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Welcome to the CCA Reference Center! Here you will find useful information on the hobby of casino chip and token collecting.

Convention Videos – Four videos of the 2018 Convention have now been added.

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- CCA Mentoring Program – Help others or find help for yourself.
- Ask the Expert! – a list of CCA members who have volunteered to answer your questions.
- Chip Conditions – an official list of CCA sanctioned terminology used to describe chip condition.
- Glossary – an extensive list of terminology used in our hobby – a “Chipitinary”, if you will.
- Chip FAQ – a huge list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding our hobby
- Chipology 101 – a great introduction to chipping seminar presented at the national convention.
- Cleaning Chips – a good primer on cleaning casino chips.
- Mold Designs – Robert Eisenstadt’s mold design project
- Club Action – Catalog, terms and conditions and current high bids.

### Detailed Reference

- Illegals & Manufacturer Records – a huge compilation of chip manufacturer records.
- Fakes / Fantasy / Counterfeits – a large list of fake, fantasy, and counterfeit chips including pictures
- Brass Core – a thorough presentation of brass core controversy
- Fraternal Order of Eagles – Aeries listed numerically.
- Cancelled Chips – Nevada Casino Chips know to exist cancelled.
- Illegal Chips – 2012 Seminar presented by Ed Hertel and Gene Trimble.

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- Club Library – a list of club reference material that you can check-out and use.
- Gaming in Atlantic City – By Steve Piccolo
- Playboy Cheques, Chips & Tokens – By Tom Stroh
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- Flamingo Capri Revisited – By Mike Quinlvan
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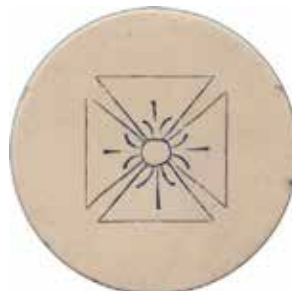
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The Casino Collectibles Association, Inc.

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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.

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Spring Issue  
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Deadline for Ads: January 1st

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Mailing Date: June  
Deadline for Ads: April 1st

Fall Issue  
Mailing Date: September  
Deadline for Ads: July 1st

Winter Issue  
Mailing Date: December  
Deadline for Ads: October 1st

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## Message from the Editor

**Robb McPherson**  
**R8583**

Happy New Year to all CCA members!!

Your probably reading this wondering, wasn't I supposed to get this issue over a month ago, before the holidays? You are correct, my original plan was to have this issue to the printers at the beginning of December and here it is now, mid January. ***I sincerely apologize to each and every member for this overdue issue.*** There was lots of reasons for this delay. One of the main ones is I am not retired and likely won't be for at least another 10 years, so November and December were very busy at work. Then on top of that the holidays were approaching quickly so that just made it worse and that ate up a lot of free time. Next thing you know, Christmas/New Years was here. Once everything quieted down after New Years, I put the pedal to metal and got to work as my wife and I were preparing to head to Vegas for the Silver Strike Tournament at the end of January.

I would like to thank everyone for having all the articles in ahead of time as that made it much easier and I didn't have to spend time looking for things to fill the pages.

You will find two new sections that we have started with this issue, the first called "News from Local Clubs", the second is The Seniors Corner by Quintin Kamm

Are you a member of local casino collecting club? There is a whole page of them listed on page 76, from that list we have two clubs that have submitted articles previously and have now included them in this section. If you are a member of one of these clubs and would like to send in something, contact Steve or I with the information.

We would like to see what's happening so even if you can some information on upcoming events like shows would be great.

Quintin has started a new column for all the senior club members. Please contact him if you can contribute to his column.

Please continue to support you club magazine by sending in articles and pictures.

Robb

## 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

**[museumofgaminghistory.org](http://museumofgaminghistory.org)**



## New Members (Sept-Oct-Nov)

First	Last	City	State	Referral	Pre	Member #
Shawn	Allison	Las Vegas	NV	Jerry Vergatos	R	8959
Stephen	Jacoves	Rio Vista	CA	Doug Balduini	R	8960
Lylar	Kirsch	Charles Town	WV	Website	R	8961
Phillip	Thomas	Cloverdale	CA	Website	R	8962
George	Mepham	Las Vegas	NV	Jerry Vergatos	R	8963
Gary	Rosenthal	Henderson	NV	Website	R	8964
Ralph	DeLuca	Las Vegas	NV	Jim Follis	R	8965
Dominic	Sokolosky	Owasso	OK	Doug Balduini	R	8966
Richard	Bacon	Lansing	MI	Website	R	8967
Brian	Repko	Las Vegas	NV	Website	R	8968
Janet	Bianco	Louisville	KY	Charles Bianco	R	8024-A
Amanda	Lewis	Louisville	KY	Charles Bianco	R	8024-A
Tullio	Longo	Torino	Italy	Website	R	8971
Robert	Furman	Henderson	NV	Reggie Gummer	R	8972
Darryl	Saunders	Corinth	NY	Paul McDonald	R	8973
Bernard (Buck)	Stella	Hightstown	NJ	Website	R	8974
Steven	Frazier	Canton	GA	Mark Freitag	R	8975

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

The entire Board of Directors would personally like to extend our gratitude to the following people who made donations to the 2018 CC&GTCC Convention Raffle.

**George Dmitrevsky (2018)**  
**Robert Pardue (2018)**  
**Travis Lewin (2018)**  
**Doug Smith (2018)**  
**Riverboat Rick**  
**Ron Leis**  
**Charles Kaplan**  
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**Archie Black**  
**Jerry Vertagos**

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**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 the 2018 Raffle the huge success that it was.

Thank You All

# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Welcome to 'Membership Matters'. I'm Roy Nelson, your Membership Officer, and this column is my way of keeping you up to date regarding how we've been doing with membership recruitment and retention and what's next with these efforts. This is also my chance to remind you that keeping our club growing and viable requires everyone to do a little bit more. After all, 'Membership Is Everyone's Job'.

## RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

This past membership renewal period (Sept-Oct-Nov) we welcomed 17 new members to the Casino Collectibles Association. Is this good? Is this bad? To help answer the good or bad question we need some perspective. To do that I looked back at the new member listings in the December issue of our club magazine for the past 4 years. Why December you may ask. Well the December issue includes new members who joined during the Sept-Oct-Nov membership recruitment period. What I found is over that 4 year period we had 41 new members-just over 10 a year. So, given that historical data, I would rate our 2018 recruitment efforts (17) as good!

Six of our members were named as 'recruiters' by our new folks. Hats off to Doug Balduini, Jim Follis, Reggie Gummer, Paul McDonald, Jerry Vergatos, and Mark Freitag! These folks have already received their **Recruiter Recognition Chips**. Sign up a new member and your chip will be in the mail!

I also want to give a 'Tip of the Cap' to Doug Balduini and Sheldon Smith for volunteering to work with me in brain storming and developing strategies that will attract new members and retain our current membership. If you would like to join us and share your ideas (30-60 minute conference calls every 2 weeks) just email me at [membership@ccgtcc.com](mailto:membership@ccgtcc.com) and I will send you details on how to join these calls. Look for a report on these efforts in the months to come.

## QUARTERLY GOAL UPDATE

So, how does our overall membership stand after the Sept-Oct-Nov period overall? Well, here are the numbers:

Memberships Expiring in September	117
September Memberships Renewed	<u>101</u>
Net	-16
New Memberships	<u>17</u>
Quarterly Net+1	

While a net of +1 for the period is really just breaking even, I believe it is the first 3 month period in many that overall membership was positive!

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Well, again historically Dec-Jan-Feb recruitment for the past 4 years has averaged just 10 new members each year, and that is why we are launching---

## “CCA 2019 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN”

For the next 3 months (Feb thru April) each and every one of us is being challenged to be an active recruiter! I will track those who are noted as recruiters on new member applications and at the end of the campaign I will award the following:

For 3 new member sign ups

1 year paid CCA dues or \$30 in club merchandise

For 4 new member sign ups

1 year paid CCA dues or \$30 in club merchandise + paid convention registration

For 5+ new member sign ups

All of the above + \$50 cash bonus

While these incentives are meant to increase recruitment activity the real message is that we need a lot more folks to do a little more so our club can grow and grow. And while I don't expect everyone will sign up 3 or more new members, we can all do our part by setting a personal goal of 1 new recruit. It would make a GIANT difference.

### OUR 2019 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN GOAL IS 25

So, start making your list of friends you need to talk to, and if you would like me to send you a few membership applications just email me ([membership@ccgtcc.com](mailto:membership@ccgtcc.com)) and I'll send them your way. Also, if you know any former members (inactive for 1 or more years) who would like to renew their membership we'll count them toward your numbers and our goal as well.

Let's meet and work to even beat that goal!!! Remember—

### **MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYONE'S JOB !!**

Happy Recruiting,  
Roy

Chips and original casino items from old Nevada casinos including the Sands and The Dunes. Contact Leonard Wineckowski at 716 683-6837

## 2019 CCA ELECTION RESULTS

The nominations for the 2019 CCA Officers and Board of Directors were submitted and tallied. 16 valid nomination forms were received, none were voided.

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

David Spragg received a nomination and a second from current CCA members for Secretary and accepted the nomination.

Jerry Vergatos received a nomination and a second from current CCA members for President and accepted the nomination.

Therefore, there will no election in 2019. Jerry Vergatos is unopposed for the Office of President, and David Spragg is unopposed for the Office of Secretary.

The term for the Offices of President and Secretary will be two years (2019 – 2021).

Congratulations to Messrs. Vergatos and Spragg.

We will report these results at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 22, 2019 and request certification by a vote of the current CCGTCC Board of Directors and Officers.

Respectfully Submitted,  
BRUCE & MARY ANN MASSEY  
CCA Election Co-Chairmen

- **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@ccgtcc.com and editor1@ccgtcc.com**

# Volunteer Needed!!

Greetings to my fellow club members,  
Writing this post has been a challenge for me. It's hard to believe that we lost a great member of our club who helped us immensely. Eric's accomplishments and service will be a hard act to follow. We must move on as I'm sure he would have acknowledged. Finding a replacement to fill his shoes will be a challenge but the effort must be made for the good of the association. We are seeking any CCA club member to step forward for consideration.

## **Legal Counsel Position**

We are looking for a qualified Legal Counsel to oversee the legal aspects of our association. Someone who will safeguard our reputation by guaranteeing that we follow legal guidelines and give legal advice to the Board of Directors on all relevant issues.

## **Responsibilities**

- Give accurate and timely counsel to the CCA Board of Directors,
- Specify internal governance policies and regularly monitor compliance
- Help in evaluating risk factors regarding business decisions and operations
- Draft and solidify agreements, contracts and other documents to ensure the associations legal rights.
- Provide clarification on legal language to the Board of directors as needed
- Provide legal advice for the MoGH

## **Requirements**

- Licensed with experience in the legal profession preferably multi state (New York and Nevada)
- Knowledge of 501(c)3 requirements
- Sound judgement and ability to analyze situations and information
- Good communication skills

## **Benefits**

- Limited travel expenses
- A non voting position on the CCA BOD
- The fact that you will be an important part of the Association.

I would also like to point out that Eric was a Real Estate Attorney. His Legal training afforded him the ability to know the in's and out of the legal community. While I have listed our wish list we are certainly open to anyone with legal training to step forward and be considered.

This is a volunteer position. If you are interested in this position and would like to be considered please contact me at [vergatos@msn.com](mailto:vergatos@msn.com)

Thank You  
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## Letter to the Editors

This issue we have lots of comments to publish. We always appreciate feedback good or bad. Send all comments to [editor@ccgtcc.com](mailto:editor@ccgtcc.com) and [editor1@ccgtcc.com](mailto:editor1@ccgtcc.com)

**Mark Freitag** [freitagfam@aol.com](mailto:freitagfam@aol.com)

Hi Steve, I just wanted to write and let you know what an Outstanding Issue of the magazine I just received! One of the Best yet!! A nice mix of articles, photos and Chipper Info. It was hard to put it down! Keep up the Great Work!! *Thank you for your support SM.!*

**Club Mag: Orbit Inn**      **Mike Pellerin (R-5986)** 10/13/18

I was so glad to see a write up in the Club Mag, of one of my favorite casinos to collect from: The Orbit Inn. The \$100 N1991 chip knocked my socks off at my 1st convention at the Riv, and I had to have it. I paid nearly \$100 bucks for it, but it was worth it.

I began to collect the other Orbit Inn chips, over the next year or two. I was the person who discovered that the .25 cent N3807 chip had lc and sc versions. The Chip Rack, et al: were kind enough to include them in later Chip Rack Editions.

I know The Club Mag only had one page to showcase this casino, but there's so much more: It was the first casino to be partially blown up in a suicide attempt. Really! 😊 Maybe we could expand on Casino stories in future issues, it might help us get a fan base back, instead of focusing on showing the entire convention in pictures. Do you think A new viewer or subscriber wants to see pics and stories of something they didn't attend?

**By:** Torrey Morand 10/13/18 8:49 pm **In Response To:** [Club Mag: Orbit Inn](#)

The magazine isn't exactly intended to attract new members but to entertain those already members. I completely enjoyed seeing pics of the convention, good times and memories. And why wouldn't that attract new members anyway, seeing what they could be doing and what a great show they could attend. I do see what you are saying about expanding on a story, there is much more to some places we all would be interested in. So understood, but the magazine also keeps members renewing their membership also. Torrey

**By:** Erik Dauplaise R-8053 10/14/18 7:58 am **In Response To:** [Club Mag: Orbit Inn](#)

Hello Mike,

I wrote the Orbit Inn article and I am very happy to hear you liked it. I have writing for the magazine since 2012 and nothing brings me more joy than feedback like yours. I live on the east coast and have a full-time job so contributing to the Club magazine is my small way of giving back.

I too was fascinated with the \$100 chip which got me collecting Orbit Inn items. Thank you for sharing your discovery about the 25¢ chip variations – I love finding new casino collectibles and sharing them, especially on the Chip Guide. I did not mention the explosion at the Orbit Inn because it was covered a few years ago in the Club magazine.

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I want to comment on one item from your post; your desire for more casino articles in the magazine. Each issue is 80 pages and more than half of that is dedicated to the same information (CCA information, Mag info/Club, Table of Contents, ANA/CCGTCC.com, advertising info, Prez/Ed letters, new members, Local Clubs, mentoring, member letters/articles, Members Corner, In Memoriam, Club Merchandise, LOGO Usage and Claims/Rewards) and advertising, both which are very important. Although this does not change much I am certain it still requires a great deal of efforts by the editors, BoD and other key Club members to keep it up to date and relevant. That leaves about 30-35 pages for submitted content from Club members.

Current editors Robb & Steve plus past editor Todd have always been supportive to me as a submitter. None of my articles have ever been turned down. I have never been given any direction or limitations on what to write about or how many pages. I have the Adobe InDesign software used to create the magazine and have 100% freedom over my own layouts too.

I have had as many as 7 pages of articles in a single issue. Unfortunately that tells me that not many other Club members submit articles. I end almost every article offering to research/write articles that other Club members would like to see and/or offer to help write articles. My attempt earlier this year with "Show & Tell" never got off the ground because getting input from other Club members was challenging. It was disappointing to me but thankfully I have lots of other ideas to keep me busy writing. Bottom line – if you want to see more or specific articles in the magazine then please contribute. I reiterate my offer to help anyone with content, research, images, editing, etc. You can check with Club members that worked with me on previous articles. I always send that person a copy of the article for their approval and recognize when others have contributed (especially The Chip Rack & Chip Guide). The magazine is great for the Club for both existing and prospective new members. With your help and the help of other Club members we can keep it that way.

Thanks again for your feedback on the Orbit Inn article!  
Erik Dauplaise / R-8053 Rhode Island

*Thank all of you for your input. I am always looking for feedback. I too, like the \$100 Orbit Inn chip and is in my collection. As far as articles go, we accept what is sent in to us, whether it is outline we need to expand on, to the finished product like Eric sends us. I only write when I have to fill a magazine or if I have come across something interesting to members.*

*If you would like to expand on the Orbit Inn article I would love to run it, and I would ad a story about the Reel Deal, the later casino in the same location. This issue was my first since I have been editor that I had to much to run. If you didn't notice I ran smaller versions of some of the club info. The magazine belongs to the members, so I try to make everyone happy, an impossible task, so I do the best I can.*  
*Thank you Steve*

## *From the President's Desk*

Greetings to my fellow club members.

I hope everyone had a joyous and eventful holiday season with family and friends. There's been a lot going on and here's what I have to report.



### **Membership Committee**

Rick Timmons is progressing with his two committees, although a little short of volunteers he feels he has the adequate amount of help to continue his mission. The first committee is working on the web design and the second committee is working on membership recruiting. If you wish to volunteer your services, I'm sure he will have a place for you.

There is no large time requirement needed and any little bit of help can go a long way. You can contact him at [rtimmins@yahoo.com](mailto:rtimmins@yahoo.com)

### **Newsletter**

I'm exploring the possibility of starting a monthly club newsletter for the entire membership. In the newsletter there would be items of interest and comments from Board members, Committee Chairman and anyone else wishing to communicate with the club membership. While the club board and chipboard are available, they do not reach the entire membership. It is imperative that your e-mail address is correct with Roy Nelson, our Membership Director. Please contact him at [membership@ccgtcc.com](mailto:membership@ccgtcc.com) to update your information so you will not be left out.

### **POTY**

The personal chip of the year contest is now an official club sanctioned event. Please see the ad in this issue as it contains some new rules and there is a poster for sale of all the chips that were entered at the 2018 convention. At this time, I am taking pre-orders as I need 75 orders to keep the price at \$14.99 Shipped. It was very popular with many contestants. The contest will continue next year and will be hosted at the MoGH table. Please plan to get your chips designed early and ready for entry into next year's competition. There are many dealers in the club that can design and supply you with chips. Please patronize them.

### **Legal Counsel**

With the loss of Eric Rosenblum we are in dire need of an attorney. Please see the notice in this magazine with qualifications that we are seeking. I am taking names and will contact any candidates directly.



## **Nevada State Sales License**

We were initially declined on our application for the Nevada State Sales Tax exemption. I have sent a request for an appeal and a hearing. There were some notices that were not received, asking for information. Since they did not receive that information in time, they declined our application. Since the mailing address has been changed, I have submitted the necessary information that was requested and am waiting for their response.

## **G2E Convention**

I'm still in the hunt for Corporate Industry Dealers to have a table at our convention next year. My efforts were in vain this year, but I will continue to solicit the gaming companies that I think will offer our membership some unique experience at next year's convention. I spoke to quite a few people at the convention and got some good contact information. If anyone has a contact in the gaming industry, please give me their name and contact information.

## **Volunteers**

WE NEED YOU !!!! not just for the convention but for a lot of small very worthwhile projects. You can help immensely with just a few hours a week or a month. Additionally, Scott Parriott the Convention Volunteer Coordinator for next year's convention will be setting up his schedule in the next couple of months with a new format to make things more amicable to all that wish to help.

## **MoGH**

As the Membership Director of the MoGH I am happy to report Pam Focazio our Membership Coordinator signed up and or renewed 27 Gold Members and sold 7 life memberships at this year's convention. She manned the MoGH table at the convention this year by herself and did a fantastic job recruiting. We are offering plaques for upgraded membership to the Gold Level and at the Life Membership level. They are pictured below.



She's currently working on presenting to the MoGH board some new promotional items such as shirts and chips and a few novelty items. One of her projects is putting together a plaque program where there is a large plaque with the club logo and smaller plaques signifying the satellite locations of our exhibits. This is very exciting and hopefully will come to fruition soon.

Special kudos to Jim Follis for managing to extend our stay at the Nevada State Museum. That is a fantastic display featuring Gaming cheater devices. The extended stay will mean that next year's convention goers will have a chance to see some great artifacts.

We are still looking for additional locations for our exhibits. We have a new lead in placing an exhibit at the Aria Hotel and Casino. If you have any contacts, please contact Jim Follis at [jim@gamingore.com](mailto:jim@gamingore.com)

## **Website Membership Directory**

Charles Sikora has volunteered to update the information on the club website. Richard Huber has also volunteered to help and is ready to assist if needed. Our volunteers are only authorized to eliminate all nonmembers and members that have been deceased. They cannot change any information concerning your e-mail address and any pertinent information you've listed. That is the responsibility of the member. This information, if updated properly, offers a wide variety of options for other members to contact you.

## **Charles Kaplan/Mike Quinlivan**

Charles Kaplan has stepped down as the Chairman of the Museum of Gaming History. His long service has been a positive force to the MoGH and to the club. He will still be an active member of the MoGH with his main responsibility being the ChipGuide. Thank you, Charles, for your great service. Charles and Chip Guide are two of the greatest assets in the MoGH.

Mike Quinlivan has been elected by the MoGH BOD and has been approved unanimously by the CCA BOD. On behalf of the CCA BOD we wish him all the cooperation for his success. His previous experience and abilities have made him a natural successor to Charles. Good luck Mike!!!

## **Educational Speakers**

Having assumed the position of Education Chairman temporarily I have confirmed the 4 "prime time" speakers for next years convention. They are Brenda Reimer, Rick Timmins, Charles Kaplan and Michael Knapp. Their topics will be announced shortly. New changes in the format has opened the availability of using our meeting rooms for additional meetings and seminars after the convention closes for the day. Times and rooms are still available and if you are interested in a time slot please let me know.

## **Jim Whobrey /Club Photographer Chairman**

Jim is developing a schedule by which all our club events will be properly recorded. He has already taken into account Chuck G not being there next year. I would please ask anyone interested in taking pictures to communicate with Jim so that there is no confusion as to the coverage needed to properly document and photograph the convention. We are setting up a drop box program so that all pictures taken will be available for us to retrieve for the magazine or any other needed purpose. Your candid photos of the convention and some events are very much needed and appreciated. Jim has authorization from his appointment to organize, schedule and implement his plan to achieve all that is required. Please contact him at your convenience to coordinate our efforts.

That is all I have to report. I wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season I hope you share the holidays with family and friends. Please Stay Safe.

As always, your comments and suggestions are always welcome

Best Regards to all  
Jerry Vergatos LM 8093-241  
President  
CCA  
vergatos@msn.com

Due to the overwhelming participation in the Personal Chip of the Year Contest, the CCA and the MoGH has authorized this to be a sanctioned annual event. To commemorate the inaugural 2018 contest, a poster of the entrants and winners has been created. The poster is 16x20 on medium weight paper with a matte finish, suitable for framing. The water mark will not be on the finished product.

The poster including shipping & materials is \$14.99 (shipped to the Continental US, foreign rates may apply). At this time, I am only asking for PREORDERS. In order to keep this price, we'll need 75 commitments at this time. Once 75 posters are pre-ordered, we'll place the order (payment will be required at this time) and delivery will be within two weeks.

Please shoot me an email at [vergatos@msn.com](mailto:vergatos@msn.com) if you'd like one or more.

All proceeds will go to the Museum of Gaming History. I will ask dealers and club members if they will consider placing them in their stores. The project would not have been possible without the efforts of Jim Whobrey, Todd Barrett, and Jim Follis.

Thank You for your efforts  
 Jerry Vergatos LM 8093-241  
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# *AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION NEWS*



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

## **ANA CLUBS INVITED TO MEET IN PITTSBURGH**

ANA member clubs that plan to attend the 2019 National Money Show in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania March 28-30 have the opportunity to book a complimentary meeting room at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Request forms are available at [money.org/nationalmoneyshow/clubs](http://money.org/nationalmoneyshow/clubs) or by contacting the ANA Convention Department phone 710 482-9839; email [conventions@money.org](mailto:conventions@money.org). As space is limited, clubs are encouraged to make reservations no later than January 13<sup>th</sup>. A great opportunity for a trade session and public meeting on the east coast at no cost to the club.



# NATIONAL COIN WEEK THEME CHOSEN FOR 2019

Based on discovery and innovation, the American Numismatic Association (ANA) has selected; "Discover the Past, ENVISION THE FUTURE" as the theme for the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual National Coin Week from April 21-27, 2019. The theme was provided by ANA member Dennis Tucker. National Coin Week is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of every year.

## A Message from the Vice President...



WOW! I am already six months into my term and I am very happy for making the decision to run of office. I'd like to express my appreciation, gratitude and awe to fellow newly elected Club Officers, Steve Asrilant and Roy Nelson, in their capacities as the newest Treasurer and Membership Officers. Both the Treasurer and Membership Officer roles, have a significant learning curve and require a transfer of documentation and equipment from the previous caretakers. I applaud both Steve and Roy for taking the reins and getting things done, already!

I got involved with an early Project, which was to respond to a Standards and Archives Committee Chairman request to do another Project, in follow-up to their Official Grading and Conditions Standards. Lead by Club Hall of Famer, Chapter and Honorary Life Member, Michael Knapp, the Committee has been asked to develop an Official, CCA Mold Identification and Description Standard, that will digitally fit into ChipGuide and be inclusive of all molds, particularly those not currently recorded in past publications. As a ChipGuide Admin, we have struggled to have a defined set of descriptors and a naming convention that the 20 or so ChipGuide Admins can consistently use when making ChipGuide entries. This will be a long-range Project, and we thank Michael and his Committee members (Archie Black, Dick Covington, Mark Lighterman, Alan Schuyler and Trey Warren) and the ChipGuide Webmaster, Charles Kaplan, who will integrate the results into ChipGuide.

President Vergatos has asked me to add some other Projects to my schedule and those are being worked. I look forward to my first CCA Board Meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, which will be preceded by the MoGH Board meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup>. So needless to say, I do keep busy. However, I still invite comments and suggestions from the Membership at-large to bolster and strengthen our Club. My contact information appears on the first page of this fabulous magazine.

In conclusion, I'd like to thank Club Member Doug Balduini for his suggestion that the Club might want to consider making a table top, stand-up signage, available to members that attend non-Club events (antique fairs, coin shows, swap meets, etc.) as a vendor, that wish to display Club Membership Applications. We have taken that idea and converted it into a reality. The acrylic stand holds an 8.5" x 11" advertiser for the Club, and also has a pocket to hold CCA Applications. Look for future details from the Club's Membership Officer, on how to request one of these displays and Application Forms.

Jim Follis LM-3872-53

CCA Vice President

# ARE YOU READY FOR THE 2018 OTY AWARDS CONTEST?!

By: Trey Warren

It's time to submit your Nominations!

I am honored and excited to be serving my first year as the OTY Chairman!

Inside this issue of the Casino Collectibles News you will find an **Official Nomination Form** for the 2018 OTY Awards. I encourage every Club member to take a little time and look back at the awesome selection of chips, tokens, strikes, and cards issued by casinos worldwide during 2018. Any chip that stood out to you, a strike that you just had to get, or a room key that just made an impression, would be a perfect candidate to honor with an OTY Award nomination!

Any CCA member can participate in the OTY Awards. This includes 4 categories, Chip of the Year (COTY), Token of the Year (TOTY), Silver Strike of the Year (SSOTY) and Slot Card/Room Key of the Year (CKOTY).

Here is a brief summary of the contest rules for this year.

Between now and February 29, 2019 I will be accepting nominations from any Club members in good standing. **As a reminder to all members, please be sure to make a copy (or copies) of the nomination form for the Associate Member(s) tied to your membership number, so that they can participate as well.**

There are 2 ways to submit your OTY Nominations.

Mail the completed Nomination Form – The Nomination form enclosed is pre-printed with my mailing address and instructions to submit your nominations. Completed forms (originals or copies) may also be submitted in an envelope to my address that appears on the back of the original form as well.

Email your Nomination - Nominations will be accepted via email to [OTY@CCGTCC.com](mailto:OTY@CCGTCC.com). Your submission must have a similar format as the Nomination Form **AND** you must include all of your nominations at one time. Please only submit one completed Nomination Form. Emailed submissions must be sent prior to midnight (CST) February 29th, 2019.

Here are some tips to help you choose your candidates for your nominations:

For those who have internet access, you can visit ChipGuide and search for potential candidates for nomination by using the search utility to find chips, tokens, strikes and room keys/slot cards issued in 2018. Visit the Museum of Gaming History's ChipGuide at: [http://themogh.org/cg\\_home2.php](http://themogh.org/cg_home2.php). Select the "ChipGuide Query Facility" in the Features section of the page. Use the filters to narrow your search. You will have to use the Collectible Type field to search each OTY category. Make sure the "Date Range" is Equal, and "Date1" is 2018. Keep in mind that all eligible candidates may not be present here because the ChipGuide logs and images are frequently submitted by Club members so updates can be made. Still, this should help you with some nomination options.

Pictures of all Silver Strikes issued in 2018 can be found on the Silver Strikers website. Look in the Strike Online Catalog, under the El Cortez section on page 8 and under the Four Queens section on pages 20, 21, & 34 to find nomination options.

After Nominations are closed, voting will begin and will be open to any and all Club members in good standing. The final Nominees will be posted on the Club's website (or linked from there) so that they can be viewed and voted upon by our Club Members. The date for voting is undetermined at this time, but will happen soon after the nomination deadline and nomination counts are completed to determine the final candidates. So be on the lookout for details on the Club's website [www.ccggtcc.com](http://www.ccggtcc.com)! Even if you did not submit any OTY Nominations, you are still welcomed and encouraged to vote!

If you do not have access to the internet, instructions to submit your final OTY votes will be provided in the Summer 2018 issue of Casino Collectible News and will be included in an article following the 2018 Convention Information.

The fine print:

All nominee candidates must have been issued, for use, for the first time, during the calendar year of 2018. Various members of the CC&GTCC may be called upon to verify the criteria for chips and tokens. The Officers of the Silver Striker's Club shall be called upon to verify the criteria for Silver Strikes. The Officers of the Slot Card and Room Key Club shall be called upon to verify the criteria for slot cards/room keys.

Chip of the Year eligibility criteria: A chip must be issued by a casino. It must also serve a gaming purpose.

Token of the Year eligibility criteria: A token is one that is intended to be inserted into a slot machine for play. Excluded are coins (money), currency and tickets. The emphasis is on slot machine play. Unfortunately, due to the lack of new slot tokens being issued the TOTY Awards will remain on hiatus, but will be reestablished if several different nominations are made.

Silver Strike of the Year eligibility criteria: Any Silver Strike that is issued and included in Silver Strike Program of IGT. This includes all strike denominations.

Slot Card/Room Key of the Year eligibility criteria:

Slot Cards must be issued by a casino and are intended to track player action at a slot machine.

Room Keys must be issued by an affiliated hotel/casino establishment. The key (looking like a plastic credit card) must be used to open a guest room.

I look forward to receiving your nominations and to hosting the OTY Awards this year! I can be contacted via email: [OTY@CCGTCC.com](mailto:OTY@CCGTCC.com) if you have any questions. See you in June!!!

Trey Warren  
OTY Awards Competition Chairman



# MUSINGS from the MoGH

## You Never Know Where IT Will Lead

By Charles Kaplan, LM-115-48

This is the story of my involvement with Casino Chip Collecting.

When I was a child, I collected coins with my brother Steve. We would mostly go through change and sometimes get rolls of pennies from the bank and take out all the ones that were worth more than a penny to collectors. Occasionally, we take the subway to Manhattan to go to a coin show. That interest waned over the years, although I would always find the wheat cents and silver coins in my change and toss them into a jar. That is where my collector interest got started. Years later when I was old enough, I went to casinos and took home one \$1 chip as a souvenir. And I did that for many years and had a little collection of \$1 chips from casinos that I visited.

By chance I got bought a coin magazine and noticed an ad in the classified section from a dealer, Deb's in California, offering a catalog of casino chips for sale. I sent away for the catalog and I don't recall buying anything from it, but I did notice an ad in the catalog from the newly formed Casino Chip & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club. I had no idea that there were other casino chip collectors. I sent in my application and became member R-115.



I learned a lot from the quarterly newsletters. There were other collectors out there who traded with each other. Maybe I should take more than one \$1 chip home from the casinos I visit? I also learned about dealers selling chips and auctions. There was an annual convention in Vegas. And there were local clubs around the country, including one nearby in Atlantic City.

I branched out to collecting \$1 chips from everywhere, not just from the casinos I visited, and to collect chips from my favorite area, the Caribbean. I began attending semi-monthly club meetings in Atlantic City. What struck me most was how friendly the collectors were. Back then Dick Brach was the President and Bruce Landau was the auctioneer. Bruce was the nicest person you could ever want to know. He always set up his table in the same spot, on the left side, 2nd or 3rd row from the front. When you approached him, his face lit up with a smile that made you feel like family. His smile made you feel good. Dick did a great job running the AC Club, attendance was spectacular, up to 125 per meeting, and the meetings were well run. So well run, that the membership was treated to an annual lunch at the Baltimore Grill restaurant, near the Tropicana.



I made lots of friends in Atlantic City, it was always a treat to attend those meetings and get to see them. The meetings were on Sunday, but I always tried to come in on Saturday afternoons. My first stop was always Bob Mera's store on the Boardwalk. Bob's store sold casino collectibles, chips for the collectors and souvenir items for the tourist trade. I could always find a few collectors I knew checking out the chips for sale and the bid board. The bid board was a silent auction. You would bid on item, usually a chip or a group of chips, in a little plastic bag, pinned to the bulletin board. You won the auction if your bid stood for a certain amount of time without being overbid. I remember that there were several couples who would attend together and make a weekend out of it, dinners and antiquing.

When Dick asked, I volunteered to become the AC Club's membership officer. I kept the membership database, sent out and processed renewals, and mailed the newsletters. That was my first official position in a club or any organization for that matter.

After a while, I had an idea that there could be a Casino Collectibles Club in New York, on Long Island. I held a meeting in my home and had about 25 collectors show up. That turned out to be the first meeting on the New York Casino Collectibles Club. We originally met in a VFW Hall in Baldwin, NY, every other month, in the months when there wasn't an Atlantic City club meeting. Thanks, Tony. I stepped down as the President of the NY club, when Jerry Birl was stepping down as the President of the Atlantic City club and asked me to take over. Pete Volberg took over the NY club.

It was about this time that I started attending the annual CCGT&CC conventions in June in Las Vegas. The first convention that I attended was at the Orleans Hotel in 1998. I haven't missed a convention since. It was at one of my first conventions that I met Greg Susong. Greg introduced the hobby to the internet with the ChipGuide and the ChipBoard. Greg had converted his printed catalog of riverboat casino chips into a website. There were a couple of casino chip websites back then, but Greg's was the best. I wanted to do a website on Caribbean casino chips and I asked Greg if I could copy his format but do all my own programming. He agreed and even helped me out by designing the website logo. Thanks, Greg, you have no idea how much this meant to me.



When I graduated from college, I was a computer programmer but stopped programming when I was hired by IBM to provide technical sales support for server sales teams. Now I had the need to program again, something I truly like to do. A friend referred me to PHP, a language used to program websites, and MySQL, a database for websites. I purchased a reference manual for PHP and MySQL and read it on a flight to the west coast. On the way back I designed the website. When I got home it took me a week to program the website and another 3 weeks to scan my Caribbean collection and add them to the database. A month after that flight, the Caribbean ChipGuide went live. It generated a lot of interest and I started the Caribbean Casino Collectibles Club. We only got together for an hour each year at the convention.



What I learned from the Caribbean ChipGuide was that website programming was fairly easy for someone with a programming background. The programmers that I knew who worked on the IBM mainframe servers that I sold avoided anything to do with the internet, they did not understand it and were afraid to get involved. I saw an opportunity and began a lecture series to teach mainframe programmers how to program websites at the Long Island System Users Group (LISUG). I eventually became the treasurer and later the President of LISUG, all because of the Caribbean ChipGuide.

One of my colleagues at LISUG was a professor at Farmingdale State College. When another professor suddenly took another job right before the start of a semester, my friend recommended me to teach the Web Database Development class. I took the job and still do it to this day. All because of the Caribbean ChipGuide. I enjoy teaching and the interaction with a younger generation. It keeps you fresh.

Greg Susong passed in 2009. The website was dormant for a year and then Greg's wife Carol donated the website to the CC&GTCC. I was the webmaster of the Museum of Gaming History's website at that time, thanks to Neal Silverman and Marty Kaplan, and took the responsibility of migrating the ChipGuide to the MoGH's website. After getting it up and running, just the same as it was before, I decided that I should re-program so that it had the new features from the Caribbean ChipGuide. Once completed, the ChipGuide had a new home.

I then realized that I could expand the ChipGuide to include not just casino chips, but all kinds of collectibles, and that the ChipGuide could be worldwide, not just selected states of the United States. And then finally with all the expansion, I realized that I could not do it alone. The ChipGuide has a companion website called the ChipGuide Content Management System (CGCM). The CGCM has the features to add and update casinos and casino collectibles on to the ChipGuide. I sought volunteers, who are now called ChipGuide Administrators, to help keep the ChipGuide current. I got an overwhelming response and there are about 15 administrators who cover the ChipGuide by location or collectible type. We still have uncovered territories, so if you are interested, let us know. I conduct a 1-hour online training to show you how the CGCM works and provide you a userid, password and the link the CGCM. The skills that are needed to become an Admin are: internet user and basic photo editing.



**ChipGuide Administrators Meeting at the Convention**

,Left to Right: Robb McPherson, Bill Harkins, Sharona Bachman, Charles Kaplan  
.Ross Poppel, Albert Scalzo, Peter Nathan, Rick Pockracki, Jim Follis and Steve Miller

My work on the ChipGuide led me to many other opportunities, all of which I can contribute to my idea to do a Caribbean ChipGuide:

Webmaster	Museum of Gaming History
Webmaster	ChipGuide
Vice-Chairman	Museum of Gaming History
Chairman	Museum of Gaming History
President	Atlantic City Casino Collectibles Club
President	NY Metro Casino Collectibles Club
President	Caribbean Casino Collectibles Club
Seminar Speaker	CCA Convention
Contributing Author	Casino Collectible News
President's Award	CCA
Greg Susong Award	CCA
Hall of Fame	CCA

I also had professional opportunities that arose from programming the Caribbean ChipGuide as well:

LISUG	- PHP and MySQL Seminar Series
LISUG	- Several Pre-Sessions on PHP and MySQL
LISUG/NESTU/FASUG	- Panel Discussion on Website Development
LISUG/NESTU/FASUG	- Developing Websites with a Template Seminar
Farmingdale State College	- Adjunct Professor – Web Database Development
First Care Givers	- Website Development & Webmaster
CasinoChips.com	- Website Development & Webmaster
First Krystynopoler Society	- Website Development & Webmaster

Sometimes a project is just a project and when it's over, it's over. Sometimes a project takes on a life of its own. The point of my story is to Follow Your Heart, Follow Your Passions, because You Never Know Where IT (an Information Technology project) Will Lead You.

## **MoGH Chairman**

The MoGH recently voted a change in leadership. Mike Quinlivan has been elected as the new Chairman of the MoGH. Charles Kaplan will remain on the board and in his capacities.

## **MoGH Advisory Board**

The MoGH Advisory Board meeting that had been scheduled for January 30, 2019 has been postponed with the change in the MoGH leadership. The meeting will be rescheduled for a time and location convenient to those attending the CCA convention in June 2019.

## MoGH Musings Addendums, by Jim Follis, MoGH Exhibits Director

Since our last update, we have experienced several changes with regards to our public Exhibits. First and foremost, at the beginning of September, we closed-down 4 of the 5 display cases at the Nevada State Museum. And what of the 5<sup>th</sup> case? Well, it remains at the Museum! In fact, this display case, which holds the artifacts on-loan to the MoGH, from the Nevada State Gaming Control Board, of confiscated/seized cheating devices, just very recently has been extended through June, 2019. This means that 2019 Convention goers will have the opportunity to visit the Nevada State Museum and see this very interesting display.

The MoGH Board expresses its appreciation to Club and MoGH Member, Ted Whiting; Nevada State Museum Director of Content, Tom Dyer; and Nevada State Gaming Control, Enforcement Division, Deputy Chief, James Taylor, for their assistance in making this a reality!

In other Exhibit news, 2 of the display cases (and contents) removed from the Nevada State Museum, were moved to and set-up at Spinettis Gaming Supplies, located at 810 S. Commerce St., Las Vegas, NV 89106, just a few blocks away from Downtown! Owner and longtime CCA member, Mike Spinetti, has been kind enough to continue the public display of Mike Quinlivan's "Revisiting the Flamingo Capri" and Steve Palumbo's "Atomic Nevada" Exhibits, at his highly popular store. When in town, please visit Mike's store, during business hours, and take a look at these 2 Exhibits. The MoGH Board thanks Mike and his General Manager (and CCA member) Mikko Melander, in making these relocations possible.

Lastly, in another article in this issue, there is a Call for Convention Exhibits; The People's Choice Awards Contest. We have thoroughly revamped balloting rules and better defined entry requirements, display size limits and other related aspects of this Educational Project of the MoGH, in an effort to encourage greater participation, and, enhanced enjoyment and recognition by participants.



*"The 'Cheater Exhibit' at the Nevada State Museum."*



*"The Flamingo Capri... Revisited" Exhibit at Spinettis Gaming Supplies."*

# Members Corner

Jerry Vergatos LM 8093-241



Welcome again to another edition on Member's Corner. On this edition I'm featuring someone we should all know. He is currently the CCA Convention Chairman. He assumed that role this past convention and will continue in that capacity for our next convention in 2019. His job is monumental and very time consuming and he accepts the challenge with a great sense of pride and duty. I present to you **Steve Palumbo**.

**Jerry:** Where are you from and where do you currently live? Are you married? Children?

**Steve:** Hello fellow CCA members. I am a CCA and casino chip collectors addict. I'm currently living in sunny Las Vegas and have been so since the year 2000. It's a great place to live. I was originally born in Bethesda, Maryland and have had the opportunity to live in many fantastic places, including California, Texas, Utah, Arizona, Oklahoma, Kansas, North Carolina, Missouri and Nevada. One day after the statute of limitations passes, I would like to revisit some of those places. I was fortunate to marry my high school sweetheart, Loretta Gardea, and we've been married now almost 38 years. It was undoubtedly my best lifetime decision. Loretta, however, may have a different opinion about her decision-making skills. We've been blessed with 3 wonderful children, two girls and a boy and 3 grandchild and numerous pets and grand pets.



**Jerry:** What was your career and how long have you been doing it?

**Steve:** I just recently retired this year from a career in retail. I have spent over 40 years working for some of the country's best retail chains. Over the years I was a merchandise buyer for Macy's, a store manager for Emporium-Capwell's, a district manager for Cort Furniture and a store manager, district and regional trainer for Marshall's Department Stores. Retirement is great by the way. I highly recommend it.

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



**Steve:** How did I become a collector? A \$5 Riviera chip says, "Once a Collector Always a Collector". I think that pretty much describes me. As a child, I loved gathering pretty shells, colored glass and interesting stones along the beach. In my teenage years, I enjoyed collecting old coins. At times my wife and I have collected various antiques, cookie jars and other interesting items.



We both enjoyed Las Vegas and during our trips I would bring back a few casino chips each time. One day my wife pointed out that one of our dresser drawers was no longer usable for anything since it was full of casino chips. She also remarked that she thought I had passed from bringing home the occasional souvenir and was now a casino chip collector. She was right. I have pretty much tried to narrow my chip collecting to Halloween Chips. However, I must admit, several others have snuck into my collection. I very much enjoy personal chips. Both collecting them and creating them. I think it is a great way for all of us collectors and would be artists to express our ourselves and add something unique and interesting to our hobby.

**Jerry:** Aside from Casino Memorabilia? Are you involved in any other hobbies

**Steve:** Most of my "hobby" time the last few years has been devoted to the CCA. I enjoy it immensely and am looking forward to continuing in that direction. However, I have a daughter who is a pirate and treasure hunter at heart. When I retired, she bought me a metal detector and we have gone "treasure hunting" together several times. Hopefully, we will have more "adventures" in the future. Maybe even find a "treasure" or two.



## Members Corner Continued

**Jerry:** As the Convention Chairman what changes do you have in mind for next years convention?

**Steve:** I had the honor of being the Convention Chairman for the 2018 CCA Convention. It was a lot of fun and I really enjoyed helping to make it happen. There are so many wonderful volunteers involved with the show and I have made many new friends. We are currently attempting to take our great yearly convention beyond the limited spectrum of the club and reach out to the larger public audience. How great would it be to share our fantastic show with thousands of new attendees from Las Vegas and other parts of the country and world? In addition, we have tried to "open up" the show room floor layout so that it is more "user friendly" to both the dealers and attendees. We are striving to make the show both a selling event and a social event for both club members and potential new members. We would like to continue with the personal chip contest, add a "free" table and maybe add a couple more surprises in the process.

**Jerry:** List the top things you like about our club.

**Steve:** I feel that our club does many wonderful things and has so much to offer. It is a wealth of knowledge and information. It is a great place to share stories of a terrific chip "find" or maybe even a totally unknown chip found. It is a place of friendship and camaraderie. The club also provides us with the opportunity to mentor and share our hobby with newcomers. How rewarding is it when a new member shows you their exciting new chip or relates a story about one of their adventures? The same is also true for a long-time member and friend. It's our diversity and variety of backgrounds that gives us access to so many different stories and histories. I treasure them all. I love going onto the Chipboard to discover what's new in our world of collecting and in our members lives.

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



**Steve:** Going forward I would love to see our club continue to reach out and share with others the knowledge, excitement, passion and friendship that our club has to offer. A simple example is the excitement that several relatives and friends, who know virtually nothing about casino chip collecting, showed at the banquet dinner while listening to Mr. Ted Whiting's great talk about casino cheating. They really enjoyed his talk and presentation. Of course, my daughter, the would be "pirate", commented that he should teach a class on casino cheating because she also wanted to make \$800,000 in 45 minutes.

Let's all have fun collecting, sharing, learning and developing friendships in our wonderful club.



**Jerry:** How do you think we could attract more members, young and old to our club?

**Steve:** Most collectibles and collectors' clubs are struggling for new members and our club is facing similar problems. However, I feel that there are many thousands of chip collectors out there that have never heard of the CCA and all that we have to offer. This would be especially true in Las Vegas. If you look at the many websites where chips are discussed, bought and sold you soon realize how little a presence we have among them and what a huge opportunity they represent. We just have to find a way to reach them and show them all the benefits the CCA has to offer.

**Jerry:** Tell me something about yourself that no one knows.

**Steve:** Something that no one knows about me. Well, anyone who has ever danced with me could tell you that I have 2 left feet. There aren't many since I avoid dancing whenever and where ever possible. Also, I have twice opened my own retail businesses. Once at the request of my parents when my mother's company closed down. I helped her to open a successful antique, limited edition art and custom framing shop. After 2 years I went back to retailing and my mother ran the business for over 10 years until she retired. Several years later while living in Oklahoma my brother asked me to help him open a retail business. Since he liked sports cards and comics, we opened a combination sports card and comic store. In addition, we did shows all over the mid-west. It was very successful, and we ran it until my brother had severe health problems and I was asked to transfer to Kansas City. Both businesses were a lot of fun. I've always believed that if you're going to have a hobby you ought to find a way to make a profit at it.

**Jerry:** Since I love Jelly donuts what is your opinion about them?

**Steve:** Jerry Vergatos loves Jelly doughnuts and asked for my opinion regarding them. During Jerry's mob days he was known as Jerry "Bag of Doughnuts". The inside of his truck has a fine coating of sugar powder all over the dash and seats. It's a very sticky ride. My personal feeling is that I've never met a doughnut that I didn't like. I'm still carrying many of them around my middle. I think jelly doughnuts are great, but we shouldn't look down our noses at the cream filled, sugar glazed, old fashioned or even maple bars with cream filling and bacon toppings. You can never go wrong with a doughnut. Or 2 or 3 or maybe even 4.

**Jerry:** Please give me your final thoughts.

**Steve:** I am glad to be a part of this great club, the MoGH and the Convention. I am honored to have the privilege to participate and help. Thanks to all of you and best wishes. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2019 CCA Convention.

### **JERRY'S FINAL WORDS**

I have known Steve for a few years and find him to be a person with a great amount of knowledge and a great sense of humor, as you can see in his comments about me. He has challenged me to dress up at next year's convention as Elvis to commemorate the theme of VIVA Las Vegas. I have agreed to do it only if he agrees to dress up as Priscilla. We will have to see the out come of that challenge. I have known Steve to be a very approachable and considerate person who is willing to take on many responsibilities with open arms. I would invite all members to reach out to him to see what I mean. He can be reached at [stloathome@aol.com](mailto:stloathome@aol.com)

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## Call for Exhibits... The People's Choice Awards. By Jim Follis, Exhibits Chairman

Attention Club members who are planning to attend the Club's Annual Convention in June, 2019 at the South Point Hotel Casino and Spa. The Museum of Gaming History, the Club's Educational Project, will again be hosting the People's Choice Awards contest. As we did last year, there will be Awards to 3 places, with first place being designated as the People's Choice.

This contest affords Club members to showcase parts of their collections, in an educational manner, which supports the Club's educational mission as mandated by our 501 (c) (3), not for profit status. For 2019 there will be a few changes, but generally speaking, the contest remains much the same.

This is a Call for Exhibitors. If you are planning to attend the Convention, please consider bringing along a part of your collection to put on-display, in Club provided display cases, which will be limited to 5 cases per Exhibit. Cases, which measure 21" x 32" (nominally) will be provided and placed into a designated "People's Choice Exhibits Area" at the 2019 Convention. Each Exhibitor's cases will be visually highlighted to designate each Exhibitor's grouping.

Exhibit participation will result in a Convention Badge appendage reflecting "EXHIBITOR" status and also affords access to the bourse floor consistent with Vendors to allow for set-up on Wednesday and early Thursday, as well after the show on Saturday for teardown. However, all Exhibitors MUST pre-Register for the Convention. This ensures that their Badge receives the appropriate "EXHIBITOR" designation. Exhibitors are also allowed to designate 1 helper, who MUST also be pre-Registered.

Exhibitors are advised that they are responsible for display case liners, and it is highly recommended that liners be the same color to aid in viewers knowing that your cases are part of your group. Liners must not be permanently affixed to the bottom of the cases and be cautious not to use rolled paper where the curvature presents a problem when placed into the case, i.e., curling up.

Exhibits must be the work of the Exhibitor and in fairness to all, and in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Club's Code of Ethics, Exhibitors should refrain from soliciting votes. Note also that the balloting box, issuance of ballots and casting of ballots, will all take place at the MoGH Table.

As noted above, there will be a limit of 5 display cases per exhibit, and, any and all cases will be provided by the Club. Accommodations can be made for Exhibits or portions of an Exhibit that do not fit into a display case, or for that matter, cannot be placed onto a table. As always, the display of any slabbed collectible, or slabbed-related exhibiting, must be pre-approved by the Club's President. The Exhibitor is fully responsible for obtaining this approval and providing it to the Exhibits Chairman.

Please contact me via email ([Exhibits@ccgtcc.com](mailto:Exhibits@ccgtcc.com)) or by cell/text (520.971.7909) or even snail mail (my address is in the front of the magazine) to discuss making arrangements for this important function for the Club. Your participation is greatly encouraged.

My Assistant, Casey Focazio-Follis and I thank you for your consideration in doing an Exhibit.

# 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](mailto:auction@ccgtcc.com) to contact us. If you need to contact us by snail mail, please write to:

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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:

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Raffle Chairman  
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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

# AL CAPONE: A LIFE IN CRIME, A LEGEND IN CHIPS

BY DICK BARTLEY [LM-5316-201]

Alphonse (“Big Al” or “Scarface”) Capone was the most infamous gangster of the 20<sup>th</sup> century – the crook against whom all other wiseguys and mobsters are measured. Capone has been the subject of countless books, TV shows, newspaper articles, and magazine exposes. He’s also been a source of endless fascination and inspiration for Hollywood, having been portrayed in the movies by Rod Steiger, Jason Robards, Ben Gazzara, Robert DeNiro, and many others. Specific to our interests in this magazine, Capone’s name and image have made quite a few appearances on casino and poker chips over the years.



## New York

Al Capone was born in Brooklyn, New York on January 17, 1899 – one of nine children born to Italian immigrants Gabriele and Teresa Capone. The family was poor, life was tough, and Al was out on the streets by age 14, beginning his criminal career as a member of youthful criminal gangs such as the Brooklyn Rippers, the Bowery Boys, and the Five Points Gang in lower Manhattan.

## Chicago

With a wife and son in tow, Capone moved to Chicago in 1919 and went to work for gangster Johnny Torrio, an underling to crime boss Big Jim Colosimo. Capone worked primarily as a bouncer in brothels and saloons operated by Torrio. Big Jim Colosimo was murdered the following year – Capone was suspected of participating in the hit, but was never charged. When Torrio took over Colosimo’s operation, Capone tagged along as lieutenant and began his climb up the underworld ladder.



The 1920's in Chicago was a violent, bloody decade as rival gangs competed for control of bootlegging, loansharking, prostitution, and other criminal enterprises. Especially heated was the conflict between Torrio's Italian south side outfit and the Irish North Side Gang run by Dion O'Banion and later by George "Bugs" Moran. O'Banion was murdered in his North State Street flower shop in October 1924. His mob retaliated by ambushing both Capone and Torrio in January 1925. Capone escaped unhurt, but Torrio was seriously wounded. After a lengthy recovery, Torrio quit the rackets and handed over gang operations to Capone.



### The Boss

Shootings, bombings, beatings, and hijackings continued to define the bloody conflict between the Capone and Moran mobs throughout the rest of the decade, culminating in the infamous "Valentine's Day Massacre" of February 14, 1929. That morning, seven members of the North Side Gang (not including Moran) were machine-gunned to death in a garage on North Clark Street. Capone was widely assumed to be responsible for the slaughter but, having been at his vacation home in Florida at the time, could not be charged.

Public outrage at the massacre translated into enormous pressure on law enforcement to put an end to the uncontrolled gang warfare. The FBI arrested Capone in March 1929 on charges of contempt of court and violation of the Volstead Act. Two months later, Capone was jailed in Pennsylvania on a gun possession charge. The Chicago Crime Commission labeled Capone "Public Enemy Number One" as his legal difficulties continued to mount.



## Downfall

The final straw was a charge of income tax evasion brought against Capone by federal authorities. He was tried and convicted in October 1931, then sentenced to a term of 11 years in federal prison plus a fine of \$250,000. So ironically it wasn't murder, hijacking, prostitution, loansharking, bootlegging, or any of the myriad other major crimes that brought down Big Al – in the end it was a tax violation that tripped him up. Capone began his confinement at the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary in May 1932. He was diagnosed as suffering from advanced venereal disease (plus an addiction to cocaine) and his physical and mental decline accelerated at a rapid rate. Capone was transferred to the infamous Alcatraz Federal Prison just offshore from San Francisco in 1936. By the time of his parole in 1939, Capone was little more than a shell of the previously robust gangster that the public had come to know.



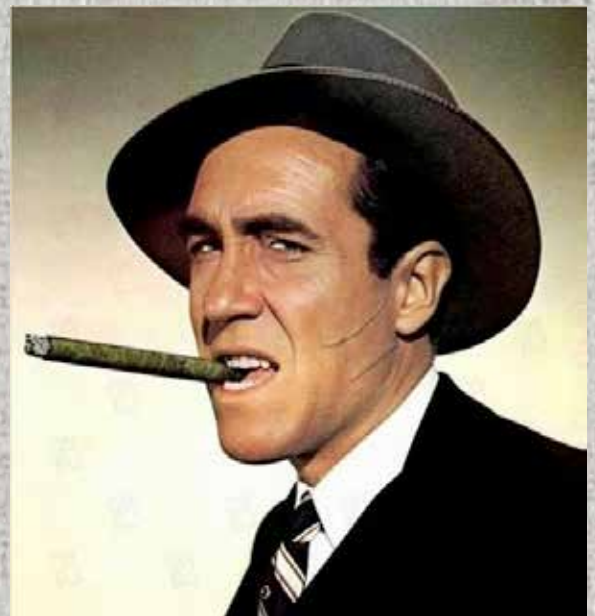
## The Movies

Al Capone has been a favorite subject of motion pictures over the years. Actor Paul Muni played a character loosely based on Capone in the 1932 film "Scarface"... a few other notable movie portrayals were: Rod Steiger in "Al Capone" (1959)... Jason Robards in "The St. Valentine's Day Massacre" (1967)... Ben Gazzara in "Capone" (1975)... and Robert DeNiro in "The Untouchables" (1987).



## Final Years

Al Capone spent his last years in increasingly poor health at his home in Palm Island, Florida. Capone died of a stroke and heart attack in January 1947, just days after his 48<sup>th</sup> birthday – the underlying cause of death was officially determined to be syphilis.







## Chips

A card casino called "Capones" opened in Deadwood, South Dakota in 1990... might be an unrelated family name, but then again...



Chips and tokens were manufactured in 1993 for a St. Maarten casino named "Capone's" which apparently never opened... someone took a liking to the design and used it for a set of home game chips (Markel's) on a different mold...



A card room called "Big Al's" opened in Everett, Washington in 1997... the chips depict a large man wearing a flashy suit and fedora... no direct connection to Al Capone, but it could be...



Here's a group made as production samples for a home game set of poker chips... I wonder if the misspelling "Cappone's" was done deliberately...



Next is a fantasy poker chip set made as a Las Vegas souvenir and for customizable home game sets...



And finally another Las Vegas souvenir/customizable home game set also called "Capone's Casino"...



Illegal chips from actual Capone-operated clubs of the 20's & 30's in the Chicagoland area are not the focus of this article, I'm afraid that's not my area of expertise – it would be great if another knowledgeable collector would undertake that project for an upcoming issue of this magazine.



# The Senior's Corner

By Q.KAMM R-8447

Aloha all my fellow chipp'n CCA chippers and spouses!

In Hawaiian the respectful word for **senior** is kupuna.

My name is Quintin C.K. Kamm, I'am 68 years young! Yes, I'am an old semi grumpy Kupuna!

And I Love our CCA!

Since I've joined, back when it was called CC&GTCC, there have been so many chippers that I have met and became great true-blue friends with, ones i would have never met without joining.

As a CCA senior, i look with fondness to chatting and emailing with my fellow CCA buddies.

Being born and raised in Honolulu Hawaii, my parents would often vacation in Las Vegas ever since I was 6 years old. My parents would go out gambling at night, my brother and I would wait up for them to return to our hotel room, we would shout out to them, "What did you bring us?" Their hands were filled with casino chips and gaming tokens. They would throw them high up in the air and we would try and catch as many as we could. I was hooked since that first time!!

My hobby of collecting chips and gaming tokens has pleased me and has made me a happy chipper.

FYI: Per capita, Hawaii has the largest number of gamblers vacationing second only to Las Vegas.

I'm going to start writing a column for our club magazine called "The Seniors Corner". My goal is for you to tell us something about yourself. This is your chance to get on your soup box and proudly share your senior chipp'n tales and woes.

Please contact me with you stories at [qckkamm@gmail.com](mailto:qckkamm@gmail.com)

God Bless America!  
Ah Hui Hou & Okole Ma Luna

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## The Many Lives of

# KEN ETO

### The Chicago Outfit's Gambling Czar

*By Ed Hertel*

After a lifetime of working for the Chicago mafia, Ken Eto knew when something didn't seem right. His dinner invitation by the Outfit capo Vincent Solano was unusual, and coming just a couple weeks before what would probably be a harsh sentencing against Eto in federal court, the timing seemed ominous. In the thirty years he had worked for the Chicago outfit, he had never once given them a reason to question his loyalty. He had made the mob millions in gambling revenues and kept its secrets when questioned during numerous arrests. This time however, something seemed different.

As evening approached, Ken cleaned up with a bath and put on his best suit. Whatever happened tonight, he would face it with dignity and honor. There would be no reason to carry a gun – not that he ever did. Ken's specialty was numbers and he was good at it. His only real mistake came recently when the FBI raided his lottery business headquarters and literally caught Eto holding a bag of receipts. It was a bust he would not be able to beat, but he was willing to do his time. Whether his bosses believed he would do it quietly, Ken Eto did not know.

He organized some personal papers, making sure his life insurance policy was left where his wife could easily find it, and drove off in his modest 1976 Ford Torino. He had been instructed to pick up a couple of unknown associates at a nearby location, and when Ken Eto spotted John Gattuso and Jasper Campise he knew he was in real trouble. These gangsters were the real deals – enforcers and clean-up men. Any lingering doubts as to how this night was going to go were now answered.

Campise climbed in the passenger's seat and Gattuso slipped in back directly behind Eto.,

As the three of them drove off, Ken Eto braced himself for the inevitable. For what seemed like an eternity, the three men drove down the Chicago streets until Campise asked if they could pull over for a minute. Spotting an empty parking lot, Ken Eto guided his car in and clicked it into park. Before he could say anything, a gunshot rang out from the backseat. Ken heard the shot, and immediately felt the bullet crack into his skull. The force blew him forward against the steering wheel where he started to convulse. Gattuso

reached up, brought his pistol forward and shot two more bullets point-blank into the back of Ken's skull. With that, the bloodied gambler stopped moving.

The job had been an easy one for the veteran hitmen. The potential federal witness had been dealt with in the typical Outfit fashion – permanently. With witnesses around, the gunman withdrew from the car and disappeared into the night.

In most gangster tales, this is where the story ends. This however is not your typical gangster story, for in the blood stained car, the body of Ken Eto slumped back and let out a long groan. There was much more story left in this one.

### Early Years

When one describes the typical member of the Chicago Italian mafia, Ken Eto would be the farthest thing from that. The short, quiet, conservative son of Japanese immigrants stood out as very different from his loud, brash European counterparts. Ken's parents had moved to California in 1917, two years before he was born. His father was a professor in physics back in Japan, but because he refused to learn English, he spent his years in America

driving trucks and gardening. To further shed light on Ken's influences, his father was a religious fanatic who did not believe in physical pleasures or recreation. This harsh upbringing instilled a feeling of rebellion in young Ken which he harbored for the rest of his life. (Ken's mother, not able to cope with the family, fled back to Japan where she eventually died in an insane asylum.)



Ken's rebellion started early. He dropped out of school in the eighth grade and immediately started hustling in the streets. There, he learned how to take care himself, dabbling in cons and stolen goods.

During World War II, the young man was arrested in the state of Washington for the first time for violation of the curfew laws which required Japanese citizens to stay within their segregated ghettos.

He next pops up in 1950 in Pocatello, Idaho, where he was busted for playing an elaborate con on unsuspecting citizens. In what police called a "bunco scam", Ken Eto sold a box of reported expensive jewels, sight unseen, to a local farmer. Ken handed over a locked box for \$5000 cash and fled. When the farmer opened the box to inspect his new wealth, he found nothing but candy bars. Ken was arrested, and because of his lengthy rap sheet, was sentenced to fourteen years in prison. However, he would only serve one and half years before being granted parole.

Ken, now a free man, had few prospects for work and was flat broke. He moved again to try to find a place where he could use his street smarts and where his knowledge for cons would not only be appreciated but admired.

## Welcome to Chicago!

It didn't take long for the Chicago gangs to notice Ken's hustle. It was 1952 and the 33 year old Eto was earning a reputation for himself at the local gambling joints as an organized man who knew his way around the odds. His potential

as a real money earner was clear. Ross Prio, the number two guy behind head boss Sam Giancana, took a personal liking to Ken Eto and brought him in under his wing. With Ross as his benefactor, there was no limit to Ken's potential inside the Outfit.

Ken, now taking on the alias "Joe", was given control of various clubs and gambling dens all over Chicago. He was making money for himself and the Outfit, but with success comes notoriety and eventually the authorities were harassing Ken and his establishments. One of his first arrests for Chicago gambling

came at the Tropicana Night Club at 1244 N. Clark street in 1953. It was described as a place attended by "Orientals and Puerto Ricans". Ken focused on those not catered to by the other gangs and made a fortune doing so.

NAME <u>Joe Eto</u>		SPECIAL MONOGRAM						
Address _____								
Town _____ State _____								
For _____								
Amount	Color	Initial Both Sides	Style Type	Initial One Side	Other Side	Style Type	Monogram Color	Date Shipped
101	Lavender	L	Heavy					4/6/54
202	White	L	Heavy					4/6/54
101	Red	L	Heavy					4/6/54
202	Green	L						4/6/54
303	Red	L						10/16/53
404	Blue	L						10/16/53
101	Yellow	L						10/16/53
404	Chocolate	L					Gold	4/13/54
2002	Green	L					Gold	4/13/54

*These chips, ordered from Taylor & Co were most likely used in the Tropicana Night Club. Notice the sparse information on the order card only shows the alias "Joe Eto" but the dates correspond with Eto's time running the Tropicana*

As profitable as the gambling clubs were, Ken Eto really found his stride when he took over the Bolita racket in Chicago. Bolita is a form of gambling, not unlike the lottery, which was played by mostly the poor and blue collar workers. It could be played for very little (sometimes a nickel) and would pay off hundred of times the investment. The odds of winning were, of course, much lower than the

It was Ken Eto's success in the Bolito market that sparked a mini-war in 1957 which left many dead gangsters in its wake. Although it was well known that the murders were not done directly by Ken himself, the fact he was left as boss at the end makes his involvement somewhat suspect.

During the 1960s, Ken was now on top of the Chicago Outfits gambling empire. He was running games out of his Bourbon Street Night Club on Rush Street and the Velvet Swing Night Club on Walton, as well as a large bookmaking operation at the Subway Pool Room on North Clark. He extended into "Go-Go dives" and clubs that showed adult films. All the while, his Bolito empire was estimated by the FBI to be bringing in upwards of \$50,000 a day. In all ways, the 1960s was a time when Ken's businesses were firing on all cylinders. He was making a fortune and becoming a very powerful man in the Outfit. But with great success comes pressure, and Ken Eto was about to start feeling it.



A gents tailed him on vacations and made detailed notes on every aspect of his personal life even going as far as noting in a report that Ken "is a constant user of cocaine which serves as a sex stimulant to him."

In the late 1970s a task force was created to go after Ken Eto and his gambling empire. (Special Agent Elaine Smith would be a part of it and chronicles her efforts to take down Eto and the mob in her autobiography A Gun in My Gucci.) After years of gathering evidence, the FBI finally sprung their trap and on an afternoon in May 1982 raided Eto's numbers racket in a room at the Holiday Inn in Melrose Park, a suburb of Chicago. Inside the room agents found Ken Eto surrounded by piles of bolito receipts and money. His hands couldn't be more red. This was a bust that all the money in world couldn't fix He was looking at doing some real time in prison..

### The Hard Times

As the 1970s rolled around, Ken Eto was starting to face some significant challenges. In 1972 he would lose his biggest supporter when Ross Prio would do what most high ranking Outfit bosses found difficult – he would die peacefully of natural causes after a long life. Although Ken had done enough to earn some respect in the Outfit, he was still seen as an outsider. He had endured the many nicknames within the family since day one; Joe the Jap, Tokyo Joe, the Chinaman. Hardly a day went by that he wasn't reminded that he was different. He was an outsider existing in their world and now he was on his own.

It was also during this time that Ken Eto was being put under extreme scrutiny by the FBI. Regardless of how little respect he may have gotten from the Outfit, the FBI knew exactly how important he was. Every move he made was analyzed and reported on.

Amount	Color	Initials Both Sides	Style Type	Initials One Side	Other Side	Style Type	Monogram Color	Date Shipped
1400	Maroon			850			Gold	6-2-61
1400	Blue			4700			"	
100	Black			7000			"	
500	Yellow			2000			Blue	

And with this raid, the Outfit was left with a problem. Although Ken Eto had been a loyal member for decades, he was now looking at spending a considerable chunk of the rest of his days in jail. Could he be trusted? Under Ross Prio, no doubt Ken Eto would have felt safe. But now Vincent Solano was calling the shots, and it was no secret that Vincent was not fond of Ken. They had both worked for Ross, Vincent as bodyguard and chauffeur and Ken has Ross' prize earner. Jealously probably played a part in Vincent's ultimate decision.

Ken Eto had few choices as he proceeded and plead guilty to the bolito charges hoping for a lesser sentence. He would have to wait a couple of weeks while the courts contemplated his fate.

While he waited, Ken's nerves couldn't have been helped when news that the Chicago mob's financier, Allen Dorfman, was assassinated three days before his political corruption sentencing. It was clear to everyone that the Outfit was silencing potential leaks. How long did Ken Eto have?

The answer came quickly when he received the invitation for dinner with Solano on February 10, 1983. On that fateful ride with John Gattuso and Jasper Campise, Ken knew his time was up. Instead of running for government help, he faced his fate like the loyal member of the Outfit. When three shots rang out from the backseat, Ken knew there would be no reprieve. With a ringing in his ears, and a concussion in his head, Ken Eto sat against his steering wheel in a daze and faded.

But then he realized something - he wasn't dead!

The shots left him temporarily deaf and his head ached something awful, but he was still alive. He mustered enough strength to open the door and fell out of the car. In a stupor he ambled across the parking lot and stumbled into a nearby pharmacy where he asked to use the phone. After an exchange where the 911 operator



Ken Eto, head bandaged, leaving the hospital under Fed protection

asked if he was able to drive himself to the hospital ("ah... no.") he was picked up by an ambulance and tended to while under FBI protection. Assassination attempts tend to be pretty personal, and his one left an indelible mark on Ken's loyalty. Where he was once a company man, he was now firmly in the other camp and turned to the

FBI for protection in exchange for becoming an informant.

What was almost a tragedy for the Feds became a windfall. Ken Eto told everything he had learned from the three decades in the Chicago Outfit. He provided information on thirty murders and handed over his address book that included the names of all his associates as well as police who were on his payroll.

As part of his plea bargain, his sentence was reduced to thirty months probation in exchange for future testimonies against his former gang members.

Understandably, the Chicago Outfit was reeling from the botched hit and its aftermath and was looking for answers. First and foremost, how on earth did Ken Eto survive three gunshot blasts to the head? That, it turns out would be a remarkable stroke of good luck.

It seems the experienced hitmen had a ritual of assembling their own bullets for their hits. This way, it was harder for the police to track down who purchased the bullets because each was unique. However, on this occasion, Gattuso didn't use enough gunpowder and the bullets wouldn't have enough velocity to penetrate Eto's skull, but left a wound messy enough to look like they did.

For their failed hit, Gattuso and Campise were given a harsh punishment. Police found both men's bodies stuffed in the truck of Campise's car. At least the Outfit was able to plug that leak.

Eto's efforts continued for years and he was instrumental in helping the government dismantle much of the Chicago mob scene. He lived until 2004 when he passed away while still under the Witness Protection Program. His life serves as a testament to the importance of loyalty and the fragile line partners in crime balance between friend and enemy.



Ken Eto, aka Joe Eto, testifying in a case outlining the Chicago organized crime outfit. A hood was worn over his face to help conceal his identity while under the FBI's Witness Protection Program

# The People Behind the Names – Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

By John K. Kallman  
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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.

So far, this series of articles has used the term “people” in the singular while this article uses it in the plural. As often is the case, many times it takes more than one person to accomplish a task. Additionally, while most people who deal in real estate’s mantra is “location, location, location” you can’t always build where you want; and where you can build, you do not necessarily want to. More than one casino has fallen by the wayside due to poor location. While there are many other reasons why casinos close or change ownership, location is one of several contributing factors.

All of this leads us to the two casinos located in North Carolina. Presently, there are the two Native American casinos located within the state, both managed by Harrah’s. One casino is located in Cherokee while the other is located in Murphy. Both are within the confines of the Eastern Band of Cherokee’s reservation located there.



Symbol of the Eastern Band of Cherokee  
As seen on Harrah’s Chips



Symbol on \$1 Token



While most of the modern-day people who are decedents of the original Cherokee's are rooted in the western part of the United States, the tribe's original home was in Georgia. Which of course begs the question as to the how and why they are where they are today.

Politics and greed often are flip sides of the same coin. Both played a part in the forced removal of many Native American's off of their ancestral homes. The politics' in this case was the candidacy of Andrew Jackson's run for the presidency and the greed was discovery of gold in Georgia. Jackson was not the only person nor the only candidate advocating for such policies of removal of Native Americans. That neither side always lived by the agreements that were negotiated is a given along with deceit, double dealing and other less then honorable means, goes with out saying. Some people left willing; others died trying to stay were they were. There were "wins" and "losses" on both sides of the divide.

In this case, when things did not work out with the "chief", a "treaty" was "signed" by another member of the tribe who had claims on that title as well. Of course, this split the tribe into several factions, one of which literally took to the hills – in this case the Smokey Mountains. From hideouts located somewhere on the border between North Carolina and Tennessee, an ongoing skirmish between the "rebel" band of Indians and government troops ensued. The Indians split into small bands and scattered throughout the area so that only a small handful could be captured at any one time.

Spread out somewhere within a thousand so square miles, and the Federal troops encamped in a single area, it was far easier for the Indians to set up small ambush parties to interdict the troops on the quest to find their strong hold. When it became clear that tracking down 1,000 or so renegades would be both man power intensive, costly both in terms of dollars spent and lives lost, negotiations began anew.

Upon surrender of the leaders, the remaining members to the tribe who wished to stay could do so in lands where they were encamped. This, in the end is what in fact happened.

Many members of the tribe who left, willingly or otherwise; died along the way. Many have stayed in the new reservations, mostly in Oklahoma, and some have returned to their ancestral homeland. That the area they were at was far from the gold fields in Georgia and not along the major routes to that area, and the terrain was such that it was no suitable for farming is the primary reason that they were allowed to keep that area as at the time, it was considered not worth the effort. Since then, the tribe has raised sufficient funds to purchase back much of the land that was taken before.

## 'News from the Local Clubs'

**Editor's Note:** Jerry and Jim have requested that we setup a "News from the Local Clubs" section in your club magazine. So with this issue, we will start with this new section. If you are a member of one the many local casino collecting clubs and wish to have news about your club published please send in your write-up and pictures to both Steve and I so that we can include it in the next available issue. For this issue we will be including the SNCCC.



### **Snippets from the SNCCC...** by Jim Follis, SNCCC Secretary

Since the last issue of the Casino Collectibles News, this GREAT magazine, the SNCCC has held at least 3 meetings, all at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada. In fabulous news for the SNCCC, which meets every second Tuesday of every month, we have been advised by Mr. Mike Musicaro, VP of Marketing for both the Gold Coast and The Orleans, that the SNCCC is welcome to continue their monthly meetings at the Gold Coast throughout all of 2019! Mike is pictured here, with SNCCC President (Jerry Vergatos), accepting a plaque of recognition for his gracious giving to the Club in the name of Boyd Gaming. We all thank Mike!



*SNCCC President presents Mike Musicaro, VP of Marketing, Boyd Gaming, the Gold Coast and The Orleans, with a plaque of appreciation.*

The SNCCC has concluded its annual on-line fundraiser event and we thank those who made bids, donations of auction items and the members that ran this event, Dale Horyna, Sheldon Smith and to David Spragg for permitting our use of TheChipBoard.com to present the month-long auction.

When in town, on any second Tuesday of the month, please feel free to stop by and visit. Join us at any time between 6 and 8 pm. We nearly always have a Guest S peaker, sometimes offer refreshments and always allow for trading, buying, selling, talking, a 50/50 raffle and an auction!

## Atlantic City Casino Collectibles Club



Carmen Coccozza, passed away in June 2018 just before the convention. He was a proud member of the, CCA, Atlantic City Casino Collectibles Club, and the Polish-American String Band. Carmen and his wife Chris were regular volunteers at the convention usually at registration. Carmen's nephew Marc Maas, is also a CCA member and President of ACCC.



We had our first meeting after the summer on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Bally's Park Place. The usual crowd was there, along with Barry Hauptman and Susan. There was a presentation from the local Kiwanis made by Janine Caudo. Charles Kaplan had a demonstration of the new features of the ChipGuide for those who unable to make the convention.



## Silver Strikers Club

The January Silver Strike Tournament at the Four Queens Casino is once again featuring the popularity of Marilyn Monroe by issuing another set of Marilyn Monroe Strikes for the 2019 January Tournament. Here is a glimpse at the new set of strikes.



# Harley-Davidson® Poker Chips Produced by Dart World®

By Steve Millett and William Harkins



Brothers Don and Mark Amirault, owners of Dart World Inc.® for over 30 years located in Lynn, Ma became a licensee of Harley-Davidson® indoor/outdoor game products in 1999. Years later expanding into poker chips, they decided to produce a give-away advertising poker chip for the 2005 Harley-Davidson® Summer Dealer meeting in Denver Colorado. The chips immediately became a hit with Harley-Davidson® Dealers and collector enthusiasts.



Dice Mold



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The new HD-W



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The list of chips is very extensive, take a look at the Chip Guide to see more!!!  
(All photos of chips are from The Museum of Gaming History's Chip Guide)



# The Casino Passport

Granting you access to casinos around the world!

by Erik Dauplaise #R-8053

If you leave Las Vegas on Interstate 15 and go north about 80 miles you will arrive in the town of Mesquite, NV.

Mesquite is nestled within the Virgin River valley and is next to the Virgin Mountains. We took a day trip to Mesquite on our last visit to Las Vegas in March 2017.

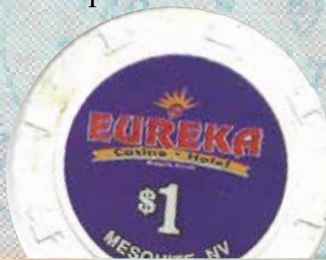


## A ROUGH START

It took a few attempts before a permanent homestead was created. The first time was in 1878 but after four years a heavy rainstorm made the Virgin River overflow its banks and it flooded them out. A second attempt was made in 1887 and again within four years they were driven away. Finally in 1894 settlers managed to tame the harsh conditions and created a lasting community.

## AGRICULTURE

Farming has taken place in Mesquite for over 100 years. Success of agricultural development in Mesquite is the result of the Virgin River and the innovative irrigation system created by the early settlers to water their crops. In 1894 many crops were planted in Mesquite. These crops were cotton, grapes, alfalfa wheat and cane. Also pomegranates and figs were planted and produced very well. For a time, cotton and raisins were the main cash crops in the community.



For much of the late 20th century dairies dominated the landscape. At one time there were five dairies in Mesquite. As the automobile grew in popularity Mesquite entrepreneurs opened motels and campgrounds for travelers and tourists. Tourists increased the demand for agricultural products, such as milk and eggs, and surpluses soon made their way to markets in Las Vegas.

Mesquite incorporated in 1984 and has experienced rapid growth, at one time being named “The fastest growing city in America” for it’s size. The population stands at over 17,000. The construction of a new high school, a new middle school and two new elementary schools reflect the increase of young families in the population (~25% of Mesquite’s residents are under the age of 18).

### CASINOS

Mesquite’s first casino was the Western Village which opened in 1959 and then Geo Harmon’s Valley Inn which opened in 1961. This was the only legal gaming until the 1980s. Mesquite entered the neon era with the Peppermill taking over the Western Village.

About 20 casinos have called Mesquite home in the in its history

### CASINOS & COLLECTIBLES

Mesquite has three casinos with table games: Virgin River, Casablanca and Eureka. Plus they have several slots only establishments.

Virgin River and Casablanca are owned by Mesquite Gaming. And there is quite the contrast between the two properties. The Casablanca is beautifully landscaped with a pond and fountain. Inside everything looked fairly new to me and it felt very open. The Virgin River looks run down and old. The ceilings are low, the carpets were very worn and it was dark. Virgin River is only 7 years older than Casablanca but felt so much older. Eureka is the newest casino in Mesquite opening in 2000, just three years after Casablanca. It looked as nice as Casablanca without the landscaping.

I was able to collect the “usual stuff” at the three casinos: chips, player cards, matchbooks and TITOs.

If you are looking for a nice day trip away from the hustle-n-bustle of Las Vegas then a trip to Mesquite, just like a trip to Primm and Jean is a great choice.



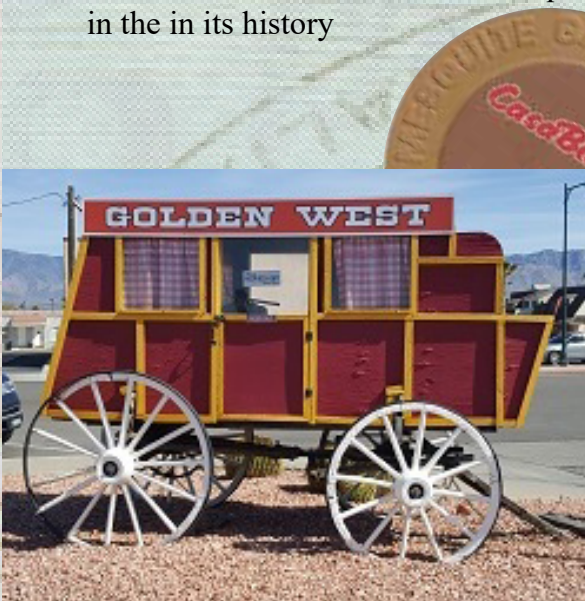
Don’t hesitate to contact me at erik24@cox.net if you have any questions.

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History and facts about Mesquite are from <http://www.mesquitenv.gov/>

Casino dates and information from the Chip Guide.

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



# GREEN RIVER ISLAND

## Kentucky's No Man's Land

*By Ed Hertel*

If it seems a coincidence that so many illegal gambling clubs are located on the borders of jurisdictions, it's not. Examples are numerous of clubs being reported as mere feet from the state or county line, and these positions are well calculated.

Stories go as far as to say certain clubs built themselves half into one county and half in another. This way, the craps tables could be pushed to one side or the other, depending on which county's officers were knocking on the door. Whether these stories are apocryphal or not (I tend to believe they are), there is no denying the fact that many clubs were built on the friendlier side of the line, while aggressively poaching patrons from the more conservative.

One such example is a group of clubs that bordered the state line between Indiana and Kentucky in an area called Green River Island. This little sliver of land has been contentious almost from its very inception, but really started throwing sparks after illegal gambling took control.

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### What is Green River Island?

Unless you are local to the area, it's doubtful the name Green River Island means much. For starters, it's not even an island, at least not anymore. Located on a little peninsula between Evansville on Indiana's southern border and Henderson in north Kentucky, Green River Island is one of the unique places that lies north of the Ohio River but belongs to Kentucky.

The confusion goes all the way back to 1792 when Kentucky was carved out of Virginia to make the fifteenth state. Kentucky's northern border was set along the Ohio River and anything south of the northern shore would belong to it.

At the time of statehood, the Ohio River forked along Evansville's south side, leaving a small inconsequential 2,500 acre island before reconnecting and flowing west. Because this island sat south of the river, it was given to Kentucky.



Rivers, however, are not as constant as state borders, and the northern section of the fork eventually silted up to become farm land. Legal battles ensued throughout the 1800s until the U.S. Supreme Court finally weighed in and settled the dispute once and for all. In the end, this small piece of land north of the current river was kept under Kentucky's Henderson County jurisdiction.





Map of Green River Island with the silted up north fork of the river shaded in red. The city of Evansville, Indiana is to the north and Henderson, Kentucky is just off the map to the southwest. Only the Ellis Park Horse track remains today..

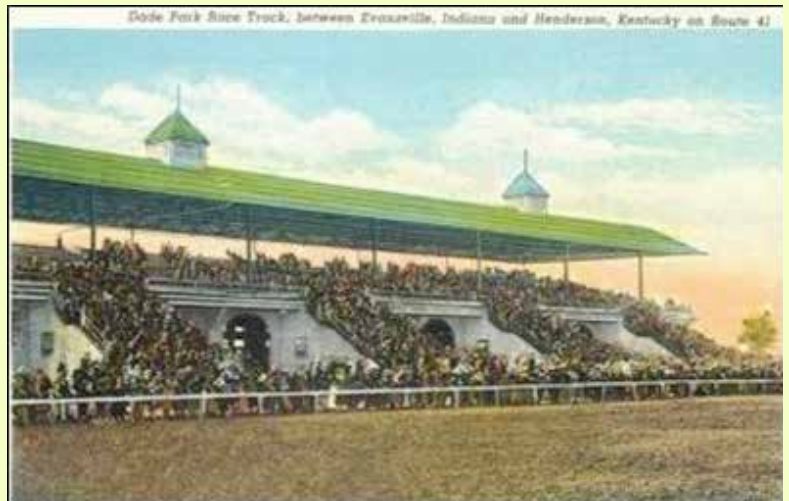
## Let the Games Begin!

It didn't take long for this insignificant splinter of Kentucky to start exploiting its status as a "No Man's Land". It was just far enough out sight from Kentucky, and inchingly close to the large population of Evansville, Indiana.

In 1922, the Dade Park Race Track was built (later renamed Ellis Park Race Track). It was intended to be a premier horse race track that would set the pinnacle of racing, but problems with flooding and inconsistent attendance left it struggling for years.

Green River's fortunes turned however during the second World War as a number

of clubs of varying degree of plushness opened on the "island". Two of the first, and most notorious, were the lavish Trocadero and the barn-like Dells, both owned by a corporation controlled by a gambler named Clarence Woods.







The Trocadero, also called “The Troc”, was definitely the most popular club and located just across Highway 41 from the Dade Park Track. In the early 1940s, it was a night-life destination spot that offered chic dining, the best of Hollywood entertainment and, of course, gambling. In the back room on the first floor, 50-75 slot machines formed two rows that lined the hallway to the stairs leading up to the craps and chuck-a-luck games on the second floor.

But with success comes competition, and Clarence Woods’ monopoly on Green River Island’s gambling didn’t last long. Other local clubs such as Green River Gardens, Riverview Beach Club and the Little Commando were also preying on clients over the Indiana border, and they were doing incredible business. As evidenced in a 1950 robbery at the Little Commando, thieves were said to have robbed the patrons

for anywhere from \$20,00 to \$100,000. The large discrepancy stems from a lack of information due to the sensitive nature of the business. While leaving the police station, a reporter asked the Little Commando owner C. H. Fambrough for details about the robbery. His only response was, “What robbery?” before getting in his car and driving off.

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Chips ordered from Taylor & Co in 1942 with a clover hot stamp. Notice the mislabeled address as “Evansville, Ind” instead of Kentucky.

## Legal Troubles

The action over the border didn't sit well with the upstanding citizens of Evansville, Indiana. Lawlessness was rampant and Indianans were finding themselves the targets of both cheating and violence. Their voices became loud enough that finally in 1943 a grand jury was assembled to look into the problem. After deliberation, they ordered the Henderson county sheriff to check out the clubs and report on his findings. Armed with tax records and locations of 332 slot machines in his county, the sheriff's report was clear, "I visited every roadhouse in Henderson County and found no violations."

This of course came as no surprise to those who knew anything about the local vice in Henderson County. The previous years' race for sheriff had been a contentious one with the incumbent running on a campaign slogan of "Either the law will have to rule the vice element in Henderson County, or the vice element will rule the law." He didn't win.

The newly elected sheriff was Elmer Herron, who three days before starting his campaign had been working in the Trocadero for his brother-in-law Clarence Woods. There would be no real threats to

the casinos as long as county officials were deep in the pockets of the vice.

But just like rivers, attitudes change over time.

### Night Clubs Named In Suits

Henderson, Ky.—Henderson county officers have taken action against gambling in the county which may be the forerunner of a further drive, Circuit Court Clerk Earl Hosbach said.

Filed with the clerk were four petitions seeking to recover \$49,500 in fines against four night clubs. The petitions are based on civil suits naming The Dells, incorporated, The Trocadero, Inc., the Little Commando, and Green River gardens.

As the 1950s rolled around, citizens on both sides of the river were starting to complain about the lawlessness in No Man's Land. Despite the cozy relationship the clubs had with local enforcement, pressure on the state to clean-up the tiny gambling haven grew louder. In April 1952, the state courts ordered a joint raid on the Little Commando involving both the state and county law enforcement. When they busted into the casino, they found four men sitting around a table, innocently playing bridge. They had obviously been tipped off.

Undeterred, the state officers searched the premises and found gambling equipment in a back room. Not being in use at the time meant it would be lesser charge, but at least it was on the books. Less than one week later, the Kentucky State Police, alone this time, conducted another raid on the same Little Commando. This time, officers discovered a blackjack game and a craps table crowded with 28 players in full operation.

News of the raid prompted a member of the watchdog group Good Government League to remark, "We're happy that the state officials have better eyesight than the local officials."



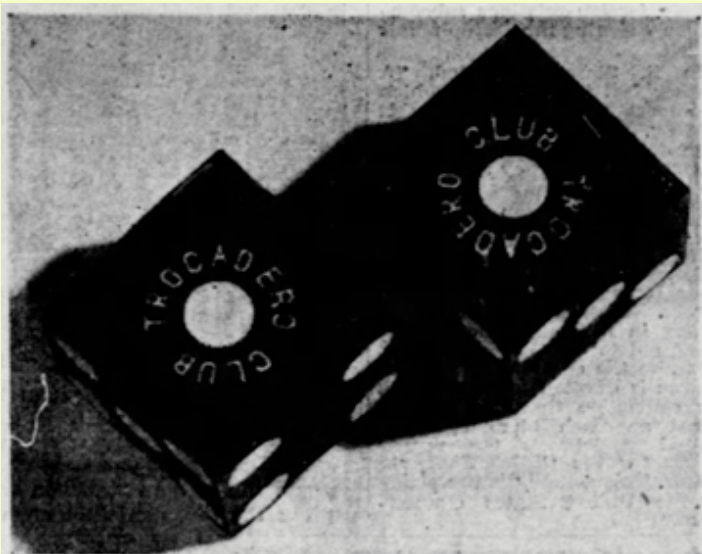
*Chips used in the Little Commando Club. The T-mold chips were ordered from Taylor & Co. in 1950, two weeks after the robbery ("what robbery?"). No doubt replacements for what the thieves took. The cord mold chip is of unknown order date.*

The days of open gambling on Green River Island were coming to a close. Once a good friend to the clubs, County Sheriff Elmer Herron was impeached from office and became a beer distributor. State officers were harassing the clubs and their patrons to the point customers just stopped coming. While bench warrants for club owners were being issued, liquor licenses were being revoked. The dominos fell quickly and gambling all but disappeared.

Soon, the once bustling crescent shaped island became quiet once again. The race track that ushered in the gambling element was all that remained, and still does to this day.

# 66 Indicted In Henderson Gaming Drive

260 Charges of Operating  
Slot Machines Name Dells,  
Trocadero and Other Clubs



*Courier-Journal Photo*  
"SNAKE EYES," reads this pair of dice, souvenirs from the Club Trocadero at Henderson. The Trocadero was among places and individuals named in 39 gambling indictments returned yesterday by the Henderson grand jury.



*The barn-like Dells Club, operated by Clarence Woods*

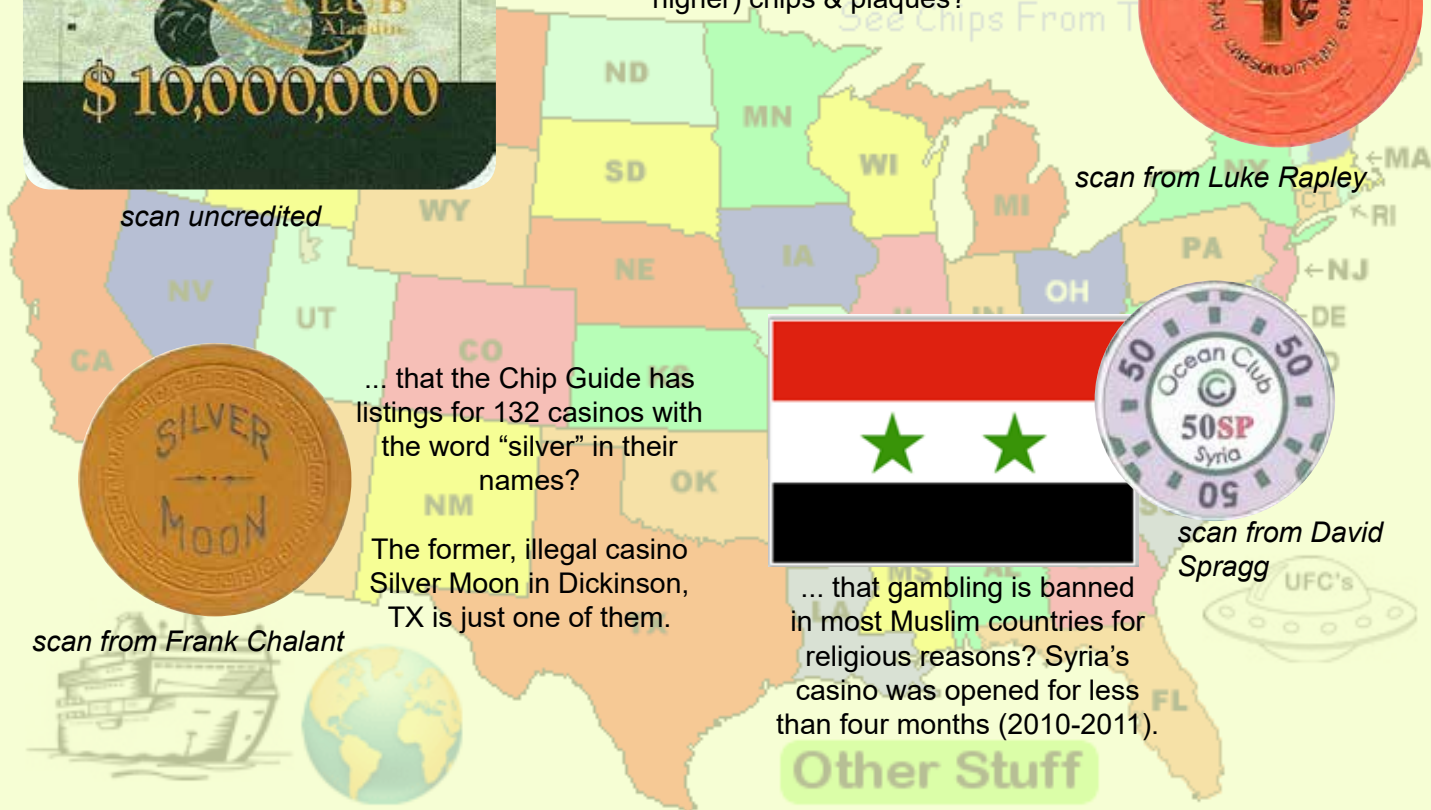


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... that the Chip Guide has entries for almost 9,000 fractional chips and over 11,000 entries for large denominations (500 monetary units and higher) chips & plaques?



scan from Luke Rapley



scan from Frank Chalant

... that the Chip Guide has listings for 132 casinos with the word "silver" in their names?

The former, illegal casino Silver Moon in Dickinson, TX is just one of them.



... that gambling is banned in most Muslim countries for religious reasons? Syria's casino was opened for less than four months (2010-2011).



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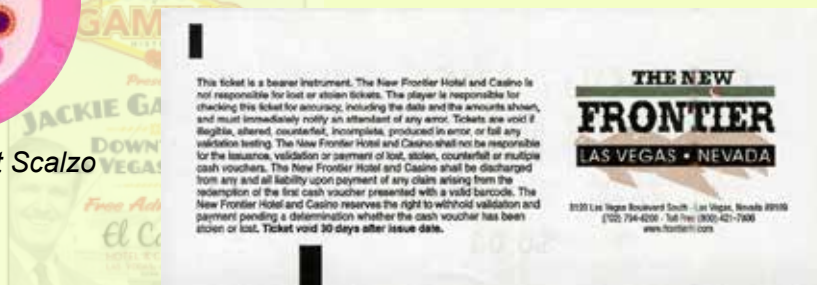
## Other Stuff

... that some day cruises sail into international waters to avoid city or state laws regarding gambling?



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... that the 100,000th contribution to the Chip Guide was this TITO from The New Frontier casino in Las Vegas?

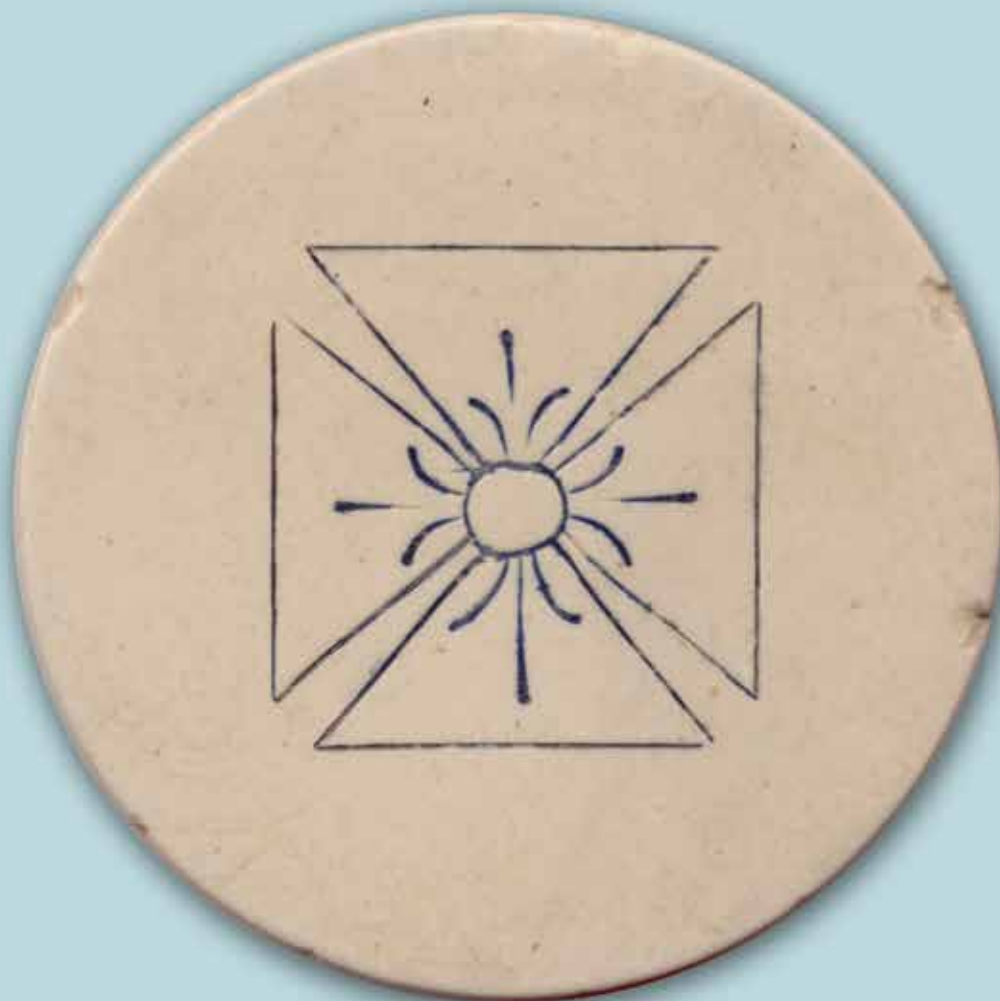


scan from Jim Noll

Find more facts and other casino collectibles at [ChipGuide.com](http://ChipGuide.com)!!

# Updated Seymour Codes for Antique Poker Chips

By Roy Klein



Here are the newly coded chips for 2017 and 2018. These codes are an update to Dale Seymour's book, *Antique Gambling Chips*. The chips listed are only clay, wood and paper chips

## NEW CODED CHIPS FOR 2017



PA-KY Horse Head  
variation



PB-OF Owl



PD-FU Maltese Cross



PD-SI Small Circle  
35mm chip



PL-KE Tulip  
variation



PM-AJ Anchor



PW-EK Diamond in C



PY-BY Busco Fuses  
pressed fibre



PY-GF Halja Fuses  
pressed fibre



PZ-RW Rigdon & Co.  
3 small inserts

Some notes on the 2017 new codes. The PA-KY Horse Head has small shading lines on the front of the horse's neck. The PB-OF Owl is similar to the PB-OE Owl but, the image is flopped. The feet are on the left side. The PM-AJ Anchor has a diagonal cross bar. It's the only one I've seen like that. The PY-BY and PY-GF Fuses chips are small 15/16 of an inch in diameter.

No one person is able to bring all of these new codes to light. To give credit for each new find a color code is next to that chip. Roy Klein is responsible for the unmarked chips.

● Jim Garrard ● Rich Ritchie ● Rick Robinson ● Robert Smith ● Charlie Turner

# NEW CODED CHIPS FOR 2018



PA-HT Elk Head  
inlaid litho



PD-CQ Trefoil  
w/ring



PD-CT Five Petals



PD-HQ Stick Box  
inlaid litho



PD-SH One Circle  
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PL-BW Acorn  
stamped wood



PL-LC Flower



PM-AN Anchor var



PM-DS Crown var



PM-QS Jack Knife



PS-SE Horseshoe



PW-TH Box in Star



PW-VD C in C



PW-VR Pinwheel



PW-YG Plain Center



PZ-RX Rigdon & Co.  
lazy diamond



A few notes on the new codes for 2018. PD-CQ Trefoil chip is one that Robert "Smitty" Smith brought to the convention about ten years ago. This design is also found without the ring. The PD-HQ Stick Box chip had been previously coded but, was in the inlaid section of Dale Seymour's book. It is not an inlaid chip. It is a crest & seal chip with a printed litho inlay. Thus, the new code. The PM-DS Crown is the third variation of that design.



PM-DS Crown  
Engraved

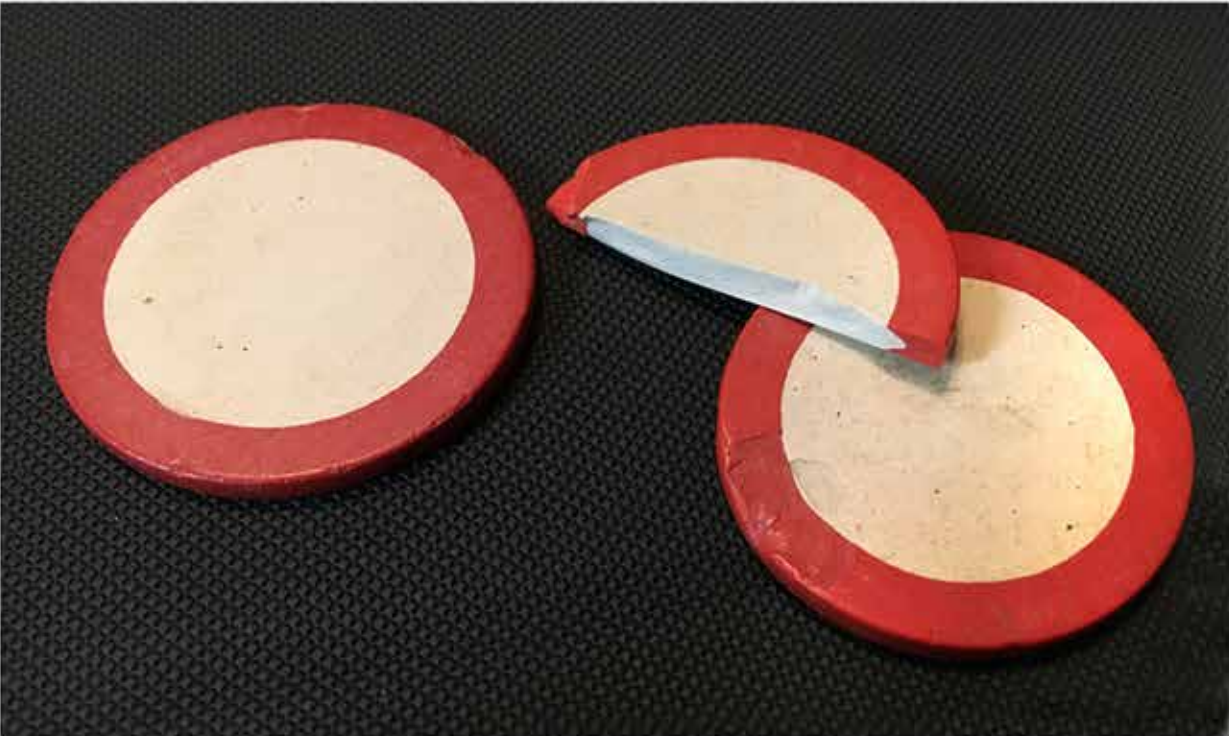


PM-DS Crown  
Variation



PM-DS Crown  
Variation

PW-YG Plain Center is a completely different type of chip. At first glance it looks like a common inlaid chip with a thin, die-cut wafer in the center. However, in the photo below, you will notice a gouge on one of the chips and can see the center and rim are all clay. A very unusual manufacturing style. It appears to be a very old chip, probably made to mimic ivory chips of the time.



# In Memoriam

*Beautiful memories treasured forever of the love and happiness we shared together*

Rick Olsen, September 2018 - R-4561

Ron Weldon, September 2018 - R0976

Douglas Cundiff Jr., November 2018 - LM3782-71

Rudy Yaksich, December 2018 - R7752

## 2017 Silver Strike of the Year Award

by Jim Follis, Outgoing OTY Awards Chairman

Well, I guess this is my swan song for the OTY Awards. I will miss this responsibility, but I am certain that it will be in good hands with the new OTY Chairman, Trey Warren. As announced in the last issue of this Award winning magazine, the previously placed on-hiatus, Silver Strike of the Year contest was re-opened. All candidates were identified in that issue and instructions for voting were also provided. Having now received the cast votes, I am pleased to announce the winning entrant...



Congratulations to the Shaun Webster of the Four Queens Hotel and Casino, Downtown Las Vegas for their production of the above strike as minted by Sean Sarr of Sunshine Mint.

As already stated, this is my final act for the OTY Awards, as the torch is passed to Trey. In doing so, I want to thank the assistance and help given to me in this capacity, by my son, Casey Focazio-Follis for these many years.

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# 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 March 2, 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.

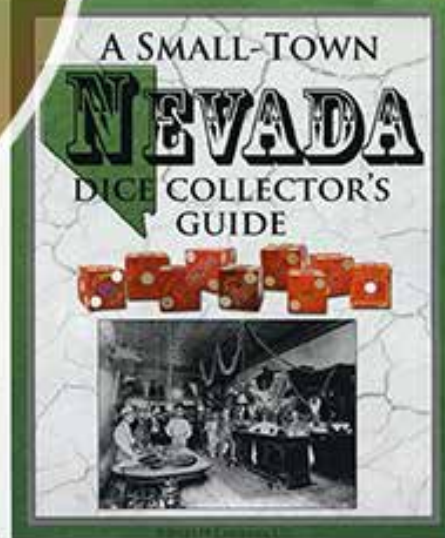
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For biographies of the HoF members, please visit the Club website at [http://www.ccgcc.com/hall\\_of\\_fame.html](http://www.ccgcc.com/hall_of_fame.html)

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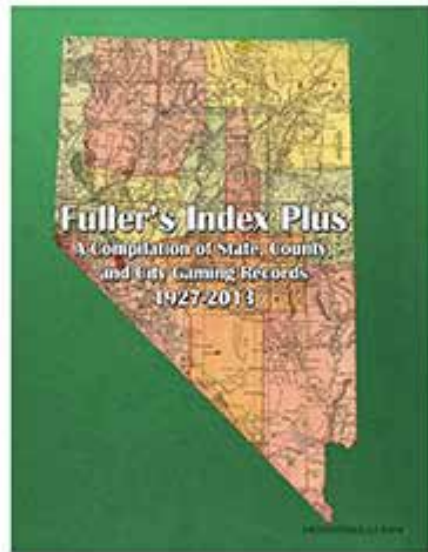
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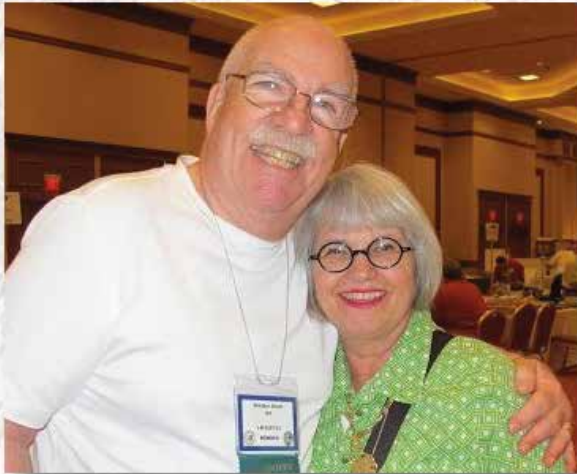
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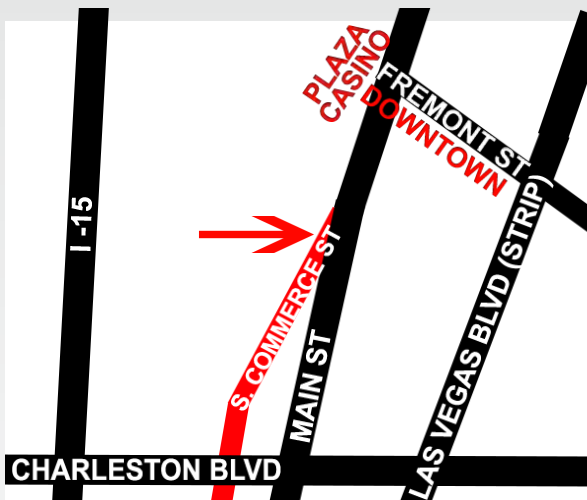




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 (Years available-1993, 1996—2008, 2014, 15, 16, 17)



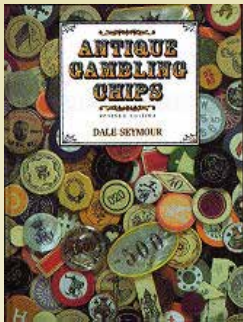


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# ChipGuide Submissions



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.

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](http://ckaplan.com/PhotoScape_V3.7.exe))

- 1) LIGHTING CORRECTION – 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), 1<sup>st</sup> 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) CROP
  - 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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) RESIZE
  - 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) SAVE
  - 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. *N*

**Chicagoland Casino Collectibles Club:** [ikcarkop@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:txbel711@aol.com); Belinda Hixon; various, contact for next meeting

**Florida Casino Chip & Token Collectors Club:** Jerry Leonardo [561-445-4007](tel:561-445-4007) 6646 110th Place Sebastian FL 32958: [jerryleonardo@bellsouth.net](mailto:jerryleonardo@bellsouth.net); 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](mailto: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, [sandpointe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sandpointe@sbcglobal.net), 6 Sandpointe CT. Sacramento, CA 95831. Contact us about our next Get-together!

**NY Metro Chip Club:** [qualpete@aol.com](mailto:qualpete@aol.com); Pete Volberg, 516-322-3892; PO Box 3037, Farmingdale, NY 11735; Knights of Columbus Bethpage, NY; no membership dues.

**Silver Strikers Club:** Jeff Bitzer, [president@silverstrikers.com](mailto:president@silverstrikers.com), Two tournaments annually at Four Queens Hotel & Casino, visit [www.silverstrikers.com](http://www.silverstrikers.com)

**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](mailto:georged@mindspring.com); George Dmitrevsky; 818-384-7357; 3rd Tuesday of every month locations vary 7-9 PM

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# 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..
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- Learn from the pros, what's valuable and what's not!

## The Program

Simply go to [www.ccgccc.com](http://www.ccgccc.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  
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# 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.
4. If further action or investigation is warranted, the Vice-President will forward the form to the Claims Director to open 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.ccgcc.com](http://www.ccgcc.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.

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**IS BACK!!!!**

OCTOBER 18th & 19st 2019

Presented by: CT COINS



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

Casino items of all types  
Chips – Tokens – Silver Strikes – Dice  
Slot Cards – Room Keys – Post Cards – Ashtrays  
Slot Glass – Photos – Advertising Items  
Playing cards and Much Much Much More...

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