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Casino Collectibles Association Newsletter

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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!

Happy Holidays to one and all!

If you are traveling to be with friends and family, or just to get to a warmer climate, may your trip be safe and timely. Here in Las Vegas it is anticipated that there will be record setting arrivals and then departures at the airport and the roadways. It is pretty chilly here at night, so bring a jacket.

In this issue we note that the 2024 election cycle is now open, starting with the Candidate Nomination phase. Remember, a candidate can only become a Nominee if 2 Nominations are submitted. Doug Smith has graciously volunteered to be the Temporary Election Chair, pending a permanent replacement.

Nominees may submit a Campaign Statement to me, for publication in the CCA Newsletter. Submitted statements will not be edited and will appear as submitted by the Nominees.

Included in this issue are candidate nomination/recommendation forms for Hall of Fame recognition, the 2023 Greg Susong Memorial Award and the 2023 OTY Awards. Your participation is respectfully requested.

I have been talking with the Editors of the Casino Collectibles News (CCN) and all three of us are in need of CONTENT. It seems that the pre- and post-Convention issues have loads of content, but the other issues are in need of original content from the Club's authors and want-to-be story tellers. Send any content to: Editor@ccgtcc.com for consideration for publication in the CCN.

Thank you for your readership!

Jim Follis

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...



David Spragg
CCA President

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
to all our Members
and their Families!
And a Prosperous
NEW YEAR in 2024!**

May I see you ALL at the 2024 Convention.

On the Docket... Board Actions Through November 2023

Membership Dues Increase - A reminder - In June, 2023, the CCA Board discussed and proposed Dues increases 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 memberships to \$7.

MoGH Changes: The CCA Board has accepted a Final Report of the Special Committee to Review the organizational structure and mission of the MoGH. Moreover, the MoGH Board has responded to the recommended changes, and has submitted a response to the CCA Board, which has been approved for implementation.

Action: Details will be disseminated soon after distribution of this Newsletter, as a Special Edition.

Appointment of a Temporary Election Chair: CCA President, David Spragg has appointed, on an interim/temporary basis, Former CCA President, Doug Smith as the 2024 Election Chairman. The CCA Board continues to solicit a CCA volunteer to take on the duties of the CCA Election Chair. Any CCA member, in good standing, interested in this important position is asked to contact any CCA Board member, or Doug Smith for information about this position, or to volunteer for appointment into this role.

Action: The 2024 Elections process is now in effect. The Candidate Nomination(s) form is included elsewhere in this Newsletter, as well as online at the CCA's website, and in the Winter issue of the Casino Collectibles News.

1/2 Price Dealer Table BONUS for Last Year Dealers: Based on a suggestion from a CCA Member, to Convention Chairman and passed to the CCA Board, it was decided to provide a 1/2 price table (1 table only), to the Dealers of Record from last years' Convention. This means more offerings and a bigger foot print on the Convention Floor.

CONVENTION and SHOW - June 13 - 15 2024

DEALER NEWS FOR OUR 31st ANNUAL CONVENTION AND SHOW!

Greetings,

Linked [HERE](#) is a Dealer Contract for the June 2024 Convention.

GOOD NEWS – no increase in table fees or admission fees for 2024..

GOOD NEWS #2 – for 2024 we are offering the opportunity for any dealer who had tables for the 2023 show to purchase one additional table for the discounted rate of \$140.00.

Here is the fine print conditions:

The bonus table is available as an additional table above the number of tables you had in 2023. Example – if you had two single tables or one corner table you would be able to add one single bonus table. If you had one single table, you could add one bonus table. If you had three single tables, you could add one bonus table. See the pattern? The bonus table is over and above the number of tables you had in 2023. If you had two single tables, you could not sign up for one regular price table and a bonus table. Only one bonus table available per dealer.

By adding additional tables to the show floor, table positions from 2023 may change slightly but every effort will be made to honor your placement requests based on the Dealer Point System, 2023 floor plan and final table floor plan.

Please read your contract and abide by the content. Load-in and set-up instructions will be sent to each dealer advising the date, time, and hours of access to show floor.

I will send confirmation of receipt of your contract. Based on postal service please allow two weeks after mailing your contract and check. If you have not received confirmation by then contact me at: Convention@ccgtcc.com, or jimsteffner@mail.com.

Any questions? It's time to have fun again!

Jim Steffner, 2024 Convention Chairman

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Website Redesign - The CCA website is now fully operational.

Thanks-a-plenty are due to Barry Sherwood, Mike Brodeur and David Spragg.

The new website includes a new Message Board, referred to as a "Forum". The old Message Board (thank you Greg Susong) has now been archived, into 2 segments, and is still accessible, as a read-only, searchable listing of all past messages.

Visit the new website by clicking [HERE](#) to get signed up and also access the CCA Forum.

2024 Convention Theme: In other news regarding the 2024 Convention, member suggestions for a theme were reviewed by the Convention Chairman and the CCA Board. Submitted suggestions included Halloween branding because the Convention will be #31, a number associated to Halloween. Triskaidekaphobia branding, again a take off of "31" and it's mirror image, "13". A "31" flavors theme was presented. Lastly, several suggestions were made to theme the Convention in conjunction with the year, "1931" when gaming was legalized in Nevada. It has also been noted that the typical first 3 denominations of gaming chips (\$1, \$5 and \$25), when added together, equal "31".

Accordingly, the theme for our 31st Convention will be based on that 1931 date and activities relating to gaming in that year.

WANTED 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.

WANTED 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 last June. We acknowledge that Doug Smith has been appointed (temporarily) as the 2024 Election Chairman. Thank you Doug. However we are still looking for a CCA Member (or pair), in good standing, to volunteer their services as the CCA's Election Committee Chairperson(s) beginning in 2025. Election Chairmanship duties generally

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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 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 Doug Smith 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.

WANTED Greg Susong Memorial Award Chairman Vacancy: We are still looking for a new Greg Susong Memorial Award Chairman. 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. While we await a volunteer, the 2023 Greg Susong Award contest is now officially open, and is being administered by CCA Vice President Jim Follis. The 2023 Nomination Form is included elsewhere in this Newsletter.

WANTED CCA Membership - Are you a non- CCA member reader of this Newsletter? Your membership is solicited. You may visit this [link](#) to join, or contact our 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



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Shown here is the 2024 Candidate Nominations Form. It can be downloaded and used to submit CCA Member(s), in good-standing, for Nomination to the 5 noted positions.



The Casino Collectibles Association OFFICIAL 2024 CCA NOMINATIONS FORM

I, _____, CCA # _____,

hereby nominate the following CCA Members in Good Standing to the offices of:

VICE PRESIDENT

(Nominate only one)

TREASURER

(Nominate only one)

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

(Nominate only one)

MEMBER AT LARGE (2 year term)

(Nominate only one)

MEMBER AT LARGE (1 year term)

(Nominate only one)

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED NOMINATION FORM TO:

Doug Smith
Acting CCA Election Chairperson
PO Box 691085
Houston, TX 77269-1085
election@cgtcc.com

Postmark Deadline: Saturday, January 13, 2024
(and received by Saturday, January 20, 2024)

2024 CC>CC HALL OF FAME AWARD PROGRAM



CC>CC HALL OF FAME RECOMMENDATION FORM (DEADLINE: February 16, 2024)

The following form is provided as a convenience for submitting recommendations of club members whom you feel are worthy of being selected to the CC>CC Hall of Fame, and to suggest informational areas to provide detailed background data. Please remember that not all Hall of Fame members may be familiar with the person you'd like to recommend, so your detailed information is very important. This form may be utilized at your discretion. If the spaces provided are insufficient for detailing the information you desire to convey on behalf of your proposal, please use another page. If you wish to submit multiple recommendations, you may photocopy this form or use a separate sheet of paper. The form will also appear on the Club's website: www.ccgfcc.com.

Name of Club Member being recommended: _____

Birth Date (if known) _____

Club Member address: _____

Other hobby organizations of which the proposed is a member:

Specialized organizations in which the proposed member is active:

The proposed member is active in the hobby in the following capacities:

____ Club Officer ____ Exhibitor ____ Speaker ____ Author ____ Dealer ____ Other

List any offices, including organization names, the proposed member has held relating to our hobby or to the casino industry:

Is the proposed member active in any of the following promotional areas:

____ Recruitment ____ Convention Volunteer ____ Educational Panel ____ Other

How long have you known the proposed member? _____

To your knowledge, how long has the proposed member been collecting? _____

What are the major collecting interests of the proposed member?

Please detail the qualities you have observed in the proposed that in your judgment qualify him or her to be a CC>CC Hall of Fame inductee. Please be as detailed as possible, including specific illustrations of any specific hobby-building contributions whenever possible: Please remit your recommendations by mail or e-mail to:

Mark Lighterman
5224 West SR 46, #408
Sanford FL 32771
mlichter@bellsouth.net

**This Hall of Fame Recommendation Form can be
downloaded and used to submit your recommendation.**

OTY AWARDS 2023 – OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

Name: _____ Member #: _____

Chip of the Year (COTY)

	Casino Name	Denom.	Description	City/Locale	State/Country
1 .					
2 .					
3 .					

Silver Strike of the Year (SSOTY)

	Casino Name	Denom.	Description	City/Locale	State/Country
1 .					
2 .					
3 .					

Slot Card/Room Key of the Year (CKOTY)

	Casino Name	Description	City/Locale	State/Country
1 .				
2 .				
3 .				

I have 2 different email addresses that you may send your nominations to:

OTY@CCGTCC.com & link2179@juno.com.

Please submit your nominations in the above format (you can copy and paste this table if you wish).

Submittal deadline is midnight (CST) March 31, 2024.



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2024 Convention Raffle

Hello and greetings from James Hogg, your new CCA Convention Raffle Chairman.

I look forward to this fundraising event and hope that the participation is equal to or better than the excellent results of 2023.

Other than a new address to mail donations and submit ticket payments, nearly all of the previous Raffle details will stay in effect.

As a reminder, ticket donations are \$10 per ticket, or 3 tickets for \$25.

We are once again offering the Super Pre-Convention Specials of:

- 34 tickets for a donation of \$200!
- 15 tickets for \$100.
- 34 tickets for \$200.

Pre-Convention Specials are only available by mail.

Raffle DONATIONS and Ticket Donations may be mailed to:

James Hogg - CCA Raffle Chair
802 Fetter Court
Henderson, NV 89052

It is that time of the year, again! The 2024 CCA Convention Raffle is now open for donations and ticket sales, as noted above. Thank you for your support.

Musings from the MoGH...

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ChipGuide - A Catalog of Casino Chips and Collectibles

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Total Items on ChipGuide is 319,590 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: ChipGuide images are now watermarked, however, additional programming is being performed to have the watermark attached to downloaded images.

A special tribute to John Kallman, a ChipGuide Admin, extraordinaire, who passed away in early December, temporarily appears as a banner on most ChipGuide pages.

RIP John K. Kallman, 1951 - 2023

John was one of the most active ChipGuide Administrators, where his responsibilities included: New Zealand, Australia, North Dakota Charity Casinos, Minnesota, Military, Asian Poker Rooms and Nevada Route Tokens. He processed tens of thousands of user submissions into ChipGuide. As a collector, John contributed images of over 10,000 items from his collection to the ChipGuide. For his service to ChipGuide, he was awarded the Museum of Gaming History's Chairman's Award in 2022. John was a long-time Life Member of the CCA (LM 0112-112), a Convention Dealer and he was the CCA's Librarian from 2007 to 2016. John was an all-around great guy and a friend to everyone he met. He will be sorely missed.

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

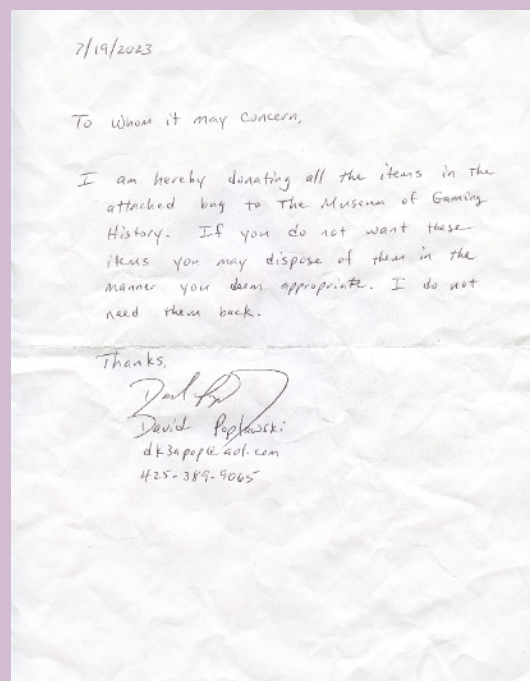
- Due to the success of sales at the 30th Convention, a 2nd version of the MoGH's "PERIODIC TABLE" is being developed for the 31st Convention. While sales were profitable, there a few remaining shirts in inventory and will be

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offered at the 31st Convention and also via mail order to the MoGH's Promotions Director, Pam Focazio, at: pam@themogh.org.

MoGH Donations - The MoGH has received several donations recently, as follows:

1. In November we received an unsolicited donation in a most circuitous manner. While visiting with the GM of the El Cortez, Mr. Adam Weisberg, for a new El Cortez Exhibit (more on that later) he handed me a USPS Priority Mail bubble envelope, that was address to the MoGH, in care of the El Cortez. Inside was a donation of various casino collectibles, shown below, with an accompanied letter, also shown here.



We thank Mr. David Poplawski for his unsolicited donation to the MoGH.

2. The MoGH also received a contact from the family of a collector that had passed away, and was asking what they could do with his sizable collection of plastic, casino coin cups. The MoGH reached out to his family advising that there is not much of an interest in plastic casino coin cups/buckets, as opposed to paper coin cups, however, the MoGH would be interested in receiving the collection to make photo contributions to ChipGuide of all the cups, and denote the deceased collector as the contributor. The MoGH has now received that collection and will be developing a methodology to photograph and insert those images into

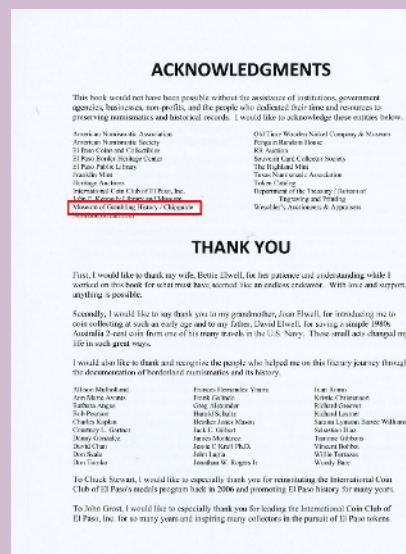
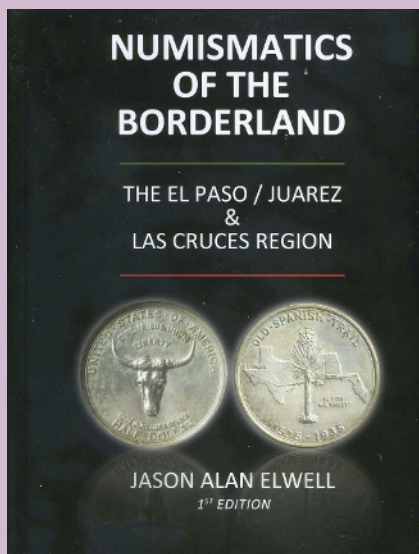
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ChipGuide under the name of: David I. Kopp.



3. Charles Kaplan, MoGH Chairman advises that several months ago he was contacted by an author, looking to use images from ChipGuide in a book he was authoring. The author, Jason Alan Elwell and Charles made

an agreement that he could use the images, giving credit to the MoGH's ChipGuide and donating a copy of the book, "Numismatics of the Borderlands" to the CCA's Lending Library.



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"Trail of the MoGH" Exhibits Update - The Jackie Gaughan Tribute

As noted above, as the Director of Exhibits and Events I had a meeting with the GM of the El Cortez, where the MoGH's "Jackie Gaughan Tribute" Exhibit is housed. Mr. Weisberg, through a prior meeting with Charles Kaplan had offered an additional location within the El Cortez for the MoGH to display more El Cortez artifacts.

Inside the El Cortez there is a hallway that connects the coin-operated slot machine area and the main casino area, as breezeway between the two sides of the building. That hallway is named the "Hallway of History" and is used to hang historic, large sized, framed Las Vegas News Bureau photographs. Towards the West end of the hallway is a no longer used service window, previously used as a pass-through from the hall to the security office. This service window has since been blocked off (on the security office side) leaving an opening of about 38" (h) x 36" (w) x 3" (d), with a lockable, clear glass, sliding window on the hallway side that Mr. Weisberg would like filled with casino collectibles. He has already placed a salvaged section of the old El Cortez carpet on the back wall.

The MoGH has temporarily placed several collectibles at this location, but will be return to finalize the Exhibit and do a refresh of the Jackie Gaughan Tribute Exhibit.

Several months ago I was contacted by Mr. Michael Morris, a CCA member, advising that he specialized in collecting El Cortez memorabilia and that he wished to loan his collection to the MoGH for display at the El Cortez "Jackie Gaughan Tribute" Exhibit. Michael's collection will soon be integrated into the existing exhibit and we thank him for his offer to loan items for the Exhibit. Some of those items are presented below and on the following page.



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Once these items are added to the "Jackie Gaughan Tribute" Exhibit, we will make the announcement here.

In another more very recent development, I have been contacted by the CEO of the Plaza, Downtown Las Vegas, where the MoGH has another "Trail of the MoGH" Exhibit. This Exhibit is dedicated to the PLAZA, since it's construction in 1971. We have a meeting set for early January, and once that is completed, we will have more info to pass along.

"Trail of the MoGH" Locations on Google Map's, My Maps - The CCA website Team is currently working on a feature to appear on the MoGH's website, that interactively shows the "Trail of the MoGH" locations on a Google Map interface, and will also provide directions on how to get to the Exhibits within their respective locations. More details next time.

News From Around the Hobby

Silver Strikers News - Four Queens Tournament and \$300 Strike Release Dates 2024.



January Tournament 26, 27, 28, 2024

\$300 handed out, Saturday January 27th at 5pm.

St. Patrick's Day 2024 – \$300 handed out Friday March 15th at 10am.

June Tournament 21, 22, 23, 2024 \$300 handed out, Saturday June 22th at 5pm.

Halloween 2024 – \$300 handed out Friday October 25th at 10am.

The blue, red and yellow (\$40 machine) capsule strikes are normally in the machines the Wednesday before the \$300 release date.

OHIO CHIP SHOW RETURNS - The Ohio Chip Show will return Saturday, April 20th, 2024, with a Trade Session on Friday the 19th. The Hard Rock Hotel is only 5 minutes away from the casino, with a shuttle going between the two. A flyer will be posted after New Year's.

You can email me or call me for details.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Charlie Wilson 937-313-0359

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