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The CCA Newsletter, in addition to publishing news and information about the CCA (which includes the Museum of Gaming History (MoGH)) also allows content regarding our partner organizations and their activities.

The Newsletter also publishes content about the casino collectibles hobby, which includes CCA member business cards, news from various casino collectible clubs (Local Clubs) and other outside content. In doing so, the CCA is simply providing information of possible interest to our members, and collectors in the hobby and does not specifically endorse or promote those entities. Some content is edited to be allowable in accordance with the CCA's 501 (c) (3), Not for Profit status.

EDITOR'S WELCOME



Welcome to this issue of the CCA Newsletter, which includes a special supplement of The CONVENTION Times.

This joint publication is loaded with lots of CCA news and plenty of pictures from our very successful 30th Annual

Convention at the South Point Hotel Casino and Spa.

Special thanks to Jim Steffner, this year's Convention Chairman, in making this year's event a memorable time for all! Thank you Jim, and thank you in advance for being the 2024 Convention Chairman.

Inside this issue we cover the Convention events with loads of pictures, as taken by our Official Photographers (Jim Whobrey and Chuck Gajewski) along with a few

images from others.

We have attempted to include captions that name the individuals in each photo, but there may be a few omissions or errors, for which we apologize up front.

The early Saturday morning Business Meeting, while well attended compared to past meetings, and is also presented herein, along with other CCA-related business matters.

As of press time the newly form Social Media Team has done some wonderful things as of late. Of special note is the posting of videos from past Conventions, and this year's Convention. I have linked to several of those videos, including the Business Meeting and all Educational Seminars.

This issue is long, we needed to cut the Members Business Card Section.

Jim Follis, CCA Newsletter Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...



By all measures, our 30th Annual Convention was a great success and stands a tribute to our Volunteers, Dealers, and attendees, as well

as our host facility, the South Point! We are set for Convention 31 in 2024, and are looking for suggestions and recommendations for a theme in 2024. Please feel free to contact any CCA Board Member or the 2024

Convention Chairman with a description of your idea(s). We are looking to set this early on, so now is the time.

I am please to note that Barry Sherwood has been announced to takeover as the CCA's Webmaster, as part of a newly created role to eventually manage all of the CCA's technology assets.

David Spragg
CCA President

On the Docket... Board Actions Through June 2023

Semi-Annual CCA Board Meeting: On Monday, 12 June, 2023, the CCA Board conducted a semi-annual Board Meeting at the South Point Hotel Casino Spa, in advance of the CCA's annual Convention and Business Meeting. The following was discussed:

Membership Dues Increase: The CCA Board discussed and proposed Dues increase of \$5 for Regular Memberships and an increase of \$2 for Associate memberships, beginning in January 2024. This increase is only the 2nd increase in 18 years.

Action: January 1st, 2024, these dues increases will be implemented, bringing Regular annual membership to \$40 and Associate annual membership to \$7.

Foreign Shipping Rate Increase: Shipping the Club's magazine has seen a 5x increase.

Action: Jay Sands will contact our foreign location members to discuss an increase in current supplemental shipping fees.

MoGH ChipGuide Changes: The CCA Board accepted a revised Usage Policy Statement from the MoGH's ChipGuide Webmaster that removes the term "copyright" from said policy. Additionally, the CCA Board has directed that the watermarking of ChipGuide images shall be affected so that downloaded images from ChipGuide will include the watermark.

Code of Ethics (COE) Update: The CCA Board, in conjunction with the CCA Legal Representative, has revised the Code of Ethics, as follows:

CCA Code of Ethics

The Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc. d/b/a The Casino Collectibles Association (hereinafter "CCA") wishes to strive for a club atmosphere that promotes enjoyment of the hobby, encourages fairness and trust in all casino collectibles sales and trades and a safe environment where all collectors feel welcome.

In order to work toward those goals, the CCA requires its members, and all members agree, while engaging in CCA activities or engaging in the purchase, sale, trading or marketing of casino collectibles, to abide by the following rules:

On the Docket... Board Actions Through June 2023 cont.

1. To follow the rules, regulations and policies of the CCA;
2. To follow the rules, regulations and policies of the MoGH;
3. To follow the rules, regulations and policies of the ChipGuide;
4. To follow the CCA's Non-Discrimination Statement and Policy and to refrain from engaging in any discriminatory or harassing conduct, as set forth therein;
5. To refrain from physically harming or endangering any CCA member or other casino collectibles collector;
6. To be honest, fair and ethical when engaging in any sales, trades, consignments or marketing of any casino collectible;
7. To refrain from buying or selling any casino collectible for which the proper ownership may reasonably be questioned;
8. To take reasonable steps within a reasonable period of time to correct any error made in any transaction;
9. To refrain from selling, exhibiting, producing or advertising known counterfeits, copies, reproductions or re-strikes of any item unless their nature is clearly indicated as such;
10. To represent casino collectibles as genuine only when it is genuinely known or believed that such items are in fact authentic, and when no reasonable and credible question of their authenticity has been raised;
11. To furnish requested advice to the best of my ability and knowledge, and not to take advantage of superior knowledge on my part to the disadvantage of a less knowledgeable collector;
12. To offer on all sales and trades, a 10-day return privilege on any item purchased or traded, unless I have clearly and conspicuously stated that items are sold or traded "as is" and without a return privilege;
13. To refrain from making any unjustified, harmful and false comments about other members;
14. To abide by all local, state and federal laws and to assist in the

prosecution of those who may violate such laws and regulations;
and

15. To cooperate fully with officers of the Club, or those designated to act on behalf of the Club, who are investigating and resolving issues which may arise, and complaints which may be made, and to provide such information to such officers or designated representatives as may reasonably be requested.

Policy on Non-Discrimination: The CCA Board, in conjunction with the CCA Legal Representative, has, as a followup action resulting from a Finding from a past Claim, developed and hereby publishes a CCA Anti-Discrimination Policy Statement. This Statement will be included in the CCA's Quarterly, Award winning magazine, the CCA Newsletter and on the CCA's website.

Non-Discrimination Statement and Policy

Adopted by the Board of Directors on [EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY]

The Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club d/b/a The Casino Collectors Association (hereinafter "CCA") does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to, selection and termination of volunteers and vendors, and provision of services. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members, including officers and volunteers.

Anti-Harassment Policy

We are committed to providing an environment that is free from harassment. Harassment based upon an individual's sex, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, national origin, age, religion or any other legally protected characteristics will not be tolerated. All CCA members, including its officers and volunteers, are expected and required to

abide by this policy. No person will be adversely affected by our organization as a result of bringing complaints of unlawful harassment.

Sexual harassment is behavior of a sexual nature that is unwelcome and offensive to the person or persons it is targeted toward. Examples of harassing behavior may include unwanted physical contact, foul language of an offensive sexual nature, sexual propositions, sexual jokes or remarks, obscene gestures, and displays of pornographic or sexually explicit pictures, drawings, or caricatures.

Reporting Harassment

If a CCA member feels that he or she has been harassed on the basis of his or her sex, sexual orientation, race, national origin, ethnic background, or any other legally protected characteristic they should immediately report the matter to the CCA Board of Directors, or any member thereof. Once the matter has been reported it will be promptly investigated and any necessary corrective action will be taken, where appropriate. All complaints of unlawful harassment will be handled in as discreet and confidential a manner as is possible under the circumstances. The procedure for reporting incidents of harassing behavior is not intended to impair, replace, or limit the right of any CCA member to seek a remedy under available state or federal law by immediately reporting the matter to the appropriate state or federal agency.

Disciplinary Measures for Harassment

Any CCA member engaging in improper harassing behavior will be subject to possible disciplinary action, as deemed appropriate by the CCA Board of Directors, including possible expulsion from the CCA. Not every instance of harassing behavior will warrant immediate expulsion from the CCA, but some may.

Annual Business Meeting... June 17, 2023

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CASINO CHIP & GAMING TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB, INC. d/b/a Casino Collectibles Association

The annual meeting of the Corporation was held on June 12th, 2023 at the South Point Hotel in Las Vegas, State of Nevada, for the purposes of reviewing the prior year's business, discussing corporate operations for the up coming year, and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting

David Spragg led the meeting as our elected President, James Hogg as newly elected Secretary recorded the minutes

The chairperson called the meeting to order at 8am

The following Directors were present at the meeting:

Name of Director

David Spragg - President

Jim Follis - Vice President

Bud Wisinski - Treasurer

Jay Sands - Membership

James Hogg - Secretary

36 members attended.

President Spragg requested a motion to accept the previous Minutes from 2022. Jerry Vergatos asked questions from the floor about reading the previous minutes, President Spragg responded that they were published both on the CCA's website and also in the Casino Collectibles News (Club Magazine) since October 2022, so there was no need to read the Minutes of 2022.

Doug Smith made a motion to accept them with Chris Carlson seconding them, the floor approved the minutes

Therefore President Spragg opened the 2023 meeting.

Jay Sands Membership Report

The Membership Officer reported on the last 12 months' trends. Sadly There

Annual Business Meeting... June 17, 2023

was a decline in membership, in general.

We had a net loss of 99 members in the last year.

Jerry Vergatos asked a question from the floor about the recent efforts to gain more members. President Spragg reasoned that it was disappointing that all the efforts had only gained 1 member renewing- all the others only joined for 1 year

Mary-Ann Massey moved a motion to accept them with Doug Smith seconding them and the floor approving

President Spragg introduced Bud Wisinski to present the Financial Report to the meeting, he noted that many of the costs of the South Point show are not yet accounted for.

Name Report

Bud Wisinski Treasurer

Bud Wisinski stated that the account has over \$200K in the bank, that revenue is enhanced due to the convention receipts with expenses to come.

Many attendees commented how happy they were with Bud and his efforts

Charles Kaplan asked a question; could we see more interest now the rates had increased, Bud responded that we were seeing more returns.

Doug Smith moved a motion to accept them with Chris Carson seconding them, the floor approved the report.

The Vice President had no report to give—as there is no requirement for a Report.

The Convention Chair (Jim Steffner) stood to make comments that: We had more dealers than last year, we sold 2 more tables than last year, and the attendance was looking good. We had no major issues or problems. The room clapped the Convention Chair and thanked him for his efforts

The MoGH Report, Charles Kaplan, MoGH Chairman, reported that changes were coming to the ChipGuide in response to many requests. One item that he pointed out was a change to the copyright statement.

Jerry Vergatos asked for more changes that might happen. Charles Kaplan said that while changes were being worked on, he could not share more of them at the moment as the details were being finalized. More questions were asked in general about the MoGH Projects, these were answered by Jim Follis, as the MoGH Vice-Chair.

Annual Business Meeting... June 17, 2023 cont.

Mary-Ann Masey read out the recent CCA Election Results:

2023 CCA Election Results

The election was for the President/Secretary/Membership Offices

16 Valid nominations were received – no nominations were voided

The following members received a minimum of two nominations from current CCA members, per the requirements for the CCA Board of Directors' positions shown. Richard Huber received one nomination for the membership officer.

The nominees' responses of whether they accepted or declined their nominations are as follows:

President: James Hogg and Jerry Vergatos declines; David Spragg accepted

Secretary: Jim Follis, Jay Sands and Wendy Schulz declined: James Hogg accepted

Membership Officer: Doug Balduini, Steve Bedo and Pam Focazio declined: Jay Sands Accepted

Jay Sands resigned from the Secretary position in order to stand for the office of Membership Officer. Therefore, President Spragg appointed James Hogg to the position of Secretary immediately following the nomination process.

Therefore, there was no need for a CCA Board of Directors Election.

However, there was a Proposed Constitutional Amendment which required 2/3 majority of those voting to pass.

On Sunday, May 28, 2023, Bruce Massey and Mary-Ann Massey, Election Co-Chairs, counted the ballots for the Constitutional Amendment which would add two non-voting Members at Large to the CCA Board of Directors

The outcome was as follows: 68 ballots were received with one voided due to an expired membership

Yes : 52

No : 15

The above Constitutional Amendment was passed with 77.6% of the 67 votes cast. There will be no Special Election for these positions. The nomination and voting process for these positions will coincide with the regular Elections for 2024.

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As an aside the 67 ballots represent 0.07% of the active members as of May 27, 2023

James Hogg as Secretary cast one vote on behalf of the board to accept these results as accurate and accepted. This passed.

President Spragg made special thanks to the Masseys's and noted that this was their last election for the CCA as they were retiring from this position. The assembled meeting also joined in with thanks and gave them a loud round of applause.

Note: the Massey's said they would pass on election files for 2018-2023 – this is completed.

There were questions about the two nonvoting Board appointments that were approved, President Spragg noted that this was a good idea and within our Constitution. He commented we are hoping for a more local person who can bring energy to the role. He asked people to step up to this role and apply now.

Other business

President Spragg talked about the new coming website; he said now that we had changed companies the website was coming together very quickly. He wanted to show the new draft version but did not want to pay the \$400 dollars to South Point to keep the TV screen in the room. One question asked by Ron Gaudette was could we upload pictures to it – yes was the answer. Could we upload video to it – no was the answer as video is too big but video could be uploaded to the CCA Youtube channel and then mirrored on the new website.

More questions came from Jerry Vergatos about who would host the website - the developer for the time being and could we use this website to engage poker player websites? The short answer was we want to do that but also recognize that poker players are in general not collectors and while we do engage them we are not seeing much return from that effort.

The room thanked President Spragg for his efforts on this issue.

Jerry Vergatos asked an open floor question about finances and how they were declining (in his view). This was answered by President Spragg that he had sent responses in confidence to already answer his question directly to Jerry Vergatos. President Spragg commented that these issues were a private matter for the BoD. Jerry Vergatos asked President Spragg to publish these in the open for all to see.

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President Spragg commented that the storage unit in Henderson would be closed down and all items returned to the main storage unit to save costs.

President Spragg spoke about the fund raising on the Special Chips donation that the CCA has and that elements would be used on Ebay initially to raise an additional \$10K per year.

Jerry Vergatos asked about a physical location for the MoGH, President Spragg responded that we would need \$3M to set this up and an additional \$1M to run it. Also, if we had done this pre-COVID, it would have wiped us out of all money. We need large donors! Charles Kaplan responded that it is well known that paying visitors do not fund a museum, but you need donors to be successful.

Paul Schaffer, Social Media Director, spoke about the efforts of Facebook and also with social media to drive us forward. He noted that the posts were gaining new readers and he would continue to drive this forward. Everyone was very happy about this and he received a large round of applause.

George Dmitrevsky, asked a question about us returning to South Point next year and future years. President Spragg confirmed next year was a go, and noted we hope to be there in out years and he had a meeting scheduled on the following Monday to discuss this with the South Point.

The meeting was moved to close at 8:57 AM

Doug Smith passed a motion to close the meeting, Mary-Ann Massey seconded it, the floor approved and the Board was thanked and the room applauded.



CCA NEWS and ACTIVITIES

Website Redesign - A proposal submitted to the CCA Board by CCA Member Barry Sherwood, to become the CCA's Technologist, was reviewed and accepted.

Action - With Barry's involvement, the CCA Website is being finalized. After the site is live, Barry will be appointed as the CCA's Webmaster and Technologist to assist in the management of all CCA-related online activities.

As of press time, Barry Sherwood has posted an update on this Project, which is available, as follows:

"... President Spragg, web designer Mike Brodeur, and I met last week to discuss the website. It's looking great. Mike has a few more features he wants to design into the site (mostly related to uploading/storing images), and President Spragg has some more content he wants to publish before we go live with the site. We're estimating a couple of weeks for that to happen.

On the admin side, there are still a few things Mike needs to incorporate before he can let me (and others) have a look behind the curtain as far as how to maintain and update the site contents. The whole idea is, make it easy for ANYONE to manage the site in case the proverbial beer truck hits us. I'll be critiquing this part HARD because we need to make sure that the site won't crash just because someone clicks the wrong button, etc.

The test site is currently hosted on Mike's Windows Server. Mike has developed his own content management system (like Wordpress) and has generously offered to host it for free for the first year, saving the club hundreds of dollars.

President Spragg and Mike will also be evaluating the forum software on the demo site I set up that many of you have already looked at. You can see check it out at <https://chipcollectors.org>. If Mike can successfully install the SMF software on his server and we can migrate the existing data, no one will have to recreate their accounts.

We did not go over any of the other tech items on my to do list as the website/message board is the first and main thing to get done.

Anyhoo, that's the progress report for now. Have a great week, everyone. I'll be in touch in a couple of weeks unless something else important comes up to be reported on."

2024 Convention Chairman: Perennial Convention Chairman favorite Jim Steffner, has advised the CCA Board that he will again fulfill the CCA Convention Chairman position in 2024. However, as he did last year, he will be doing so from afar, from his home-base in Ohio.

2024 Convention Theme: In other news regarding the 2024 Convention, member suggestions for a theme are being requested. The 2024

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Convention will be our 31st Convention and our 15th Convention at the South Point Hotel Casino Spa. Suggestions may be submitted to Jim Steffner at: Convention@ccgtcc.com. Submittal time is running short, as we wish to set the theme and create an advertising flyer as soon as possible. Current suggestions include Halloween, Triskaidekaphobia, Luau, and various suggestions based on the Convention being #31; in celebration of the 1931 legalization of gambling in Nevada, California was admitted to the Union as the 31st State, the 31st element is Gallium.

Convention Chairman 2025 (and beyond?): Do you think you have what it takes to be the CCA's Convention Chairman in 2025? Now is the time to study the position (during the 2024 process) and perhaps volunteer to take on the duty in 2025. Please feel free to reach out to any CCA Board member or Jim Steffner.

Added Editorial support to the CCA Newsletter: Ed Hertel has agreed to sit on the CCA Newsletter's Editorial Staff, effective for our next issue. Readers should anticipate a few changes to layout, content and other modifications for future issues.

CCA Election Committee Vacancy: As noted earlier, Bruce and Mary Ann Massey have decided to no longer fulfill the roles of CCA Election Committee Co-Chairs, effective immediately. Therefore, we are looking for a CCA Member (or pair), in good standing, to volunteer their services as the CCA's Election Committee Chairperson(s). The next scheduled election activity will be for the 2 newly added Board positions, and the regularly scheduled elections for Vice President, Treasurer and Membership Officers. Election Chairmanship duties, generally include, announcing the opening and closing periods of nominations and voting. Additionally, the Election Chair(s) will receive, validate and quantify submitted nominations and present a Ballot from the Nomination forms submitted.

This is followed by receiving submitted ballots and, with witness(es), validate and count the ballots submitted and present the results to the CCA Board, in a written Report. Said Report then gets shared to the CCA Membership, via various resources (Message Boards, CCA Newsletter, Casino Collectibles News (magazine), contestants, and read into the CCA's next Business

CCA NEWS and ACTIVITIES (continued)

Meeting. If you are interested in this critical position of trust, reliability and integrity for the CCA, then please feel free to contact any CCA Board Officer, or the Massey's to volunteer, or ask for additional details. As with any CCA Committee, the CCA President, in consultation with the CCA Board, will make the appointment.

Greg Susong Memorial Award Chairman Vacancy: We give special thanks to Brian Watts for his leadership in managing the CCA's Greg Susong Memorial Award over the past 7 years. Regrettably, Brian has requested that we seek a new Chair, as he wishes to pass this responsibility to another CCA Member. Please contact any CCA Board Member to learn more about the duties and responsibilities. Appointment to the position will be made by the CCA President.

Appointment of a Committee Lead to Review and Evaluate the Museum of Gaming History's Structure - As was announced on the CCA's Message Board, President Spragg has decided to form a CCA Committee, initially for a 60 day period only, to explore all the possibilities and talk to all those with ideas to try and come up with a plan for the future of the MoGH.

CCA Secretary, James Hogg, has put himself forward to head this committee, and he will select maybe 4 others to form the Committee. Those 4 will not include myself, Jim Follis or Charles Kaplan. The Committee will of course be free to contact the aforementioned individuals for their opinions.

CCA Membership - Are you a non-member reader of this newsletter? Your membership is solicited. You may visit this [link](#) to join, or contact our newly elected Membership Officer, Jay Sands at: Membership@CCGTCC.com.

It is also noted that CCA Member, Doug Balduini, is currently offering a \$5 discount towards a new member sign-ups, which also awards this special chip. Doug may be contacted at: northeastchipper@gmail.com



Musings from the MoGH...



Total Items on ChipGuide is 316,046 as of publication date.

You can help the MoGH achieve greater success in our efforts to add more content to ChipGuide. Do you have casino memorabilia and related collectibles that are not in ChipGuide? If so, we encourage you, and anyone (Club member or not) to submit images and descriptions of such items to ChipGuide via this [Submission](#) link.

ChipGuide Changes: As noted earlier in this Newsletter, several changes have been implemented regarding the MoGH's ChipGuide. First and perhaps foremost, is that ChipGuide images will soon include water marking. Further details will be in the next issue of this Newsletter, or posted on the CCA's website (Message Board) and on ChipGuide.

Secondly, a revised "Usage Policy" is now in effect, and is reprinted here, as follows:

Why is There a ChipGuide Usage Policy?

The ChipGuide Usage Policy is provided to protect the ChipGuide. The policy has to be enforced each and every time that there is a violation. It does not matter if you are a member of the CCA, a member of the ChipGuide or even a CCA official, the rules apply to everyone. Enforcement of ChipGuide rights is done uniformly whenever a violation is noticed. Otherwise, the ChipGuide could lose usage of its images. Your cooperation is appreciated in adhering to the ChipGuide Usage Policy and if you are

approached about compliance.

ChipGuide Usage Policy

The Museum of Gaming History has been granted use of the images shown on the ChipGuide by their owners. In some cases, the ChipGuide has modified these images to meet its guidelines. The Museum of Gaming History retains its rights over the image modifications.

Use of any of the ChipGuide contents requires expressed written consent, with these exceptions:

1. Images and descriptions (but not entire web-pages) may be used for non-commercial purposes, such as educational purposes or trade lists, please reference "The Museum of Gaming History's ChipGuide".
2. Commercial use is prohibited and includes, but is not limited to, sales, auctions and publications.
3. ChipGuide Numbers (CGxxxxx) may be used to identify items cataloged on the ChipGuide for both personal and commercial use. ChipGuide numbers can be used in publications (including websites) if the source is identified as "The Museum of Gaming History's ChipGuide".
4. Use of ChipGuide website content is hereby granted to the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc. (CC>CC) (aka: CCA), and The Museum of Gaming History, in all of their endeavors, including Casino Collectibles News, CCA Newsletter, and CCA/MoGH affiliated websites (including official Social Media outlets).

ChipGuide Submissions

Images and descriptions of items not currently on the ChipGuide may be submitted for consideration to be added to the ChipGuide. The ChipGuide has a submission form for this purpose. Upon submission, permission is granted to the Museum of Gaming History to use the item on the ChipGuide and for other purposes. Submitters must own the images submitted or have permission to submit them. At the discretion of the ChipGuide, submitted items may, or may not be used, and, may be edited to meet ChipGuide guidelines. Submitted items will not be returned. Images, as submitted, belong to the original owner. Image

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modifications are the property of the ChipGuide.

Thirdly, a change is being implemented on how ChipGuide monitors User currency and implements suspension from usage, as follows:

ATTENTION Users of ChipGuide's "My Collection" Feature(s) - Users should be aware that the 'My Collection' features of ChipGuide, that are available to CCA and/or MoGH Members in good standing, will be validated, at least quarterly against the CCA's and MoGH's Membership Directory, for currency of membership. In the event that the applicable Membership Directory does not validate authorization to continue using the 'My Collection' feature(s), said user(s) will see a pop-up window stating that their use of the 'My Collection' feature(s) has been suspended, pending renewal of CCA or MoGH Membership, and, re-certification, from the CCA's Membership Officer or MoGH Membership Director, is required to regain access.

Please note that suspensions will be an automated process, while corrections will require human interactions that may take several days to correct. We strongly recommend keeping your CCA (or MoGH-only) membership up to date at all times.

MoGH Semi-Annual Board Meeting - On Tuesday, June 14, 2023 the MoGH Board conducted a semi-annual Board meeting at the South Point Hotel Casino Spa, Las Vegas, Nevada. In attendance were Charles Kaplan, Jim Follis, Rick Lonski, Pam Focazio, Ross Poppel, Jay Sands and James Hogg. Absent were Ted Whiting, Tom Dyer and Doug Smith.

Topics Discussed:

- Watermarks on ChipGuide images. (Details already presented herin.)
- Changes to ChipGuide Usage Policy. (Details already presented herin.)
- Implementation of enhanced security features to prevent web-crawlers from, in-bulk theft, of ChipGuide content.
- Rescission of a DCMA Take-Down Notice, pending correction.
- Affirmation of MoGH Officers. (All positions and individuals were re-affirmed for 2-year terms.)
- Storage Units consolidation. (Details already presented herein.)
- Educational Director vacancy. (Details already presented herein.)

Musings from the MoGH cont...

- Promotional sales at Convention. (Introduction of the "MoGH's PERIODIC TABLE of Casino and Gaming Currencies" concept and T-Shirts.)

The MoGH's "PERIODIC TABLE of Casino and Gaming Currencies"

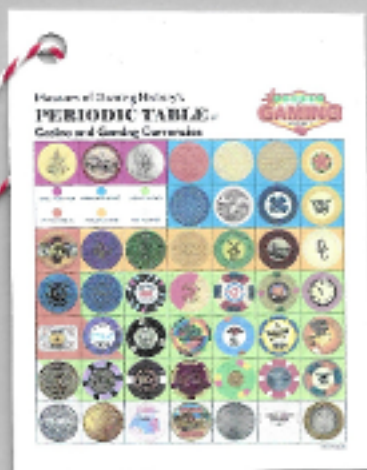
Concept - At the CCA's 30th Annual Convention, the MoGH tested a new concept in it's Promotional sales efforts, with a T-Shirt design presented as a "MoGH PERIODIC TABLE of Casino and Gaming Currencies". The MoGH's Promotions Director, Pam Focazio, coordinated the design and printing of T-Shirts, in four colors (black, maroon, dark blue and hunter green) with the 1st iteration of a stylized PERIODIC TABLE.

Sales were very successful, with only a handful of shirts remaining available for purchase. Each shirt came with a hang tag (shown here) to describe the Periodic Table concept, as it can be applied to our hobby.

It is envisioned that this overall concept can be applied in different layouts (a new one each year) and can also be adapted to MoGH Promotional chips



Chris Carlson proudly showing off his MoGH PERIODIC TABLE T-Shirt in dark blue.



Click "here"
to see the
enlarged
versions of
the hang
tag above.



(Go to Page 37 for ordering details.)

Musings from the MoGH cont...

(rounds and octagons) and plaques, in the future.

MoGH Donations from the Convention - At the Convention, the MoGH Booth hosted several hobby-related representatives as an extension of the MoGH's Educational Mission. Included were Eric Endy, Lynn Zook and Denise McKinney.

Eric Endy, son of the Late Paul Endy of Paulson Gaming fame, who was also the CCA's Keynote Speaker of this year's Early Bird Banquet on Wednesday evening, spent many hours at the MoGH Table. Eric interacted with many CCA Members, and the public at-large, discussing his father's past accomplishments and his own involvement with Paulson Gaming and its evolution into Gaming Partners International.

Eric also offered his recently published book, "Paul S. Endy Jr. Las Vegas Casino Gaming Legend", a tribute to his dad, for sale, and also donated a copy of his book to the CCA's Lending Library. We thank him for that donation, and also thank him for a subsequent donation of \$100 to the MoGH, that was received several weeks later via the mail.

Also donating a book to the CCA's Lending Library was Lynn Zook, who was one of the Educational Seminar speakers. Lynn spent several days at the MoGH Table interacting with Convention attendees, selling her book ("Gambling on a Dream: The Classic Las Vegas Strip 1930 - 1955") and perhaps getting additional information for another book from our members and others. Thank you Lynn for the book donation.

We also thank Denise McKinney, President of the Rathkamp Matchcover Society, for her Educational Seminar presentation about matchcover collecting, and also sitting at the MoGH Table also interacting with CCA members and the public at-large discussing some of the finer points of matchbook and cover preservation, displaying and collecting.

We thank all 3 of the above guests for their willingness to share their past experiences and knowledge on their chosen subjects.

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Early Bird Banquet, Wednesday Night, June 16, 2023...



Mr. Eric Endy, Keynote Speaker

At right, Mark Lighterman (R) announcing the Induction of Ed Hertel (L) into the CCA's Hall of Fame.



Above, Convention Chairman, Jim Steffner (L) presents Dick Bartley (R) with the Harvey J. Fuller Memorial Article of the Year Award.



Above, Convention Chairman, Jim Steffner (R) presents co-recipients David Spragg (L) and Jay Sands (C) with the Janice O'Neal Memorial Book of the Year Award. (Co-Awardee, David Sarles, is not pictured.)



Above, Convention Chairman, Jim Steffner (L) presents Jim Follis (R) with the Robert "Bob" Mera Memorial Recruiter of the Year

At right, President Spragg (R) presents Brad Smith (L), CCA and MoGH Publicity Director with the President's Award.



All photos on this page by: Jim Whobrey

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Early Bird Banquet

Wednesday Night, June 14, 2023 cont...



At left, Convention Chairman, Jim Steffner (L) presents Pam Focazio with a MoGH Chairman's Award. Also recognized with a Chairman's Award was Robert Baker, who could not attend this year.

Below is the Presentation Plaque for Pam Goertler, winner of the 2022 Greg Susong Award. (Pam could not attend this year.)

Photo by Jim Whobrey

Below are Steve Asrilant (L) and Loretta Palumbo (R) offering 50/50 Raffle Tickets at the Early Bird Banquet.



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At right are the CCA Hall of Fame members present to receive and congratulate their newest Inductee, Ed Hertel, far right.



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Opening Day Highlights, June 15, 2023...

Pictured at left is the Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. L-R are President David Spragg, Membership Officer Jay Sands, Convention Chairman Jim Steffner, Vice President Jim Follis and Treasurer Bud Wisinski. (Not shown is Secretary James Hogg.)



Photo by Chuck Gajewski

The Masters of REGISTRATION!



Above, George Dmitrevsky, Convention Pre-Registration Chairman (L) and Steve Miller, Convention Registration Chairman (R).



Registration Desk Photos by Jim Whobrey

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Opening Day Highlights, June 15, 2023 cont...

Educational Seminars...



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At left is Richard Marcus presenting an Educational Seminar entitled: "History of the Most Daring Casino Cheating Techniques". Follow this [link](#) to view Lynn's Educational Seminar on the CCA's YouTube Channel, or click the picture.



Photo by Jim Whobrey

Above is Denise McKinney, President of the Rathkamp Matchcover Society, presenting an Educational Seminar entitled: "A Striking Bit of History: All You Need to Know About Collecting Matchbooks." Follow this [link](#) to view Denise's Educational Seminar on the CCA's YouTube Channel, or click the picture.



Photo by Jim Whobrey

Above is Ron Gaudette (R) Official CCA Videographer and Jim Steffner, Convention Chairman. Ron is video recording an Educational Seminar, as both are watching the seminar.



Photo by Jim Whobrey



Photo by Chuck Gajewski

At left and above, is Eric Endy, who spent a day as a "Celebrity Meet & Greet Educational Series" guest at the MoGH Table, interacting with Convention attendees and offering signed copies of his book about his father, Paul S. Endy.

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Opening Day Highlights, June 15, 2023 cont...

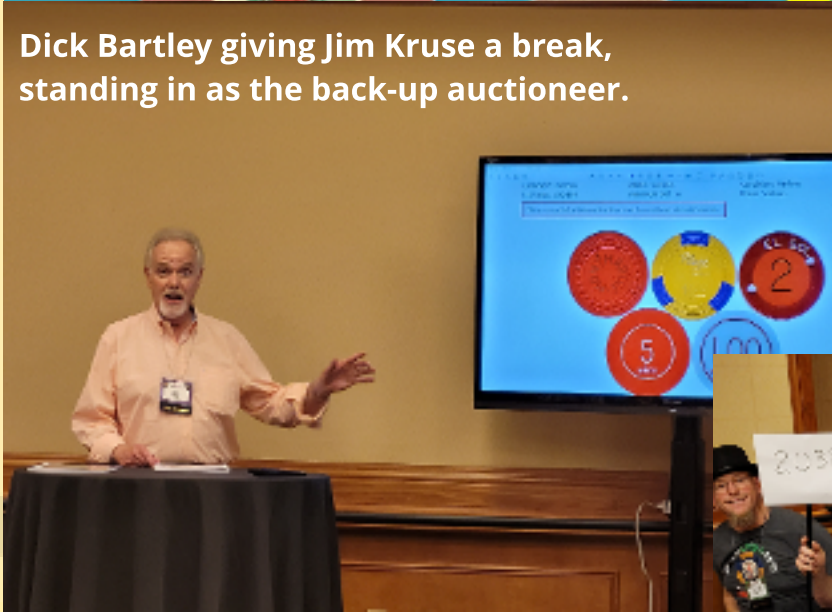
An Evening at the Auction.

Auction Co-Chairman
David Spragg



Auctioneer Jim Kruse

Dick Bartley giving Jim Kruse a break,
standing in as the back-up auctioneer.



Click "[here](#)" to
view a copy of
the Prices
Realized from
the Auction.



The peanut gallery!

The Twentieth Annual Bruce Landau Memorial Auction

June 15,
2023

Photos by Jim Follis

2023 CONVENTION and SHOW Report cont.

Day 2 Highlights, June 16, 2023

Educational Seminars...



Above is Lynn Zook, Las Vegas Historian and Author. Lynn presented an Educational Seminar based on her book, "Gambling on a Dream: The Classic Las Vegas Strip 1930 - 1955". Lynn also appeared at the MoGH Table on Thursday and Friday, interacting with Convention attendees and offering signed copies of her book. Follow this '[link](#)' to view Lynn's Educational Seminar on the CCA's YouTube Channel, or click either picture.

Not pictured is Rick Perazzo, who did present an Educational Seminar, entitled: "History and Evolution of Casino Playing Cards." Follow this '[link](#)' to view Rick's presentation on the CCA's YouTube Channel.

Celebrity Meet & Greet Educational Series...



Former Showgirl, Troy Stern, was on hand as a "Celebrity Meet & Greet" Educational Series celebrity. Troy was a "Bluebell" dancer and also performed at the Moulin Rouge (Paris), as well as at Harrah's, Reno (in "Zing") and "Hello Hollywood, Hello" at the MGM Grand, Las Vegas. All photos by Jim Whobrey, with CCA members that requested anonymity, despite being badged!

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Day 2 Highlights, June 16, 2023 cont...

Celebrity Meet & Greet Educational Series...



Photo by Jim Whobrey

At left, as part of the "Celebrity Meet & Greet" Educational Series, is Tom McEvoy (R), 1983 WSOP Main Event Winner, Poker Hall of Fame Inductee and Author, with Brad Smith (L), CCA and MoGH Publicity Director and 'Meet & Greet' series organizer.

Earlier in the day, the "Celebrity Meet & Greet" Educational Series presented Mr. Nelson Sardelli. Regrettably, we do not have any photos, at this time.

Ladies Luncheon...

The annual Ladies Luncheon took place at the South Point's Garden Buffet. In attendance this year were: Front Row (L-R) Lori Spragg, Charlie Spragg, Jettie Bearden, xxx. Back Row (L-R) Luncheon Organizer, Marion Engel, Vickie Gaudette, Estelle Hartman, xxx, Terri Lonski and Pam Scalzo.



Photo by Jim Whobrey



At left are the attendees to the Annual Splashy Awards. Chuck Gajewski was this year's Inductee, at right (L) with Doug Smith (R).



Splashy photos were taken with Chuck Gajewski's camera.

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Day 2 Highlights, June 16, 2023 cont...

Gene Trimble Memorial Poker Tournament...



Photo by Chuck Gajewski

Poker Tournament Director, David Sowell.



Photo by Chuck Gajewski

Poker Tournament Winner, Tom McEvoy (L) receiving the non-cash prizes from Tournament Director David Sowell (R).



Photo by Chuck Gajewski

Tournament winner Tom McEvoy (R) with runner up Barry Sherwood (L).



24th Annual, Gene Trimble Memorial Poker Tournament, Commemorative Chip Set.

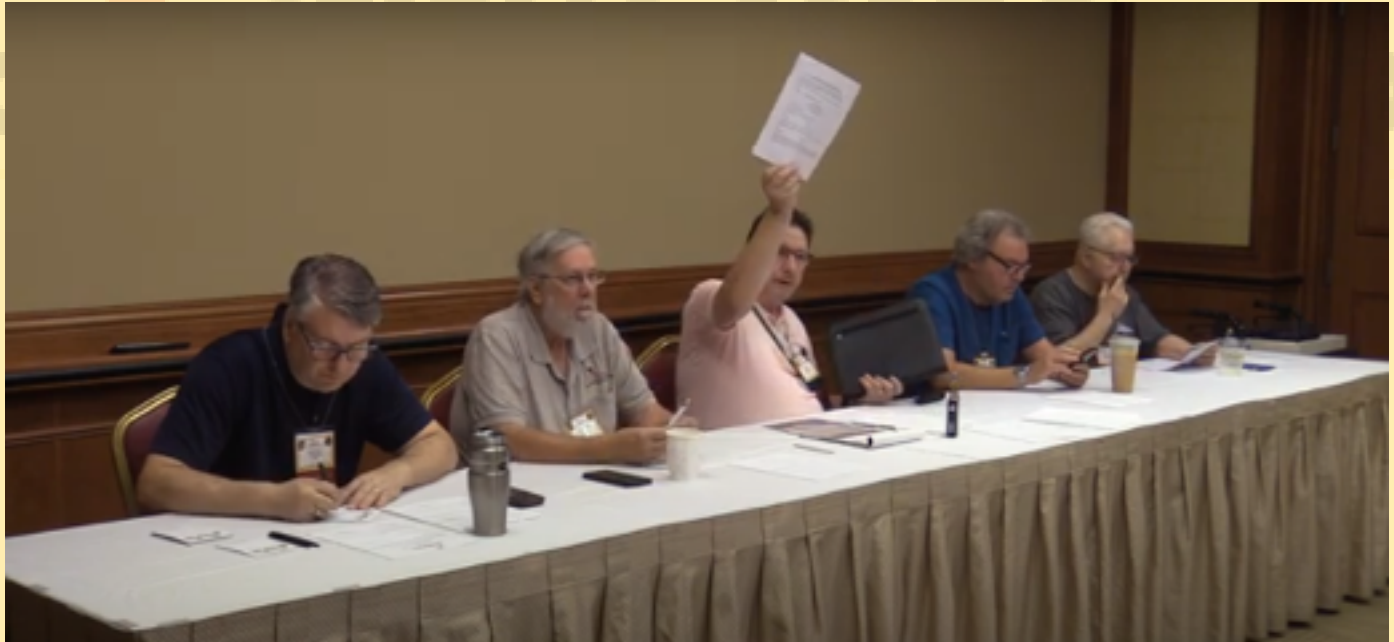
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Day 3 Highlights, June 16, 2023

Annual Business Meeting...

The 30 Annual Business Meeting of the CCA was video recorded by the CCA's Videographer, Ron Gaudette. The recording has been posted to the CCA's YouTube Channel, along with the Educational Seminars from the 30 Annual Convention, by the CCA's Social Media Team, consisting of Paul Schaffer, Allan Anderson, Robert (Bob) Miksztal and Oscar Lappalainen.

Use this '[link](#)' to view the 30th Annual Business Meeting on the CCA's YouTube Channel, or click the image below.



Above, L - R, Secretary James Hogg, Vice President Jim Follis, President David Spragg, Membership Officer Jay Sands, treasurer Bud Wisinski. (Image from Ron Gaudette)

Annual PCOTY Awards...

Shown at right are the 2022 - 2023 PCOTY Candidates. Below are the winning entrants.



1ST - Place
Chris Carlson

2ND - Place
David Sowell

3RD - Place Archie
& Brenda Black



2023 CONVENTION and SHOW Report cont.

Day 3 Highlights, June 16, 2023

Educational Exhibits...

The Educational Exhibits added a new category this year, entitled: "Treasures from the MoGH's Vault". The intent is to add several display cases, at the Educational Exhibits corral, that feature parts or all of a member's donation(s) to the MoGH. This year we featured the complete collection donated by Life Member Sunday Silverman, consisting of California, Native American casino chips, California Card Room chips and "Other States" Native American casino chips.

Sunday's generous donation consisted of 2,939 individual chips! In fact, the collection was too massive to be fully displayed, so several hundred chips were presented in 2, table-top display cases, along with the balance of the donation, still packed in red and black, double-row storage boxes, on a table behind the 2 display cases.

This feature, "Treasures from the MoGH's Vault," will be repeated in future years, and will fill-out the existing Educational Exhibits corral that currently offers COMPETITIVE and Non-COMPETITIVE, Educational Exhibits. Non-COMPETITIVE Educational Exhibits (which now includes "Treasures from the MoGH's Vault") also includes the examples of described "Official CCA Conditions and Grades," as set forth by the Standards and Archives Committee, the CCA's "Permanant Collection of all Past OTY Award Winners" and examples from the current OTY Awards contest

Winners of the COMPETITIVE Educational Exhibits Awards for 2023 are:

Photo by Chuck Gajewski



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Photo by Chuck Gajewski



The above 2 pictures are of the double-winning entry by Charles Kaplan, entitled: "Caribbean\$". Charles won both the Judged Event and the "People's Choice Award."

Coming in 2nd Place for the Judged Event, was Stan Pokrywiecki, with his display (at left) entitled: "I Can Match That!" Stan presented a selection of matchbook covers from his collection.

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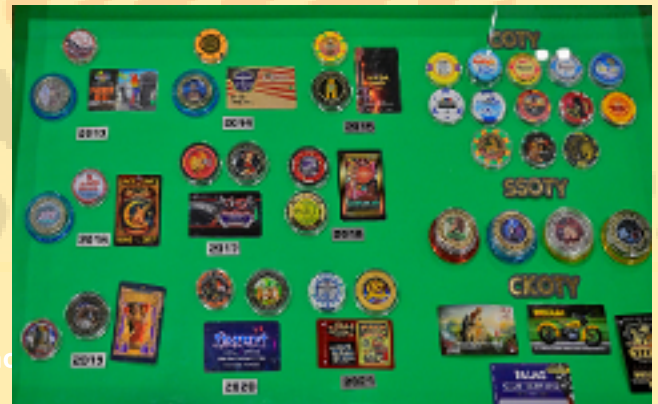
COMPETITIVE Educational Exhibits...



Above left Charles Kaplan (L) receiving his Award plaque from Educational Exhibits Director, Jim Follis (R) for winning the People's Choice Award. Above right Charles Kaplan (L) receiving his Award plaque from Educational Exhibits Director, Jim Follis (R) for winning 1st Place in the Judged Event.



At left Stan Pokrywieki (L) receiving his Award plaque from Educational Exhibits Director, Jim Follis (R) for winning the 2nd Place Award for the Judged Event.



Photo

Photo by Chuck Gaiowski



Above and at left, are the display cases used to hold the CCA's Permanent Collection of All Past OTY Award Winners, and the 2022 OTY Award Nominees (lower right corner of right-hand picture). Trey Warren is the OTY Awards Chairman and maintains the collection and administers to OTY Awards contest.

All photos by Jim Whobrey

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Educational Exhibits - OTY Awards

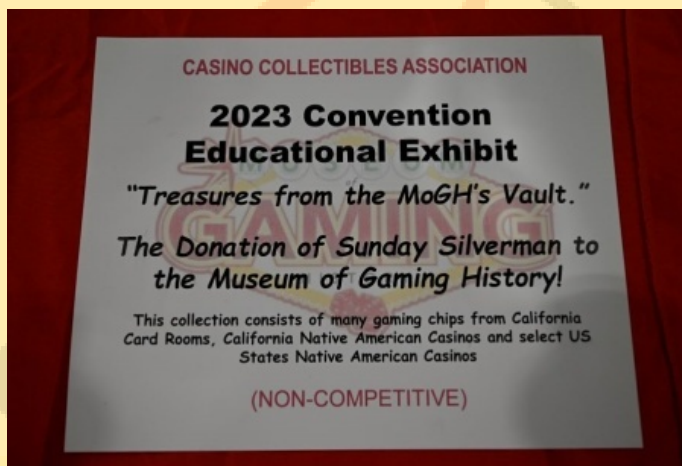


Above, Silver Strike of the Year, TEN DOLLAR GAMING TOKEN, Four Queens Casino, Las Vegas, NV.

At right, Slot Card/Room Key of the Year - Pechanga Casino Year of the Tiger, Temecula, CA.



At right, Chip of the Year - Gold Coast Casino 43mm 25 NCV Year of the Tiger, Las Vegas,



Shown above is the Treasures from the MoGH's Vault display, featuring a portion of the donation by Life Member Sunday Silverman. (Photos by Jim Whobrey)



Shown at left is the Standards and Archives Committee's examples of Conditions and Grades of casino chips and tokens. Hosted by Trey Warren. (Photo by Chuck Gajewski)

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Day 3 Highlights, June 16, 2023

Volunteer Reception...

The Volunteer Reception was well attended and allowed the CCA Board to thank our many volunteers, without whom, the Convention would simply NOT happen!

We were very fortunate that the Convention Chairman, Jim Steffner, was able to convince Secretary James Hogg to speak about his alter ego (his day job) as a Casino Butler.



Photo by Chuck Gajewski



Photo by Chuck Gajewski



Shown above is a composite scan of both sides of the over-sized Volunteer Appreciation round, given to all Volunteers in attendance at the reception and also made available by mail, to those volunteers that could not attend the event.

If you are a Volunteer that some how missed out on receiving one of these, please contact Convention Chair, Jim Steffner at: Convention@ccgtcc.com.

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CONVENTION PROGRAM - 2023

Kudos to Steve Miller, Editor of the 2023 Convention Program. In addition to performing his regular Casino Collectible News (CCN) Editor duties, Steve also managed to produce the 30th Annual Convention Program. While not as big as the CCN, there is a great deal of work that goes into this publication and Steve is to be applauded for his work.

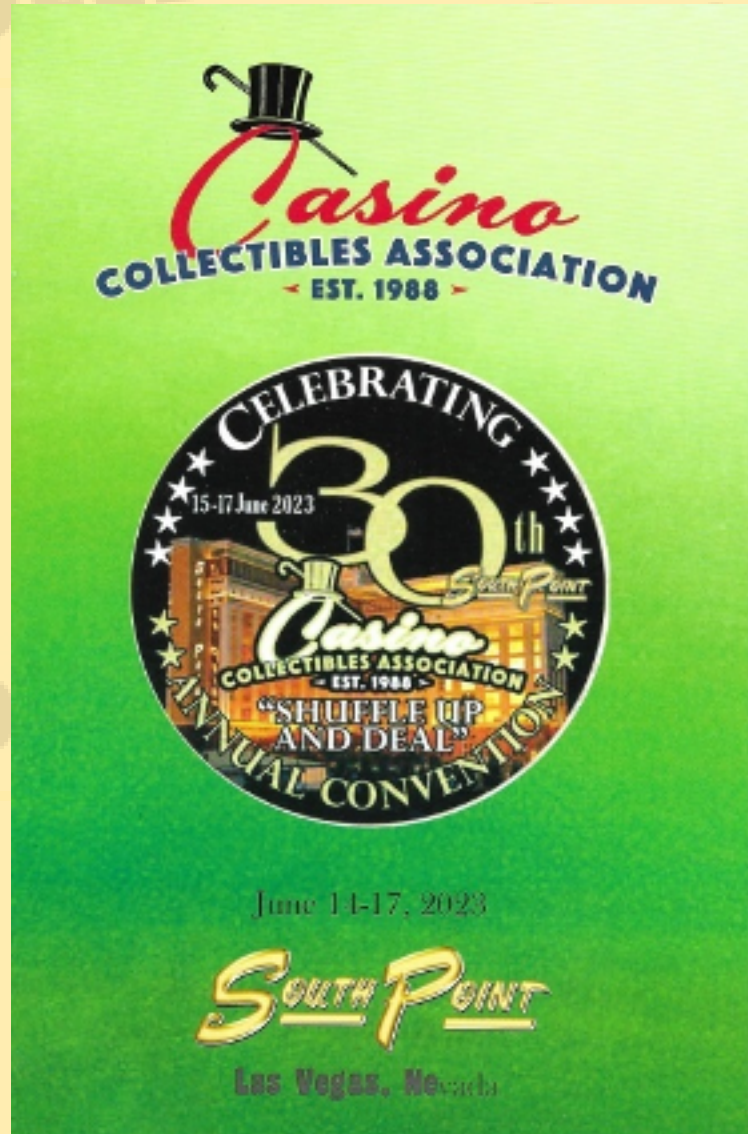
For those that did not attend the Convention, and would like to receive a copy, we are offering a copy of this wonderful guide, via USPS at a cost of \$4, which just covers mailing cost. Mailing to non-USA locations will be at exact postage.

The Official Program consists of 52 pages of content that covers Convention Schedule, biographies of scheduled Educational Seminar speakers and the Celebrity 'Meet and Greet' Educational Series, and that of our Early Bird Banquet Keynote Speaker.

Included are Dealer listings, Dealer locations and Dealer ads. Speaking of ads, we also give kudos to Nate Pincus in his efforts as the Convention Program Advertising Manager to acquire and process quite a number of ads to help defray publication costs of the Program.

We also take this opportunity to thank all of the individuals that took out ads for their businesses and tributes. Thank you!

If anyone would like to receive a copy, please contact Jim Follis at VicePresident@ccgtcc.com to make payment arrangements and provide a mailing address.



2023 Convention Poker Tourney Chip Set



Price: \$15.00

Same sides for all four chips [Poker/Ltd 100]

Two or more sets \$12.00 each, Three or more sets \$10.00 each

Prior Years Poker/BJ Tourney Available: 04, 06, 07, 09 [1 Left], 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22

2023 Convention Chip & Plaque Set



Price: \$5.00

Same on both sides

Prior Years: \$4.00 each

Prior Years Available:

01, 02, 03 [1 Left], 04, 05,
09, 11, 12, 14, 15, 19, 22



**Price: \$15.00 each or
\$25 for both [2 Designs],
3 for \$30.00**

Prior Years: 2019 [2 left], 2021
[I Want to Collect & Encounters
of the Collector's Kind] 2022 [Deuces Wild – 2 plaque designs]



2023 Convention Silver and Bronze Medal Set



Price: \$60.00 [Silver Front and Bronze Back Shown]

2023 Bronze Medal Only: \$10

Silver Medals are numbered (on side), limited numbers available

Prior Years Bronze Medals: \$5.00 each

Years Available: 97, 00, 02, 03, 05, 06, 07, 08, 12, 16, 19, 21, 22

CCA MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

2023 Convention Chip: \$5.00 each

Any Prior Year: \$4.00 each

Prior Years Available: 01, 02, 03 [1 Left], 04, 05, 09, 11, 12, 14, 15, 19, 22

| Year/Set | Quantity | Total |
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2023 Convention T-Shirt: \$15.00 each

Available in Navy Blue, Black or Royal Blue

Sizes: L, XL, 2XL

| Color | Size |
|-------|-------|
| _____ | _____ |

2023 Poker Tourney Set: \$15.00 each

Two or more sets \$12.00 each, Three or more sets \$10.00 each

Prior Year Poker/BJ Tourney Available:

04, 06, 07, 09 [1 Left], 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22

| Year/Set | Quantity | Total |
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2023 Convention Pin: \$5.00 each

Set of 21 (including 2023) \$20.00

Any Prior Year: \$3.00 each

Years Available: 97, 98, 99, 00, 03, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22

| Year/Set | Quantity | Total |
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2023 Convention Plaques, 2 Plaques: \$15.00 each or both for \$25.00, 3 for \$30.00

Prior Years: 2019 [2 left], 2021 [I Want to Collect & Encounters of the Collector's Kind]

2022 [Deuces Wild - 2 different plaques]

| Year/Set | Quantity | Total |
|----------|----------|-------|
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2023 Silver/Bronze Medal Set: \$60.00 each

| Quantity | Total |
|----------|-------|
| _____ | _____ |

2023 Bronze Medal Only: \$10.00 each

Prior Years Bronze Medals: \$5.00 each

Years Available: 97, 00, 02, 03, 05, 06, 07, 08, 12, 16, 19, 21, 22

| Year | Quantity | Total |
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CCA Member Pin: \$5.00

| Quantity | Total |
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CCA Polo Shirt: \$22.00 (no pocket), \$24.00 (with pocket)

Colors and sizes vary, please email to check

| Color | Size |
|-------|-------|
| _____ | _____ |

Shipping Address:

Name: _____

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City/State/Zip: _____

Email/Phone: _____

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| Shipping** | \$ _____ |
| Total Enclosed | \$ _____ |

Please Make Checks Payable to: CCA and Mail This Order Form To:

Sharon Baichman
CCA Promotions
131 Twin Towers Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89123

- **Shipping and handling charges within the continental U.S.:
Order Amount up to \$10.00 add \$4.95, up to \$25.00 add \$8.95, up to \$50.00 add \$9.95, over \$50.00 add \$10.95
- Email Order Questions to: promotions@ccgtcc.com
- International, Alaska, and Hawaii Orders—Contact for shipping charges
- NOTE: Due to shape and/or weight, some items will be mailed pre-paid priority and shipping cost may increase
- Quantities available may change, we will notify you if merchandise becomes unavailable

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MoGH Fundraising Promotional Merchandise

The below items, and "The MoGH's PERIODIC Table of Casino Currencies" T-Shirts, are available from the MoGH's Promotions Director, Pam Focazio at:

Pam@theMoGH.org.

