



Free Seminars Bring Gaming History to Life

*Public invited to attend four seminars
at World's Largest Casino Collectibles Show in June*

Every year the non-profit [Casino Collectibles Association](#) features four fascinating and free educational seminars related to gaming history at the World's Largest Casino Memorabilia Show. Each seminar will be presented across the hall from the show floor in the Joshua Room of the South Point Hotel and



Casino in Las Vegas. The free seminars are part of the club's dedication to the preservation of casino gaming history. Each seminar lasts about an hour, and attendees are encouraged to pose questions of the speakers at the completion of each seminar.

The seminar topics, speakers and appearance times are as follows:

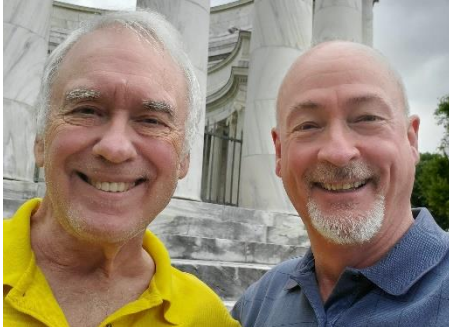
Managing Gaming at World Famous Casinos

Michael Clifford is the Director of Casino Operations at Caesars Entertainment overseeing the Table Games operations at Caesars Palace and Cromwell. He has vast experience in casino operations, including at the Fontainebleau, Resorts World and the Wynn Palace and MGM in Macau. Clifford started his career path as a dealer and will share his behind-the-scenes experiences and stories of managing gaming at premier casino locations. Seminar: Thursday, June 12 at 8 a.m.





Poker Hall of Famer Tom McEvoy and Coauthor Share 40 Years of Casino Stories Captured in New Autobiography, *Poker Pioneer*.



Casino Collectibles Association members Tom McEvoy and Brad Smith collaborated for two years writing WSOP Main Event winner Tom's award-winning autobiography. They will share many fascinating stories about how the characters, casinos and poker life evolved over the decades as the game has grown in popularity.

Seminar: Thursday, June 12 at 3 p.m.

Swizzle Sticks, the simple yet iconic connections to gaming's past.

Pam Ashund, the "Swizzle Queen," is the founder of the Swizzle Stick Collectors Club (SSCC), whose mission is to celebrate and preserve the humble swizzle stick as both a collectible and an art form.

With over 50,000 swizzle sticks in her collection, she will share her fascination with them, and the stories

of the bars, restaurants, hotels, and casinos they represent. Seminar: Friday, June 13 at 3 p.m.



The ChipGuide, World's Largest Casino Memorabilia Database.

Charles Kaplan, President of the CCA's Museum of Gaming History (MoGH), will talk about the significant 25-year history of the ChipGuide, and how valuable it is to the chip collecting community. Kaplan, the ChipGuide chairman and webmaster, has guided the image capturing and cataloging of over 332,000 gaming chips and memorabilia from 32,000 worldwide casinos. Seminar: Friday, June 13 at 8 a.m.

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The free seminars run concurrently with the Casino Collectibles Association's 32nd annual show, which runs June 12 -14, 2025. The World's Largest Casino Chip and Collectibles exhibition is open to the public and is a must-see event for anybody who is fascinated by gaming history. The show features the greatest single-location collection of the iconic artifacts and mementos that bring casino history, and



memories, to life. Many are symbols of past gaming grandeur that are gone or becoming rare; souvenirs from when the casinos wanted customers to pocket their branded keepsakes as reminders of a memorable experience. Things like gaming chips of all denominations, gaming tokens, dice, slot cards, playing cards, matchbooks, ashtrays, menus, dinnerware, swizzle sticks, casino photos, post cards, signs, table felt – just about anything a casino could put its name on. Over 50 worldwide dealers will be on hand to offer attendees the unique opportunity to examine, buy, sell, or trade casino collectibles.

The exposition is the annual educational effort of the Casino Collectibles Association, a non-profit club with hundreds of members who passionately share the hobby of collecting and preserving the past. Show hours are June 12, 10 AM – 5 PM (admission \$10), June 13, 9 AM – Noon (admission \$5), and admission is free from Noon to 4 PM June 13 and 9 AM – 4 PM June 14. Admission is free every day for First Responders, Active Military and Casino Employees with appropriate ID.