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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome my fellow Club members and friends of the Casino Collectibles Association. We have great interest in our Newsletter since allowing non-Club members to receive this publication. Of course, all are invited to join our Association and participation in our great activities.

Speaking of membership, I wish to share an event in which I was able to participate with a few of our Club members. At the urging of Rich Burgel, the CCA participated in a Membership Drive at the Antique Show and Garage Sale at the Silverado Hotel and Casino here in Las Vegas. The CCA hosted a membership table in an effort to boost our membership to counteract the decline of our membership. With the generous donation of items by Roy Nelson, Rich Burgel, Rick Lonski, Rich Klabacha and Mike Spinetti, we were able to induce many interested parties into joining our club. Along with the assistance of Pam Focazio, we worked the sign-up table, and while not expecting to enlist many, we surpassed all expectations and signed up 42 new members, both Regular and Associates alike.

The point I would like to make is that **membership** is essential to the existence of our Club. Every Club member can do what I did. Local Club can gather donations and participate in any available event and

offer items as inducements to join the CCA. It was easy enough once the perceived value of the incentives far outweighed the cost of membership.

While some may say, I "bought" these people into the Club, my answer would be, once they are in our Club, we will have a better chance of keeping them. They may become interested in some aspect of our Club and remain past the initial year. The cost of the incentives was zero. The only cost was the time spent.

Nevertheless, they joined, and the next step is to keep their interest. That is the second part of our responsibility. Reaching out and engaging may help to keep them in the Club. I would ask that we make that attempt with all new members for the sake of the Club.

We never know where these activities may lead and won't know unless we keep trying, even if the effort was previously tried. I would ask that you all make that effort.

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IMPORTANT MAGAZINE (CCN) DEADLINES

Summer Issue: May 10,2019
Robb McPherson

Fall Issue: July 31, 2019
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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.

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ON THE DOCKET...

CCA Board Actions through October, 2019

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Discussion on the topic of creating a Privacy Policy for the Membership Directory and its availability to Club members in the form of a hard copy.

Action: Tabled, to be discussed at the Mid-Year Board Meeting (February)

CLUB LIABILITY INSURANCE

Announcement of renewal of Club's liability Insurance was made by President Jerry Vergatos.

Action: None, provided for informative purposes only.

2021/2022 CONVENTION CONTRACTS

President Vergatos has finalized the 2021/2022 Convention and Show contracts at the South Point, for CCA Board

consideration.

The Board unanimously approved.

DEALER CONTRACTS

Dealer Convention Contract presented by Convention Chair, Steve Palumbo, for the 2020 Convention and Show.

Action: Dealer Contract was approved, and Steve Palumbo was authorized to distribute.

SLABBING RESEARCH MATERIAL

A collection of slabbed items, to be donated to the Club, was presented for consideration and a decision as to whether or not to accept them.

Action: Unanimously agreed to accept them (to be turned over to the MoGH) for historical purposes in the event of any need to create an Exhibit.

REMINDER...

Club members are encouraged to submit questions, regarding Club operations and activities, directly to the CCA Board, via email, to the address(es) noted at the left-hand column of page 2 of this Newsletter.

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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

Next month the CCA Newsletter will offer a new feature, entitled the Marketplace.

Included will be CCA and MoGH promotional items, offered as fund raising merchandise for the Club.

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.

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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!!!



Recognize this webpage?...

ChipGuide - A Catalog of Casino Chips and Collectibles

The ChipGuide



Quick Select - Region: State:

Total Items on the ChipGuide = 236,628 Items Added Today = 21

You can help the MoGH achieve greater success in our efforts to add more content. This recent screen shot shows 236,628 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".

CALL for Convention Exhibitors and Exhibits!...



It is never too early to get your claim in to do an Educational Exhibit at the 2020 Convention and Show. The CCA is an Educational based Not-For-Profit, and the Educational Exhibits at our annual Convention and Show is an excellent way for us to demonstrate this cornerstone of our Mission.

Every CCA Member is encouraged to consider taking advantage of displaying a part, or in some instances, all of their collection, in June.

For more information, please contact the Educational Exhibits Chairman, Jim Follis, at, Jim@GamingOre.com.

The MoGH announces and Welcomes, Chuck Sikora as our Social Media Chairman. Thank you Chuck for including the MoGH Social Media duties to your CCA Social Media duties!

Interested in becoming a MoGH Life Member???

The MoGH is now offering an easy installment plan for Life Membership. 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.



MoGH Life Member Plaque



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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!



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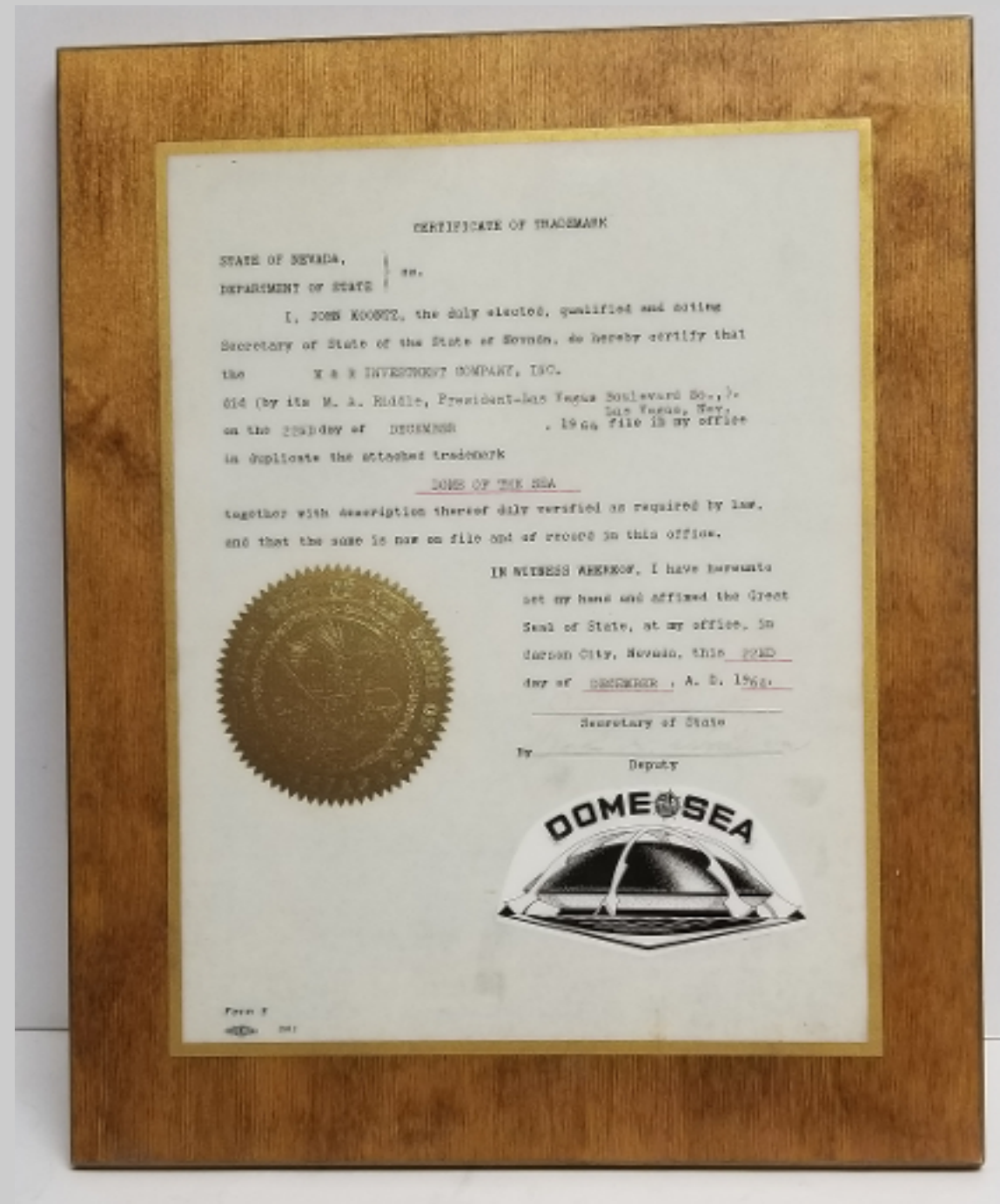


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Thank you for the DONATION....

Last month we mentioned the donation of this Dunes item to the MoGH, but failed to report who the donor was. With our apologies to Alex Cilento, for that oversight, we thank you for this wonderful donation to the



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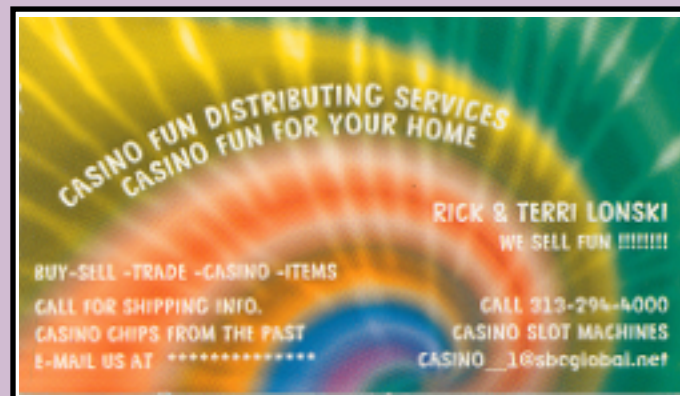


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