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of the Casino Collectibles Association



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings to all my fellow Club members. I would like to take this opportunity to discuss two of the most important aspects of our Club; membership growth and member volunteering. In these difficult times where we are losing members for a myriad of reasons, as we continue to strive for new members. Roy Nelson, our Membership Officer, is doing a great job in offering some incentives. And Past President, Doug Smith, with his "nearly half off" membership promotion, donates nearly half of the 1st year membership fee, for new member sign-ups.

Richard Huber, Past Membership Officer, and current CCA Newsletter Contacts Manager, is adding former members, from years past, to the contact list in an effort to entice them to return. All these efforts are appreciated and help stem the tide of non-renewing members.

What I believe we need further help with, is *word of mouth* communication with your circle of nonmember friends. This could go a long way in achieving success. Imagine if every single member were to recruit just one person, we could double our size in a very short time. Our two principal incentives to join are our award-winning magazine and ChipGuide with members-only benefits.

The aspect of being part of a group of like-minded individuals can also be communicated. Our Code of Ethics conveys a sense of trust in monetary transactions as well. I know many dealers who submit a Club application when sending out items purchased online. This is another great way to get our message out there. You can contact Roy Nelson at rknelsonlv@yahoo.com for some blank applications.

The next most important aspect concerning the longevity of the Club is that of volunteering. There are never enough volunteers for the many projects we are currently engaged in. I am not only talking

about the help needed at the annual Convention and Show, but also the projects that we are engaged in throughout the year. Contact me at vergatos@msn.com for information on how you can be part of these exciting times. In particular, the Museum of Gaming History is in need of some help. They are embarking on many new and exciting events that just might yield an actual museum in a very short time. Contact Mike Quinlivan for more information at mqprod54@gmail.com

On a personal note, I do not wish to alarm anyone, but I need to inform you that my wife has accepted an Executive Position with Scientific Games in Glendale, Arizona. She has made a 3-year commitment to accept the position. I therefore will be relocating to Arizona within a month. I have no intention of resigning my position or diminishing any of my duties and responsibilities. I am making arrangements to facilitate my accessibility and do not see any real issue.

I will only be approximately 3.5 hours from Las Vegas and can coordinate any necessary appointments as needed. I will also be in town the second Tuesday of the month for the local SNCCC meetings, which provides me a window of opportunity to handle anything Club related requiring my presence. I have purchased a home there, but have not yet decided if I want to sell my home here. For many years my wife has always supported me in my career and made many sacrifices on my behalf. She now has an opportunity to fulfill her career dreams and I cannot stand in her way. If there are any concerns on your behalf, I will be glad to discuss them. You can contact me at vergatos@msn.com

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Click Richard Huber, above, and send him an email to be added!

IMPORTANT MAGAZINE (CCN) DEADLINES

Summer Issue: May 10, 2019

Robb McPherson

Fall Issue: July 31, 2019

Steve Miller

Winter Issue: November 15, 2019

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Spring Issue: January 31, 2020

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CCA Newsletter Content Call for Local Clubs.

We are going to start a new Section in the CCA Newsletter that will be dedicated to the local clubs. You can submit any events and notices that are of interest to your club. Posting on the newsletter may help you increase your membership and may even be more efficient in communicating with your members as well as informing potential members that you have a club in their area.

You can submit photos, with captions, to highlight your activities. If you would like to participate, then send me an email for more information at vergatos@msn.com. Content must be submitted by the 15th of each month to be in the following month's edition.

ON THE DOCKET...

CCA Board Actions through August, 2019

Silverton Casino Antique and Garage Sale, a Club Membership Drive.

A proposal was made by Rich Burgel that the Club contract for a table at this upcoming, well attended event, for the purpose of having a membership drive. Cost is \$70 for a space, for the one day event.

Action: Proposal was approved unanimously.

Club Letterhead

A proposal was made by President Vergatos to revise the Club's

letterhead by changing the "Legal Counsel" heading to newly formed "Legal Team". However, the ensuing discussion resulted in simply removing the reference altogether.

Action: Proposal was approved by a vote of 3-2

2nd Revision of the 2021 and 2022 Conventions Contract

The Board is conducting a review of the proposed contract with the South Point for the 2021 and 2022 Conventions. Included is Convention Chairman, Steve Palumbo.

Action: Tabled for further negotiations.

Convention Dealers Survey

Discussions are underway after return of surveys sent to Dealers from the 2019 convention regarding possible changes to

the Convention times and related Dealer concerns.

Action: Tabled for further discussion at the Mid-Year Board Meeting (February, 2020)

Dual, MoGH/CCA office holder considerations

CCA Board member, Roy Nelson (Membership) asked for clarification of processes and policies regarding CCA Board members who are also on the MoGH Board, as they relate to voting on MoGH issues that will go forward to the CCA Board for consideration.

Action: Discussion tabled until the Mid-Year Board Meeting (February, 2020)

Las Vegas locals, come on out! Visit our Membership Booth!



Saturday, September 28

6:30 am – 8:00 am: \$5

8:00 am – 3:00 pm: free admission

Attention All CCA Club Members.

I am happy to announce the appointment of Brenda Reimer as our new Educational Chairman.

I believe she is very capable of performing the duties and will do a very fine job. Please contact her if you have any interest in conducting an Educational Seminar at Convention time, Or, if you wish to suggest a particular topic to be presented.

Brenda has submitted a short write-up, which I am including here.

"It is my pleasure to take on the role as Education Director for the CCA. Here are a few words about what I hope to accomplish in this role.

As a college professor, I love to learn. Since I have been a member, I have learned so much about collecting and about Las Vegas history (my collecting focus). But that's just the tip of the iceberg. Through our magazine and the convention seminars, I have increased my knowledge about chips from other areas of the United States and around the World.

My goal is to schedule seminars that are of interest to the membership. Ideally, the seminars will be a mix of topics we are familiar with and want to learn more about, and topics that might be new to most of us. The most

daunting task will be the banquet speaker.

Our President, Jerry Vergatos, has a few names for me for our 2020 convention. I would love to begin creating a list of possible banquet speakers for future conventions. Please do not be shy about emailing me some names.

We have slots for 4 educational seminars on Thursday and Friday of the convention, but room for two additional ones on Wednesday, if we have enough interest and topics.

The CCA also has a great banquet speaker each year. Please contact me if you have an interest in presenting a seminar, or if you know someone who would be a speaker of interest. My email is thyminator@yahoo.com.

I look forward to helping make our conventions a success. I have big shoes to fill, and will do my best to bring the membership excellent seminars."

Brenda Reimer

Thank you Brenda we will look forward to your involvement with this very important volunteer position for the CCA and wish you well.

Jerry Vergatos

The Bruce Landau Memorial Auction...

The Club Auction is our largest money maker at the Convention. Our Auction Co-Chairs, David Spragg and Jay Sands, have put the auction together, by accepting and validating Lots, creating the Auction Catalog, and other related activities.

Alex Cilento organizes things on the Convention floor. Steve Wilson and Mark Russell do a lot of work helping at the tables, showing potential bidders the Lots and tracking pre-auction bids.

Tyrus Mulkey, of course, is our distinguished Auctioneer. Altogether these Club members run the auction very efficiently.

It should also be noted that as the years go by, we have been receiving fewer and fewer consignments from members; in particular, donated Lots.

Gratefully, David Spragg has seen fit to donate quite a few Lots, to make sure that we have an adequate number of items to sell.

Thank you David!

Everyone is asked to donate items for next year's Auction, now. Please contact David or Jay by email to get your items in early.

For, more information please contact David Spragg at: davidspragg@zen.co.uk or Jay Sands at jaychip@sbcglobal.com

Attention Facebook Members...

Please visit the **CCA Facebook page**! The CCA's Social Media Director, Chuck Sikora has been busy posting content, on a daily basis, to our Facebook page. If you are on Facebook, please stop by to Like us, or sign-up or post content! Everyone is welcome.

Our thanks to Chuck for his efforts and we look forward to his future engagements with Twitter, SnapChat, Instagram and other social media outlets, to promote the CCA and our hobby!

CCA Raffle Returns for 2020...

The CCA will be running a raffle once again at the 2020 Convention in June and we're looking for donations – chips, slot cards, hotel room keys, silver strikes -- anything casino-related that's in good shape that you'd want in YOUR collection (no items that are in really poor condition, please).

These donated items will be raffled off at the 2020 Convention (June 18th through June 20th at the South Point in Las Vegas). If you'd like to help, please gather up your donatable items and send them to the the address noted below.

The Annual Convention Raffle is an important part of our Club's fundraising efforts and proceeds from this event help keep Membership and Convention costs down and allow us to do all the things that we want to keep our Club and hobby enjoyable.

Now, with regards to raffle tickets – Tickets are a donation of \$10 each or 3 tickets for a \$25 donation. All funds raised for this event will go to the Club's General Fund. You do not need to be present at the Convention to win (but it would make it a whole lot more exciting). There will be drawings on Thursday and Friday during the Convention. The number of drawings as well as the number of winners per drawing per day will be determined by the number of donations received. If you want to purchase raffle tickets, please mail payment (payable to the CCA) to me at:

Doug Smith PO Box 691085
Raffle Chair Houston, TX. 77269-1085

I already have a few donations pledged, and, as usual, I will be adding items weekly as they come in. Thanks for your help, donations & purchases as well as a huge thanks to all that contributed to past successful raffles.

Douglas Smith Raffle Chair

Free advertising!...

Starting in the October edition of the CCA Newsletter we will be offering you the opportunity to post your business card in a new section of the CCA Newsletter, free of charge. Your card will be posted as long as you are an active member of the Club.

If you are not a member you can join our Club and have your card posted. Contact Roy Nelson at rknelsonlv@yahoo.com for membership.

Rules are as follows:.

Standard professional printed business cards only. No coupons will be accepted. The cards should have your address/contact information and what your business is all about.

Printing must be in a horizontal format

You must snail mail business cards to me after September 1st to:

Jerry Vergatos 20490 N 273rd Ave Buckeye AZ 85396

Scans sent by email will not be accepted.

I reserve the right to refuse your card if it doesn't not meet our requirements.

Please contact me at vergatos@msn.com if you have any questions.

CCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

- Quarterly magazine - Casino Collectible News
- Access to dozens of books in the club Library.
- Superior trading status - as a member of the CCA, people will be more trusting in their trade transactions with you because they know you're bound by the Code of Ethics. Additionally, members prefer to trade with other members, and in fact, some people will only trade with club members.
- Ability to vote for the Chip Of The Year, Silver Strike Of The Year, Token Of The Year, and Card/Key Of The Year.
- You can pre-register for the convention and get one of the famous goody bags.
- You can attend the Early Bird Banquet before the convention.
- You can be listed in the public, online Club Directory (along with your email and website URL) for others to learn about you and your collecting interests
- You will develop life-long friendships with other club members.
- You receive a membership card and are entitled to use the club logo on your business cards and web pages.
- You get to have a vote in the direction of the most influential organization in the hobby.
- You have access to the full Club Directory that contains many names and addresses not available in the public, online directory.
- You have the honor of belonging to an organization that takes its ethics and codes of conduct very seriously.
- You have the honor of belonging to an organization dedicated to the preservation of part of our nation's history.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

Country _____

Phone Number _____

My collection interests are

☐ Chips ☐ Tokens ☐ U.S. ☐ Foreign

I would like you to publish my...

☐ Name and Address ☐ Phone number ☐ Do not publish my name and address

I have enclosed my annual dues for:

☐ One year \$35.00 U.S. ☐ Associate \$5.00 U.S. ☐ Foreign \$48.00 (postal money order or U.S. funds) ☐ Check Here for First Class Postage - Just \$14 more per year to above dues

Foreign mailings are at First Class rate. All other mailings are via third class mail.

Annual dues will be renewable in the same quarter in which the membership application was processed. Check our address labels for your membership expiration dates.

Mail your completed application with your check made payable to CCA to:

CCA Membership Officer

Roy Nelson

4338 Grey Spencer Dr

Las Vegas, NV 89141

Or apply online with your credit card at www.ccgctcc.com

Join the CCA today!

Tap or click the membership application on the left to download a printable Membership Application form.

Or, do the same **HERE** to immediately visit the CCA's online Membership Application page and join right now!

**Are you a Member of the CCA?
Want to learn more? Please use
the QR Code, at right, with your
hand held, to visit the CCA's
Membership Application Page.**



CCA Member Paul Schaffer advises us that based on data extracted from ChipGuide, these are recent new releases. Thanks Paul and Thank You to the ChipGuide Submitters!!!



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The number of people on our contact list and we are growing every month. If you know of anyone wishing to be put on the list please have them contact Richard Huber at burbankchipper@aol.com.

Tell your friends, relatives or anyone interested in seeing what we are all about.

(1642 was the year that Columbus sailed the ocean blue!)

Recognize this webpage?...



You can help the MoGH achieve greater success in our efforts to add more content. This recent screen shot shows 234,451 images are currently on ChipGuide. But we have plenty of room for more. Do you have scans of casino memorabilia and collectibles that could added, then please visit the site and offer your scans by clicking on "SUBMISSIONS".

Changes are happening at The Neon Museum. As they prepare for a major Special Event, that hosts a Tim Burton Experience for several months, the Neon Museum has respectfully asked that we remove our display from their Lobby.

On September 27th, the Sahara Tribute display will be removed, so there is still time to stop by and take a look.

The Neon Museum informed us that they were honored to have our displays there (previously a Stardust tribute and a Golden Nugget tribute) and we look forward to re-establishing our presence their at the conclusion of the Tim Burton event.

The MoGH thanks and appreciates the Neon Museum for the past several years in having our presence in their Lobby.



The MoGH...
Always moving forward!

Interested in becoming a MoGH Life Member???

We are now offering an easy installment plan. You can make 5 easy payments of \$50 each, for 5 months. This is in lieu of the onetime fee of \$250. The MoGH is on the move and we need your support. Your Life Membership will go a long way in helping us achieve the many great goals we have started. If you would like further information please contact me at vergatos@msn.com.

Jerry Vergatos MoGH LM-0001

Membership Director

Museum of Gaming History



MoGH Life Member Plaque

The Trail of the MoGH...

The MoGH is pleased to offer this series of 6 chips (octagons) and 7 plaques, commemorating the "Trail of the Museum of Gaming History". Each set commemorates the opening dates of each of the first 6 Exhibit locations, along the Trail of the MoGH. Please show your support of the Museum of Gaming History by purchasing a full set of the chips and/or the plaques. These are limited in quantity and newer issues are planned. Contact the MoGH Membership Director, Jerry Vergatos, at vergatos@msn.com for payment and shipping.

Pricing

Plaque Sets (7*) - \$75

Chip Sets (6) - \$30

Our sincere THANKS to [Kevin Norris](#) for this wonderful artwork!



Common Reverse



Common Reverse



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SPINETTI'S GAMING SUPPLIES



THE EL CORTEZ HOTEL AND CASINO



THE MOB MUSEUM LAS VEGAS NV

MoGH Board and Advisory Committee Changes

Sheldon Smith, for personal reasons, has stepped down as a MoGH Board member. His duties have been split between current Board members Doug Smith (Public Relations) and Steve Palumbo (Advisory Committee Liaison). Sheldon assures us that he remains an ardent supporter of the MoGH, and we thank him for his service!

The MoGH has expanded it's Advisory Committee with the addition of 3 new members, **Tom Dyer** (retired Nevada State Museum), **Geoff Schumacher** (Mob Museum) and **Rob McCoy** (Neon Museum).

Bio's and additional details will be shared in next month's CCA Newsletter.

Gentlemen, Welcome Aboard!

Do You want a Free Pass?????

That is to go to a couple of Museums. I have a limited number of Free passes to the Neon Museum and the Atomic Testing Museum. The Neon passes will expire on June 1, 2020 and the Atomic Testing Museum passes will expire on December 31 2019.

If you are traveling to Las Vegas and would like to see the MoGH Exhibits up close at these locations, then please feel free to contact me at vergatos@msn.com.

Thank you for the DONATION....

From time-to-time, the MoGH receives an unsolicited donation. This Newsletter now affords the MoGH the opportunity to publicly acknowledge such donations. In this instance, we thank Archie Black for this set of personal chips that commemorate each of the Club Presidents, noting their years of service.



Congratulations to Life Member Paul Schaffer!



During the 2019 CCA Convention, Paul Schaffer entered an Exhibit that was also an attempt to break the then current Guinness World Record for the largest \$1 casino chip collection. Following the Convention, Paul submitted his documentation to certify his entry and late this August, Paul was notified by Guinness representatives that he had in fact, set a new World's Record and he is now the current record holder at 802 different, \$1 casino chips!

Think you want to try and beat that record, well Paul invites anyone to contact him for details on how to go about it during the 2020 Convention. Contact Paul at: minn4x4@comcast.net.