanced display at the Nevada State Museum, Springs Preserve.

The refresh/enhancement was to clear out one of the five original display cases, filled with various Nevada-only, casino branded, ashtrays, matchbooks and playing cards, and replace them with gaming cheating devices from Ted's personal collection and from the Evidence/Archive lock-up rooms of the Nevada Gaming Control Board's, Enforcement Division, Las Vegas, NV.

Yes, you read that right! In a fairly unprecedented action, the Nevada Gaming Control Board, has placed on-loan to the MoGH, through the assistance of Ted Whiting, for a period of 6-months, about 22 different "cheating" devices and paraphenailia, all of which were confiscated through law enforcement actions in the 90's (or so). As mentioned, this display case is also augmented with several cheating devices from Ted Whiting's personal collection, which he has acquired over the years from various sales.

While this refresh has happened in the later stages of the Nevada State Museum's hosting of the MoGH's 5-display cases Exhibit (the last public viewing date is September 2nd) the MoGH has made arrangements with the Museum to extend the "Cheater Devices" portion of the Exhibit to mid-December, the approximate time that the Gaming Control Board loan to the MoGH expires.

Accordingly, this unique display of cheating devices will continue to be made available for public viewing by the Club's Museum of Gaming History, an Educational Project of the CCA.

The MoGH... always moving forward! Jim Follis

## The Sting portrayed life of con men, see real tools used at Nevada State Museum

July 31, 2018 3:08 AM by Eileen Di Rocco

Do you remember the 1973 movie "The Sting" starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford? It was a fabulous flick based on the real life cons of brothers Fred and Charley Gondorff, and won seven of 10 Oscar nominations, including Best Picture, Best Director and Best Original Screenplay.

In the movie Newman and Redford perpetrate a very complex horse betting scam on their "mark," a mob boss, to cheat him out of a large sum of money; definitely a gutsy and dangerous idea.

In real life cons are everywhere, as evidenced by those crazy phone calls and emails we all get about someone in Zimbabwe wanting to share their millions with us or the threat from the "IRS" about "imminent arrest" if we don't immediately take action.

Businesses are also targeted, especially casinos as many swindlers think they are an easy "mark" and, after all, that is where the money is. These cheaters often use special devices and paraphernalia to help them in their quest to amass as much of the casino's money as possible.

But good things don't last forever and these nefarious souls are eventually caught and forced to suffer the legal consequences of their actions, and their special devices usually end up in the evidence and archives storage of the Nevada Gaming Control Board's Enforcement Division or in the hands of private collectors.

Some of these artifacts are actually quite interesting and thanks to the Enforcement Division and Theodore Whiting, a private collector and member of the Casino Collectibles Association (CCA) and Museum of Gaming History (MoGH), you now have a chance to see a large collection on loan to MoGH and displayed at the Nevada State Museum. To find out a bit more about this display we contacted Jim Follis, Board Member of MoGh and CCA vice president. He explained that the Cheater Devices display case is one of five large display cases at the Nevada State Museum, Springs Preserve and each case is themed differently with memorabilia and collectibles from Nevada casinos and slot route businesses.

The Cheater case, Jim told us, is filled with 27 cheating devices and paraphernalia items, including two monkey's paws, four kickstand devices, stringed coins, loaded dice, gaffed dice, a remote viewer wristwatch to read cards passing through a the dealer's shoe, Frankenstein currency and more.

That is some very strange sounding stuff. An internet search tells us a monkey's paw, used by slot cheats, is made of flexible material and has a "claw" on one end. It was inserted into the payout coin chute to make the machine pay out more than it should. The kickstand was also used on slot machines to trick it into paying a jackpot or adding play credits. If you want to know more about these odd sounding items, which date from about 1980 to 2000, head to the Nevada State Museum. The artifacts will be on display through Sunday, Sept. 2, though there are plans to extend the exhibit through mid-December.

MoGH is an educational project of the CCA, an IRS approved, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization; and they have several other gaming related displays around town at the El Cortez and Plaza casinos and the NEON and Mob museums. For more information visit their website at www.museumofgaminghistory.org.

See you around town.

https://www.gamingtoday.com/vegas\_style/article/76565-The\_Sting\_portrayed\_life\_of\_con\_men\_see\_real\_tools\_used\_ at\_Nevada\_State\_Museum

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Proud Ted - "Ted Whiting stands proudly before the "Cheater Devices" display" (Photo by Jim Follis)



Shelf Close Up - "A close up of a portion of the "Cheater Devices" display. (Photo by Jim Follis)



The Team Flip - "L-R -Jim Follis, Ross Poppel, Ted Whiting, Casey Focazio-Follis, Steve Palumbo and Pam Focazio" (Photo by Carey Burke)

## A Brief Update on MoGH Activities

Chairman's Award	Announced at the Pre-Convention Banquet, Jim Follis was the recipient of the first ever Museum of Gaming History's Chairman's Award. Jim is the MoGH's Exhibit chairman and is responsible for their set-up and operation. It is a very time-consuming activity and Jim did a great job. Congratulations.
Nevada State Museum (NSM)	In March of this year we made an agreement with the NSM to exhibit Nevada casino artifacts in several showcases through September. We recently updated one display cabinet with Cheating Devices confiscated by and on loan from the Nevada Gaming Control Board and Ted Whiting, VP of Corp Surveillance - MGM Resorts International and convention banquet Keynote Speaker. Plans are underway to relocate the exhibit to other venues, except for the Cheating Device display that will remain.
Hall of Fame	At the convention banquet I was recognized as an inductee into the CCA's Hall of Fame. At first, I was shocked and then I was amazed to be shaking the hands of all the Hall of Famers on hand and standing with them. It is quite humbling and I thank all of you for supporting our hobby and giving me this incredible opportunity. Thank You.
Chip Art	On August 3rdthe MoGH's first art exhibit opened on the MoGH website. The Press Release is in this issue of the magazine. This art was used for the production of casino chip inlays. But it is art and this exhibit brings the MoGH into the art world. There is hope that with this exhibit we can gain some interest from art collectors. Thanks to former CCA President David Sarles for donating the images of the Chip Art.
Dice Donation	Thanks to CCA Hall of Famer, MoGH Board Member and Legal Counsel, Eric S. Rosenblum for the donation of his dice collection. The collection is huge, 1000's of dice. It is yet to be inventoried and scanned for the ChipGuide. The dice will make their way into future exhibits and other MoGH activities. Thanks, Eric.
Mob Museum	The MoGH arranged for CCA member and author, Terry Shaffer, to speak about his book, "Illegal Gambling Clubs of Toledo, The Chips, the Dice, the Places and the Faces" at the Mob Museum on June 23rd. The lecture was called "Unholy Toledo – The Mob and Illegal Gambling in Northwest Ohio". Terry gave a very interesting presentation to an engaged audience. Well done.
Chip Donation	A big thank you to Ed Norris for donating the unsold portion of his chip collection, 1000's of chips, to the MoGH at the convention. Thanks also to David Niver who handled Ed's dealer table at the convention and making the donation arrangements.
Gaming Today	The July 31 <sup>st</sup> issue of Gaming Today had an article by MoGH Advisory Board member Eileen DiRocco about the MoGH Cheater's Device exhibit at the Nevada State Museum. The article can be viewed online at www.gamingtoday.com.
ChipGuide	The ChipGuide welcomes two administrators: Ed Hertel who will be handling Illegal casinos; and Chris Carlson who will be working on Colorado submissions.
	The new My Collection and Want List ChipGuide features are working well and are being used by over 50 collectors. For more information, look for the article in the previous issue of Casino Collectible News.
MoGH Membership	As you can see the MoGH has a lot on its plate right now. Many collectors tell me how valuable the ChipGuide is to them and ask how they can help. There are two ways that you can help: 1) Submit good quality scans of items in your collection that are not yet on the ChipGuide; and 2) Become a member of the MoGH. For only \$25 a year you will be supporting the ChipGuide, the website alone costs about \$1,000/year, MoGH exhibits and all of our activities. For more information, view Membership on the MoGH website, themogh.org.

In this article we thanked three collectors for their very generous donations: David Sarles, Eric Rosenblum and Ed Norris. We not only thank them, but everyone who has donated to the MoGH's growing collection of casino artifacts. The MoGH accepts monetary donations and donations of casino artifacts. Donations to the MoGH qualify as charitable donations for income tax purposes. The MoGH is an educational project of the Casino Collectibles Association, a Not-For-Profit Corporation, IRS 501 (c)(3).

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## **Members Corner**

#### Jerry Vergatos LM 8093-241

Welcome my fellow club members to another edition of member's corner. This month I'm featuring Scot Parriott, R-8774. I was attracted to his positive attitude and thought he would be a great subject for this edition. I was not disappointed as you will soon read his answers to my questions. I present to you Scot Parriott.

JERRY: Where are you from and where do you currently live?

SCOT: I was born in Freeport, IL. My family moved to San Diego when I was just under two years old. We now live in the northwest area of San Diego called Rancho Santa Fe. I have an amazing wife, Heidi along with a spectacular 13-year-old son, Hayden. We have been married for 16+ years.

JERRY: What is your career and how long have you been doing it?

SCOT: I'm currently a deputy sheriff with the San Diego county sheriff's department. I have just under 21 years

with the SDSO. I was with the El Cajon police department for four years prior to that.

JERRY: How did you come to be a collector of casino memorabilia / chip collecting?

SCOT: I started collecting the \$1.00 casino tokens after I was of legal age to gamble in Las Vegas. I thought they were cool to look at and really wanted to take home a part





of the hotel/casino with me. I knew they would someday change the slots to paper money only, so wanted to remember the old way of gambling. I really loved the clanking sounds of the coins falling into the coin tray. I didn't even mind the dirty hands that went with handling the coins. To me, there was nothing better than hitting

> a jackpot on a slot machine or video poker and watching the coin tray fill up with those majestic coins.

During my first convention, I attended a seminar that helped me realize I was doing the "shotgun" approach on Las Vegas chip collecting. I really took a hard look at what I wanted out of this hobby and since I have a limited amount of money to spend each month on chips, I put on the brakes and sold all my \$1.00 coins on eBay. I then focused on Las Vegas & older Las Vegas \$5.00 chips. Although, I do still have some \$25.00 & \$100.00 chips I have my eye on.

I really love to hold a chip in my hand that was used in a casino many decades ago and long torn down for something not necessarily better, just bigger.

JERRY: Are you involved in any other hobbies aside from casino collectibles?

SCOT: The only other hobby I love is going out to the desert in our 4-seater, Polaris UTV. I started riding a dirt bike when I was about 15 years old and have loved it ever since. In the past, I have owned dirt bikes, four wheelers, street bikes, boats and even jet skis but I now prefer the safety of the UTV to anything else out there.

I take the family out to the desert and ride the dunes of Glamis or hit up the hard pack dirt at Ocotillo Wells. For traction in the sand dunes, I switch out the tires and rims to paddles. Our son, Hayden loves to drive the Polaris out on the desert flats but is under age, so we take him far away from the other riders and let him drive around. In many ways, this will help him be a better vehicle driver and help him identify his surroundings better with this off-road experience.

JERRY: I know you have a very outgoing personality. Have you connected closely with any other members?

SCOT: I have to say there are so many great men and

women in this club who I have nothing but kind words for, so I would have way too many to list.

I love to hang out at the video poker machine while at the South Point bar, have a few drinks with chipper Chuck and the guys. We sit there for hours and talk about whatever comes up.



L to R Jim Whobrey, Chuck Gajewski, Alan Schuyler, and Scot at the South Point bar

I do often call or email Quintin Kamm, Chuck Gajewski, and Fred Lamb.

Heidi and I got married in Hawaii, so I immediately hit it off with Quintin when I first met him. I just hope to see Quintin actually stay at the South Point hotel for the 2019 CCA Convention!?!?



Quitin Kamm and Heidi Parriott

JERRY: In what direction would you like to see the club go?

SCOT: I don't know if I have any valuable input on the direction of the club, but I do really respect and appreciate the hard work everyone has done to run this amazing club year after year. I do really like the idea of free advertising we have seen for the club. I first found out about the club after buying casino chips on eBay. The chips came with a slip of paper that explained the CC&GTCC. I had seen it many times before and have seen it on eBaysellers' pages showing life member or member of the CC&GTCC but I never really looked into what it really was until that one "eye opening" day. After that, I signed up as member #8774.



JERRY: List some of the things you like about the club.

#### SCOT:

I like the great people. I like the amazing amount of knowledge these people have of our hobby.

I like the stories and history.

I like the club structure and the willingness to help others. I like the passion these guys have for our hobby. I like preserving the history we all love.

JERRY: What do you think we could do to attract more members, young and old to our club?

SCOT: I think the Internet and YouTube is an amazing way to reach out to the younger crowd. Ronald posted videos during the last convention and I thought it was a great idea. Maybe a club YouTube channel with some of the old and new video clips??

We have a year to figure out why we were losing the Wi-Fi signal in the convention, but I think the thick cement walls of the South Point killed the signal. Maybe our tech people (Ronald) can investigate a way around this??

Also, I would really like our older members as well as the members who couldn't make the chip convention to be able to log on (either live or YouTube) and have video access & watch the hobby, products and people. I know numerous club members emailed and posted their appreciation for the pictures I posted on the chipboard, so I feel this would be viewed by many people.

JERRY: Tell me something about yourself that no one knows.

## **Members Corner Continued**

SCOT: I was thrown out of CCD when I was in 3rd grade for an ice plant war and I also accidentally started a neighbor's pine tree on fire the following year. I almost forgot, I was suspended from school for three days when I was in the first grade. I was out on the school playground and decided to kick a rock like the field goal kicking donkey from a Disney movie. Not a good idea, the rock took a curve for the worse and accidentally hit a third grader in the side of the head. Not a good day for me or that kid!

JERRY: Since I love jelly donuts, what is your opinion about them?

SCOT: Actually Jerry, I really hate jelly donuts! I would prefer a nice maple bar or glazed donut, but it must have a large amount of frosting or I won't even touch it.

#### SCOT'S FINAL WORDS:

I just want to thank you and everyone in the past, present and future for the hard work in running the club. During my first convention (3 years ago) I signed up to be a volunteer because I wanted to help in my small way. I met and worked with Jerry at the MoGH table and Westen Charles at the club sales table. They were both more than nice and I had a good time volunteering. Everyone has been very welcoming and helpful to me as a greenhorn and I truly appreciate it.

About 18 months ago, I posted a message on the chip board looking for a new \$5.00 Oscar Goodman chip from the Four Queens. I already had a new \$25 & \$100, so I just wanted to finish the set. That day, I received an email from Dennis Garnier advising me he had a new \$5.00 chip that was actually signed by Oscar Goodman himself when he was a guest convention speaker in 1991. Dennis also included a great color picture of him signing the actual casino chip! I was absolutely thrilled to receive that picture



along with the casino chip. To this day, I still think about the kindness Dennis showed without ever meeting me. I have always loved Oscar Goodman so I'm very proud to show off the picture & casino chips to anyone I can.

I also want to say a big thank you to Mark Freitag, Fred Hempel and Torrey Morand who have both sold me some beautiful Las Vegas casino chips at a price my wife will let me afford.

In the end, we all have this great hobby in common. We can all disagree, have different ideas on matters involving the club or even on life in general, but we all share a bond. And that's what being in a club is.

In the short time I have been a part of this club, I have been lucky enough to have met so many amazing people with some engaging stories and adventures.

#### Thank you!

I look forward to seeing all of you next year at the 2019 CCA Convention.

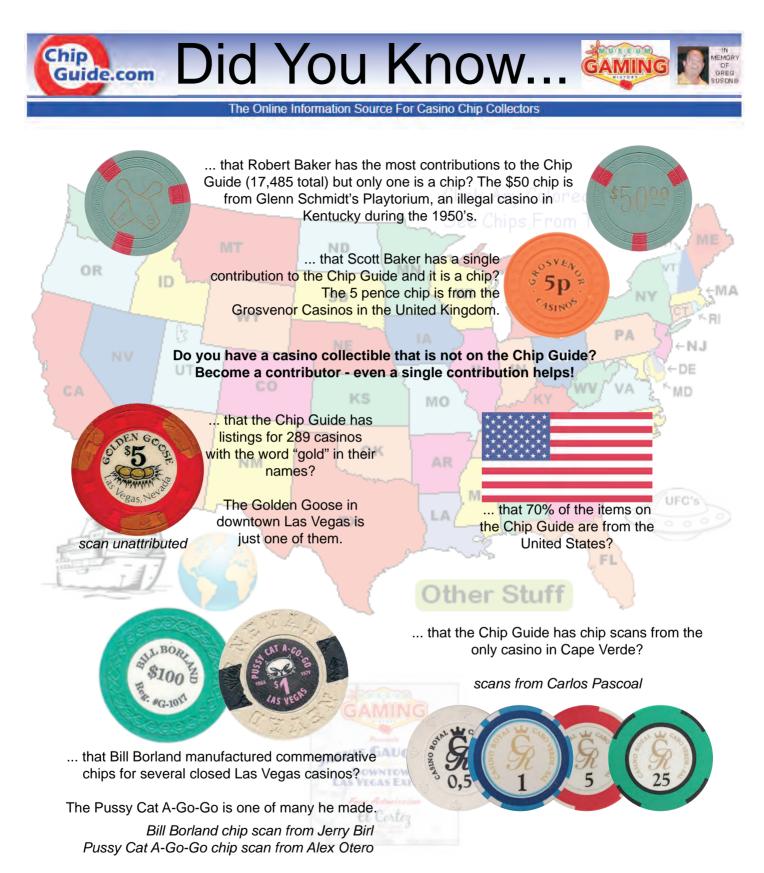
#### JERRY'S FINAL WORDS:

Thank you, Scot, for taking the time to be a part of my article. Scot has accepted the position of volunteer chairman for this coming year. His enthusiasm and outgoing personality will make him very successful in his new job. He is a great member and I look forward to working with him this year.

Please feel free to reach out to Scot at: hkp4@icloud. com



Yes boss, Jelly Dounuts, absolutely!



Find more facts and other casino collectibles at ChipGuide.com!!

The 26thAnnual Worlds Largest Casino Chip and Collectibles Show came to a successful close this year and the CCA celebrated its 30th Anniversary. The only thing remaining to say is: Let's do it again next year. Next year's theme is:

## Viva Las Vegas

So let's plan to meet up again next year at the South Point Casino Resort and

#### PARTY, PARTY, PARTY Las Vegas Style Baby.

I would first though, like to say how much I enjoyed the show, the opportunity to meet old friends and to make some new ones. Our convention is not just about buying and selling, it is very much about being a Club and creating an environment of shared interests, friendships and a spirit of camaraderie. That said, the buying and selling part is also pretty awesome.

This year's convention goal was to spread the show floor out more in an effort to create a more relaxed and casual feeling. The thought was that if everyone feels more comfortable, from dealers to volunteers to attendees, then all will have more fun and hopefully really enjoy the show.

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual casino collectibles show officially opened with the annual ribbon cutting ceremony. It was a thrill to have our founder and first president, Archie Black, along with our current president Jerry Vergatos cut the red ribbon and announce our grand opening. Thanks to both of you for your great contributions to our club.

Time after time, over the years, our conventions have been hugely successful because of the outstanding committed efforts of nearly 100 volunteers. The time and work that they put in results in a highly entertaining and smoothly running show. I would like to thank each and every one of them for the wonderful job that they do each year. Also, **Thanks** to all of our many dealers, guest speakers, exhibitors, club members and attendees.



Richard Huber, John Zoesch, Archie Black, Jerry Vergatos, and Steve Palumbo

#### Thank You!!!!

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#### Very Special Thanks to each and every one of our Convention Staff and Committee Chairs.

Jerry Vergatos I would like to thank our new President Jerry Vergatos for renting a couple of tables, at his own expense, so that all members and attendees could "**Meet The Prez.**" Jerry spent three days of shaking hands, greeting attendees and raffling various prizes. Among them were several bottles of premium whiskey. Although I do have to admit to seeing an increasing number of empty bottles laying around his booth as the convention neared the end. It was a wonderful gesture. Thank You Jerry for all of your time and help. Thank You!!!

**Personal Chip Of The Year Contest!!!** Finally, thanks to Jerry's efforts, we had a Personal Chip of the Year Contest. About time. The Personal Chip of the Year Contest had 72 entries and outside judges. A first, second and third place chip was chosen.

1st place.Trey Warren2nd place.Steve Palumbo

#### 3rd place. Robert McColum

Let us hope this event continues into the future. Start getting your personal chips ready for next year's contest. Thanks again Jerry.

**Todd Barrett** Once again our highly creative Graphic Designer Todd Barrett showed his creative talents in capturing the essence of this year's theme, the CCA's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to everyone. Todd really did a great job designing the Convention Chips, Silver and Brass medallions, scrip chips, tee-shirts, pins, fliers, signs, duratrans, banquet entrance card, volunteer plaques and a very special limited edition plaque. There were only 30 made and only 4 remain. Better contact Roy Nelson if you want one before they're gone. In addition Todd took on the added responsibility of doing the production work for the Convention Program. Todd did a great, great job. Thank you so much for all of your time and effort. By the way, Todd is already working on the artwork for next years theme. **Viva Las Vegas**. Start making plans to be there. Thank you, Todd.

**Brenda Black** Like a rock in a storm Brenda and her outstanding Registration Staff, along with our first club president Archie, once again did a tremendous job in making sure that the Registration Desk ran with excellent efficiency. From longtime dealers to first-time attendee's all were treated with the outstanding customer service that is their norm. Thank you Brenda and all of the Registration Staff for doing such a

wonderful job.

Alan Schuyler One of the most strenuous parts of each year's convention is the set-up and take-down. It was even more of a challenge this year with the addition of 20 MoGH tables that needed to be both set-up and



Archie & Brenda Black

taken-down. Even with a bigger room and more ground to cover Alan and his dedicated crew of volunteers managed to get the room ready for our dealers and also cleaned up and recovered at the shows end. South Point was pleased to get the hall back in such a clean condition. Thank You.

Thank You, Thank You for seeing that everything was so well organized.

**George Dmitrevsky** Thanks once more to George, and his wife **Nina**, for handling all of the Pre-Registration tasks. George and Nina made sure that all of the dealers and members packets were complete and ready for pick-up. It was a big challenge given all the goodies that were in the packets this year. **Richard Huber** our dedicated membership officer worked hard to make sure that Club Memberships were created or renewed in time for the convention. It's not an easy task and there is a lot of last minute work to do. Richards work doesn't stop as the convention begins. He's busy all the way through the convention and spent many hours manning the Membership Table. Thank You so much George, Nina and Richard. I greatly appreciate all that you did to help make this year's convention a memorable one. Thank you!!!

**The Early Bird Banquet** on Wednesday night, was, I feel, a huge success. We were honored to have our own Archie Black providing some musical entertainment during the pre-banquet social hour. Archie was very entertaining and we appreciate him volunteering his time and talent. Our banquet this year consisted of a Mediterranean style Buffet featuring steak, chicken and salmon dishes. The desserts were excellent. I ate way too





banquets, or been for awhile, you really should. The food is great and the company was outstanding.

Steve Passalacqua, Michael Knapp, Mark Lighterman, Howie Herz, & Archie Black all Hall of Fame members **Ted Whiting** Senior VP for MGM properties was our guest speaker and I have to say he was amazing. Ted did a presentation on casino cheaters and cheating devices that really impressed everyone. My favorite quote of the night

was from one of the guests "Why doesn't he teach a class so that I can learn how to make \$800,000 in 45 minutes." I'm sure the class would be completely booked. Out of this amazing presentation came Ted's incredible help in putting together a display with the Museum of Gaming History of various cheating devices. The display opened Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at the Nevada State Museum. I assure you it is well worth seeing.

Loretta Palumbo and Jennifer Mullins ran the raffle for this year's banquet. They were seen running all over the room selling tickets for the 50/50 Raffle. I would like to recognize Table Number 8, where every single person bought tickets. And it was a Table Number 8 attendee who won. Remember that next year folks. You have to be in it to win it! Thank you Loretta and Jennifer. Your efforts raised \$600. Three hundred dollars for the winner and \$300 goes for the Club. Way to go ladies. Thank You!!!!



Loretta and Jennifer

**Wayne Thompson** Thank You, Wayne. Not having been to a banquet in many years (shame on me) I was pretty nervous as to how it was supposed to flow. Wayne did a fantastic job as Master of Ceremonies. Everything went smoothly and easily. I Thank You again, Wayne for doing such a great job and for greatly lowering my stress level. Thank You!!!!

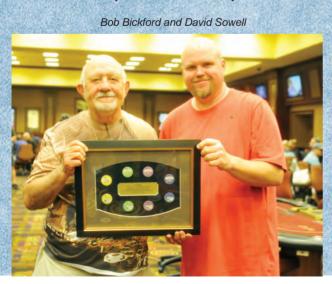
**Belinda Hixon** One of the most difficult tasks is that of Volunteer Chairperson. It always seemed to me to be like doing a difficult jig-saw puzzle. Trying to find enough volunteers is a challenge in and of itself, but then trying to get all the different shifts filled is a whole different issue. It's the kind of task that can cause you to pull your hair out. Or at least cause it to turn grey. Belinda, as always, did an outstanding job. She pushed through all the hard work and challenges and the result was another incredible volunteer staff. Thank you so much for enduring all of the frustrations and challenges. You were truly valuable to the success of this year's convention. Thank You!!!!

**David Sowell and Jerry Vergatos** This year's **Blackjack Tournament** was moved to 9 PM on Wednesday night following the Early Bird Banquet. This was done in an attempt to increase attendance, and it worked. Attendance

increased by 33%. David and Jerry worked as Co-Chairs this year while David learned the ropes. Thanks to both of them, David for volunteering to be the new Chairperson and to Jerry for adding one more task to his already busy schedule. Thanks to both of you. As I understand it, everyone had a great time and the grand winner was:

Blackjack Champion: Klaus Berger. Congratulations Klaus!!!!!

**The Gene Trimble Memorial Poker Tournament** Another round of thanks to David and Jerry for their great efforts in organizing and running the first annual Gene Trimble Memorial Poker Tournament. We lost Gene last year and he is sorely missed. I know he would have



loved playing in his own poker tournament. And even more so if he won it. After a long, but

fun tournament, a winner was finally crowned.



The first annual Gene Trimble Memorial Poker Tournament winner was: Bob Bickford. Congratulations Bob!!!!

**Terri Lonski and Gayle Pleau** As busy as they are as Dealers, Terri and Gayle were once more kind enough to help us with our Club's Youth Program. Their work and dedication helped to make it possible for the young people that attended the show to learn about and participate in collecting while picking up some pretty cool gift items. It's important that our "Junior Collectors" have the opportunity to participate in our great club and convention. Thank you Terri and Gayle.

**Marion Engel** Once again Marion was kind enough to organize the Ladies Luncheon. Twenty-five ladies joined together for lunch at the South Point buffet. Everyone had a great time and Marion did an outstanding job. There was even a drawing for a couple of South Point Buffet Coupons. Marion Thank You So Much for helping to make the convention such a success.

**Steve Miller and Robb McPherson** A Big, Big, Thanks, to Steve and Robb for their continual and tireless efforts in producing our Award-Winning magazine year after year. I look forward to reading every issue. I would especially like to offer my Thanks to each of them for the patience they have shown me as I have to learned to work with deadlines, formating and articles. I myself, as well as our entire Club owe them a huge debt of gratitude for their amazing work. Thank You Both!!!! And then some.



Marion Engel & Gayle Pleau



**Jim Whobrey** A huge Thanks to our Photography Chairperson Jim Whobrey, along with our great photographers **Quintin Kamm and Chuck Gajewski**. There is no doubt in my mind that their photographs will be much more interesting to look at than my

writing is to read. I can't help but smile every time they post a new photograph from the convention. There are so many great looking club members to photograph. I just wish that I was one of them. Jim, Quintin and Chuck organized a detailed event schedule so that no matter what events you went to one of them was there to take your picture. It is great to later see all those pictures on the Chipboard, in the magazine or being

emailed around. Thanks again guys. You are

awesome!!!

**Roy Nelson** Congratulations on winning your election!! Roy is the stalwart keeper of just about everything. He oversees our club merchandise, convention fixtures and storage units. Although he seems laid back and mellow, Roy is incredibly organized. Need to find a particular fixture. Roy knows where it's lurking. Looking for a special sign, Roy will know where it's hiding. Want to find the club projector or raffle tickets, well, Roy can tell you where it's at. He's just that way.



Chuck and Quintin



Roy Nelson

Every Tuesday before the convention Roy and his dedicated crew brave the Nevada sun and heat to get everything loaded into a rental truck. The truck is then parked at South Point until the next morning, when in a matter of minutes, it is off loaded into the Convention Hall. As if that isn't enough, Roy then oversees the setting up and organizing of all of the soon to be sold out convention merchandise. He then for the next 3 days covers the promotion sales, manages the money and helps all of the customers at the promotion tables. But long before the convention, Roy is involved with helping to select the merchandise and quantities for the convention, pins, shirts, hats, women's clothes, medallions, chips and even plaques. When the show is finally done he oversees the packing and loading of the truck. As if that weren't enough Roy and his team then make sure everything is properly stored back into the Club's storage locker. And one additional thing, Roy is a really, really nice guy. I've long suspected that if you looked up volunteer in the dictionary there would be a picture of Roy Nelson attached. WOW!!! WOW!!! WOW!!! and Thank You!!! Thank You!!!

**Jim Kruse** A Big Thanks to Jim for again finding us an outstanding Key Note Speaker for the Early Bird Banquet. Mr. Ted Whiting, a senior vice-president for MGM properties and in charge of security, gave an amazing talk about "cheaters" and the devices they used. It was an excellent presentation. Jim also did an amazing job as the Club's Educational Seminar coordinator and came up with 4 fantastic speakers. These covered a wide range of topics from illegal casinos to club membership and collecting survey results. A huge Thanks to Jim and each of our Seminar Presenters. Thank You!!! Jim, just why do they call it the Early Bird Banquet? Is there a later Banquet that I don't know about? Ed Hertel Ed has been a Club member for over 20 years and has spent a great deal of time researching and writing about "illegal gambling clubs." His presentation on "Interesting Histories of Illegal Clubs" was extremely educational and very entertaining. He discussed some of his amazing finds over the years. If you see Ed, be sure and ask him about the Bangor Cave Club. I found the story pretty amazing. Thank you Ed for such a great presentation!!!

Charles Kaplan Charles has many accomplishments to his name. Among them are Chairman of the Museum of Gaming History and Administrator of the Chip Guide. Charles did another great



presentation on "Preserving Gaming History and the Chipboard Guide." Charles has made several recent and important updates to the Chip Guide. If you have not checked it out lately you need to do so immediately. It is amazing what Charles is accomplishing. His Club seminars are both very interesting and extremely informative. I view the chip guide as a valuable tool to learning more about the history and artifacts from the casinos listed. Thank You Charles!!!!

Chris Carlson I've always had a fondness for Colorado chips and the history of the numerous Colorado casinos that have come and gone. Chris, a CCA member for over 10 years, gave an excellent educational seminar on "Colorado Gaming". Chris, it was great seeing you at the convention and I hope to talk to you more in the future about Colorado gaming. Thanks for sharing your knowledge with us about this very interesting subject. Chris. Thank You So Much!!!

Rick Timmins Club Member Rick Timmins put in a great deal of time and effort studying collecting trends in an effort to help us grow our membership and increase collecting interest. He did a great deal of research to better understand why membership has been dropping and why collecting in general is declining. Chris even did a Club-wide survey in his efforts to explain collecting trends. Rick did a great job of outlining his results and conclusions during his seminar presentation. The results give us a lot to consider. Thank You!!!

Fred Tenney Fred had kindly agreed to do an Educational Seminar on "Antique Postcards." Some serious last minute health issues prevented him from attending the convention. On behalf of all of our Club members we offer our condolences and best wishes for a speedy recovery and hope that you are doing well. Recover quickly and we look forward to seeing you next year. Thank you and Best Wishes From All of Us!!!!

Doug Smith Our former President and Hall of Fame member Doug Smith once again did a fantastic job of organizing, putting together and selling tickets for what has now become an annual Club raffle. The prize bags are always enormous and full of a wide assortment of goodies. I would also like to thank Doug for giving me an occasional lunch break by taking over the Administrative duties on a couple of occasions. Doug, I would have liked the Club raffle a lot more though if I had won one of the raffle bags. Next year I will have to buy a ticket. Thanks Doug For All That You Do!!!!



Free Table Doug also came up with a great idea. I don't know if he knows it yet. There were some leftover items from the raffle. Doug put out mugs and other miscellaneous items that

weren't wanted or were left over on a the table a sign that said Free. For the first few hours it seemed like the number of items on the table started to grow, and then the freebies starting disappearing. I think this should be set-up next year again. Here is a chance for everyone to bring those assorted casino items that could use a new home. Bring a few and put them on the table next year. It will be a great way to help new attendees and members get more involved in our Club and in collecting. Thanks Again Doug!!!!

David Spragg Thank you for all the time you took to patiently answer my many, many, many questions about the convention set-up, history, events, art work and even magazine articles. You are a great friend and I truly appreciate all of your help. Some days it must have seemed like What, What, What, and Why, Why, Why. So, Thank You!!!! Thank You!!!! Thank You!!!!

David Spragg and Jay Sands you once again did an amazing job of organizing and running the Bruce Landau Memorial Auction. With the help of Doug Smith and John Zoesch the auction once again raised a substantial amount of money for the club. In addition everyone had a great time and a few even picked up a key item or two for their collection. On behalf of the entire club we thank all of you for your great efforts and tremendous job. Thank You!!!!







Ed Hertel

**Tyrus Mulkey** Thank you again for volunteering to be the Club Auctioneer. I know it's not an easy job and I always wonder why the auctioneer doesn't lose their voice after the first 10 minutes. However, you always make it look so easy and yet make it so entertaining at the same time. Thank You!!!!

Allan Anderson Long time CCA member and Hall of Fame member. Allan is also our Casino Collectible new Webmaster. You were truly missed at this year's convention. Get well soon. We look forward to having you back next year. Thank You and Best Wishes from all of the CCA Club members!!!!

Jim Follis Congratulations Jim on your election victory. Jim is involved in everything from the exhibits, the "OTY" awards and the MoGH. Along with his terrific wife, **Pam Focasio** (who is much nicer than Jim), and son **Casey Focasio-Follis** (also nicer than Jim) the "OTY", the exhibits, the MoGH tables and quite a few other things ran really smooth and were great convention attractions. The exhibits this year were awesome with Terry Shaffer taking first place. If you missed the exhibits you missed a lot of really cool displays. Including a lot of stuff that I wish I owned. Thank You Very Much Jim, Pam and Casey!!!!

**Christine and Sheldon Smith** Thank you both for teaching me so much about the convention process and helping me to get through it. I appreciate all the time you took to patiently answer my many questions. Also, thank you so much for your help with the convention advertising. The program advertising was a complete success and 100% of the advertising sales dollars were collected. In addition thanks for getting the press to attend and for the resulting newspaper article that I'm sure really helped attendance. Many a day Christine and Sheldon were out dropping off convention fliers at various locations around Las Vegas. Thanks So Much to Both of You!!!!

**Sam Wagmeister** Thank you so much for finding us such an outstanding guest speaker for our Volunteer Get Together. Mr. Neal Portnoy gave a fantastic presentation on his life and art. Sam also did a tremendous job with the introduction. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did. Thank You Sam!!!!

**Neal Pornoy** Mr. Pornoy is one of the country's leading sports illustrators and caricaturist. Neal's works have appeared on over 700 NCAA athletic program covers. We were honored and fortunate to have Neal, and his lovely, charming wife **Dorothy**, as our guests. Neal gave a fascinating talk about his life and career, he discussed markers and how he uses them. Neal also had a great video presentation on his artwork. His creativity and skill are truly amazing. Does anyone else out there besides me have trouble properly pronouncing the word caricaturist? Try saying it three times really fast. Thank You So Much Neal and Dorothy!!!!

**Volunteers** Every year the convention hall seems to magically appear, then at the end to magically disappear. I wish it was magic. It would certainly be easier on a lot of incredible people who take the time out of their lives to volunteer and help make our convention great. Think about it. How did the convention floor get set-up and taken down? How did all of the "stuff" make it from the storage lockers to the South Point and then back again? Where did your name badge come from? Where is my name badge now? I can't find it anywhere. Think of all the people manning the membership tables and the promotion tables.

Think of all the great people staffing the registration booth. They are of all ages and genders and come from all over the country once a year to make it happen I wish I could name each and every one of them right now. And I would, but some days I have trouble remembering my own name. The convention is the work of over 100 volunteers who selflessly donate their time. If you have never volunteered before you should try it. It leaves you feeling great, and maybe a little tired. But mostly Great!!!! Thank you, Thank you and Thank you. Thanks to each and every one of you who helped make this year's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, and the CCA's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary such a complete success. Thank You Over and Over and Over!!!! Thank You All!!!!

Let's Do It Again Next Year!!!!!



By Steve Palumbo



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# **CCA Blackjack Tournament**

By David Sowell

Once again, we descended at the South Point again for another blackjack tournament with a new time slot. On Wednesday night June 20<sup>th</sup> we had our blackjack tournament with 18 entrants. With a 70 dollar buy in players took their seats, and at 9 pm we were off. The tournament began with three tables, and the top two people from each of the tables gave us our final six players. The final table finished from 6<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> as follows, Dirk Edmundson, Mark Lighterman, Pearl Edmundson, Mike Nawrocki, John Zoesch and our winner for a second year in a row was Klaus Burger. The tournament lasted for one hour exactly. If you want to sign up for next year's tournament do it early. We had to turn people away due to the fact we only had three tables max.





John Zoesch

Back row Nate Pincus and William Lange At the table Unknown," and "Riverboat Rick" Pokracki



John Zoesch, Fred Lamb, Unknown, " Riverboat Rick" Pokrac<mark>ki</mark> , Mike Nawrocki, and Tom Leggio

Cindy and Jerry Vergatos,



Steve Asrilant and Pearl Edmundson

Final Table: Mike Nawrocki, Klaus Burger, Dirk Edmundson, Mark Lighterman, Pearl Edmundson, and John Zoesch



# Gene Trimble Memorial Poker Tournament

By David Sowell

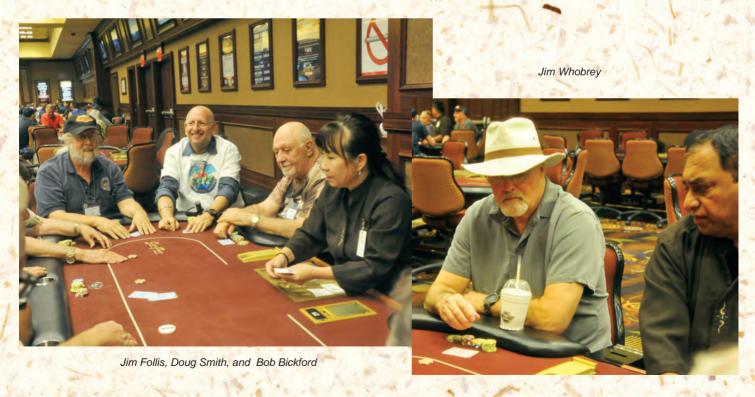
On Friday evening June 22nd, we had the club poker tournament which took place in the South Point poker room at 7 pm. We had 6 tables with 51 entrants this year. As a side note, we had 50 people signed up at close to start time, but to pay out the top ten instead of top eight we needed another player to sign up. One gentleman stepped up and entered number 51 and I think he deserves a shout out in this story. That man was Jim Kruse.



We had some heavy hitters go down before the final table such as Doug Smith, Steve Passalacqua, Tom Leggio, and Jay Sands. After a few hours our final table was set with the following people in finishing order; Larry Markman 10th, Nate Pincus 9th, Ed Hertel 8th, Ted Brown 7th, Frank Wisinski 6th, AJ Giamatta 5th, Brain Watts 4th, Anne Spinetti 3rd, Jack Hampshire 2nd, and Bob Bickford 1st.

The final table had a great comeback story as Anne Spinetti was all in with 8 players left and lost a hand in where she thought was all her chips, but as she stood up the dealer tossed her three yellow chips back and with a few double ups she fought her way back to finish

3rd overall. As 1 am approached the last two standing decided to chop the last of the money and Bob Bickford was declared the winner. In closing I want to thank South Point for hosting these events. They always do a great job and I can't wait for next year's excitement.





Frank "Bud" Wisinski, Nate Pincus, Jack Hampshire, Unknown, Brian Watts, Ann Spinetti, Ed Hertel, Dr. Ted Brown, AJ Giametta, and Bob Bickford



Jay Sands, Walter Dirzulaitis, Ross Poppel, and Steve Bedo

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# 2017 OTY Awards

Jim Follis OTY Awards Chairman

Congratulations to Boyd Gaming and the Wynn Casino for winning the 2017, Card/Key of the Year (CKOTY) and Chip of the Year (COTY), respectively.

The 2017 CKOY winner was Boyd Gaming's entry of a limited edition slot club card, commemorating the 2017 "Boyd Gaming 300" NASCAR Xfinity Series race #3. It was released for a one week period in early March of 2017, until supplies were exhausted, at all Boyd Gaming properties in Las Vegas. An example of this card has been donated to the Club's Permanent Collection of All Past OTY Award winners as an anonymous donation. The winning card was printed by Plasticard-Locktech International (PLI) of Las Vegas.



The 2017 COTY honor went to the Wynn Las Vegas for their Year of the Roster \$1 gaming chip, celebrating the Chinese Lunar New Year. Manufactured by Gaming Partners International (GPI USA) (Paulson Gaming) in a 39mm diameter, house mold, in red with 4 gold inserts. An example of this chip has been donated to the Club's Permanent Collection of All Past OTY Award winners by Club Member J. Eric Freedner.





In a new development, it has been decided that the previously "put on hiatus" Silver Strike of the Year (SSOTY) award for 2017, is now reopened, as follows:

1. All 2017 issued Silver Strikes are hereby Nominated for SSOTY consideration and are imaged in this announcement.

2. Voting is now open for any and all CCA Club members, by submitting your selections via snail mail to Casey Focazio-Follis, Assistant OTY Awards Chairman, 5466 Jacobs Field St., Las Vegas, NV 89148. Please show your 3 (or fewer) preferred candidates, in rank order (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) on a blank sheet of paper, using the alphabetical reference for each candidate, noted on the images.

3. Votes are to be sent and received before October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. This should give everyone ample opportunity to submit their votes.

4. Alternatively, ballots may also be cast via the Internet by emailing your selections to OTY@GamingOre.com. You may also FAX your selections to 702.998.8635, and lastly, text your selections to 520.971.7909.

In the past, I was provided images of all, then current year, Silver Strikes by William Cohenaur. I used those images to present them for Nomination consideration, however, as Bill passed before he could send me the 2017 candidates, there was not much to see and therefore, very few Nominations were made. However, as I now have the images (courtesy of the SilverStrikers.com Online Catalog) there is good cause to re-open the SSOTY portion of the 2017 OTY Awards. We thank Jeff Biter, President of the Silver Strikers Club for giving permission to use these images. We also offer our condolences to the friends and family of William Cohenaur. May he Rest in Peace.

As announced in the last issue of this great magazine (and in this issue) I am passing the baton of OTY Awards Chairman to Trey Warren for the 2018 OTY Awards, and this, the re-opening of the 2017 SSOTY Awards, will be the last for Casey and me.

That individual is Trey Warren, who will be communicating to members about the 2018 OTY Awards, while Casey and I finish out the 2017 OTY Awards.

Trey becomes the 3rd OTY Chairman and Casey and I wish him the best!





## **Ladies who Lunch**



Back row: Brenda Black, Marion Engel, Tina Miller, Christine Smith, Gayle Pleau, Terri Lonski, Pam Scalzo, and Laura Cohon Seated: Mona McCullum, Rosita Tkach, Jettie Bearden, Helen Dansky, Pam Focazio, Estelle Hartman, and Melanie Bernard.





Tina Miller, Brenda Black, and Marion Engel

Marion Engel, and Gayle Pleau,

### The People's Choice Awards - 2018

Jim Follis, MoGH Exhibits Chairman

I believe we set a record this year at the Convention with the Museum of Gaming History's hosting of the People's Choice Awards! There were a total of 30 display cases used to show all of the Competitive and non-Competitive Exhibits, and of course, the large retail display case adjacent to the Binion statue near the escalators downstairs.

There were a total of 4 non-Competitive Exhibits and 9 Competitive Exhibits. Listed here, are the 9 Completive Exhibits and Exhibitors, and we thank them for their efforts and presentations. I received quite a few compliments for assembling this group, but truth be known, I just ask for volunteers and it is the volunteers that make the Exhibits stand out! I thank all of them.

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#### COMPETITIVE:

- Archie Black HON LM-0001 "The Sanderson Letters"
   Howard Edeleman R-2938 "The Howard Edelman Collection"
- -3. Jim Kruse LM 0632-32
- "Hot August Nights" 4. Richard Siri R-4268
- 4. Richard Siri R-4268 "Harolds Gun Club"
- 5. Jerry Vergatos LM 8093-241 "Babe Ruth Silver Strikes"
- Jerry Birl LM 774-27 "The Ultimate Roulette Collection"
   Terry Shaffer LM 5645-161
- "Illegal Gambling Clubs of Toledo" 8. Ted Whiting R-8879
- "Much ado about..."
- 9. Loretta Palumbo R-6711A "Margaritaville"

#### NON-COMPETITIVE:

- Jim Follis LM 3872-53 "Permanent Collection of All Past OTY Award Winners"
- 2. Michael Knapp CH/HON-0007 "Condition and Grading Standards"
- 3. Jim Follis LM 3872-53 2017 OTY Nominees"
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  - MoGH Downstairs Exhibit
    - "Collectibles of the Michael Gaughan Casinos"

#### The 2018 winners are:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place we congratulate Loretta Palumbo for her "Margaritaville" Exhibit.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place honor goes to perennial entrant, Jerry Birl for his Ultimate Roulette Collection entry.

1<sup>st</sup> place, as the People's Choice Award recipient is Terry Shaffer, whose exhibit featured a multitude of collectibles and information on the Illegal Gambling Clubs of Toledo.

Congratulations to all of our winners and my thanks to my Assistant, Casey Focazio-Follis for his set-up and tear down help of the non-Competitive Exhibits.

2018 Exhibitors L-R, Jim Follis (Chairman), Howard Edelman, Richard Siri, Larry Hollibaugh, Jim Kruse, Loretta Palumbo, Jerry Birl, Terry Shaffer, Jerry Vergatos, Michael Knapp and Casey Focazio-Follis (Assistant Chairman). (Not shown - Archie Black and Ted Whiting)

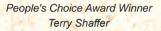




3rd Place Winner Loretta Palumbo



2nd Place Winner Jerry Birl









Part of the People's Choice Award Winner Terry Shaffer

One display case of 2nd Place Winner Jerry Birl

One of Loretta Palumbo's displays





### **Memories of the Splashy Awards 2018**

I would like to begin this article by dedicating it to my dear friend Brian Cashman.

The entire idea of the Splashbar and Splashy awards started many years ago at the Riviera. There was a bar in the back of the casino, towards where the convention area was located, that was named the Splash Bar after the show they had at that time titled "Splash."

The bar area became a great place to meet and greet other chippers as they made their way to and from the convention and enjoyed their downtime after convention hours. Day or night you would always find a fellow chipper at the bar enjoying conversation with other members.



One of those regulars stood out among the rest. That man was Brian Cashman. Brian was larger than life and always welcomed any newcomers to the Splashbar.

He took his regular spot as a fixture at the end of the bar and when you saw him there you just knew you were welcome. His huge smile, boisterous stories, and tell it like it is personality made him one of the most likeable people you would ever meet. That's when Brian truly became "Mr. Splashbar".

Brian continued to personify all the good things about the club by acting as a sort of ambassador to this meeting area. Everyone who knew Brian loved him. In all my years that I knew Brian, I rarely ever heard him talk disparagingly about another person (Unless of course you played for the Yankees, Go Boston) and if you were his friend, you were a friend for life. By Doug Smith

A few years after a group of us took up the Splashbar as our official meeting place, something odd happened. One night while enjoying drinks with Brian, I was told that the bar was officially out of Glenlivet, my drink of choice and I had killed the very last bottle. For me that was kind of a bummer, but for Brian..... that was worthy of an Award !!!!

The very next year the Splashy Award was born. On June 30<sup>th</sup> 2006, I was awarded the very first Splashy Award at an event hosted by Mr. Splashbar himself. Now at the time we all enjoyed the humor and it was nice of Brian to think of me, but I really didn't think much of it. Here we are 12 years later and I have won



Doug Smith

numerous club awards since, but I honestly cherish that Splashy as one of my absolute favorites and I can't even express how proud I am to be a holder of the award.





Since that day, the Splashys have become an annual event and 11 other deserving people have been made Splashy award recipients for a variety of things that happened in the previous year. Most of those winners still attend the annual event to welcome in a new winner each year.

Dedeen Cashman.

Each year Brian hosted the event which was very popular and well

attended by the Splashy regulars but open to all that wanted to participate. Each year Brian polled the 397 secret judges to come up with the next winner. I have



to admit that several times I tried to talk Brian into accepting an award himself, but he always turned me down, as that's the kind of person he was. He thought this award was about others and not about him.

As we all know, the world lost a great man in 2017 and we all mourn the loss of our great friend Mr. Splashbar.

Several months before the 2018 convention, I was approached by a few people and asked if I would take on the role of continuing the Splashy awards. I was apprehensive at first, as I would never or could never fill Brian's shoes. After a bit of prodding, I accepted the challenge and am honored to be the next Splashy chairman. My one condition was that instead of honoring a new award winner in 2018, we would make that year's awards gathering a memorial to Brian Cashman.

I can't remember who initiated the idea of possibly bringing Brian's family to the awards but I have to say it was either Fred Hempel or Barry Hauptman, who were both very involved with the awards and full of ideas. Both Fred and Barry are previous award winners and both loved Brian as much as I did.

SO, we began the donor campaign with a simple post on the Chipboard. The response was tremendous!!! We had hoped to get maybe 20-30 people to raise \$1,000 in order to fly in Pam and her daughter, Deneen, to the convention and witness first-hand what the Splashys were about. A few weeks later we were up to 70 donors with a total well over \$2,000. Some donated well more than we asked for and I can't thank them enough.

Fred and Geri talked with Pam Cashman and the plan was set in motion. We arranged everything for them other than airfare and we were all set to go. A limo was set up, the rooms were reserved, the banquet tickets were purchased, and other goodies were planned as well.

I finally got to meet Pam and Deneen when they arrived Tuesday before the convention and as expected, they are truly wonderful people. Both sat with us at the reemergence of the Splashy Table at the banquet and we all had a blast. Anyone who attended the banquet knows that table 8 RULED......

On Friday night after the showroom floor closed it was time for the big event, the 2018 Splashys.



We had lots of special presentations to make to the family. Poster size photos of Brian were made up and scattered around our gathering area at the Silverado lounge which was packed with fellow chippers and those that wanted to honor Brian. Special chips were made by Chuck Gajewski, as well as, octagon chips donated by Jerry Vergatos and

myself to give out to all the attendees. Charles Kaplan made a special photo book to present to Brian's family with some awesome pictures of past Splashy events. Special T-shirts were made for the family and several others by Geri Hempel that featured an awesome photo of Brian while visiting them in Florida.



Charles Kaplan

To our surprise, not only Pam and Deneen showed up for the awards, but four other family members arrived just in time for the event.

We began the event with a toast to Brian and welcomed his family to the awards. It was tough at times to get through the ceremony without choking up and to be honest I had to stop writing this article several times to dry my eyes.



Quintin Kamm the last Mr. Rabbit

Mr. Rabbit was finally retired from his many journeys to the homes of past winners and will now reside permanently with the Cashman's in Massachusetts.

Several award presentations were made to Brain's family and the remainder of the donations were given to Pam.

Once again I can't thank everyone enough for helping make this happen with their most generous donations.

The night wrapped up with each person who wanted to speak, come up and tell a story about Brian. It was a heartwarming evening and I can't tell you how good it felt to be in a room with so many people who loved Brian so much. Most importantly



Steve Passalacqua

it was awesome for Brian's family to experience this outpouring of love and wonderful memories from his "Vegas Family".



Allan McCurdy

There is no doubt that this was a special night and I can't even begin to express how proud I was to even be part of it.Thank you Donors, thank you Pam and Deneen, thank you past Splashy winners, thank you to all the attendees, and most of all Thank you Brian Cashman for bringing this wonderful thing called the Splashy into our convention and our life.

You will be forever in our memories, Brian and always the one and only MR. SPLASHBAR.





Fred Hempel and Judy Weurth

MR. SPLASHBAR's family and friends



- Do you have a humorous casino story, collecting, or harvesting story?
- Do you have story about a member alive or who has past that you liked, admired, or was a good friend?
- How did you get involved in collecting casino items?

Let us know at CCN so we can share it with other club members editor@cgtcc.com

## **Mob Summit**

The weekend before our convention. I attended a Mob Summit which took place between, Oscar's, The Plaza Hotel and Casino, and the Mob Museum. The three day event was advertised as a workshop on the Mob's influence on the casino industry. Larry Henry lead the summit, with help from Janet Klein and Barbara Aupperle making arrangements. Both Larry and Judy worked for Governor Bob Miller. Larry created and administrates the Las Vegas Mafia History page on Facebook. This is the home for those interested in the mob's presence in Las Vegas and throughout the region, as depicted in fiction, true crime, movies, journalism and more.

The summit started with a meet and greet at Oscar's in the bar area. After checking in and mingling for a while, Tina and I had dinner there. The room overlooks **Fremont Street** Experience, and was nice as I remembered it from when it was Centerstage, 30 years ago. Our waiter Nick was a bonus. He regaled us with stories of over thirty years of working in Vegas' best casino restaurants.

Saturday and Sunday the workshops started at 9:30 and ended around 1 PM.

Gary Jenkins

The presenters and moderators had various backgrounds with connections to Las Vegas, law enforcement, academia, and gambling. A few of the speakers spoke in reference to the skim at the Stardust and the movie "Casino," starting with Tony Cullotta. He was followed by Podcaster Gary Jenkins, an ex-Kansas City detective on listening to tapes about the receiving the skim. Pamela Payton, who appeared on local TV's "The Frank Rosenthal Show" as an emcee, finished up the workshops.

In between the other speakers discussed the mob's involvement in Las Vegas in other ways. Ronald Pino's presentation was "Going



Undercover." Pino, the son of the acting boss in Buffalo, and a past Laborers Union official explained how he grew up disliking the mob. Due to his sense of fairness and dislike, he went undercover for the FBI, dealing with the mob's influence on labor unions, and for the CIA in

Russia on local mob influences Presenter J. Michael Niotta discussed. "Early Los Angeles Mob History." Niotta. who is the grandson of two mob members. was

dressed as if he walked



Larry Henry and Pamela Payton

out of the 1930's. One of his grand-fathers was Jack

Dragna, who was involved in mob activities in Los Angeles as well as, rum running during Prohibition, and casino ship gambling off LA's shore. His other grandfather was in Northern California, growing grapes and bottling wine during Prohibition.

Robert Raines, Director of The Gangster Museum of America in Hot Springs, Arkansas

J. Michael Niotta

discussed "Gangsters in Hot Springs." Hot Springs, during and after Prohibition was a haven for the mob, and bank robbers, due to being neutral territory. Owney Madden was one of the first to arrive in Hot Springs to open gaming. Al Capone, Bonnie and Clyde, as many others, were known to visit the area, especially when they were too hot to be at home. The Springs was last bastion of illegal gaming in the US after the Kefauver Hearings lead to closing all the others down. Gambling



Larry Henry and Robert Raines

in Hot Springs, finally came to a permanent end in 1967 when Governor Winthrop Rockefeller, was elected. He did not need the bribe money, like past governors, being related to John D. Hot Springs AK, has been picked to be the location for the Mob Summit next year.

On Saturday evening, we met in a conference room at the Mob Museum. We were introduced to former Senator and Governor of Nevada Richard Bryan and current Congressman Ruben Kihuen. Senator Bryan participated in a 90 minute question and answer session. He talked about Howard Hughes, financial support for casinos, and the Mormon involvement in the industry. Afterwards, we checked out the new



Speakeasy in the basement of the museum. The bar has a front door that you need to tell them Joe sent vou. There is a menu of mixed drinks from prohibition. While you enjoy your ill gotten beverage, there is live entertainment and exhibits to enjoy.

One of most interesting presenters to me was author Bill Freedman, long time resident of Las Vegas. Bill's background includes teaching the pioneer course in casino management for UNLV's College of Hotel Administration. He authored the seminal



Larry Henry, former Senator and Governor of Nevada Richard Bryan Janet Klein, and Congressman Ruben Kihuen.

book for succeeding in the casino business, Casino Management. Bill is the only person who has ever managed two Las Vegas Strip casinos simultaneously, and was a friend of both Benny Binion and Moe Dalitz. Bill's two books "30 Illegal Years To The Strip" and "All Against The Law" on crime and detail information on mob's formation in the United States. His curiosity with casinos as a child in Tahoe, and the people in the industry, has lead to many interesting friendships and insights to gaming history. (His books will be reviewed in a later issue)

.So if you have an interest in this area of gaming history, check out the group on Facebook. I found the summit to be interesting and informative. Information from one of the speakers crossed my family history. There was a restaurant called "The English Pub" in Manhattan that my father would have us meet him for dinner between shows (he was a stagehand.) I found out that it was owned by one of NYC's biggest loan sharks.

If they move the date for next year's meeting, I might attend in Hot Springs. As many of you know I'm always up for a road trip.

Larry Henry and Bill Freedman



### The Chip on a Shoulder Makes a Winning Story

CCA is a group defined as the Casino Collectibles Association. Like all collectors, they are a group that above everything else, are story collectors.

The first vendor I spoke to at the show this year, had a tremendous collection of chips varying from rare 1940's Siegel gaming chips to present-day hard to find Hard Rock collector chips. Each chip had its own reason for a value beyond face.

The next dealer, did not consider himself a collector per say; instead he referred to himself as chip maker. His story revealed how his company began producing gaming chips at the time when casinos were just becoming mainstream in the public eye. Shortly afterwards, his company became the leading manufacturer for just every major casino in Las Vegas. Today his company produces personalized chips for personal use and marketing events.



David Spragg

The third vendor I talked to was a collector from Reno (Northern California ED), who told his stories of chip hunting as they had just happened the day before. He proudly displayed his treasure case holding 71 Lake Tahoe/ Reno casino chips. There was one chip for every casino, which he personally visited. His look of confidence as he posed for a photo told me he had a special story to go along for each one of those treasured chips. (There seemed to be a little misunderstanding on Lester's part; it was Steve Passalacqua's map of 71 Vintage Lake Tahoe Gambling Casino showing their location, with the image of

Steve Passalacqua



by John B Lester

34 vintage gambling chips. It is done so well John thought the chips were in there, but they were just pictures of the chips. There were no Reno chips included on the map. The chips are from the 1930's plus; Steve did not personally visit them. Steve is not that old, but may have talked about them so well John thought he visited them. ED)

My last stop at the show was to a standoffish vendor, I referred to as Reluctant Larry. Larry sat behind his booth with his arms crossed and a look of trepidation. By that point of my afternoon stroll through the event room, his collection did not appear much different than most of the other vendors. I glanced aimlessly over his display of random chips before Larry snapped at me, "Just what are you looking for?" I then gave Larry a patient look before responding to him, "I am a collector of stories." He returned a slightly irritated look and replied, "So you are looking for a social gathering?" I ignored his comment and continued to shuffle through his bucket of miscellaneous chips. A minute later Larry stood up from his patio chair and reached toward a colorful chip tucked in the far left hand corner of his display case. He continued his attempt to deviate my mindless searching by flashing a shiny mint condition Peppermill chip in front of me, while he barked, "You want a story? Here's a story for you!" Larry proceeded to tell me the details of how that unique chip was a misprint and how there was only 10 known to exist. It was an interesting piece of information; however, the story of how those 10 chips came into Larry's possession was simply fascinating. That was a story between Larry and me. After Larry finished, I took out two twenty dollar bills from my back pocket and handed it to him. I then asked him to recommend any two chips equal to that value. Upon completion of our transaction I slid the two chips into my side pocket as Larry placed the two bills neatly inside his wallet. Just before Larry and I said our farewells he gave me a glowing smile along with his personalized business chip. Perhaps it was his way of letting me know that one of those Peppermill chips would be preserved for me should our paths cross again in the future.

Looking back on our encounter I believe that 40 dollars played as little relevance on his day as those two chips played on mine. I believe Larry's smile came as a result of knowing there was still true value in a good story. (Knowing Larry, he can seem a little distant at times, but I know that Larry is a very knowledgeable member of our organization and is truly a wonderful person to know. ED)

Photos for this article were provided by the author.

## The People behind the Names – Gilpin

By John K. Kallman LM112-112

If you collect casino memorabilia of any type, you have probably heard of Nevada and perhaps even Las Vegas! Many collectors do in fact collect items from there. But what do you know about how the name of many of the places and casinos that you collect, come from? No doubt to some, it makes a little difference, but to others, it only adds to their enjoyment of this hobby. The more you know the better collector you can be.

The Gilpin Hotel and Casino located in the historical mining city of Black Hawk Colorado is just a little south of the city of Gilpin, both of which are located in the County of Gilpin.



William Gilpin

William Gilpin was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During his life, he was an explorer, lawyer, politician, land speculator, futurist writer, and a military officer in the Army during several wars. During his time in the Army, he accompanied John C. Fremont on his second expedition through the west. Gilpin was instrumental in the formation of the government of Oregon Territory.

Gilpin also served as the first governor of the Colorado Territory. However, his term in office was truncated to only a single year by scandalous financial dealings. After the demise of his political career, he made a large fortune as a land speculator in New Mexico, although his dealings were questionable and possibly illegal. In 1843, along the Santa Fe Trail he embarked westward with Frémont on his expedition to find a route over the continental divide. While passing through the region of present-day Colorado, he encountered evidence of placer gold in the region, but the information would go unused for at least another decade.

Gilpin's early intuition about gold in Colorado proved correct, and the region suddenly became the target for thousands of eager and hopeful prospectors in the ensuing Colorado Gold Rush.

Gilpin later joined the Republican Party. His political alignment with the new administration of U.S. President Abraham Lincoln was rewarded in 1861, when Lincoln appointed him governor of the newly formed Territory of Colorado.

While Governor, Gilpin issued drafts drawn on the Federal Treasury without authorization to pay for many threats to the territory. While these drafts were initially honored by local merchants, when news spread that the government in fact had NOT authorized any such measure, Gilpin's governorship soon came to an end.

Despite this, many places are named after him. The casino that bears his name sadly makes no mention of how or why it was named, nor does it mention any of his deeds, good or bad.



I wish I was an Oscar Mayer weinner...

# **COLLECTING SPOTLIGHT**

# **ORBIT INN**

In each issue we shine the spotlight on a type of casino collectible or a single casino.

This time we look at the Orbit Inn.

This Las Vegas casino was open for about 23 years from the mid-1960s until the late 1980s.

Las Vegas history is filled with iconic casinos. I was fortunate enough to visit the Stardust and Dunes before they were demolished. But there are two casinos that opened in the 1960s that I wished I had a chance to visit - the Pussy Cat A-Go-Go and the Orbit Inn.

The next best thing to visiting casinos is being able to collect memorabilia from them. Thankfully there are plenty of Orbit Inn items available for sale by dealers and on eBay (more on the Pussy Cat A Go-Go in a future issue). More great news about Orbit Inn items is that all but one can be purchased for under \$100 and many of them for less than \$25.

The Chip Rack 18 lists twenty chips, www.ChipGuide.com has about 40 items, and as I write this (July 2018) there are 40 Orbit Inn listings on eBay. This gives a collector enough items to keep busy but not so many that getting them all is impossible.

#### **Chips & Token**

Most of the documented Orbit Inn collectibles are chips. All of their chips, except for the \$100, are hot stamped. I have discovered that the chips' condition available for sale vary. Some Orbit Inn chips are extremely worn with the foil barely visible, some not at all, and others look almost new. The hat & cat mold chips issued in the 60s-70s vary the most while the dice & card mold chips issued in the 80s tend to be in much better condition. NCV chips were issued in the late 80s, most of those appear to be in very good condition.

Pricing for Orbit Inn hat & cane, hot stamped chips is as varied as their condition and on eBay does but not seem to be a factor when people price. I have purchased chips for a little as \$2-\$4 that others have listed at \$20 or more. If you buy Orbit Inn chips on eBay search carefully and be patient - there is no reason to pay \$25 for an average chip when it is likely a better condition chip will be list later for much less. Use can usually find the NCV chips in sets and for about \$4-\$5 a chip.

The \$100 chip is the only one issued with an inlay. These were issued in 1976 and the few I have personally seen appear to be in great condition. Your best bet to purchase one of these is eBay auctions. Auctions in the last 12 months have been won for as low as \$65 up to \$100. Patience and persistence is key.

There is only one known Orbit Inn token. I own two: one is in great condition and the other is heavily scratched. You can still find Orbit Inn tokens for \$4-\$6.



Constitution of the postcard and coin cup from the Orbit Inn

#### Dice, Matchbooks, Postcards and other stuff

Orbit Inn dice are often posted on eBay but like the chips, prices are varied. Some sellers are asking \$40-\$60 for a single, poor condition die while some dice (set of two) auctions can be won for \$15-\$25. I know of two different Orbit Inn matchbooks; a black one and a blue one. You can usually buy these for \$3-\$5 individually or less per piece if you buy them in a lots of 10-12. I have seen four different Orbit Inn postcards on eBay which typically sell for \$5-\$10.

I purchased a room key fob for \$25. I also found a coin cup (pictured above) and two menus on eBay from the Orbit Inn. I think the most likely place to find unknown collectibles from the Orbit Inn will be paper goods.

#### My closing thoughts

I became fascinated with the Orbit Inn after seeing the \$100 chip for the first time almost 10 years ago. I have had no trouble finding collectibles from other Club members and eBay. I will repeat what I wrote earlier - search carefully and be patient. Prices for the Orbit Inn items are all over the map, especially on eBay. I guess people think that because it is closed the items are worth lots of money. Never pay \$25 for an average condition Orbit Inn chip or matchbook. There are plenty of Orbit Inn collectibles out there.

#### A big thanks

Years of operation, types of collectibles and pricing information about Orbit Inn chips was taken from The Chip Rack and the Chip Guide.

#### **Got a Spotlight Idea?**

Do you specialize in one area of casino memorabilia? Would you like to see a particular collectible in a future issue? Please let me know and I will work with you and make it happen!

Erik Dauplaise R-8053 erik24@cox.net All scans are of collectibles in my personal collection unless



# Jean & Primm

by Erik Dauplaise / R-8053

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Less than an hour south of Las Vegas are the towns of Jean and Primm, Nevada.

Carole and I visited the town & four casinos in March 2017.

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If you leave Las Vegas and travel south on Interstate 15 for 30 miles you will arrive at the town of Jean, NV. Jean is somewhat unique in that its 2010 US Census had the population at zero.

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As you might expect of a town with no residents there is not much to Jean. The courthouse and post office service the nearby towns of Goodsprings and Primm. The Jean Sport Aviation Center, an all-female prison, a Nevada Highway Patrol substation, Las Vegas Rock (a meta-quartzite stone mining company), two gas stations and a packaging building are also located in Jean.

MGM used to own two casinos in Jean, the Gold Strike and Nevada Landing. MGM planned to build a community of houses, businesses, shops and a new casino so they shut-down the Nevada Landing in 2007 and demolished it in 2008. The planned community never materialized. In 2015 MGM sold the Gold Strike to Jett Gaming which is owned by the Herbst family.



Batman gets special parking privileges when visiting the Gold Strike. He parks in the lobby!



The casino has about 250 slot machines and 8-10 table games. We were told by the pit boss that the plan is to rebrand the casino as Terrible's Road House. Other than the player's card and TITO nothing appeared to have been rebranded. When we visited, the hotel lobby had a display of TV/movie cars. I collected chips, two variations of \$1 tokens, a TITO and a player's card during our visit.

#### **Continuing south**

Travel another 10 miles south on Interstate 15 is the Nevada-California state border and the town of Primm, NV. Primm is the home of three casinos totaling 2600 rooms, and a shopping mall of fash ion outlet stores. Unlike Jean, Primm has permanent residents.

The area originally was owned by a gas station owner named Pete MacIntyre. Primm history remembers him as "Whiskey Pete.". The aptly named Whiskey Pete's Hotel & Casino is the oldest of the three resorts it opening in 1977. Oddly, the exterior of the building is designed to look like a medieval castle and the interior is western themed. The hotel's lobby is home to the car in which infamous bank robbers Bonnie and Clyde were killed in plus other artifacts from the duo. The Primadonna Resort & Casino opened next in 1990 and was renamed the Primm Valley Resort in 1997. The fashion outlet mall is connected to the Primm Valley Resort.

Las Vegas Boulevard South ends at the state line in front of the fashion outlets. It turns into Lotto Store Road. The Lotto Store at Primm is located on the state line and sells California lottery tickets. Nevada has no State lottery so this is the closet place for people in the Las Vegas metropolitan area to buy tickets.

Buffalo Bill's is the newest of Primm's resorts; it opened in 1994. Buffalo Bill's has several amusement rides including a flume ride, a roller coaster and virtual roller coaster experience. This resort has the largest hotel of the three with almost half of the hotel rooms in Primm. It also has a 6500 seat arena.

I was able to collect chips, TITOs and player cards during our visit to Primm. I even got dice from all of the casinos at one of the gift shops for less than  $50\phi$  each.



The three resorts have gone thru several ownership changes in their history. They were built by Gary Primm and operated under the Primadonna Casino Resorts name starting in 1990. Gary was part of the development team for New York-New York and in 1999 sold the resorts to MGM. They were sold in 2007 to Herbst Gaming.

Herbst Gaming entered Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 2009 and emerged from it in 2010. They changed their name to Affinity Gaming in early 2011. Towards the end of 2016 private equity firm Z Capital Partners, which owned 41% of Affinity Gaming, purchased the remaining 59%. Besides the Primm resorts Affinity Gaming owns casinos in Las Vegas & Sparks, NV, Colorado, Missouri and Iowa.

Bonnie and Clyde get to park inside the lobby too.



#### A nice day away from LV

We love Las Vegas but it was nice to get away from the city for a day. If you are looking for an easy car drive, lower table minimum bets, quieter casinos and a change of scenery then a trip to Jean & Primm might just be for you. You will still have plenty of time to get back for a night-time show on the Strip.

Next issue we travel north and visit Mesquite, NV.



A sample chip from the closed Nevada Landing in Jean, NV.

Feel free to contact me at erik24@cox.net if you have any questions.

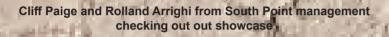
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The information & corporate logos for Jean, Primm and the resorts are from Wikipedia.org

The pictures and scans are from my personal collection unless otherwise noted.









Terry Shaffer, Ross Poppel and John Chopek



See no evil, Speak no evil, Is not evil Torrey Morand, Scot, Hayden Parriott

How many chippers does it take to use a screwdriver? Scot Parriott, Geri, and Fred Hempel

Dick Bartley, Sam Wageister, and Diane Lopez

Are they all yours? Who me?

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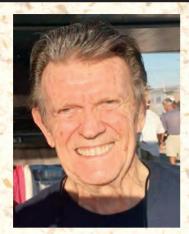








# In Memoriam



Ed Norris

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Eric Rosenblum 1948-2018



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The CCA will be conducting our annual raffle at the June 2019 convention at the South Point Casino in Las Vegas. We are looking for all types of donations of items to be included as part of the raffle - chips, dice, slot cards, strikes, tokens, postcards, matchbooks, ashtrays, swizzle sticks, room keys - ANY type of casino memorabilia that is in good condition that you would like to have in YOUR collection. Thanks to the great participation in the past from our wonderful club members in the way of ticket and raffle item donations, this has been a success over the past several years both for the club AND for the winners.

Ticket donations are \$10 for one, or \$25 for three raffle tickets. You need not be present at the convention to win. Those not attending will have their winnings shipped to them (at no additional cost) after the convention closing.

Ticket donations can be made via mail by sending your ticket donations check payable to CCA to:

Douglas Smith Raffle Chairman PO Box 691085 Houston, TX 77269-1085

Use the same address if you are sending a donation of chips, dice, slot cards, strikes, tokens, postcards, matchbooks, ashtrays, swizzle sticks, room keys - ANY type of casino memorabilia that is in good condition that you would like to have in YOUR collection. Thank you for all of your past support and we look forward to your continuing support to once again make the 2019 raffle

### **Call for Hall of Fame Recommendations for 2019**



Membership in the Casino Collectibles Association's Hall of Fame is the Club's highest honor. Each year several members are considered for induction into the Hall of Fame, based on the recommendations of the Club's members.

Consideration is given to their contributions to the hobby as a whole, their contributions to the Club, their impact on the hobby and on the Club, and their exemplary integrity and adherence to the principles upon which the Club was founded. The names of the members of the Hall of Fame appear below.

The selection of honorees each year is made by the Hall of Fame Committee, which consists of all living members of the HoF. The input of the membership in the selection process is indispensable. The members of the HoF cannot know every member of the Club, nor have knowledge of the contributions to the Club and the hobby that may have been made by each member.

Enclosed with this issue of Casino Collectible News is a recommendation form which we urge you to complete and submit to us so that we may consider the contributions of those members who you believe deserve the Club's highest recognition. Please provide as much information as possible so that the **Committee can give it full consideration.** The form may be mailed as indicated on the form itself, or your recommendation may be sent to the committee by e-mail.

The deadline for submissions is February 1, 2019, and the final selections, if any, will be announced at the Club's annual convention in Las Vegas. Only members recommended in the current year will be considered by the Committee. It is therefore important to recommend a member you believe to be deserving, even though you may have done so in the past.

Please take the time to recommend those you feel should receive the Hall of Fame honor.

The members of the Hall of Fame, in alphabetical order:

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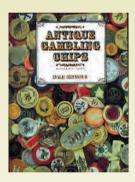


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### **ChipGuide Submissions**



Everyone is invited to submit new items and also to improve the images and other information about casinos and items on the ChipGuide. A form is provided on the ChipGuide to make it easy to submit new items. Look for the link in the column on the left side of the ChipGuide. Please take some time to review the items in your collection to see if any are not on the ChipGuide and submit them.

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First scan or take a picture of the item to be submitted. Scans are preferred because they usually provide better results. For best image results, look at the Tips and Techniques guide that is available on the SUBMISSION page. Then fill out the form, attach the image and press SUBMIT. It is really that simple. The ChipGuide accepts casino items used as money (chips, tokens, etc.), equipment (dice, playing cards, etc.) and other items as long as they contain the casino name, logo or picture (ashtrays, matchbooks, postcards, etc.). Please use the COMMENTS box on the form to provide any information needed to put the item on the ChipGuide, if it is not apparent, like colors of the chip and inserts and the date that the item was in use.



In every casino and item information box, there is a blue UPDATES button. When pressed, it formats an email to send to a ChipGuide Administrator with information to improve information about the casino or item.

#### **Casino Chip Scanning Tips**

By Charles Kaplan, LM-115-148

#### **Chip Preparation**

- 1) Remove chip from holder. If the chip is in a plastic flip or has any covering, the covering will cause some lighting distortion.
- 2) Clean chip, if needed, if the cleaning will improve the appearance. Some chips should definitely not be cleaned.

#### Using a Scanner – Use a CCD (not CIS) scanner. CIS scanners do not render certain colors correctly, such as orange or pink.

- 1) Set resolution to 300 to 600 DPI. The higher the resolution (DPI) the better the results.
- 2) If your scanner software allows, use the mode that gives you the entire scanner bed (no cropping or adjustments)
- 3) Make a "frame" for the chip using blank side of 3.5x5" index card and draw thick black border with magic marker
- 4) Place chip 1" from the side and top of the scanner and put index card on top of the chip, aligned in the corner

#### Using a Camera - it is more difficult to get a good image of a chip with a camera. You need a steady hand or tripod.

- 1) Put the chip on low, flat and level surface, if possible use a solid colored or white background under the chip
- 2) Use indirect natural light, no flash or direct sunlight. The lighting in a casino is fine, no flash needed.
- 3) Take picture from directly above the chip and as close to the chip as possible. Otherwise the image distorted, not round.
- 4) Check results and reshoot making adjustments

#### Image Editing with PhotoScape (free and safe download from http://ckaplan.com/PhotoScape\_V3.7.exe)

- 1) <u>LIGHTING CORRECTION</u> lighten, darken or adjust contrast, if needed, by pressing the "BRIGHT, COLOR" button at the bottom, center of the home page, use slide bars to make adjustments, click "OK"
- 2) ALIGN
  - a. Align tool is on the home page (rotate arbitrary), 1st button on the left over "RESIZE"
  - b. If > 15° adjustment or image is tightly cropped, go to the "ROTATE" tab and click on "KEEP THE ORIGINAL SIZE"
  - c. Use the slide bar to align, focusing on a straight up or down line or symmetrical points
  - d. Click "OK" when done
- 3) <u>CROP</u>
  - a. Go to the "CROP" window and click on "CROP ROUND IMAGE"
  - b. Enlarge image to make cropping easier by pressing the "ZOOM IN" button (circle with a plus sign)
  - c. Position cursor at top of the chip, press and hold the left mouse button, and drag to the bottom of the chip and slightly to the right and release the left mouse button
  - d. Drag the left and right anchors to the sides of the chip
  - e. Check the cropped size, 2nd box from the left under the image, and make sure that width "w:" is equal to height "h:", if not make adjustments by moving the anchor points
  - f. If anchor points are correctly at the top, bottom, left and right and width does not equal height, it is OK, as long as it is within 1%. If width=309, then length can be from 306 to 312
  - g. Click "CROP" to make the crop

#### 4) <u>RESIZE</u>

- a. Go back to the HOME page, and click on the "RESIZE" button (center, near bottom)
- b. Object Sizes
  - i. Round objects, regular Preferred: 450x450, Minimum: 240x240
    - ii. Round objects, large Maximum: 950x950
    - iii. Cards slot, playing, business, room key w:525
    - iv. TITO's, post cards w:750
    - v. Large items maximum width: 950
- c. For round objects, if width does not equal height
  - i. Resize width to 450 ( or 240)
  - ii. Unclick "PRESERVE ASPECT RATIO"
  - iii. Resize height to 450 (or 240)
  - iv. Click on "OK" to complete resizing

#### 5) <u>SAVE</u>

- a. Click on the "SAVE" button
- b. Any name is OK, keep it simple
- c. Use "QUALITY SETTING" of 85%

## **Local Casino Collectibles Clubs**

- Atlantic City Casino Collectibles Club: http://gaming-chips.com/; Charles Kaplan, 11 Calais Court, Rockville Centre, NY 11570; 4 meetings a year on Sunday's in AC; \$10.00 annual dues. *Next meetings are 9/16/18, 11/18/18*
- Chicagoland Casino Collectibles Club: ikcarkop@comcast.net; Riverboat Rick Pokracki; meetings are at various locations in the tri-state area.
- Colorado Casino Collectibles Club: Ken Hallenbeck, treasurer, 711N Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-1007. kenhallenbeck@comcast.net. Meetings Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, and Nov. on the third Sunday of the month, 11 AM to 3 PM at the American Legion Post 21, 500 9th St. Golden, CO 80401

Dallas Chip Club: txbel711@aol.com; Belinda Hixon; various, contact for next meeting

- Florida Casino Chip & Token Collectors Club: Jerry Leonardo <u>561-445-4007</u> 6646 110th Place Sebastian Fl 32958: <u>jerryleonardo@bellsouth.net</u>; Quarterly meetings at various locations Membership \$10.00 Yr
- Houston Chip Club: Houston Chip Club on Facebook; 1st Wednesday of the month starting at 7 PM

Michigan Chip Club: albertscalzo@gmail.com; Al Scalzo; 7229 Flamingo St. Clay, MI 48001; Elks Lodge #810, 2100 Scott Lake Rd. Waterford MI

- Nor-Cal-Nev Casino Collectibles Club: Todd Dingley, <u>sandpointe@sbcglobal.net</u>, 6 Sandpointe CT. Sacramento, CA 95831. Contact us about our next Get-together!
- NY Metro Chip Club: qualpete@aol.com; Pete Volberg, 516-322-3892; PO Box 3037, Farmingdale, NY 11735; Knights of Columbus Bethpage, NY; no membership dues.
- Slot Card & Room Keys: Dave Johnston, 350 E Desert Inn Rd D-205, Las Vegas, NV 89109; 702-351-8573
- Southern California Collectibles Club: georged@mindspring.com; George Dmitrevsky; 818-384-7357; 3rd Tuesday of every month locations vary 7-9 PM
- Southern Nevada Collectibles Club: http://snccc.weebly.com/; Rich Klabacha; 1616 Gleneagles Court Boulder City, NV 89005-3653; monthly meetings; membership dues \$12.00

All the club infomation that was received at the time of the creation of the list. If you have infomation your club would like to add please contact the editors at Editor@ccgtcc.com.

## **CCA Mentoring Program**

#### **Introduction**

The program is offered free of charge and available to everyone. The Mentoring Program is specifically designed for new casino chip collectors offering a wealth of information and experience of our seasoned casino chip and memorabilia collectors.

Seasoned collectors have gone through many a trial and tribulation, learning as they go and learning from their mistakes over the years. Knowledge increases little by little over time as we absorb what we can from our interactions with other collectors and individual experiences. If one is going to learn from mistakes, isn't it always best to learn from someone else's mistakes?

Collecting has many forks in its windy road, and is filled with many potential unwise choices, but our experienced collectors will help guide the beginner down the path.

Quite often a new collector just happens to stumble onto a casino chip online message board or web site. They most likely have just a few chips, no price guides and no real idea of the best way to proceed with their new hobby. They often times have no idea how vast chip collecting is. That's where we come in!

- · Find out which price guides are available.
- · Find out which price guides should and shouldn't be used.
- · Be able to ask questions about casino chips and casino related collectibles and find the answers.
- · Find resources online and offline through our resource pages..
- · Find out the best ways to increase your collection.
- · Discover the many different collecting areas of casino memorabilia.
- · Learn from the pros, what's valuable and what's not!

#### The Program

Simply go to www.ccgtcc.com, click on the "EDUCATION" button to the top of the page. From there click on the "CCA Mentoring Program" link and a questionnaire/application will download to your computer, print out and complete the questionnaire/application and mail it to the address provided. The questions are designed to best identify your interests and to match you with a suitable mentor for your particular collecting interests.

Initial Stage: lasts for a period of 30 days. During this time, both parties will be encouraged to communicate back and forth through e-mails, and/or telephone. The mentee (new collector) will be open to ask any and all questions he may be interested in, and the mentor (experienced collector) will address the questions, giving advice and direction.

At the conclusion of the initial 30-day initial stage, the program chairman will contact both parties to see if both wish to continue. If both parties are pleased with how things are going, they may choose to continue for an additional 11 months. This short initial period is particularly good for beginners who just need a little help and direction while getting started.

Either the mentee or the mentor can conclude the relationship at anytime. This may need to be done because of unforeseen real life issues that may arise.

The program will continue for a maximum period of one year from the beginning of the initial active date, with a review after six months.

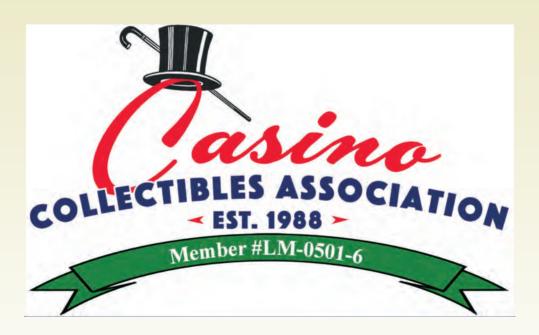
Mentoring Program Director, Terry Shaffer R-5645 terryshaffer@hotmail.com

## Logo Usage Policy

The Club has certain logos and symbols which it must protect in order to protect its reputation in the collectibles community. No member is allowed to use the Club name, logo or symbol other than is approved by the by-laws or as otherwise specifically approved in writing by the Board of Directors.

- Only members in good standing may identify themselves as members of the Club
- Any member who identifies himself/herself as a member must affix or state their membership number so as not to confuse the public.
- "Identifies" includes advertising, announcements, business cards, internet websites, internet or live auctions, e-mails and any and all types of communication.
- Every member must make an effort not to confuse the public or lead the public to think that the member represents or speaks for the Club, other than those officers who actually do speak for the Club or those who have been authorized by the Board to speak for the Club.
- No event, show, auction or convention shall use the Club name, logo or symbol for any reason whatsoever unless it is an event, show, auction or convention run by the Club.
- The Board has approved a "Member's Logo" which contains the member's membership number. Only that logo may be used by members in their advertising, promotions, business cards, auctions, etc.
- Any other use of the Club name, logo or symbol must be submitted to the Board of Directors for their approval prior to such use.
- The entities formerly known as "Chapters" are prohibited from using the Club name, logo or symbol as representative of their organization

#### Example



Please contact the Secretary for a copy of the logo with your membership number on it.

## **CCA Claims Form**

Up until now, there has never been a uniform, standardized way of filing a Claim against another member for an alleged Code of Ethics violation. Claims have been filed over the years in formats ranging from hand written notes, typed 5-6 page letters to just an email saying "I want to file a claim against \_\_\_\_\_\_".

Most of the time the information provided to the Club is vague and/or incomplete. The Claims Director may spend more time gathering basic information that should have been provided in the first place, than on resolving the issue at hand.

This form provides all the basic information needed by the Club, in written form, first hand from the member filing the complaint.

The process will work as follows:

- 1. Fill out the form completely, sign and date it.
- 2. Forward it the Vice-President..
- 3. Vice-President will make an initial determination on the Claim.
- If further action or investigation is warranted, the Vice-President will forward the form to the Claims Director to open
   Claims Investigation
  - a Claims Investigation.
- 5. The Claims Director will work to mutually resolve the matter between the parties or if that is not possible, make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for the appropriate action.
- 6. The Board will act on the recommendation and the final report of the Claims Director. The parties involved will be notified of the final decision of the Board by the Vice-President. If you find it necessary to file a Claim against a fellow Club member, please help us to resolve the matter as quickly as possible by using the Claims Form.

\*The form will be available on the Club website at www.ccgtcc.com for you to download and print out. We are working on a program that will allow you to fill out the form online and send it electronically to the

## **Reward Fund**

Several years ago, the Club had a standing offer to help deter theft of member's collections. Somewhere along the way it was either dropped, forgotten or just faded into obscurity. The Board has voted to reintroduce the reward offer. We would like to thank Jim Reilly for his research and assistance with this project. The terms of the offer are similar to those used by the ANA. Please contact any member of the BOD for further information.

The Club offers a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons charged with the theft of any part of a club member's collection.

The Club will pay a reward as follows:

If the retail value of the stolen property is less than \$5,000, the reward is \$260 If \$5000 to \$20,000, the reward is \$500

If greater than \$20,000, the reward is \$1000.

The purpose of this reward offer is to increase the likelihood of apprehending and convicting those who steal from club members, as well as to increase the likelihood of recovering the stolen property. The reward offer, however, is not intended to reimburse any club member's loss. It is each member's responsibility to maintain insurance against losses of this kind.



# 14th Annual Super Collectables Show IS BACK!!!!

## OCTOBER 18th& 19st 2019

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## Friday October 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00am to 6:00pm Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00am to 3:00pm

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