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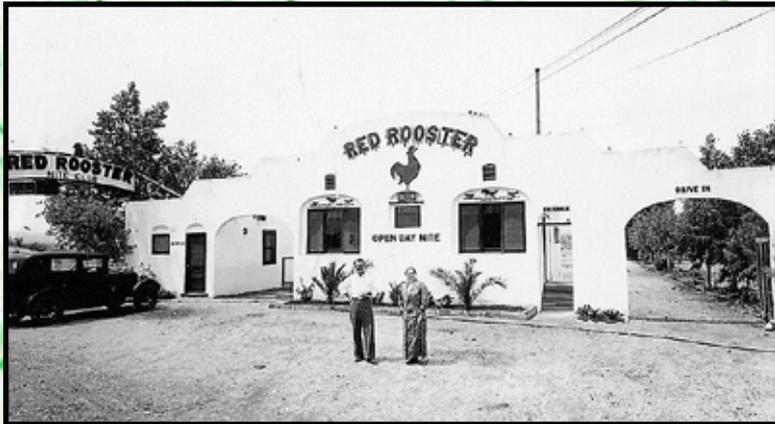
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Deadline for Ads: April 1st

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Mailing Date: September
Deadline for Ads: July 1st

Winter Issue
Mailing Date: December
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Message from the Editor

Robb McPherson



Happy holidays to all fellow chippers. I hope your holidays are filled with joy and laughter with family and friends.

Since I took over the editors job, this will be a first. I have had to move

part of the New Members listing over to this page. With the hard work of our President and other board members, the Membership drive held at the Silverton Casino & Hotel brought in 42 new members!!! Great job! and to all the new members, I hope you enjoy your first issue as a new member. Steve and I are always looking for new content and interesting articles for our magazine. So if you have the urge to write, please feel free to contact Steve or myself and we will be happy to work with you to get your article into a future issue.

While I was putting this Winter issue together, it was November. Only one month till Christmas!! My thoughts were, "I wonder if there was any Christmas articles that I could add". I couldn't come up with anything. I checked the ChipGuide and found there is items on there but from what I could see, most of the casinos that issued Limited Edition Christmas chips did so back in the late 90's and early 2000's. It seems that since then, there hasn't been much interest in doing that anymore. I know that I contemplated this issue other years and came up with a nice Christmas theme for the cover before but nothing really for the inside content. I did a search through all the past issue of the CCN all the way back to Vol. 11 and there is really no Christmas related articles all the way back that far.

So for the record, at this point, the ChipGuide has 279 items out of 237,846 items total, mostly chips that come up when using the ChipGuide Query Facility just quering "Christmas" under the event field.



New Members

| First | Last | City | State/Country | Referral | Member # |
|-----------|------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------|
| Rigoberto | Villarnovo | LV | NV | Doug Balduini | 9028 |
| Jo | Steevens | | Belgium | Website | 9029 |
| Sarah | Steevens | | Belgium | Website | 9029-A |
| Stephane | Lhuissier | | France | Doug Smith | 9030 |
| James | Hogg | Henderson | NV | Website | 9031 |
| Tobin | Abraham | Hammonton | NJ | Doug Smith | 9032 |
| Jim | Oakerman | Layton | UT | Website | 9033 |
| Rene | Contreras | Austin | TX | Doug Smith | 9034 |
| Matthew | Boydo | San Francisco | CA | Website | 9035 |
| Brian | Kaefer | Richardson | TX | Paul Schaffer | 9036 |
| Barry | Sherwood | Reno | NV | Doug Smith | 9037 |
| John | Hitchcock | Council Bluffs | IA | Silverton | 9038 |
| Julie | Hitchcock | Council Bluffs | IA | Silverton | 9038-A |

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| Briana | Wroten | Finksburg | MD | Mitch Heller | 9039 |
| Chris | Campbell | Henderson | NV | Silverton | 9040 |
| Salinda | Conklin | Henderson | NV | Silverton | 9040-A |
| Gary | Meyers | Buckeye | AZ | Silverton | 9041 |
| Karen | Meyers | Buckeye | AZ | Silverton | 9041-A |
| George | Housas | Pasadena | CA | Rich Burgel | 8816-A |
| Jamie | Schmidt | Mustang | OK | Steve Palumbo | 6711-A |
| Gary | Teiken | Buckeye | AZ | Silverton | 9042 |
| Karen | Teiken | Buckeye | AZ | Silverton | 9042-A |
| Jim | Funk | Cincinnati | OH | Website | 9043 |
| Ken | Ochoa | LV | NV | Silverton | 9044 |
| Johnny | Larkin | LV | NV | Silverton | 9045 |
| Jennifer | Gropman | LV | NV | Silverton | 9045-A |
| Jason | Klabacha | Boulder City | NV | Silverton | 1529-A |
| Dale | Klabacha | Boulder City | NV | Silverton | 1529-A |
| Lori | Klabacha | Henderson | NV | Silverton | 1529-A |
| Glena | Dunn | LV | NV | Silverton | 9046 |
| Andrew | Lehahan | LV | NV | Silverton | 9047 |
| Liz | Lehahan | LV | NV | Silverton | 9047-A |
| Jim | Dahl | LV | NV | Silverton | 9048 |
| Shayne | Guillory | LV | NV | Silverton | 9049 |
| Patricia | Guillory | LV | NV | Silverton | 9049-A |
| Jose | Martinez | LV | NV | Silverton | 9050 |
| Alyssa | Martinez | LV | NV | Silverton | 9050-A |
| Jeff | Abbott | LV | NV | Silverton | 9051 |
| Terry | Saldino | LV | NV | Silverton | 9051-A |
| Bridget | Myers | LV | NV | Silverton | 4950-A |
| Cynthia | Nelson | North LV | NV | Silverton | 9052 |
| Sherry | Malone | North LV | NV | Silverton | 9052-A |
| Doug | Mari | LV | NV | Silverton | 9053 |
| Judy | Mari | LV | NV | Silverton | 9053-A |
| Rich | Ameral | North LV | NV | Silverton | 9054 |
| Jennifer | Nelson | North LV | NV | Silverton | 9055 |
| Dave | Bleish | LV | NV | Silverton | 9056 |
| Stan | Shields | LV | NV | Silverton | 9057 |
| Audi | Reynolds | LV | NV | Silverton | 9057-A |
| Sherman | Wright | Boulder City | NV | Silverton | 9058 |
| Kyle | Helmich | LV | NV | Silverton | 9059 |
| Joe | Crew | LV | NV | Silverton | 9060 |
| Charles | Ramirez | LV | NV | Silverton | 9061 |
| Dylan | Barkley | LV | NV | Silverton | 9062 |
| Ashley | Barkley | LV | NV | Silverton | 9062-A |
| Susan | Kozlowski | Crown Point | IN | Website | 9063 |

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

From the President's Desk

Greetings to my fellow club members. Our club continues to make many positive strides in the right direction. There are many exciting projects and events in the works. With your continued support and efforts, we can accomplish much much more. Here is an update of what I have been working on.



CCA Newsletter : We are now at 1996 contacts and growing every day. Richard Huber our contact manager has done a great job in adding our past members to an effort to get them reinterested and possibly rejoining our club. Thank You Richard!!! I am still hoping to reach the 3000 mark by the end of the year. The newsletter is now open to the general public as well. If you know of anyone interested in receiving the newsletter please have them contact Richard Huber at burbankchipper@aol.com

Convention/Show 2021/2022: Negotiations have been completed and the contract has been signed. Our show is now scheduled till June 2022. There will be some increase from the previous contract which will take effect in 2021. Every effort will be made to mitigate those increases with cost cutting efforts in other areas less noticeable. Due diligence was done by checking on 3 different venues with South Point still offering the best value. Steve Palumbo, the Convention Chair and the BOD will do whatever is possible to provide everyone with a fantastic experience at our convention.

MoGH Exhibits: Rich Burgel our Club Publicity Chairman has been helping to obtain access to the Aviator Baseball stadium for a MoGH exhibit. Talks are under way with a very favorable outcome likely. Rich and I will be meeting with the General manager at Tribble's Hotel and Casino in Jean, Nevada in November to also have a Mogh exhibit there as well. Jim Follis is also working on a contact at the 4 queens for another exhibit. As It is often said the Mogh is always moving forward.

Circus Circus: This project of obtaining retail space for the MoGh has been put on hold pending the sale of the property. There is still a chance that we will be able to proceed once we hear from the new management.

Corporate Legal Status: We are still pending final approval of our corporate set up from the Nevada Secretary of State. This has been a 2 ½ year project for me. There have been many hurdles and obstacles along the way but I believe the end in very near.

Membership: I recently wrote this in the Newsletter, and I would like to repeat my feelings on Membership.

I wish to share an event in which I was able to participate with a few of our club members. At the urging of Rich Burgel, the CCA participated in an Antique Show at the Silverado Hotel and Casino. The CCA hosted a membership table in an effort to boost our membership to counteract the decline of our membership. With the generous items donated by Roy Nelson, Rich Burgel, Rick Lonski, Rich Klabacha and Mike Spinetti, we were able to induce many interested parties into joining our club. While not expecting to enlist many, we surpassed all expectations and signed up 42 members, both regular and associate.

The point I would like to make is that membership is essential to the existence of our club. Every club member can do what I did. Local club members can gather donations and participate in any available event and offer items as inducements to join. It was easy enough once the perceived value of the incentives far outweighed the value of membership.

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

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

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

Website Refresh: We should be very close to unveiling the new Website page very shortly. Committee members Todd Barrett, David Spragg, Jim Follis, Charles Kaplan and myself have been submitting comments and ideas to Todd who is doing the design work.

New Appointment: Chuck Sikora our current CCA Social Media Chairman has agreed to take on the position of Social Media Chairman for the Museum of Gaming History. Thank you Chuck!! If you have any suggestions or wish to be involved please contact chuck at csikora4th@gmail.com

Chipboard/CCA Message Board: I would ask that if you have any questions or suggestions that you wish to be discussed by the CCA BOD that you please either post them on the Club website or contact me or any other Board member directly. I promise you will have a better chance of us responding. There are so many posts on the Chip board that your comments may be overlooked We do not want to give the impression that we are ignoring you comments.

It is an honor being your President and I wish you all well. I hope to talk to everyone soon

Jerry Vergatos LM-8093-241
President

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

With this issue of our ‘Casino Collectible News’ we are welcoming 55 new members!!! That is the largest number of new members in any quarterly period in a long, long, long time. This jump in membership is largely due to the efforts of a few dedicated members who hosted a membership drive table at the Silverton Casino’s Antique Show and Garage Sale. 42 new Regular and Associate members joined CCA at this event. We thank all of those involved in this event and to all of our members who I want to acknowledge as this quarter’s Recruiters.

Doug Smith
Rich Burgel
Ross Poppel

Doug Balduini
Steve Palumbo

Paul Schaffer
Jerry Vergatos

Mitch Heller
Rich Klabacha

A distinguished list of recruiters to be sure. But a list that is far too short! I urge all of us to be a more active club recruiter! Get a couple of applications and talk to a friend, another collector, or a neighbor about what you like about our club and collecting casino memorabilia. Tell them how they can become a part of ‘Preserving Gaming History’. Being passive about recruiting new members will cause us to soon become a distant memory. Contact me at membership@ccgtcc.com and I’ll send you a couple of applications to help start the conversation.

RETENTION

Now that we have made such a significant effort to get these new members, our next job is to keep them—give them a reason to stay with us. One of the keys to keeping members is to communicate and engage them on a regular basis. Our monthly CCA Newsletter is doing just that. We should all thank everyone involved in producing this great communication and engagement tool. The Newsletter is timely in terms of describing club and MoGH activities. It informs the membership about issues facing our club and provides an avenue for members to communicate directly to our Board about them. It recognizes CCA members for their outstanding achievements. And it (hint, hint) provides a CCA membership application with a description of the benefits of membership. Again, Great Job to all involved!

And since we are talking about the Newsletter and its email delivery system you should know that 80% of our Regular members have at least one email account and 100% of our new members can be reached by email. So, if you are not getting the CCA Newsletter delivered to your in box, check with me at membership@ccgtcc.com to make sure we have your correct current email address.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

In the past couple of months I have fielded several questions about the CCA Life Membership option. So here are the details:

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All of these options (with the exception of age 75+) can be completed on the club website, www.ccgccc.com under the membership tab or by contacting me, membership@ccgtcc.com to arrange payment. For those 75+ applying for Life Membership you need to contact me, or any other club officer to arrange payment. Your subscription to the 'Casino Collectible News' via bulk mail is part of your LM. You have the option of upgrading to 1st class mailing with a small annual fee.

We also offer the option of Life Membership for Associate Members. That 'dues' is a one-time fee of \$50. To apply for an Associate LM contact me at membership@ccgtcc.com.

Any other questions, please email me at membership@ccgtcc.com

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A quick reminder about how we track our membership by quarter.

--We start by sending a postcard to each person whose membership is set to expire at the end of the month (December/March/June/September) reminding them how they can renew their membership.

--At the beginning of the following month (January/April/July/October) we send another postcard to all who have not yet renewed letting them know that their membership has expired and how they can renew so they don't miss the next 'Casino Collectible News'.

--Shortly after that we post renewal reminders on the club website as well as on theChipboard and we send an email reminder to those who have email accounts.

--At the end of the renewal period we take the number of people who failed to renew and subtract the number of new memberships to get our net membership for that period.

So, how did we do for the Sept-Oct-Nov period?

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|---------------------------|-------------|
| Renewals due in September | 102 |
| Non Renewals by Nov 30 | 25 |
| New Memberships | 55 |
| Net (55-25) | +30 members |

This +30 number shows what can be done with a little opportunity + creativity. It would be great to see this trend line continue so if you and/or your local club would like to host a membership drive table contact one of your Board members for details on getting membership incentives and application displays. Recruiting new members and keeping our current members is essential and Is Everyone's Job!

Your Board is always welcomes your thoughts and suggestions on Recruitment and Retention (what we are doing right and what we can do better). Please send your thoughts my way at membership@ccgtcc.com and I'll see that they get the consideration they deserve. So remember, as I wrote in my opening paragraph, "keeping our club growing and viable requires everyone to do just a little bit more".

Happy Recruiting,
Roy

Manufacturer Sample Chips

The \$25 Collector is now collecting Manufacturer Sample chips



Still collecting \$25 and 25¢ chips from all over Nevada, but now adding Manufacturer Sample chips to my collection.

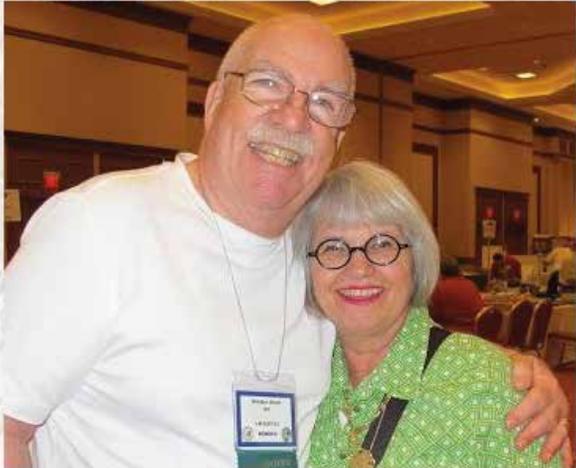
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Nate Pincus

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Vice President Message

A Message from Your Vice President...

Greetings to one and all. I hope everyone had a wonderful holidays season! May there be a plethora of New Year's chips having been released.

As we enter the new year, my mind turns to the 2020 Convention and Show. I look forward to our "Alien-themed" event at the South Point Hotel Casino Spa in June. In gearing up for the 3-day event, I encourage any member planning to attend, to consider taking advantage of being able to present an Educational Exhibit at the Museum of Gaming History's Exhibits area. Please see my article "Call for Exhibits and Exhibitors" in this issue.



Many of you probably know about the Club's monthly Newsletter, distributed via email and also posted on the Club's website homepage, but did you know that we do not limit distribution to Club members only. Please feel free to forward your monthly notification to friends and family. If they are interested in being included for email distribution, you or they can simply send an email to Richard Huber (burbankchipper@aol.com) saying... Please add me to your email list! If by chance you would like to offer some content, please send that to President Vergatos (president@ccgtcc.com).

Please know that there are many things that the Club's Board and MoGH's Board are working on to increase our membership numbers and presence, both on-line and at various locations in and around Las Vegas, and elsewhere. Everyone should look to the Newsletter for up-to-date information on these efforts. Some come to fruition, while some do not, but we are constantly looking for and performing on projects for the betterment of the Club.

Attention Members and Officers of Local Clubs. The Newsletter is seeking content about your organizations. Please share with us (through President Vergatos) your meeting dates, locations, projects, etc. Include pictures from your meetings. The Newsletter also wants your business cards! We post business cards in the Newsletter for any active member at no charge. Take a look at any recent Newsletter for details.

Lastly, we are now in an Election cycle for Vice President, Treasurer and Membership. I encourage every member, in good standing, to consider running for Office and/or submitting other members for consideration. Moreover, I encourage every qualified member to VOTE. Our past voter turn-out records reflect low numbers. I respectfully request everyone to participate!

Thank you for reading.

Jim Follis
Vice President
Life Member 3872-53

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION NEWS



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

ANA's 2019 CHICAGO WORLD'S FAIR OF MONEY REPORT

Dealers reported strong sales at this year's numismatic convention with many hobbyists lauding the show as the best in recent memory. The American Numismatic Association welcomed 8,184 people to the convention at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, August 13-17 and recruited 81 new members. The event featured 486 tables, including 12 government mints and agencies from around the world; 22 member club booths; the ANA Museum Showcase and dozens of Collector Exhibits. ANA President, Steven E. Ellsworth stated, *"it was plain to see that hobbyists are again collecting in a serious way. Numerous dealers noted they had more activity and sales than previous shows."* *"The sense of community was just extraordinary at this show..."* stated ANA Executive Director Kim Klick. *"The buzz on the floor was energizing..."* commented Jennifer Ackerman, ANA Conventions Director. *"I was thrilled with the number of collectors who were actively seeking pieces for their collections."*

I was very disappointed to observe that NO exhibit awards were given at ANA in the Gaming Category this year in Chicago, due to no entries having been submitted. While CCA always has some dynamic displays set up at our Las Vegas conventions, many of our worthy exhibits would be candidates for top awards at ANA. Please, if you are an ANA member, consider exhibiting at this very prestigious show. The next 2020 ANA World's Fair of Money convention is scheduled for August 4-8 2020 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA. CASINO CHIPS AND GAMING TOKENS ARE, AFTER ALL, SUBSTITUTES FOR MONEY folks



▲ First-place winners from select exhibit classes gathered for a photograph at the ANA Exhibit Awards Presentation & Reception on August 17. Pictured are (from left) Donald H. Dool, Michael Kodysz, H. Eric Holcomb, Erwin E. Brauer, Hills Howard IV, Simcha Kuritzky, Hayden Howard, Russ Frank, Mark Wieclaw, Dr. Sunil Richardson and Floyd Aprilil.

Photo Courtesy of ANA Numismatist

Important CCA News

To all members of the CCA:

It is with a heavy heart that due to several family and health issues I tender my resignation from the board of directors of the CCA as of Nov 17, 2019.

I will work with whomever is chosen to replace me for as long as it takes to make a smooth transition.

I will always do what ever I can to assist the board and the club.

It has been an honor to serve such a Wonderful organization.

Steve Asrilant
Treasurer
R-2605

In complying with the Clubs Constitution, and in accordance with the requirements of the duties that need to be performed I as President am appointing Bud Wisinski to the position of Club Treasurer for the remainder of the term previously held by Steve Asrilant. He is a long time member and a member of the Southern California Casino Collectibles Club

Bud's credentials are perfect for the position and with his close proximity to Steve the transition will be relatively smooth. I asked Bud to submit to me a small Bio so as to have everyone feel comfortable with this transition.

After graduating from Marquette University's School of Business, Milwaukee WI, Bud earned CPA certification in Wisconsin. There he worked for eight years with Arthur Young and Company, CPA's, Milwaukee and the Midwest region, as Audit Manager with an EDP specialty. He then migrated to Southern California where he earned CPA certification in California. The next eighteen years were spent in advertising accounting and finance with Bozel, Finance and Administrative Manager, Foote, Cone and Belding, VP Finance, and Campbell and Wagman, EVP and CFO. Bud retired from Universal Studios Hollywood after thirteen years there, Controller.

Bud resides in the Los Angeles area of Southern California with Beth, his wife of forty years. He, as Governor, with the Board of Officers, manages the Burbank Moose Lodge. Bud enjoys playing poker in his spare time.

Steve has assured me that he will do everything possible to make this process easy. My sincerest thanks for his offer to help.

You can contact Bud at his e-mail address budwisinski@sprintmail.com to welcome him and thank him for his service

Jerry Vergatos LM-8093-241
President



MUSINGS from the MoGH

MoGH Membership Report

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

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Join Us....

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

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

Jerry Vergatos MoGH LM-0001
Membership Director

Blast from the Past...

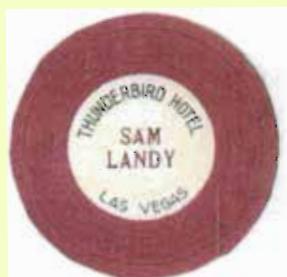
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THUNDERBIRD HOTEL-CASINO
 1948 to 1976

The Thunderbird was the fourth hotel-casino to open on the famous Las Vegas strip. The owners were attorney Cliff Jones and builder Marion Hicks. Mobster Meyer Lansky was also reputed to hold shares in the property. The Thunderbird closed in 1976. It reopened in 1977 as the Silverbird.



Members Corner

Jerry Vergatos LM 8093-241



Welcome to this addition of Members Corner. It is my mission in writing these articles to put a spotlight on some of our great members who in many cases do a fantastic job behind the scenes for the club. There are many of them and I will seek them out in future issues. The subject of this article is someone who has devoted a lot of time and effort in making sure the convention is set up properly and efficiently. Being a member of the set-up team and breakdown team I was thoroughly impressed with his high level of energy and great attitude. I present to you Chris Carlson LM-7928

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

Chris: Born in Detroit in 1961. Moved around the Detroit area as my parents had more kids and dad was moving up the ranks at Montgomery Wards, lived in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and finally in Wheeling, Illinois where I married my childhood sweetheart in 1979. The marriage did not last too long and am now happily divorced, have 1 son – Chris Jr., an amazing daughter-in-law (Jasmine) and 2 grandchildren, Tyler age 9 and Lily 7 that I don't see nearly enough. In 1986 I joined the Army and was stationed in Dexheim Germany for 2 and a half years, honorable discharge just 3 months before the wall came down. After that I worked several odd jobs before moving to Denver Colorado to build custom houses. I currently reside in Peoria Arizona.

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

Chris: I have worked for at&t for 22 years, was hired in Denver in 1997 as a Communication Technician to help build out the network, was moving live traffic at nights during the quiet hours, then moved to doing Domestic routing translations (basically, making sure that calls complete from city A to city B), a few years later working with the Network Operations Center for Domestic and International Routing troubles. Around Thanksgiving 2016 the center was downsized, and I was offered a job in Mesa Arizona as a Network Technical Specialist which is a fancy title for fiber optic cable locator. No, seriously, I love my job and hopefully will be able to retire in under 10 years. at&t was even nice enough to pay for the move to where I've always wanted to retire – Lucky huh? I have a poker table as well as a Blackjack table at home to keep my dealing skills fresh as I may deal after I retire, for fun and to meet people as I did have a gaming license in Colorado for more than 10 years.



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

Chris: I believe it actually started when I was 6 years old. We were living in Wisconsin and it was early October. My brother and I were outside playing football when the neighborhood bullies showed up and long story short, I ended up getting tackled into a clothes pole and broke my arm. The cast weighed almost as much as I did and was unable to go trick or treating – to a 6-year-old, devastating right? Well my parents sat me down at the kitchen table and gave me a Lincoln cent book, a Mercury head and Roosevelt dime books. Dad a bunch of Mercury dimes in an old glass cigar container, and I had access to the change jars. I spent days putting those coins in their proper places in the books. I would ask for coins at Christmas and birthdays. After a few years at AT&T I was able to complete my coin collection. This was prior to the 911 incident and I worked 10 minutes from the airport so once or twice a month I was going to Las Vegas pretty much just as a novice Blackjack player. I would occasionally take a chip or two back home. One day I noticed 12-15 chips in a drawer, and I thought well, it's not too difficult to keep up with the coins as I only need the current years going forward. The majority of the chips were \$5 denomination because they had more detail than the others. I also just happened to live in Colorado at this time- Chipco heaven, What luck again. And went to my first convention in 2009 and now am hooked for life, but also realized that my goal to collect chips from everywhere is too much. So, I now mainly concentrate on US casinos only which is still a huge undertaking.

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

Chris: Yes, as previously mentioned I collect coins and am a Gold Member of the ANA, recently joined the MoGH as Life Member 13. Hobbies are a passion for the old Steam Trains, Union Pacific keeps 3 different ones at the Steam shop in Cheyenne, Wy. Which was really close when I was living in Colorado and they would use the # 844 (Living Legend) steam train for rides to and from Cheyenne for Frontier days every July. But have also been on other steam trains as well. It's hilarious to see all the cars leapfrogging in traffic trying to take videos and photos of the train while moving on the tracks run parallel to the roads. I also love the history and the beauty of our National Parks, Monuments, Battlefields, etc.... I was introduced to the National Parks Passport Program at believe it or not, Yellowstone, which just happens to be the first designated National Park in the system. I know huh, what luck!! So, now I find myself visiting new parks and monuments to get the Passport book stamped – stamp collector too I guess as I have less than 135 to visit, did you know there is over 530 stamps? I also enjoy hiking which helps with getting around the parks and hiked more than a dozen of the 14,000 peaks while living in Colorado, as well as some parks that are hike in only.



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

Chris: Oh, by all means. By going to my first convention 10 years ago it has opened so, so many doors. I met Brian Cashman and Fred Bergman at my first convention, and they told me – volunteer, you will have fun, meet people and learn a lot. They were definitely correct, and I have not missed one since. If there is anyone reading this and have never been to one, all I can say is please make plans to attend one asap. You are in for a real treat and will be hooked. But also using the trade-Maker option in ChipGuide I have made quite a few contacts and even met some people in person.

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

Chris: Forward of course, but it's quite a challenge as there does not seem to be the interest to collect at the present time. It's not just our hobby as other collecting hobbies seem to be suffering the same dilemma. Unfortunately, it's more of a question of how to get new members as question 8 in this interview addresses. But on a positive note - Charles is doing amazing things with the ChipGuide, making it easier to access and research just about any item casino related. I feel this is a very important tool we have at our fingertips to preserve gaming history and am proud to be involved as an administrator and have actually learned a lot of history. We need to educate the population with the history and the amazing stories, chip finds, and everything that we all love with a passion. The MoGH is also on the right track and getting closer to a brick and mortar building.

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

Chris: One of the biggest things would be the annual conventions, smiling faces and camaraderie of the members, volunteers and friends. The seminars, speakers, and of course the club auction is one of my favorites. But I must also add the approachability of the Board members, they all do such an amazing job, thanks for your hard work all year round. Another thing would be the stories, whether an old Vegas Mob story or the story of a great chip find, especially if it's a younger or new member and their eyes light up and you can just see it in their face.

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

Chris: This is probably the most difficult question - Social media I think but I'm not real sure how to use it to get the word out there. Even with my outgoing personality I have a very hard time recruiting new members as they are just too preoccupied with other issues in their lives. But it just also may be one of those things that declines for a while and takes off again. As I stated earlier the ChipGuide is a good start for getting noticed online. I truly wish I had a better answer, all I can say is we need to be ambassadors and try to get the word out and recruit, recruit, recruit. As far as older members maybe AARP could give us a shout out in their news bulletins or magazines. It would really be nice if somebody real famous could give us a shout out – just kidding!! Unless we actually know someone. LOL

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

Chris: I actually worked at Bally-Midway in the early 1980's in the parts department where they manufactured the video game Pac-Man, I was on the second floor and could see the all of the assembly lines it was really something as they were cranking out hundreds of games a day. But that all ended when you didn't need to go to the arcades, and you could sit on your couch.



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

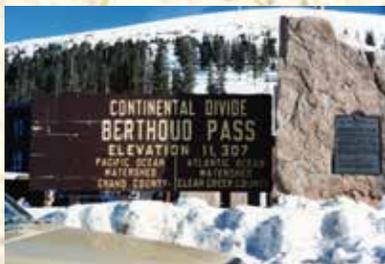
Chris: Love a good jelly donut, when I was a kid the lemon filled were my favorites. I was never really a coffee drinker, and as you know I love my Mt. Dew in the morning. Which has way too much sugar already, so I don't eat them much anymore.



Chris's Final Words: First of all – thank you Jerry for the interview. Although I have only been a member for a little more than ten years and as many conventions - I just want to say what a truly awesome group of people (friends) and thanks for welcoming me with open arms and making me feel like I belong. I am honored to be a part of the best club in the world and would do most anything, (legal of course), I feel like family. Looking forward to seeing everyone again at the convention in 2020. If you do see me at the convention and would like to know more, just ask as I'm pretty much an open book and have some good stories too. I hope this is as enjoyable to read as it was to put it together.

Jerry's Final Words:

Getting to know Chris has been a great experience. His attitude and kind demeanor is a great example for all of us. With us both living within an hour of ourselves I'm sure we will be seeing more of each other. He is a great asset to the club for all his volunteer efforts and when given the opportunity we should all seek him out and personally thank him. You can reach him at 21carddealer@gmail.com



Aloha from the Old Grumpy Happy CCA Chipp'n Senior Column

Aloha All You Chipp'n CCA Chippers,

This is a BIO of fellow CCA Convention Volunteer Photographer & CCA Magazine Photography Chairman. His name is Jim Whobrey. At our June Convention, Jim and I have too much fun taking our photos during the convention. To cover the most ground and to take the most photos, we are never together, except during the banquet. At the banquet, along with photographer Chuck Gajewski, we take candid sneaky shots of each other. We call it photo TAG! Please enjoy reading Jim Whobrey's BIO.

And remember...SMILE for our Camera!

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My name is Jim Whobrey. I'm 60 something years old, Semi-retired music educator, musical arranger/ composer, fine art photographer. I have been a member of CC>C and CCA for 19 years. I was born in Indianapolis, Indiana. My parents moved to southern California in the 1950's. I started collecting casino chips in 1965 while on a vacation with my parents in Lake Tahoe. My dad was a big coin collector and I had tried it, but just wasn't interested in coins. When I saw the colors and cool mold designs on chips I was hooked. I also started collecting Las Vegas dice at that time. My dad was a big craps shooter and he would give me dice on occasion. Back then you could ask the pit boss for dice and they would give you a set of used dice. The first chip I ever collected was a 25 cent pink small crown chip from the Nugget in Tahoe. Unfortunately, I lost that chip when my house was burglarized in 2012 when we lived in Torrance, CA, and my collection was stolen. My mom would bring me home chips from Las Vegas, mostly fractionals and a few \$1s. I had to sneak the chips from her as my dad was totally against her giving me any chips at that age. I really started seriously collecting chips and dice in the mid 70's when all I wanted was a \$1 chip from every Las Vegas Casino. My wife thought I was crazy bringing home chips without cashing them in. The dice were okay, they were free for the asking at that time.



I almost gave up chip collecting after my collection was stolen but wanted to stay in the club as I had made so many friends over the years, and had learned so much about chips. Several years ago the Southern California club met every month with attendance of about 15-20 members at every meeting. I have continued to replace some of my collection over the past few years (I focused on obsolete LV chips from, Mint, LV Hilton, Flamingo Hilton and the Desert Inn) but could never replace it all. I still focus on chips from the Mint Las Vegas (Steve Bedo nicknamed me "Mr. Mint") but have really increased my sample chip collection and have collected more and more large crown mold chips from anywhere.

I currently live in Rancho Mission Viejo, CA with my wife of 42 years, Andrea. We have two children; Adam and Ashley both in their mid 30s. We are soon to be first time grandparents as my daughter is expecting her first child in August.

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Membership Table at Sliverton Garage Sale

Saturday, September 28, 2019, following a suggestion put forward by Rich Burgel (CCA Publicity Chairman) and in conjunction with Jerry Vergatos (CCA President), the CCA acquired a vendor booth at the Silverton Hotel and Casino's Garage and Antique Sale. The Jerry and Rich Show kicked off at about 4:00 am, to claim a space and get set-up. The objective was to have a CCA Sponsored Table as a Membership Drive. For sign-ups, at the event, new members were offered 'freebies' that included past, unsold Club Merchandise and donated material that was further identified as "OK" to sell for fund raising. By about 8:45 am, 11 new Memberships had been acquired. At about 9:10 am, Ron Gaudette (Club Videographer) went Live, via Facebook and immediately, viewers could see and hear Club Member Walt Gonski stoppin by to say HELLO. It was obvious that it was very windy, with 45 - 50 MPH winds forecast for the day. Soon afterwards, Pam Focazio (MoGH Membership Assistant), Casey Focazio-Follis (MoGH, Convention Exhibits Assistant) and myself, arrived to lend a hand. Much of the day was spent asking passer's by, if they collected casino memorabilia. It was very surprising as to how many people said Yes. Even more surprising, was when they said, No, while wearing a casino hat or shirt! vbg When the answer was, Yes, they were asked what did they collect and then the conversation shifted to membership. When the answer was, No, we passed the person to Jerry, who would invariably say to the person, well please pick out any chip on the table as a free gift from the CCA. As soon as they did, Jerry would then advise them that they were now a collector and then made the arguement that they now needed to join the CCA!

All in all, we had a great time. Many local Club members (SNCCC) and CCA members stopped by to say Hi. And the CCA, is especially thankful to:

Mike Spinetti (Spinettis Gaming Supplies)

Rich and Dale Klabacha

Rick Lonski (Revived Slots)

Rich Burgel (Nevada Casino Mint)

Roy Nelson (CCA Membership Officer)

Doug Smith and Jerry Vergatos who pledged an overall \$300 donation to augment sign-ups, if and when needed.

Pam Focazio (who is now suffering from wind and sun burns to the face)

Casey Focazio-Follis (who helped pack up)

And in the end the effort resulted in 42 New Membership sign-ups!

Jim Follis,
CCA Vice President



You are Wanted for the

CCA 2020 Raffle

CCA will once again be conducting our annual Raffle at the 2020 Convention at South Point Casino in Las Vegas

We are looking for all types of donations of items to be included as part of the raffle – chips, dice, slot cards, silver strikes, tokens, postcards, matchbooks, ashtrays, swizzle sticks, room keys – ANY type of casino memorabilia that is good condition, that you would like to have in YOUR collection. Thanks to the great participation in the past from our wonderful members in the way of ticket and raffle donations, this a successful event for both the club AND for the winners.

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

Raffle Tickets and raffle donations can be made via mail by sending your check payable to CCA to

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The Aliens Are Coming!!!
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Aliens!!! That will be the theme of next years awesome, fantastic and spaceworthy **CCA Convention**,

to be held June 18th-20th, at the equally awesome

South Point Hotel and Casino.

So **Run** and start making plans for next years Convention.



In case you haven't figured it out already next years theme is:

Aliens!!!

The theme is Aliens because the CCA is Out of This World and you will most definitely want to be a part of it. Some Aliens have already told me that they will be present. Hopefully, at the banquet and the convention.

They're coming a long way so don't disappoint them by not being there.



The CCA is Out of This World!!!

Hopefully, the banquet will include an intergalactic menu. I'm already, researching recipes for Klingon Gar, Andirion salad, Tribble soup and Romulan Roast Qualok. It should be awesome. There might even be some Klingon Bloodwine(made from fermented blood and sugar) and Romulan Ale(banned in the know universe).

Contest!!!

This year there will be a **Very Special Contest!!!** The dealer with the best Alien themed booth will win a free table the following year. That's a \$275 value. So start putting together ideas to make your booth something that is definitely **Out of This World!!!**

Guest Speakers!!!

We will, as always, have some fantastic Guest Speakers. Our star studded line-up will remain a mystery for now, but I promise it will be great. Given our club demographics there might even be an **Ancient Alien**, or two or three.



Planning and Sign-up!!!

It is definitely time to start planning. You can already make hotel reservations for the South Point Hotel and Casino by going to the Chip Board and clicking on the small CCA box. We are once again offering a great rate. Pre-registration will once again begin at the end of January. So stay tuned.



Amazingly Awesome!!!



Yes, this years convention will be amazingly awesome!!! Great food, great speakers, great dealers, terrific buys and best of all there will be **Aliens!!!**

You won't want to miss it. So block our **June 18-20, 2020** and start making plans. Do it now before you are abducted!!!

I'm Looking Forward To Seeing All Of You There!!!

Your Convention Chair
Steven Palumbo



Call for Exhibits... The People's Choice Awards.

Jim Follis, MoGH Exhibits and Events

Attention Club members who are planning to attend the Club's Annual Convention and Show in June 2020 at the South Point Hotel Casino and Spa. The Museum of Gaming History (an Educational Project of the Club) will again be hosting the Educational Exhibits and People's Choice Awards contests. As we did last year, there will be Awards to 3 places, as awarded by the Judges and the People's Choice Award, as determined by votes cast by event attendees.

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. 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 "MoGH Exhibits" area at the 2020 Convention and Show. Each Exhibitor's cases will be visually highlighted to designate each Exhibitor's grouping.

Exhibit participation will result in a Convention Badge appendage (ribbon) reflecting "EXHIBITOR" status and also affords access to the bourse floor consistent with vendor access 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.

Please contact me via email (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 and to get greater details. Your participation is greatly encouraged.

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



Local Casino Collectibles Club News

SNCCC News

The Southern Nevada Casino Collectibles Club has been very busy these past few months. We continue to offer exciting events and meetings. Our membership is now at 242! We meet every second Tuesday of the month at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino at 7pm. For information on joining our club, please contact Jaydon Ogden, our Membership Director at jaydon9ogden@gmail.com. We also welcome anyone wishing to put items in for our consignment sale held every month at our meetings. You can also submit proxy bids for an opportunity to bid on some great items. For more information, please contact Jim Follis at jim@gamingore.com.

The highlight of our club function was our recent Golden Triangle Tour! This was the second tour of the year. Rich Burgel was the tour guide and Jerry Vergatos was the host. 44 members and friends joined us on a fantastic trip that was narrated by Rich Burgel. Below is an itinerary of the last trip.

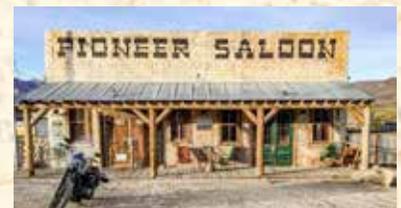
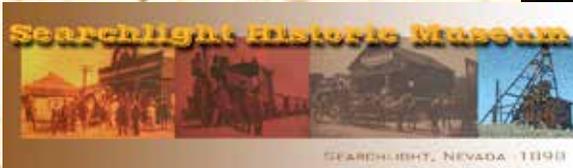
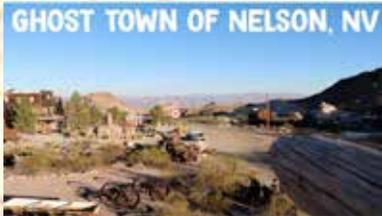
Departure at 9 am Bus leaves promptly from the Gold Coast Casino 4000 W Flamingo. We meet at the Starbucks coffee area; this is a luxury bus equipped with 40 lounge seats and a clean restroom for all genders?

- * 1st. stop "Seven Magic Mountains" on old hwy. 91 near Jean, Nev. - Photo Op*
- * 2nd. stop "Goodsprings, NV" Pioneer Saloon - Photo Op*
- * 3rd. stop "Terrible's Casino Jean" Giant Miners Statues" - Photo op*
- * 4th. stop "Town of Nipton, CA" Nipton Hotel - Lottery Tickets available, and Photo Op (heading east on the Joshua Tree Hwy to Searchlight)*
- * 5th. stop "Walking Box Ranch" Rex Bell & Clara Bow's Ranch Residence - we may not be allowed inside, but nice outside photo op!*
- * 6th. stop "Searchlight Historical Museum", self-guided tour - photo op*
- * 7th. "LUNCH" Terrible Roadhouse Casino and Denny's Restaurant, AARP discount available (bring your cards)*
- * 8th. stop "Nelson, Nev. Ghost Mining Town and Lake Mohave River", tour the old buildings and gift shop, a great photo op location.*

Our next trip will be in the Spring and will be even better! Rich is currently planning it and we will make announcements on the Chip Board soon. There were many prizes and giveaways thanks to the generous donations made by Rick Lonski, Rich Burgel, Rich Klabacha, Chuck Gajewski, and Mike Spinetti.

Jerry Vergatos
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Atlantic City Casino Collectibles Club News

At the September meeting we had the usual suspects in attendance. Even though our guest speaker canceled, we still had a good meeting and trading session. President Marc Maahs supplied Dunkin Donuts and beverages. Doug Balduini received his plaque for Recruiter of the Year for the CCA. Our next meeting will be in November.



AC Meeting



Doug & Carla



Alls fun with the Blacks

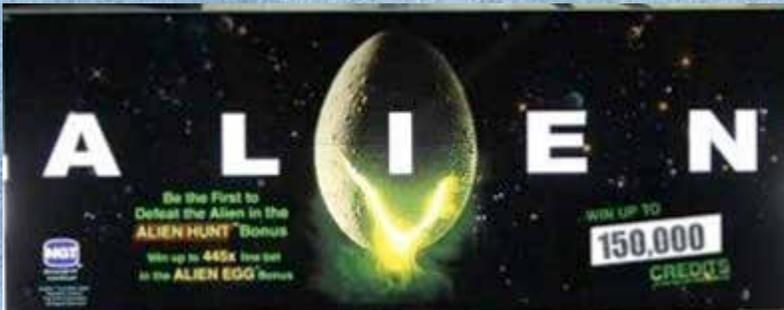


Aliens - I Want To Collect

By Steve Palumbo



One of the great things about casino collectibles is that there are so many different themes and items to collect. From dice, to chips, to swizzle sticks the list is almost endless. Even within the area of casino chip collectibles there is a huge amount of different themes. Some people collect \$1 chips and some \$5 chips. Others might collect all Las Vegas chips, or perhaps, Riverboat items. So, with a such a huge variety of themes available, one I'd like to recommend is **Alien Casino Chips**. This can even be expanded to include all Space related chips or even chips that have the word star in their name. However you'd like to collect them, Alien and Space related chips can be a great deal of fun. They also make for great displays and interesting conversation items.



The rise of Aliens as a part of our American culture really began to gain traction with Orson Welles's radio broadcast "The War of the Worlds", in 1938. The radio broadcast, which created anxious and even in some cases panicked reactions gave rise to a consciousness of possibly invading Martians.

This was followed by World War 2, the creation of the nuclear bomb and a brand new "Atomic Age" that gave rise to the space race between the United States and Russia. The Space Race caused many people to wonder if maybe we were not alone in the universe.



Everything Aliens really broke loose when in mid-1947 when it was reported that the military had recovered a crashed space ship and alien bodies at Roswell, New Mexico. Although it was later claimed that the crash was only a weather balloon, conspiracy theories still rage today. Roswell even has a UFO Festival.



The **Aliens** culture continued to grow with the rise of Area 51 and repeated claims that it concealed an alien space ship. Some even claim that there are live aliens at the base. Since Orson Welles's radio broadcast there have been a countless number of books, movies, songs and conspiracy theories regarding Little Green Men, attacking Martians, purple people eaters and aliens named Paul. **Alien** sightings, abductions and other "strange phenomenon" have run rampant in American culture.



It's even had it's impact on Las Vegas and the state of Nevada. Nevada now has the "Extraterrestrial Highway", State Highway 375. This has given rise to Alien Jerky, numerous Alien Gift shops and even the Alien Cathouse, a legal brothel.



The casinos in Las Vegas, and other places, kept pace with the **Alien** invasion with the creation of Alien themed slot machines and casino chips. This brings us back to the original purpose of this article. The collecting of Alien themed casino chips. There are a number of Alien and Space themed casino chips to be found. A great thing about collecting them is that most are relatively inexpensive and easy to find.



Some of my favorite chips include the \$100 Orbit Inn chip and the \$1, \$5 and \$25 alien chips from the Saddle West Casino in Pahrump, Nevada. Some other great chips are the Spacequest Casino chips from the Las Vegas Hilton. The Hilton also created some great Star Trek chips, although they are harder to find. Some nice and easily found **Alien** themed chips were done by the Four Queens, the Fiesta and Indian Springs Casino's. I also like some of the Harley Davidson chips featuring the "Space Coast" and "Las Cruces". Places like the Mar's Hotel also made some cool chips and they are fun to collect. The Mar's Hotel and Casino was also featured as the cover of a Grateful Dead album.



If you want to expand from **Alien** and Space themed casino chips there is some great slot machine glass out there. You can kind find Area 51, Aliens, Star Wars, Star Trek and other examples of alien/space related slot machine glass. Most of these glass items are very striking and make great displays.



Whether you stick to **Alien** casino chips or expand into outer space, slot glass or who know's what else you will find it a fun, entertaining, educational and relatively inexpensive hobby.

Have fun and try not to be abducted!!!



It's Back....

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This great contest is now in its third year and going strong. Last year we had a record number of entries. Now is the time to start thinking about getting with your favorite dealer to design that special chip.

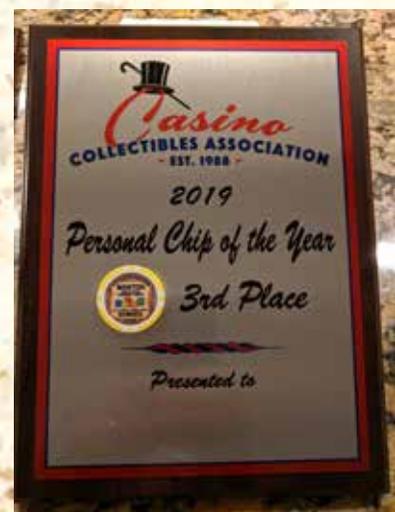
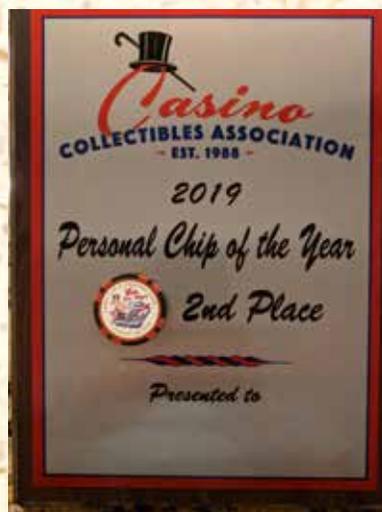
There have been some changes in the rules so that all can join in the fun!!

1. You don't have to be present to submit and win the contest at the convention. You can mail me your chips to me at the address below up to June 8, 2020. Submissions will be accepted at the convention up until Saturday 12 noon. Judging will commence at 2:pm
2. The entries are limited to three per person. If the chip is different on the reverse side you can submit up to 6 to show all sides when they are on display.
3. Chips and jetons are eligible. No plaques or tiles will be accepted.
4. All submissions become the property of the Museum of Gaming History and will eventually be placed on exhibit as needed.
5. Awards will be judged by three independent nonmembers of the club on the following categories: Graphics, Color and Originality.
6. Past personal chips will be allowed if they were not entered in previous years.
7. Awards will be presented at the award stage in the area of the Convention hall at 2:20 pm on Saturday

Good Luck to all!!!

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Here are the 2019 winners



THE LITTLE-KNOWN CASINO PIONEERS OF LAS VEGAS

By Brad Smith

CHAPTER TWO. PART I

THE RED ROOSTER - THE FIRST CASINO ON THE STRIP, AND HOW IT EVOLVED.

Among the acres of concrete, neon and glitter, it's hard to imagine how the famous Las Vegas Strip looked in the 1930s when it was just a dusty two-lane road a mere five miles from downtown. Contrary to popular fable, it wasn't Bugsy Siegel who first saw the potential here on what was then called Highway 91. There were several fascinating pioneers of the Las Vegas Strip that pre-dated him. This article is the second in a series that pays tribute to several little-known pioneering casino entrepreneurs, their visionary nature and the gambles they took that shaped the first 25 years of the "pre-Strip" growth of Las Vegas.

THE FIRST TWO DECADES SET THE STAGE.

In 1911, at virtually the same time Las Vegas was incorporated, Nevada became the last western state to outlaw gaming. Then eight years later, Nevada enacted a statewide alcohol prohibition (1919 -1923), which was followed by federal Prohibition (1920 -1933). But hey, why let a few laws stand in the way of prosperity? Despite these bans, Las Vegas remained the poster child of American entrepreneurship, growing in notoriety for tolerating both illegal gambling and the consumption of alcohol in local clubs.

Still, the bans were tapping the brakes on growth in Las Vegas. The negative impacts of a nationwide railroad strike in 1922 and the Recession of 1929 just added downward pressure. But serving up illegal alcohol and gambling in the Roaring Twenties prohibition era was a resilient business. Saloons closed and new ones opened, with enterprising owners looking for a business edge. Some of these owners were the true casino pioneers of The Strip, and eventually modern-day Las Vegas.

The Red Rooster



Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas

Alice Wilson “Ma” Morris was one of the first casino pioneers on The Strip. Despite the Recession, she opened the Red Rooster Nite Club on November 26, 1930. With the growing public mobility provided by the automobile, her “edge” was to strategically build her club a little over 5 miles west of downtown on Highway 91 (where the Mirage south entrance now stands, on Las Vegas Boulevard South at Spring Mountain Road). For the increasing number of motorists driving to town from California, the Red Rooster became the first stop before reaching the Las Vegas city limits. The one-story, Spanish Mission-style building may have looked conservative, but inside was a different story. It had a stage for a singer and orchestra, where popular jazz tunes were performed in front of a crowded, bustling dance floor. The restaurant was a big draw for hungry travelers pulling in from the dusty road, boasting chicken dinners for a buck. And the Red Rooster was a fun place to go, featuring attractions like all-girl bands, dance marathons and promotional stunts like a blindfolded race-car driver zooming in front of the club. The place almost immediately became a speakeasy- like many speakeasies in the Las Vegas Valley - serving beer and whiskey to fuel the party during Prohibition.



Just three months after the Red Rooster opened in February 1931, federal agents dropped in to order the club to stop selling alcohol, or risk being closed down. Temporarily, management complied.

GAMBLING LEGALIZED IN NEVADA.

The following month, in March of 1931, Nevada passed legislation legalizing gambling. Taking just weeks to seize upon the opportunity, Ma Morris became the very first recipient of a gaming license in Clark County, Nevada, on April 1, 1931. The new Las Vegas Gaming Board permitted the club to operate one blackjack table and three slot machines – the first in Las Vegas.

Gambling wasn't Ma Morris' area of expertise, and she struck a deal with another Las Vegas pioneer and new arrival in town, Morris Goldie. He took care of running the gambling, and they shared the profits. This pioneering move of farming out the gambling operation of a casino to independent contractors would become a common practice. One of Las Vegas' more colorful historic figures, “Moe” Goldie was one of the first shady characters to bring his gaming experience to Las Vegas. He had been a big underworld player in Southern California, where he operated games of chance in plush L.A. nightclubs in the 1920s.

FIRST IN, FIRST OUT.

Gambling was now legal, but booze wasn't. Unfortunately, the Feds returned to the Red Rooster. On May 18, 1931, the first casino on the Strip to get a gaming license became the first casino in Las Vegas to lose its gaming license. Federal agents arrested Morris and her husband for selling booze and violating the federal prohibition law. The couple were found guilty, granted probation and made to pay a \$500 fine. The new gaming board formally revoked the Red Rooster's gambling license on July 7, 1931. The Las Vegas Strip's very first casino had lasted for less than 100 days.

Morris Goldie was not arrested for the liquor infraction, but when he applied to renew his gambling license in July, the county board turned him down. They cited his connection to a violation of liquor laws, and forbade Goldie to run the games at the Red Rooster. He took his skills and experience across town to another Las Vegas pioneer, Tony Cornero, at a new place called The Meadows. That's covered in Chapter Four.

Some sources claim the Red Rooster also farmed out the running of its gambling operation to Felix DeVere, who also ran games in other various clubs in the 1930s.



BOULDER DAM AND COLORADO RIVER FROM LOOKOUT POINT



Felix DeVere chips. Photos: nevadachips.com

THE DAM SHOT IN THE ARM.

In 1931, the same year the Red Rooster lost its gaming license, work began on the Boulder Dam just 33 miles south of Las Vegas. The population of the town soon swelled from around 5,000 citizens to over 25,000.

The following year, in November 1932, the Red Rooster announced a new opening under new management, lessee Bill Rathbum. According to an advertisement, they featured sandwiches of all kinds, steak and chicken deluxe dinners for \$1.00, and ravioli spaghetti dinners for \$.50. Blues singer Peggy Walsh was the headliner entertainment, and guests could dance to Jack Allen's music. In January 1933, the county granted the Red Rooster a "dance hall" license. After Prohibition was repealed later that year, the county agreed to grant Red Rooster a license to serve only beer.

But just as business was getting better, the club burned to the ground on July 8, 1933. The fire was discovered just before noon by the cook when he came in the back door and discovered the attic above the kitchen in flames. Together with the club's lessee, they were able to remove some furniture and personal belongings. Thankfully, the building loss, estimated at \$25,000, was fully covered by insurance.

Funding secure, the building was rebuilt, and the Red Rooster reopened on the day before New Year's Eve in 1933, this time under the management of Alice Wilson "Ma" Morris once again, along with partner Ben Chaplin. The grand reopening featured turkey, steak and chicken dinners, with entertainment by Peggy Walsh and Babe Anderson.



Photo: Nevada Life, June 1946

On April 20, 1937, John R. Golding purchased a half interest in the Red Rooster. The Red Rooster remained popular as a night club throughout the 1930s and during World War II.

To be continued....

Look for Part II of this Chapter in the Spring issue

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Casino Table Layouts

(how they were made)

By Rich Burgel

The Nevada Layout Company was located at the corner of Bonanza Rd. & N. Main St. here in Las Vegas, Nev.. Art Gramble was the owner and supplied handmade beautiful felt cloth table layouts. Wendy Rock, the long time manager of Gamblers General Store on Main St. worked with her mother as young girl making these handmade layouts. If you have ever seen a colorful roulette layout with lacquered painted numbers and heavy felt green cloth, then you have seen the precision and hand painted work that goes into the manufacturing process. Nevada Layout was a pioneer in the gaming supply business ... later silk screening and modern technics took over the manufacturing process The company delivery station wagon was painted with colorful casino chips & dice to advertise Nevada Layout Co.. Now long closed, but the building still survives ... thanks for reading my story

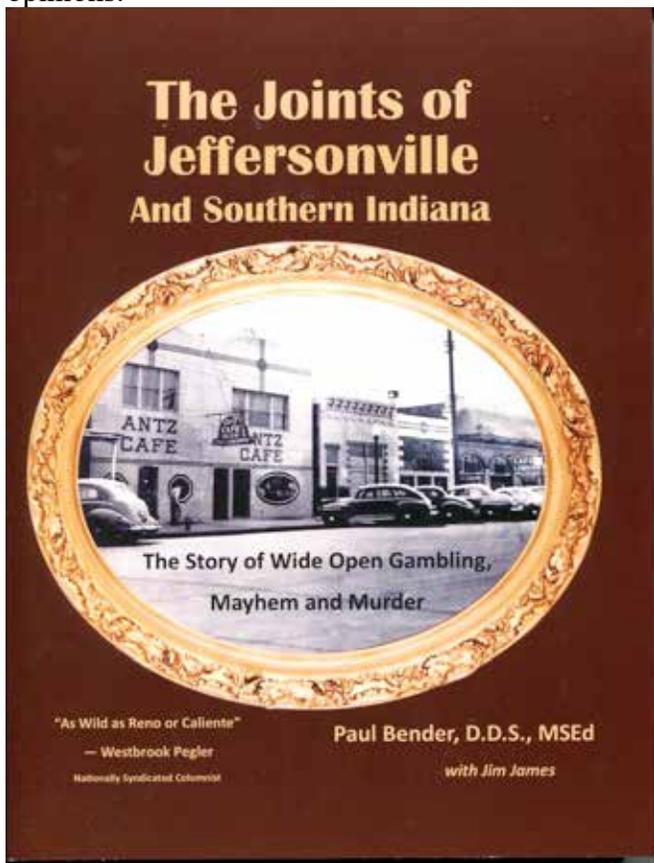


KNAPP ON BOOKS

Michael Knapp

I must have books in order to review them, so if you're an author, let me know by sending me an e-mail at ChipProf@aol.com to arrange for a review copy.

As with all reviews, this column contains my opinions.



THE JOINTS OF JEFFERSONVILLE AND SOUTHERN INDIANA (2019) by Paul Bender

For some years, those of us who know Paul Bender have been urging him to finish his book on Jeffersonville, IN, and here it is! It's meticulously researched, from publicly available information, old newspaper files and personal interviews with people from the area, many of them now-grown children of the people who ran the clubs from the 1930s to the 1950s. Profusely illustrated, Paul's book will be a major addition to any chip collector's reference library.

Jeffersonville sits across the Ohio River from Louisville, KY, and was for many years the "resort" haven for that city. One of the earliest to open was Jeffersonville Springs, a hotel with hot spring spas, a restaurant and, of course, gambling. It opened in the

early 1800s, and shut down in 1852 when it was purchased by the local Methodist Church. The building finally burned down in 1857.

The 1920s and 1930s was the era of roadhouses and restaurants, many with gambling: dice tables, slot machines, 21 and poker tables, and what raids there were often resulted in more liquor charges than gambling. The late 1930s saw the same kind of reform movements and gambling raids that were common throughout the country.

Early joints of the era were the Black Diamond, The Pines, and the Log Cabin. Bender illustrates his discussion of the Log Cabin with gaffed and loaded dice used to fleece gamblers, more often from out of town than locals.

One of the oldest operating places was the Antz Cafe, built in 1910 at 117 Court Avenue in Jeffersonville, which eventually used "117 Court" chips. The opening of the Army Ammunition Plant nearby during World War II resulted in increased patronage at bars and gambling clubs in the area.

In 1939 the second floor of the Antz was the site of the "Little Greyhound" club, which used chips inscribed "Little Greyhound" and "G." The original Greyhound Club, outside Jeffersonville proper, was open from 1932-1934 across from a major dog racing track, and was replaced by Club Greyhound from 1934-1939.

The Antz Cafe was bombed in 1946, but the Little Greyhound continued in business until 1949, when a major reform movement resulted in raids on many other Jeffersonville area joints. A major robbery of Duley's 121 Club resulted in the death of one police officer and the wounding of another as well as the robbery of a 121 Club employee outside a bank in Jeffersonville in 1947 gave impetus to the reform movement which shut down most of the clubs.

Bender provides the history of many of those clubs, such as the 119 Club, the 121 Club, 123 Club (Court Cafe), 125 Club, Indiana Club, Turf Club (open only for a few months in 1938), the Shady Terrace Club and others.

Extensive chapters on the Municipal Bar, gaffed and loaded dice are followed by a complete list of known chips of Jeffersonville. There are some surprises!

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by Ed Hertel



February 1, 1938, seemed like any other typical Tuesday evening at the Blue Ribbon Tavern in Illinois' East Alton. A table of jurors on break from the neighboring courthouse were enjoying a drink and quick meal, while another table hosted a group of locals playing cards while sipping on a few beers. The two bartenders were attending the patrons at the counter and didn't notice when a short, middle aged housewife walked through the front door. She stood motionless for a few moments, scanning the room quietly.

One of the bartenders spotted the woman and asked, "Can I help you ma'am?"

The little lady, spotting the slot machines on the back wall, pointed and asked, "Is it all right to break 'em up?"

Confused, the bartender looked at the slot machines, then to the lady, then back to the machines. Shaking his head, he answered quietly, "You can't do it here."

By now, the other patrons were beginning to take notice of the odd exchange and all watched in silence. For some, the scene was reminiscent of something that had been in the newspapers recently.

"Oh, come on." She persisted. "Can't I break 'em up?"

Before the bartender could answer, the woman reached into her coat, withdrew a small hand ax and rushed to the back of the tavern. In a flash, she started hacking down on one of the slot machines, transforming the once serene setting into a symphony of breaking glass and metal.

After giving the first machine a good ten whacks, she turned toward the second, but was stopped when the bartender forcefully wrestled the ax from her grip. At this point, the tavern was a buzz with both excitement and fear.

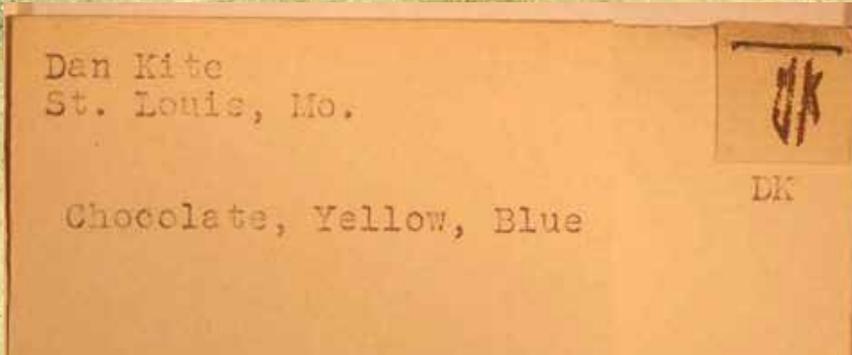
All who witnessed the attack were now in total agreement. This was no random act of violence against a slot machine. This was an attack in the war waged by the famous Irene Kite.

The story of Irene Kite is not well known today, but for a few months at the beginning of 1938, there was not a newspaper in North America that didn't run a story about the "Carrie Nation of Slot Machines".

Irene's story was not the typical run-of-the-mill crusader against vice type. She was not a victim of crime, or had any ill feelings towards it. She had been a gambler her entire life, even saying "My first husband almost divorced me for losing the grocery money so often." Her wild life did ultimately end her first marriage, as well as a second. On the third attempt, Irene found a kindred spirit in a local hustler named Dan Kite. With a reputation for bootlegging and gambling, and a wrap sheet to match, Dan and Irene seemed the perfect pair.

Dan was what they called an independent hustler – eschewing the local "syndicates" and choosing instead to be his own man. Although this meant he wasn't beholden to a boss, he was exposed to the dangers of being outside the syndicate's protection from both other criminals and law enforcement. One way Dan tried to mitigate these threats was by moving his operations out of his large and

dangerous hometown of St. Louis, Missouri, over the river to small town Alton, Illinois.



Undated, sparse Mason & Co. record for "DK" chips ordered for Dan Kite, presumably to be used in his Alton, Illinois, dice club.

It was in downtown Alton at 411 Belle Street that Dan opened his small dice game. At first it seemed the quiet life in Alton suited the Pike's just fine, but it didn't take long for the problems to start to mount. It started in mid-1937 with a visit from the local gambling syndicate who "suggested" that Dan should install a couple of their slot machines in his club. He politely declined.

Within days, police started tapping on the door of the Belle Street club, "suggesting" Dan should close up. Officially, the city was involved in a cleanup. Unofficially, clubs without the syndicate's seal of approval were the only ones being shut down. Dan had no choice but to close the club, and with it, the Kite's only source of income.

While Dan hit the town looking for other hustles, Irene Kite went to find some answers. Even the most surface search of open Alton clubs showed that many still harbored illegal gambling of all kinds, including craps games and slots machines. It was obvious to her that the city's cleanup had been targeted and prejudicial, and she wasn't going to be kept silent.

Her first stop was the county courthouse where she met with a county official to register a complaint. After explaining the situation and naming all the clubs that still had gambling, she was startled to find that not only would the county not act on her complaint, but if she kept it up her husband would be arrested for vagrancy.

But Irene Kite was not to be silenced so easily. If the officials wouldn't listen to her, she would need to

find a louder voice. What she did next would start a buzz that would reverberate louder than any official complaint. Irene was about to go full out fanatic-mode.

Nobody could have been prepared for what happened on December 20, 1937. Life in the small town of Alton went from quiet to all out bizarre when Irene Kite unleashed her fury on the local taverns and clubs. Equipped with determination, the element of surprise, and a hand ax, she set about destroying as many slot machines as she could. The tavern employees were surprised, and perhaps a bit scared, of the little lady swinging her ax. Before they knew what had happened, she was out the door and on her way to the next tavern. Before long, she had visited seven establishments and laid to waste fourteen illegal slot machines.

By this time, the police had been alerted, although even they were a little confused as to what was happening. As Irene left the last tavern, she spotted a police car pulling up to the curb and walked over to it. She asked, "Are you looking for me?" Puzzled why indeed they were there, Irene held up her ax and said, "Well I got as many as I could!"

With that, Irene was arrested and locked up for the night. Her rampage was halted, at least for the moment.

As Irene sat in jail, refusing to accept bond, the rumor mill was working overtime. Stories of the ax-wielding, slot machine destroying woman were spreading all over town. Tavern owners who had been victim to Irene's wrath were asked for information, but all declined to talk. Yes, their machines had been destroyed, but they were illegal machines. If they talked or registered a complaint, they were admitting to harboring illegal equipment. Best to just let it go and hope this whole thing blows over.

But that wouldn't be the case. With no registered complaints, Irene Kite was released the next morning and drove straight to the newspaper offices where she told her story. That day, newspapers hailing Irene as the "Carrie Nation of Slot Machines" were all over town.

Carrie Nation's name registered more with people in the 1930s since Prohibition had been so prevalent in their lives. She had been a turn-of-the-century advocate of women's rights and alcohol temperance before the country went into Prohibition. Her claim to fame was ambushing taverns by swinging her trusty hatchet at booze bottles and furniture, all the while garnering publicity for her cause.

Now, Irene Kite was being compared to a modern day Carrie Nation, but not everyone was on-board with the comparison. For starters, Irene was completely forthcoming about her reasons for attacking the slot machines. Unlike Nation's stance against an immoral impropriety, Irene Kite's motivations were strictly selfish. She was not against gambling, but acting out of anger because others were allowed to gamble and her husband wasn't.

The media however couldn't let a little thing like selfish motivations get in the way of a good story. A little woman going around town smashing slot machines with an ax was just too good a story not to exploit. So chips from different southern jurisdictions were used to tell the story of Irene Kite and her ax. She was a sensation!

The month of January might as well have been the month of Irene. Not a day went by that she wasn't giving an interview, or posing for pictures with her trusty ax. Through it all, her story never varied – she wanted to end gambling in southern Illinois simply because she couldn't be a part of it.

After a few week of relative quiet, Irene found a reason to wake up both her cause and her trusted ax. In an interview by East Alton's Mayor Van Preter, he was asked about Irene's accusations of rampant illegal gambling in his town. His words were direct, "It's a lotta baloney."

In asking for a response, Irene said it was time for another show of force.

This declaration to action however would be a major mistake. In her original raids, she had the



element of surprise, giving her a chance to attack the taverns before they even knew what hit them. Now, it had been a month of non-stop news coverage, complete with pictures and declarations of war. There would be no sneaking into taverns this time.

On the afternoon of February 2, 1938, Irene set off for her second run at justice. This time she was accompanied by a friend named Clarence Madrey, fellow anti-gambling enthusiast, to be her driver, giving her quick strike ability.

The two pulled up to the Blue Ribbon Tavern where Irene started her new campaign by politely asking if she could destroy the slot machines in the back. In front of

witnesses, including the table full of jurors, she wrecked one machine before the bartender stopped her from getting to the second.

Now cornered from doing any more damage, Irene bolted from the tavern and ran across the street to the Yoder's Tavern where she knew more machines were housed. As she approached the door, a quick thinking bartender lunged forward and managed to snap the lock. Irene pounded on the glass, screaming, but stopped short of pulling out her ax. She knew that damaging more than the illegal gambling machines would get her in trouble.



Examples of area chips:
 Top: Domino's (Alton), "JBI" Club Alamo (Alton)
 Bottom: "H.P.C." & "J.P.C." – Hyde Park Club (Venice);
 "VB" – Main St Cigar (Edwardsville)

Her latest deployment was not going so smoothly, and unfortunately for all involved, it was about to get much worse.

Knowing the entire town of Alton was now compromised, Irene flagged down Clarence and the two of them sped off towards neighboring Edwardsville. There was no lack of slot machines in southern Illinois, and Irene was not about to be stopped now.

As the car pulled into town, Irene jumped out in front of Louis Vanzo's Place and rushed in to find a bank of slot machines aligning the back wall. This time there would be no asking of permission, she just started hammering away. Within seconds she was swarmed by patrons and employees who disarmed her and threw her to the ground. Outside, Clarence Madrey witnessed the treatment and rushed in to help, only to find himself outnumbered and outmuscled. Irene was luckily enough to only be held back, but poor Clarence took a beating, leaving him bruised and injured.

Irene was led out the door, followed closely by Clarence being dragged to the curb. What had started as a publicity stunt had now gone completely wrong. Irene helped Clarence into the car and drove them back to Alton. The night had been a disaster.

In one day, the mood of the campaign had been decisively changed. What had started as a feel-good story about a little lady do-gooder was now a tale of violence and threats. Unfortunately for Irene, the people she was fighting had much more power than she did, and they wanted this war to end.

County officials went through the law books and "reinterpreted" the definition of private property. At first glance, it didn't seem like illegal slot machines would qualify, but what about when they weren't being used? Does the future potential for being illegal make them illegal now?

With this logic, county officials deemed slot machines private property, and Irene smashing

them could now be seen as a criminal offense. She was arrested and put in jail.

Irene refused all efforts to bail her out, instead opting to sit in jail to garner both sympathy and publicity. Outside, the public was clearly divided on how they felt. On the one hand, Irene's cause, although motivated by self-interest, was bringing to light a problem many citizens wanted cleaned up. On the other hand, not only is property being destroyed, but people are now getting hurt. A local dialog about the ends justifying the means was ongoing.

There is no better example of this moral conflict than when fifteen Protestant ministers took time out of their sermons to deliver resolutions from their pulpits which praised the feats of Alton's "lady with an ax." The next morning, an opinion piece in the local paper outlined what many in the town were thinking. The writer says, "On the surface the deeds of Mrs. Irene Kite might appear faintly admirable [...

but] Mrs. Kite goes around smashing slot machines because her gambler husband is not allowed to operate his own dice game. If Mr. Kite can't be in on the Alton gambling racket, then as long as she can swing an ax no one else shall be." Calling out the ministers... "Maybe the ministers justify their praise under the reasoning that any tool is righteous in a good cause" but concludes with, "It would be more understandable if they would influence their congregations to clean up Alton's vice situation for more admirable motives."

No doubt about it, the good citizens liked the action, but couldn't get behind the instrument. If Irene Kite was going to continue being the focus of this anti-gambling cause, it was time for a major makeover.

When Irene came out to her holding cell, she started a public relations transformation that she hoped would garner her more sympathy. For starters, she became a member, and soon spokesperson, for the local Better Law Enforcement League. Her job, officially, was to report on illegal



HITS A JACKPOT!

Mrs. Irene Kite, borrowing the hatchet-wielding methods of Carrie Nation, renews her one-woman war against slot machines in Alton, Ill. You can see her going into action against a "one-armed bandit."

gambling activity for the lobbying group. Unofficially, she was a name that would get them publicity.

It was also around this time that she seemed to have a change of heart about her motivations. In a matter of one day, she went from saying one thing, to something else entirely:

Feb 2, 1938 – “I’m an honest gambler who doesn’t like to be taken for a ride.” When the syndicate made her husband close shop, “That made me mad. Just because he was on the wrong side, they made him quit. Well, I said if Daniel can’t, nobody else can.”

Feb 3 (the next day) - Irene said, “her motives have been misinterpreted. She denied she was seeking revenge [... and] her purpose, she said, is to stamp out the crookedness and crime that is associated with gambling.”

It’s no coincidence that this about-face in motive coincided with a photo shoot at Irene’s home. Gone were the photos of her holding an ax. Now, the newspapers ran images of Irene in an apron; baking, dusting or coyly smiling while knitting. The days of a rough gambler’s wife were in the past. Irene Kite was now one of the masses, just another housewife



who wanted something better for her family. At least that was what she was attempting to portray.

But, as Irene was settling into her new life as a role-model for the morally righteous, she found herself embroiled in a scandal that would prove to be too much for her to return from. The papers called it a “crime against nature” and unfortunately for Irene, she would find herself in the middle of it.

It started with an elderly post office worker named William McNeil who was accused for having an affair

with another man. According to him, when the secret was revealed, Irene Kite, her husband Dan and the Kite’s associate William Williams all conspired to extort Mr. McNeil for \$300 in exchange for their silence. Instead, he went to the police, creating a media sensation unlike the small town had ever seen. News of the same-sex scandal trial was huge. The courtroom was packed and spectators were afraid to leave their seats for fear someone would take their spot. Media attention was constant, although somewhat lacking in detail – “The morning session had been marked by testimony that is unprintable, but the afternoon was to be worse.” When asked to describe the action between the two men “women in the courtroom gasped.”

It was a media sensation, and unfortunately for Irene, there is indeed such a thing as bad publicity. As she took the stand, her reputation was immediately under attack. They quizzed her about her rough childhood in correctional schools and her multiple failed marriages. Her history with gambling was on full display and eventually the image of the mousy housewife was all but washed away.

In the end, Irene was found not guilty of the extortion crime. What part she played couldn’t be proven one way or another, but the damage was definitely done. Finding supporters for a woman whose questionable morals were now laid out fully would be impossible. There would be no reinventing herself from this.

It had only been four short months between Irene smashing her first slot machine and her lost fame. Within days, news of Irene had stopped all together. Her fame was intense, but ultimately fleeting.

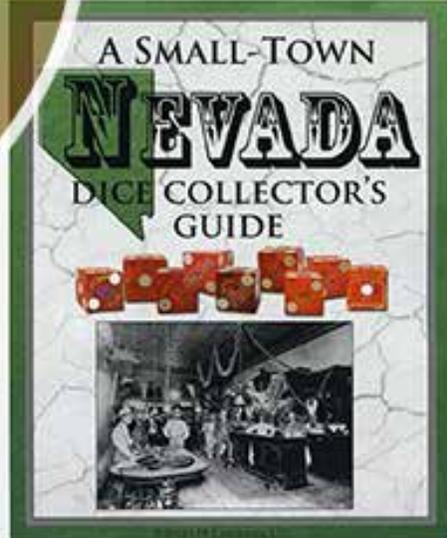
Irene’s story would pop up on occasion, usually in those “Remember when” pieces on big year anniversaries.

When her husband died in 1953, his obituary opened with, “Dan Kite, husband of Irene Kite smasher of slot machines in Alton taverns some years back...”.

I will assume Irene will go back into obscurity now until the year 2038 when the papers will memorialize the “100th anniversary of the Ax Wielding Lady of Alton”.

Until then, good night Irene.

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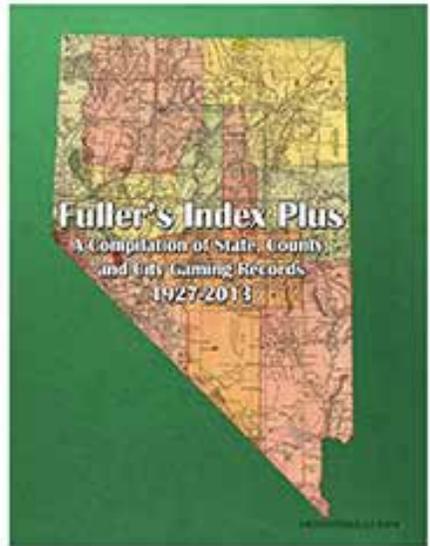


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The Casino Passport

Granting you access to casinos around the world!

by Erik Dauplaise #R-8053



If you find yourself on the S.S. Minnow, or better yet Norwegian's newest ship the NCL Bliss, you might be lucky enough to visit Nassau in the Bahamas.

It is a 10 minute cab ride from the cruise ship docks to Atlantis Paradise Island.

This ocean-themed resort in the Bahamas features a variety of accommodations built around Aquaventure, a 154-acre waterscape, which includes fresh and saltwater lagoons, pools, marine habitats, water slides and river rides.

ITS STORY

Opened in 1968 the property was originally part of the Paradise Island Hotel and Casino. It was owned by Resorts International, a Merv Griffin company.

In 1994, Sol Kerzner purchased it from Merv Griffin. This once-popular jet-set playground on Paradise Island had seen better days. Struck by the beauty of the location, on a lush tropical island with a pristine two-mile white sand beach, Kerzner vowed to build the most engaging and astounding resort the world had ever seen.

The property's name was changed to Atlantis when 1,200 room The Royal Towers was built.

From 1994 to 1998, Sol Kerzner created the mythical city of Atlantis from the ground up. More than \$800 million was spent to bring to life the myth and legend of the lost city of Atlantis. It would have the world's largest open-air marine environment of 11 million gallons, home to 50,000 sea creatures representing 200 species. For the visitors the plans included a spectacular Mayan Temple Waterslide complex, 6 swimming areas and a marina. Following a decade of success, Atlantis, Paradise Island continued its growth as Kerzner International embarked on a third phase of development with its approximately \$1 billion expansion in 2007.

Currently, the property is owned by Brookfield Asset Management and operated by Brookfield Hospitality.



... that the Chip Guide has 2239 unidentified chips?

scans from Tim Harry, Michael Moore and AJ Giametta

See Chips For

**Do you have a collectible that is not on the Chip Guide?
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... that the Chip Guide has listings for 222 locations with the word "palace" in their names?

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

"Palm Trees Swaying In The Breeze"

by Dick Bartley, LM-5316-201

Let me begin by saying that I think you're going to be amazed at the sheer number of casino chips and poker chips which feature palm trees as an element in their design. And not just from Florida and the Caribbean, where palm trees are a part of the everyday visual landscape - there are chips in this article from California, Washington, Michigan, the Far East, Asia, Africa, Ireland, England, the Mediterranean, and of course, Nevada.

As depicted in casino chip inlays, palm trees are a symbol of laid-back vacations and holiday good times - of warm weather, sunshine, gentle breezes, crystal blue water, white sand beaches, and a cool drink in your hand! And I suppose they're also meant to convey the promise of good luck at the gaming tables. These are strictly \$1 chips - imagine how many more there would be if other denominations were included!

Let's start with the Caribbean, the natural environment of the palm tree...





Florida and cruise ship chips are next...:



Plenty of palm trees in California...



Nevada has its share of palm trees as well...



Washington has a surprising number of palm trees on chips...





On the international casino chip scene...





And we'll wrap it up with a selection of small club and private game chips...



Here are some late addition chips:



Blast from the Past...

Introducing the first three members of the CC& GTCC Hall of Fame Archie Black, Howdy Herz & Dale Seymour



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Attention all Club Members

Starting in the October edition of the **CCA newsletter** we will be offering you the opportunity to post your business card in a new section of the CCA newsletter Free of Charge. Your card will be posted as long as you are active member of the club.

If you are not a member you can join our club and have your card posted. Contact Roy Nelson at rnelsonlv@yahoo.com for more details

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

Jerry Vergatos
CCA Newsletter
Content Editor



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 17 X 20 on medium weight paper with a matte finish, suitable for framing.

The Posters are still available

They can be ordered for \$14.99 to include shipping

All proceeds will go to the Museum of Gaming History.

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The project would not have been possible without the efforts of Jim Whobrey, Todd Barrett, Jim Follis and Chuck Gajewski. Thank You for your efforts

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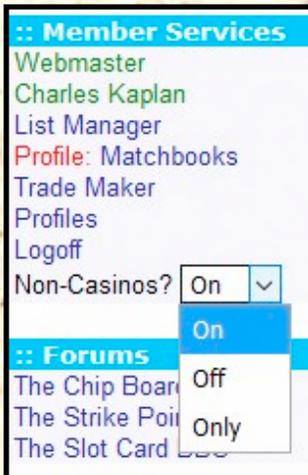
My ChipGuide

By Charles Kaplan, LM-115-48

President Abraham Lincoln was known to say “You can please some of the people all of the time, you can please all of the people some of the time, but you can’t please all of the people all of the time”. While that is true, the ChipGuide has done many things to make it customizable so that it can please as many collectors as possible. The ChipGuide’s policy is to allow items to be listed if they are:

- Casino and Poker Chips, regardless of how or where they were used
- Items used as money in a casino - chips, tokens, TITO's, jetons, plaques, etc.
- Gaming equipment from a casino - dice, playing cards, slot cards, etc.
- Collectible items from a casino with casino name, picture or logo - ashtrays, postcards, etc

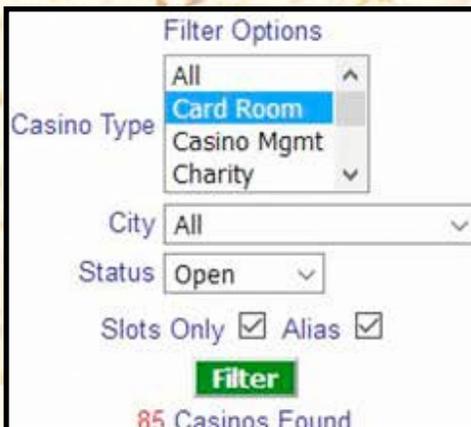
Most collectors focus their collections in one or a few areas. For example: Limited Edition chips from Las Vegas, playing cards, ashtrays, Harley-Davidson chips, \$1 chips from anywhere and so on. The ChipGuide can be customized so that each collector can pretty much see only what they want to by hiding the stuff that they don’t want to see. This article will focus on several of the ways that the ChipGuide can be customized to please as many collectors as possible.



The **Member Services** area appears on most of the pages of the ChipGuide. There is dropdown field called “**Non-Casinos?**” that allows collectors to select how non-casinos are shown. Non-casinos are organizations that use chips, but are not casinos. Examples are fraternal organizations, casino training schools, personal chips and organizations that issue chips for advertising. Many collectors are not interested in non-casino chips and they should select OFF, so that they won’t see them when they are looking at a page of casinos in a state. This setting will be remembered every time you visit the ChipGuide.

Settings

- On – Show non-casinos (default)
- Off – Don’t show non-casinos
- Only – Only show non-casinos



At the top right side of each State page, listing all the casinos in the state, is the **Filter Options** box, that allows collectors to filter casinos by **Casino Type, City, Status, Slots Only and Alias**. In the example on the left, I filtered out everything except for **Card Rooms** that are currently **Open**. Casino Type allows for multiple selections, so you can select both Card Rooms and Charity casinos. After making your selections, press the green FILTER button. These options have to be set each time you visit a State page. By default, there is no filtering, you have to select which filters you want to use to focus in and get the casino listings that you want to see.

Some of the casinos have 100's of items making the pages very long, which might take a while to load. To reduce the size of casino pages, an option was added to allow categories on the ChipGuide to be Collapsed and Expanded.

Here is the Alamo Casino of Las Vegas, Nevada page with all the categories Collapsed.

| <h2>Alamo Casino</h2> | | |
|---|---|--|
|  |  | Was: Auto Truck Plaza 8050 Dean Martin Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89139 Type: Land Based 702-361-1176 Status: Open Open: 6/6/2011 Link to Website Updates |
| Las Vegas Travel Center #108 | | |
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| [-] Collapse All | Return to Nevada | Expand All [+] |
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| [+] Ticket In Ticket Outs (1) [QuickView] | | |
| [+] Players Club (Slot) Cards (4) [QuickView] | | |
| Total Items (8) | | |

Here is the same page after clicking on the green "+" sign to Expand Ticket In Ticket Outs.

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| [+] Players Club (Slot) Cards (4) [QuickView] | | |
| Total Items (8) | | |

The ChipGuide has a **PROFILE** option that allows you to select the way that the various categories are shown when viewing the items in a casino. Profiles are only available to ChipGuide members, logon is required to use the Profile option. There are over 40 categories of collectible items on the ChipGuide, from Chips to Ashtrays. Using Profiles you can customize how each category is shown:

| Option | Explanation |
|----------------|---|
| Show Expanded | (All items in the category are shown (default |
| Show Collapsed | Only the category heading shows, click "+" to Expand the category |
| Do Not Show | The category is not shown at all |

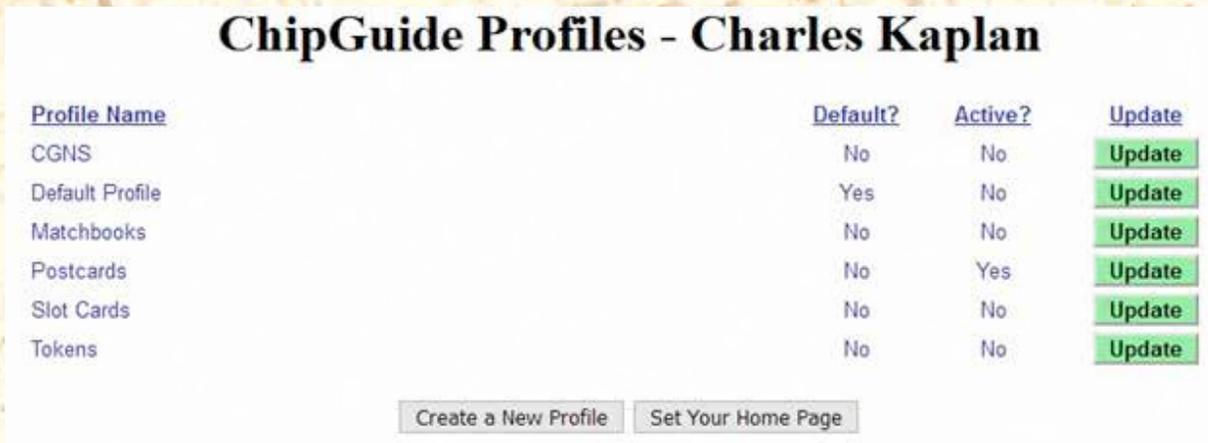
As an example, let's say that you only collect casino postcards. You can set up a profile, called **Postcards** where all the categories are set to **Do Not Show**, except for **Postcards** which is set to **Show Expanded**. When you activate the Postcard profile, only Postcards will be shown. You can setup as many profiles as you like. A default profile is automatically setup for everyone, where every category is set to **Show Expanded**.

Here is how you get started using **Profiles**.



In the Member Services box, after logging on, note the two items circled in **RED**. "**Profile: Postcards**" says that you are currently using the **Postcards** profile. "**Profiles**" is a link to the Profile Manager where you create new profiles, update profiles and select which profile to use.

This is what you get when you click on **Profiles** to go to the Profile Manager.



| Profile Name | Default? | Active? | Update |
|-----------------|----------|---------|------------------------|
| CGNS | No | No | Update |
| Default Profile | Yes | No | Update |
| Matchbooks | No | No | Update |
| Postcards | No | Yes | Update |
| Slot Cards | No | No | Update |
| Tokens | No | No | Update |

[Create a New Profile](#)
[Set Your Home Page](#)

I have set up several Profiles. The **Default Profile** is the profile that was automatically setup by the ChipGuide and is used whenever I logon. The **Postcards** profile is the profile that is currently in use. When you click on the green **Update** button, you are brought to the **Profile Editor** where you can select how each category is shown. To create a new profile, click on the **Create a New Profile** button at the bottom. Here, I clicked the **Update** button for the **Default Profile**.

Charles Kaplan ChipGuide Profile Update

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Profile Name | <input type="text" value="Default Profile"/> |
| Chips | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| Chips - Older Currency | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| Faro Chips | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| Generic Chips | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| Limited Edition Chips | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| Manufacturer Sample Chips | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| No Cash Value Chips | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| Tournament Chips | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| Roulette Chips | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| Fake Chips | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| Fantasy Chips | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| Odds & Ends Chips | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| Jetons | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| Poker Chips | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| Advertising Chips | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| Movie Prop Chips | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| Jetons - Older Currency | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| Plaques | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| Plaques - Older Currency | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| Ivory and Bone Chips | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| Mother of Pearls | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| Slot Tokens | <input type="button" value="Show Collapsed"/> ▾ |
| Tokens - Other | <input type="button" value="Show Collapsed"/> ▾ |

| | |
|-------|--|
| Chips | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> ▾ |
| | <input type="button" value="Do Not Show"/> |
| | <input type="button" value="Show Collapsed"/> |
| | <input type="button" value="Show Expanded"/> |

My default profile is set to let me see all chips in Expanded mode and everything else in Collapsed mode. I can't show all the categories because they just won't fit on a page. The insert, circled in **RED**, lists the viewing options for each category. Using **Profiles**, you can customize the ChipGuide to show only categories that you collect. For my **Postcard** profile, every category is set to **Do Not Show**, except for **Postcards**, which is set to **Show Expanded**.

These is a special Profile that you can create called CGNS, for the **ChipGuide News Service**. When you subscribe to the CGNS, the ChipGuide will send you daily email listing all the updates and new items that were added to the ChipGuide from the previous day. When you create a CGNS profile, CGNS will use the profile to filter out any categories that you don't want to see on the daily email.

Twice Told Tall Tales - The Color Blurple

By John K. Kallman – LM112-112



With apologies to the film with a similar sounding name, but I could not resist the pun, especially when it is a very bad one.....

If you are a chip collector, which many members are, one of the many aspects that presents a continuing problem is that of color. The color of a chip often determines if it is a reissue of an existing chip, or indication that the manufacture changed, or that the chip has been improperly stored, or perhaps it was made such that over time and use, the color fades.

Each individual era of chip collecting also has its problems as well. Most notably, the era of illegal chips is difficult to determine both where and when an item was used. But, by their very nature, they were meant to be so. However, from what few records that are currently available, both from manufacture records as well as the sales catalogs of that era; the colors were your basic primary colors: red, white, blue, green, black and yellow. Sometimes, things got a little exotic and there would be at times mustard color chips!

But, as many do it your selfers know, if you are going to do some painting, you just can not purchase a can of plain white paint. It appears that there is no such thing. Each company and brand that makes and sells paint has its own name and hue. And if you do not purchase enough to finish the job the first time with perhaps a little left over for touch up, the likelihood that you can match both the color, hue, and finish some time later, is some where between slim and none – with none usually winning the contest.

As gambling spread, the number of companies providing chips did so as well. And they soon started following the same path that paint companies did – coming up with “unique” names for slight variations of regular colors. In this manner, if you ordered the same design from another company, it would still look almost, but not quite the same.

Added to the problem is not too many of us have the same vision or color registration that others do. And, for meat and potatoes people like me, what the heck is “mauve” or “fuchsia”? Even when we agree on what to call a color when we see it, reproducing it accurately using today’s technology proves yet another obstacle to overcome. Scanners, screens, printers, paper, and editing software all contribute to the problem of displaying an item the same as it appears in one’s hand.

Thankfully, some manufactures of chips created them with the name of the color included on the chip itself.

Even then, sometimes the “shade” of the color would change over time as the mixture was changed or the basic ingredients were altered as providers were changed.

I do not know if there have been any “new” colors invented over the last couple of decades or so, other than in the minds of the people who dream up the names of the colors being sold. One wonders what “name” was given to “fire engine red” before there were fire engines? Of course, now newer fire engines are what I call “puke green”, but I digress.....

It is almost enough to make one either fall off the wagon, or in some cases, climb back on again. So, here is a toast to those who collect such items and enjoy the chase.

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.

- Do you have a humorous casino story, collecting, or harvesting story?**
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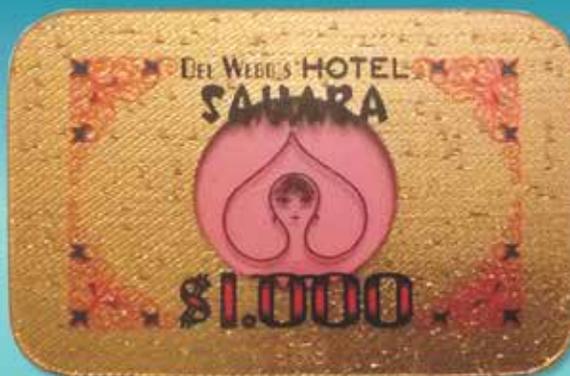
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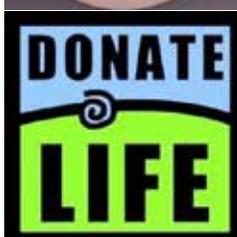
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Corrections from Fall 2019 Issue

Unfortunately, there were two major mistakes made in the Fall 2019 CCN issue. I did not paste up the second page of Erik Dauplaise's article on the Atlantis Casino in Nassau Bahamas. There was also a text box description that was lost during layout. I have included both now and I apologize for the mistakes.

Steve Miller Editor



Jim Steffner presenting Brenda Black her medal for becoming the newest member of the Hall of Fame.

CAN YOU SAY MASSIVE?

Calling Atlantis “big” is an understatement. It is comprised of six different resorts (~3800 rooms), has 20+ restaurants, the largest in the Caribbean, a 141 acre water park, private beaches, almost a dozen pools, a golf course and so much more. It took us almost 40 minutes to walk from one end of the resort to the other.

CAN YOU SAY IMPRESSIVE?

It would seem that no expense was spared while building the Royal Towers. The decor is a mix of Roman, Greek, Turkish and other ancient European/Asian architecture which creates the “Atlantian” style. The building is filled with water fountains, columns, staircases and ceiling art. This is mirrored outside with the numerous free-standing buildings that house restaurants, shops and other amenities for the visitors.

CAN YOU SAY FUN?

If you enjoy days at pool/beach, water parks, water activities, golfing, gambling, eating, shopping, and entertainment without ever leaving the resort then Atlantis Paradise might be the perfect vacation spot for you. Just remember to bring your wallet.



CASINO & COLLECTIBLES

The casino is in the main building. It takes up 50,000 square feet has 85 table games and 700 slot machines. I did not notice a high rollers area; I did notice a \$500 blackjack table right next to a \$25 table which seemed strange to me.

Situated on top of small temple-like structures (which are shops) inside the casino are large, impressive pieces of art created by glass sculptor Dale Chihuly, each insured for \$1 million apiece.



You will be able to collect the “usual stuff” at the casino: chips, player cards and TITOs.



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

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NEWS FROM THE SILVER STRIKERS CLUB

By Robb McPherson

The advantage to being the editor of two great clubs, is that i can report on club happenings from both clubs.

Shaun Webster, Slot Manager at the Four Queens Casino has managed to add more silver strike machines to the casino floor this year. There is now a total of 11 machines in the Four Queens, 9 of them are 1 line pay machines, 1 dispenses \$10 & \$40 Strikes and there is one 3 payline machine now .

The June 2019 Silver Strike Tournament saw a record number of players with 169 people. That is the maximum number that can sign up. It shows with the steady increase and the number of new machines that the Silver Strikes are a popular casino collectible. The June Tournament featured a Route 66 theme which is a very popular theme.

Keeping with the new surge in this part of the hobby, the Route 66 Casino in Albuquerque, New Mexico is now back on board the Silver Strike program. On July 11, 2019, 2 new generation Silver Strike machines were put in play at that casino. There was 4 new strikes put into these machines to be won. In October there was a coloured version of one of the original 4 strikes in a blue capsule added to the machines.



The January Silver Strike tournament is quickly approaching. Shaun Webster and his crew are preparing for another stellar turn out. The Silver Strike Club will also be holding its Annual General Meeting, Trade Sessions and a Club party during the tournament. I have included below the details for signing up for the tournament and the Silver Strikes that will be released for the tournament.

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Tournament maximum entries 168

Based on space availability. Prior reservations required. Package price is per person. Packages cannot be split. Tournament entry is non-transferable. Must be 21 years of age or older to enter. Offer may be modified at anytime. Tournament rules available at Welcome Party. Management reserves all rights.

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(Silver front and bronze back shown)



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

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ChipGuide Submission Form

Message: Enter information and press **SUBMIT**

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Submitter Email (optional)

Casino Name

Casino Type

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Submission Type

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If not apparent, describe the colors and other info needed to list the item

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

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|  | <p>CG019532 Obsolete</p> <p>Denom: \$1 Issued: 1970s Color: Blue Mold: House Inlay: R-White Logo: Pinwheel Catalog#: TCR# N2128 Contributed by: Justin Kelley</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="button" value="Updates"/></p> |
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In every casino and item information box, there is a blue UPDATES button. When pressed, it formats an email to send to a ChipGuide Administrator with information to improve information about the casino or item.

Casino Chip Scanning Tips

By Charles Kaplan, LM-115-148

Chip Preparation

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

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

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

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

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

Image Editing with PhotoScape (free and safe download from http://ckaplan.com/PhotoScape_V3.7.exe)

- 1) 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), 1st button on the left over “RESIZE”
 - b. If > 15° adjustment or image is tightly cropped, go to the “ROTATE” tab and click on “KEEP THE ORIGINAL SIZE”
 - c. Use the slide bar to align, focusing on a straight up or down line or symmetrical points
 - d. Click “OK” when done
- 3) 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, 2nd box from the left under the image, and make sure that width “w:” is equal to height “h:”, if not make adjustments by moving the anchor points
 - f. If anchor points are correctly at the top, bottom, left and right and width does not equal height, it is OK, as long as it is within 1%. If width=309, then length can be from 306 to 312
 - g. Click “CROP” to make the crop
- 4) 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. *Next meetings are 9/16/18, 11/18/18*

Chicagoland Casino Collectibles Club: ikcarkop@comcast.net; Riverboat Rick Pokracki; meetings are at various locations in the tri-state area.

Colorado Casino Collectibles Club: Ken Hallenbeck, treasurer, 711N Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-1007. kenhallenbeck@comcast.net. Meetings Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, and Nov. on the third Sunday of the month, 11 AM to 3 PM at the American Legion Post 21, 500 9th St. Golden, CO 80401

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

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

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

Slot Card & Room Keys: Dave Johnston, 350 E Desert Inn Rd D-205, Las Vegas, NV 89109; 702-351-8573

Southern California Collectibles Club: georged@mindspring.com; George Dmitrevsky; 818-384-7357; 3rd Monday at the Burbank Moose Lodge 1901 w. Burbank Blvd. Burbank, CA 91506

Southern Nevada Collectibles Club: Jerry Vergatos President 1981 Rockledge Dr. Las Vegas NV 89119; monthly meetings; Follow us on Facebook SNCCC. Membership dues \$12.00

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

CCA Mentoring Program

Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

The Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

Logo Usage Policy

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

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

Example



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

CCA Claims Form

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

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

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

The process will work as follows:

1. Fill out the form completely, sign and date it.
2. Forward it the Vice-President..
3. Vice-President will make an initial determination on the Claim.
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 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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