# **OF THE CASINO COLLECTION**



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A silent reminder to all to stay safe and well protected in these troubling times.

We have only heard of a few Club Members testing positive for COVID-19.

Please stay well, everyone!

The CCA Newsletter Staff....



Benny Binion Statue at South Point Photo by Ross Poppel

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#### IMPORTANT MAGAZINE (CCN) AD DEADLINES SPRING - FEBRUARY 1 SUMMER - MAY 1 FALL - AUGUST 1 WINTER - NOVEMBER 1 Advertising Manager: Nate Pincus Alternating CCN Editors: Robb McPherson <u>robb4640@outlook.com</u> Steve Miller Lvsteve1@gmail.com

#### **Membership Renewal Reminder Cards**

Just a reminder to those members who recently received a blue renewal postcard that your dues are due soon. Follow the directions on your postcard, or contact Roy Nelson at <u>membership@ccgtcc.com</u>, to renew.

Renew now and don't miss out on your next copy of the Casino Collectible News. Not sure about when your membership renewal is due? Just email Roy and he will get back to you.

Roy Nelson CCA Membership Officer

#### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**



Hello again, to my fellow shut in's. In looking for any sign that our lives will be returning to normal, I am happy to know that a small part of it will be returning on September 8th. The

Southern Nevada Casino Collectibles Club will be resuming our monthly meetings starting on September 8th. I have not had much to look forward to these past months with the virus, but I am very excited about seeing friends and Club members again. It is a chance to reconnect and actually see and talk to someone other than on a phone or computer.

To stay safe, we have enacted many safety protocols required by the hotel and some additional ones of our own. The hotel has given us additional space to allow for social distancing. The reason I am bringing this up now is to hopefully motivate all the existing local clubs to try and continue their meetings, if they have not done so already. There is a good chance that by doing so, they can increase their memberships and reinforce our hobby during this crazy

time. If there is no local club in your area, why not consider starting one. It can begin with an informal meeting to see if there is any interest. It could be a great way to meet other club members as well and share our common thread. I have spoken to many members in my community, here in Arizona. As soon as our rec center is open again, I plan on having a get together to see if there is any interest. I will also be inviting existing CCA Club members in the area to join me and bring some of their collections to spark any additional interest.

There is nothing to lose and much to gain. If anyone would like some assistance in this endeavor please contact me at vergatos@msn.com

Please Stay Safe and Healthy! Jerry

BTW... if anyone will be in Las Vegas on Sept 8th, they are welcome to attend our meeting at the Gold Coast. Hotel and Casino at 6 pm in Salons C & D.

# ON THE DOCKET...

CCA Board Actions through August, 2020 Presented by David Spragg, CCA Secretary

# Website Revisions

A further proposal has been received for consideration, and clarification is being sought on various topics in this new proposal.

Action: Tabled pending further discussion

Amendment to August 2020, CCA Newsletter, "On the Docket" topic regarding the "Newman Numismatic Portal"

Should read - Action: Declined Unanimously







# **CCA Members Quarterly Poker Tournament**

#### Sponsored by:

Richard Huber - LM-3053-226 and past Membership Officer Steve Bedo - LM-5259-111 and past Membership Officer

#### Disclaimer: The CCA is not liable for any money or the management of this activity.

We are planning our second, quarterly poker tournament for CCA Members as a **fundraiser** for the CCA. Here are the basics. The buy-in will be \$100, of which \$20 of every entry, will be donated to the CCA. The cost for a one ounce, silver card protector (awarded to the winner) will also be taken from the entry fees. 100% of the remaining (minus any misc. fees) will be awarded to the top finishing players. The number of players paid is always determined by the total number of entrants.

All players must be CCA members\* valid thru September 30, 2020. The tournament will be held on Poker Stars (10K starting chips), as many of you already play on Poker Stars. I have selected September 13, 2020, at 1:00 PM - PST. This will give the East coast enough time to play and maybe even Europe.

#### How do I play?

Here is the basic outline.

1. Have a Poker Stars Nickname

a. Down-load Poker Stars software from www.pokerstars.net and sign up (No Ipads)

b. Give yourself a poker nickname

2. Once you have a PS nickname, email me with your name, CCA membership # and PS nickname

a. Email is Burbankchipper@aol.com (not for PayPal)

b. At this time I will verify your membership status

c. Upon receiving your info, I will email further instructions on getting into the tournament

d. If you played in our previous game, you are in the

Club, just suspended until \$\$ received.

3. Send \$100 Via PayPal or Venmo

#### Do NOT mention "poker" in the payment, just note: CC-PT

- a. PayPal Hubeedoo@aol.com preferred
- b. Venmo @Richard-Huber-17
- 4. After #1 thru #3 items have been done, you can then log into Poker Stars and sign up for the game. Sign-ups start August 30, 2020 at 1:00 PST

\*5. If not a CCA member, you can still join the CCA! Just go to the CCA website, shown below, fill out the form and use my name (Richard Huber) as your sponsor. The CCA's Membership Officer will let me know, when he assigns you a membership number, confirming that you are a member. To join the CCA, click this link:

http://www.ccgtcc.com/promo/newmember.html

6. Because all of the required steps are needed, it must be done soon, we cannot guarantee your entrance into the game. If this happens and payment was made, the Tournament Fee will be refunded.

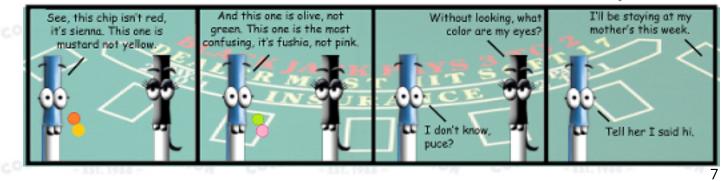
#### **NEW RELEASES**

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



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#### 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, anline directory.
- You have the honor of belonging to an organization that takes its ethics and codes of canduct 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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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 Los Vegos, NV 89141 Or apply online with your credit card at www.ccgtcc.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!



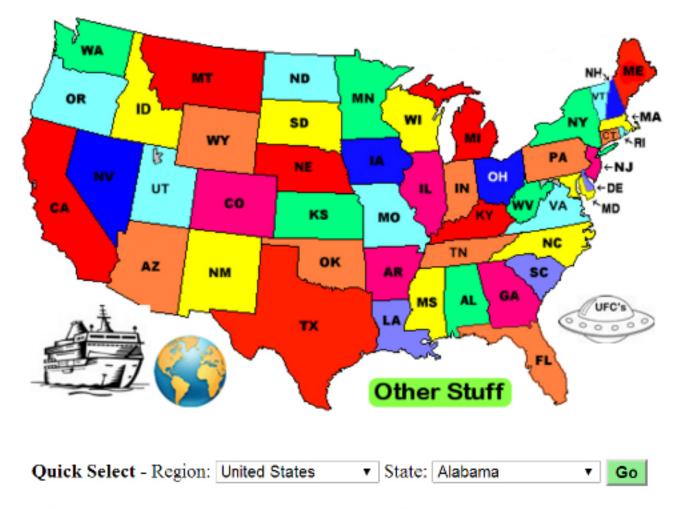
Are you a Member of the CCA? Want to learn more? Please use the QR Code, at right, with your hand held, to visit the CCA's Membership Application Page.



#### **Recognize this webpage?...**

ChipGuide - A Catalog of Casino Chips and Collectibles

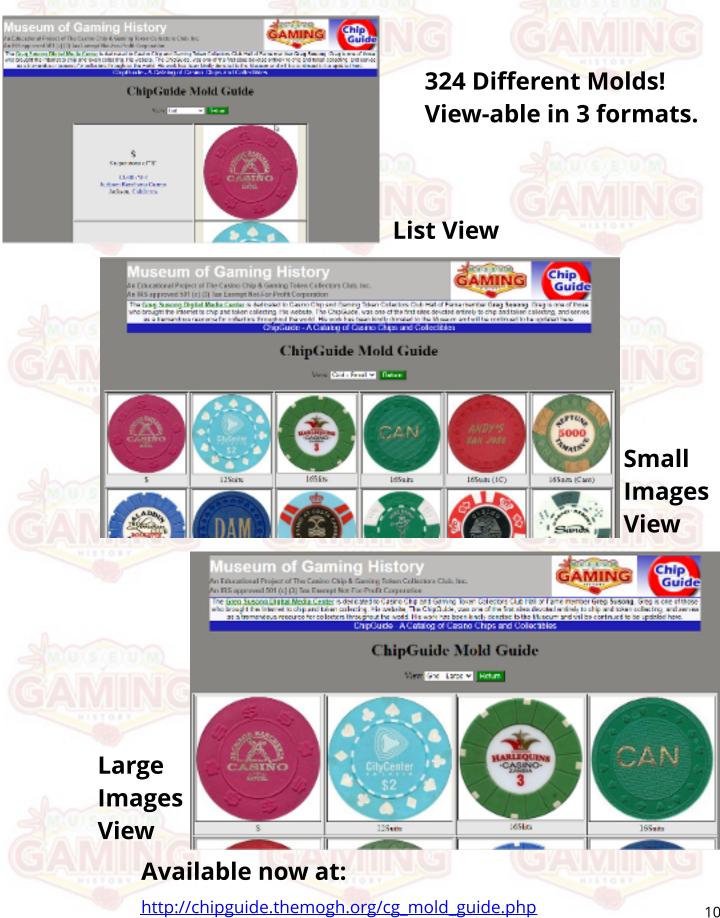
# The ChipGuide



#### Total Items on the ChipGuide = 256,409 as of 09/01/2020

You can help the MoGH achieve greater success in our efforts to add more content. This recent screen shot shows 256,409 images are currently on ChipGuide. But we have plenty of room for more. Do you have scans of casino memorabilia and collectibles that could be added? If so, please visit the site and offer your scans by clicking on "SUBMISSIONS."

#### Introducing, The MoGH's - CHIPGUIDE - CHIP MOLD GUIDE



#### Musings from The MoGH... (continued)





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In an effort to add a degree of sharpness and consistency, the MoGH's Website is undergoing a few webpage redesigns by MoGH Webmaster, Charles Kaplan. Starting with the "Exhibits" page, now referred to as the "Trail of the MoGH" Milestone Exhibits. Everyone's attention is invited to the "Boyd Gaming Corporate Office" plaque. This plaque represents the MoGH's recently signed Agreement to provide "tourist taken" photographs, in and around the Stardust, for use by Boyd Gaming's marketing efforts for it's social media gaming product.

All images offered to Boyd Gaming, in agreements with the copyright holders, are also held here for acknowledgment and recognition of their participation in this effort.

To date, the MoGH wishes to express appreciation and gratitude to:

Mr. Herb Redholtz, who, as an 12-year old, on vacation with his parents to Las Vegas, took a series of black and white photographs outside the Legendary Stardust. Those 11 images can be seen at the Boyd plaque.

Thank you Herb.

### ChipGuide Webinar - Thursday, September 3rd

The next ChipGuide webinar is scheduled for Thursday, September 3rd @ 9pm EDT. The topic is - "Chip Image Editing Simplified".

This 1-hour webinar will teach you the techniques used by the ChipGuide Administrators to create perfectly round images of chips with their true colors, regardless of what you start with. If we have extra time, I will show some advanced techniques that we use to remove image distortions. Registration is required, send an email to <u>webmaster@themogh.org</u>

The Seminar will show how you can make image A into Image B.

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#### Call for Legendary Stardust Photographs!...

While we are still on-hold for this Project, we are very much still involved! The developer of the Project has asked for our help, as a separate effort, to ask our membership for "tourist" taken pictures of the Stardust. Both inside and outside, color or black/white, large or small. But they <u>MUST</u> be pictures that our members own.

Offered images will be used to populate a Stardust History website. Credit will be given to The MoGH and there will be usage of the MoGH logo there, as well as linkage to the MoGH's website. On the MoGH's website, we will have the same images, along with individual credit for each image.

Please contact Jim Follis for additional details, or to submit material, at: Jim@GamingOre.com.



The above images are examples of what we are looking for. These images have been temporarily 'water-marked'. Final images will be shown without water-marking. These images have been provided to The MoGH, for this purpose (by a helpful, non-MoGH individual) who snapped these images around 1965, as 12-year old, visiting Las Vegas with his parents. Thank you, Herb Redholtz.

PLEASE DO NOT SCOUR THE INTERNET FOR IMAGES! SUBMITTED IMAGES MUST BE PERSONALLY OWNED. APPROVAL TO USE WILL BE REQUIRED.







#### Museum of Gaming History Membership Report

Our MoGH Membership upgrade program continues to grow. The Board of Directors of the Museum of Gaming History wishes to thank the following members for their financial commitment in helping to support our many ongoing and new projects.

#### Life Members

Jerry Vergatos Malcom McNeil Robert Pardue Michael Gersie Ann Gersie Tony Kreusch James Love Gary Kruehl Wayne Thompson Jonathan Ullman Steve Kuska

#### Tom Lopez Steve Palumbo Ron Gaudette Mike Spinetti Doug Smith Chuck Sikora IV Mike Skelton Neal Silverman Charles Kaplan Geoff Schumacher

Don Priff Chris Carlson Steve Miller David Loriso Fred Bergman Jim Steffner Mike Quinlivan Jim Kruse Andy Hughes Barry Hauptman

#### **Gold Members**

Ken Kendra Alan Schuyler Rich Burgel Steve Lauber Michael Blishak Dennis Lee Dennis Page Sharon Cox Donald Durnin James Hogg Eduardo Estabanez Nate Pincus Ross Poppel Paul Liscio Tom Pleau Roy Nelson Ted Whiting Mike Nawrocki Bud Myer Sharon Nickson Cox

Erik Isackson Terry Vaughan Rick Peterson Eric Dauplaise Carey Burke Jay Sands Jim Follis George Dmitrevski Allan Anderson

#### Join Us....

Your support is needed for the MoGH to continue to grow and succeed in our quest to someday have an actual museum. One that will carry our name forward, and one that we can be proud of.

Please contact me if you wish to upgrade your already existing membership at <u>vergatos@msn.com</u> for further details

Jerry Vergatos MoGH LM-0001

**Membership Director** 

**ATTN: Gold Members.** Your annual dues are likely due now as the majority of you renew during and at, the Annual Convention. Be on the lookout for a reminder email. Thank you

# Local Club Activities....

Slot Card Newsletter

AUGUST 2020

Greetings from Almost Alive,

Well, it's been a couple of months now and, although we are nowhere near what we used to call "normal", we seem to be headed in the right direction.

"Special thanks" to the member who pointed out to me that I completely forgot to remind everyone that club dues were due. Since most members usually pay at the convention, and since there was no convention this year, I totally FORGOT!! Any who, I figure that since almost everything that has to do with our collecting has been shut down for the past 4-5 months, I would extend memberships through to the end of 2020. Paying your dues now will take you through to the end of 2021. Also, as you will notice, this is a much shorter newsletter, since everything was closed for most of March, April, May and June.

As far as I can tell, PLANET HOLLYWOOD, TROPICANA, LUXOR, TEXAS STATION, both FIESTAS and the PALMS, are the only casinos that are still closed. BALLY'S just opened on 7/23. COLORADO BELLE (Laughlin, NV) - has closed permanently, effective immediately. GOLDEN NUGGET - Announced that it has permanently closed its buffet. TREASURE ISLAND - Also permanently closed its buffet. STATIONS CASINOS - Currently in Phase 2, and have announced that "Phase 3" is on hold. Phase 1 was - Boulder Station, Green Valley Ranch, Palace Station, Santa Fe Station and Sunset Station casinos. Phase 2 was - All Wildfire neighborhood casinos. Phase 3 would have been -Palms, Texas Station and both Fiesta casinos.

TWIN RIVER HOLDINGS (Rhode Island) has announced that it has agreed to purchase the ELDORADO (Shreveport, LA), and MONTBLEU (Lake Tahoe, NV), from Eldorado Resort Holdings, and BALLY'S (Atlantic City, NJ) from Caesars Entertainment. Announced purchase price of the 3 casinos was given as \$185 million.

The Eldorado Resort Holdings buyout of Caesars Entertainment has been approved by the New Jersey Casino Control Commission. This was the final approval needed to complete Eldorado's \$17.3 billion buyout of Caesars. This gives Eldorado Resorts control of over 50 casinos in the US, UK, Egypt and Canada, and a golf course in Macau.

Dave Johnston

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(Editor's NOTE: As of press time, the Tropicana is scheduled to re-open September 17th and the Terrible's Casino, Jean, Nevada, will not be reopening.)

#### SOUTHERN NEVADA CASINO COLLECTIBLES CLUB -SNCCC

Our Meetings will resume on September 8, 2020 at:

THE GOLD COAST HOTEL and CASINO 4000 W. FLAMINGO Las Vegas, NV Salons C and D

Our meetings are resuming!!!! All are invited to join in our activities to celebrate our return. There will be Special Door prizes and drawings for SNCCC Members, and a LOT of FUN!!!

At our monthly meetings, we have trading and selling of Casino Memorabilia, which begins at 6 PM, and resumes following the meeting. You are invited to attend the meeting and trading sessions and participate in the following activities.

#### Safety Protocols

The SNCCC Board is observing all safety protocols concerning the safety of all of our Club members. There will be a new layout for dealers who sell merchandise. They will be located in the back of the room and spaced at least 6 ft. apart. Sellers will be required to place their chips under a clear cover and will hand an item, under examination, to the buyer. All attendees will be required to wear a face mask.

#### Face Mask Requirement

In accordance with Nevada regulations and a requirement by the Gold Coast (Boyd Gaming), everyone MUST wear a face mask. Sipping from a beverage container will allow for brief removals, but NOT as a full-time condition. While the SNCCC Board is very serious about protecting everyone, we will having a special award given to the most creative/striking and functional mask. But please, no politics.

The Club will provide hand sanitizers. If you are feeling ill please be courteous and do not attend. Entry into the Gold Coast will include digital, forehead temperature checks. (Unruly members are subject to an alternative type of check.) LOL

#### Attendance - An RSVP is Required

We ask that all attendees please email Jerry Vergatos at <u>vergatos@msn.com</u> to reserve a space in the meeting room. We will be limited to 35 members to adhere to spacing protocols mandated by the casino and the State of Nevada. If there is an overwhelming amount of reservations we will ask to be placed in a larger room. Without a reservation, you may be turned away. Deadline to RSVP is September 3rd.

#### Early Bird Auction

At our meetings, the Early Bird Auction begins at 6:45 pm, followed by our guest Speaker and then the Club Meeting. You can see the list of items and scans, once finalized on the CCA's Message Board. In the event you are not able to make it in person, you are welcome to email Jim Follis atjim@gamingore.comwith your highest proxy bid(s). Just include your CCA orSNCCCmembership number, and which Lot(s) you want to bid on.

Payment for winning bids is due at the end of the live auction. However, if you are an absentee winner, you will receive an invoice and payment instructions. You may bring any items for future auctions with you. Any form of Casino Memorabilia is welcome. The Club takes a 20% Seller's fee unless you opt to donate 100% of proceeds to the Club.

#### **Guest Speakers**

There will be no formal speaker at this meeting but rather a general business meeting with time for everyone to reacquaint themselves and learn how we will be conducting our meetings going forward.

We offer a wide variety of speakers ranging from Gaming to Entertainment. We have had noted authors, TV personalities, and many local celebrities. Our members and guests have the opportunity to ask questions and get a very interesting insight into many interesting areas. We will continue with our speakers in the very near future.

#### <u>Raffle 50/50</u>

There will be a 50/50 Raffle for cash and/or prizes which is quite fun! We have some great prizes that have been donated by our Club members, as well as from local vendors.

If you are not yet a member, or, your membership has lapsed, I invite you to join theSNCCC. An annual membership is only \$12.00, payable at the door. You are, of course, welcome as a guest to see what we're all about and you can bring your friends as well!!!!!!!!!!

Our meetings are short, which gives you lots of time to socialize and gain knowledge about whatever interests you with casino memorabilia.

On behalf of the SNCCC, I sincerely hope you will join us when the time comes and hope to talk to everyone there.

Until then please stay safe and healthy. We will all get through this.

Jerry Vergatos President Southern Nevada Casino Collectibles Club <u>vergatos@msn.com</u>

# "How I Spent my COVID-19 Days" A Photo Contest

Welcome to this CCA Newsletter sponsored Photo Contest, which is now extended through September. We thank the participants and were very pleased that no one sent a hospital setting picture!

Everyone please stay Safe and Healthy

Jerry

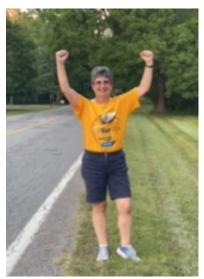




**Roger Herman** 



Chuck Gejewski



**Brenda Reimer** 



#### Barry Sherwood 18

# The Market Place...

#### **Club Merchandise**

Convention Chips – \$5.00 each / 3 for \$10.00 Set of 10 (including 2019) – \$25.00 Years Available – 2001, 04, 07, 08, 09, 11, 12, 14, 15

2019 Silver/Bronze Convention Medal Sets - \$60.00



(Silver front and bronze back shown)

2019 Bronze Medal \$10.00 each

2019 Convention Pin - \$5.00 each Prior year pins (1997 - 2001, & 2003-2018) - \$3.00 each

Set of all 22 pins (2019 included) - \$25.00



POKER

Years Available - 2004, 06, 07, 09, 10, 11,

Poker/Blackjack Tournament Sets - \$15.00

12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

(2 sets \$12.00 each, 3 or more sets \$10 each)





Common back design

CCA Polo Shirts No Pocket \$26.00 With Pocket \$28.00 Not all colors in all sizes email to check



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#### CCA MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

2018 Convention Chips\$5.00 each or 3 for \$10			
Set of 13 (including 2018) \$30.00	Year/Set	Quantity	Total
Prior Years Available: 2001, 04, 07, 08, 09, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17			
2018 Poker/BJ Tourney Set\$15 each			
2 or more sets \$12.00 each, 3 or more sets \$10 ea	Year/s	Quantity	Total
Years Available-2004, 05, 06, 07, 09, 2010, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17			
2018 Convention Pin\$5.00			
Prior Yr Pins (1997-2001 and 2003-2017) \$3.00 each	Year/Set	Quantity	Total
Set of all 21 pins (2018 included) \$30.00			
2018 Convention Plaque-\$20 (only 30 made)			
Membership Pin-\$5.00	Quantity Total		
CCA Polo Shirt\$26.00 (no pocket)	Color 9	Size Tota	I
\$28.00 (with pocket)			
Not all colors in all sizes—email to check			_
2018 Silver/Bronze Medal Set\$60 each			
2018 Bronze Medal Only\$10 each			
Prior Yr Bronze Medals\$5.00 each/2 or more \$3.00 each	Year Quantity Total		
(Yrs avail-1993, 1996—2008, 14, 15, 16, 17)			
Dale Seymour's 'Antique Gambling Chips \$15.00 Hardback	Quantity Total		
Carlos Cartagena Prints\$7.00 each or both for \$10 Prints of original Cartagena paintings donated to CC&GTCC 'Welcome to Las Vegas'			
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Order Amount up to \$5.00 add \$2.50, up to \$10.00 add \$3.50, up to \$25.00 add \$6.95, up to \$50.00 add \$8.95, over \$50.00 add \$10.95

NOTE: Some items, because of shape and/or weight will be mailed pre-paid priority and shipping cost may increase.

International Orders/Orders from Alaska and Hawaii-Contact for shipping charges

#### **MoGH Merchandise**

Trail of the MoGH Milestone Markers



Contact Pam Focazio to place an order for MoGH Merchandise at: Merchandise@themogh.org

#### MoGH Promotional Merchandise



Annual Gold Membership Plaques are available only to Life Members at \$10 each. Email Jerry Vergatos at Vergatos@msn.com



Shipping for MoGH items will be via USPS Priority Mail, Flat Rate at \$7.75, which covers Insurance.















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