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Post-Show Member News Issue!

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The CCA's 32nd annual show was a big success! Here's a taste. Full details and lots of photos will be in the next issue of the magazine.

Important ChipGuide Member Enhancements Announced

To enhance value for members, it was announced at the show that the CCA Board of Directors has decided to make the *advanced features* of the ChipGuide a member-only benefit. Effective August 1, 2025, ChipGuide users will need to be logged on to access the advanced features. ChipGuide accounts are available to all current CCA members at no charge, including regular, associate and lifetime members.

Please read this page (<https://www.ccggtcc.com/documents/1386/news/ChipGuide-Member-Value-Enhancement>) on the CCA website for all the details.



New CCA Officers



Barry Sherwood took over the gavel as the new President of the CCA, running unopposed for the two-year position. Shortly thereafter Jay Sands rendered his resignation as Membership Officer, and President Sherwood **appointed Mike Nawrocki** to fulfill the remaining year of this term.

Barry Sherwood



Mike Nawrocki



Also running unopposed and joining the Board of Directors for the next two years are **Eric Freedner** (Member at Large Position #1) and **James Hogg** (Secretary).

Eric Freedner



James Hogg

Show Statistics

The Convention Chair team of David and Leslie Sowell report that we had 71 dealers at the show and give a huge thank you to all the dealers and volunteers that made the show such a success.

Based on the show registration cards, the preliminary attendance this year was over 850.

It appears that the show was a financial success. Treasurer Bud Wisinski says early indications are that the show should produce a profit comparable to last year in the \$12 to \$15k range.

Las Vegas Mayor honors ChipGuide



At the Early Bird Banquet, MoGH Chairman Charles Kaplan accepted a Proclamation from the Mayor of Las Vegas, the Honorable Shelley Berkley, whereas the City of Las Vegas declared June 12, 2025, as *ChipGuide Day*.



2025 CCA Hall of Fame Inductee



28-year Life Member Mike “Captain Q” Quinlivan was inducted into the CCA Hall of Fame. Over this time span he has served the CCA as treasurer, convention chair, claims director and magazine article contributor. He has served the MoGH as a visionary planner, Board member, Chairman and was integrally involved in getting the exhibits at the El Cortez, Plaza and Neon Museum. Congrats Mike!

Additional Pre-Show Awards

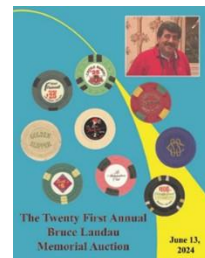
- **Article of the Year** - Ed Hertel. "*California's Illegal Gambling Fleet and the Battle of Santa Monica Bay, Part Two*" Fall Issue 2024 Casino Collectibles News.
- **Book of the Year** – Brad Smith. *Poker Pioneer*. The Autobiography of CCA member Tom McEvoy, Poker World Champion and Hall of Famer.
- **President's Awards** - Jay Sands, Ron Gaudette and Mike Brodeur
- **MOGH Chairman's Award** - Pam Focazio
- **Susong Award** - Steve Miller

Raffle Winners

Day 1 raffle bag winners were David Sarles*, and Nate Pincus, with Bob Pardue, David Spragg and Mike Gersie winning on Day 2. For the \$25 Script Plaques, Day 1 winners were Gary Kuehl, Chuck Larson, Jim Belligan and James Love, with Day 2 winners Pam Focazio, James Bosnik. Bud Wisinski and Weston Charles. But the big winner was the club, netting \$3,610 from the raffles. A big thanks to James Hogg for running the raffle and to all the raffle donors, volunteers and ticket buyers.

2025 Bruce Landau Auction Results

There were 200 auction lots, of which 180 were donated. The total proceeds were \$9,157.50 of which \$8,329.50 goes to the club. Thanks to Co-Chairs David Spragg and Jay Sands. We are looking for a volunteer(s) to run the 23rd Annual Auction in 2026.



Poker Tournament Results

James Love won the tournament, shown here (middle) with the two unfortunate souls who finished second and third.

Of The Year (OTY) Awards

This year's winners were the first chosen, in part, by the CCA's new online voting tool. Trey Warren, OTY Chairmen, announced this year's winners:



Chip of the Year. Buffalo Bill's Casino, Primm, NV. \$5 Bonnie & Clyde 90th Anniversary Final Ride

Sliver Strike of the Year. Four Queens Casino, Las Vegas, NV. \$300 Indian Chief w/ Wolves & Eagle Strike



Casino Card of the Year. Winstar World Casino, Thackerville, OK. 2024 Year of the Dragon Player's Card

Educational Exhibits Winners

Hosted by the MoGH, Jim Follis reported:

Judge's Choice Awards

- First Place: Jerry Birl's presentation on roulette chips
- Second: CT Coins Collection of CHIPCO Chips, as presented by Tom and Barbara Hartel

People's Choice Awards

- Tie for First Place: Jerry Birl's roulette display and Casey Focazio-Follis' NERF Gun Chips collection

Personal Chip of the Year Winners

Also hosted by the MoGH, winners (as judged by a random attendee couple) were

- First Place: Advertising chip for Spinettis Gaming Supplies
- Second Place: Business card chip of Roy Klein

Splashy Award

The Splashy Warad winner for the most eventful mishap of the year went to Scot Parriott. He might get it again next year...



Annual Business Meeting

The CCA annual meeting was held at the convention at 8 am on June 14th. Highlights:

- We currently have 907 members, 80 less than last year.
- With the help of a new connected/influential board member, the MoGH is revisiting the possibility of a physical location.
- To enhance value for members, the CCA will be making the advanced features of the ChipGuide a member-only benefit. Read the details here:
<https://www.ccgccc.com/documents/1386/news/ChipGuide-Member-Value-Enhancement>
- Barry Sherwood took over as the new President of the CCA. He presented his background and his personal goals.
- Mike Nawrocki was appointed the new Membership Officer after Jay Sands resigned.
- The annual show is contracted at South Point for 2026. The process of working on a new contract begins in August.

The full minutes can be viewed at <https://www.ccgccc.com/documents/1385/2025-Annual-Meeting-Minutes>

Promotional Merchandise a Big Hit – and Still Available



Promotions Chair Sharona Baichman reports promotion merch sales were good this year at the show, with the convention chip (sold out), plaque and medal sets selling like hot cakes. There is inventory still available and can be ordered on the club website at <https://www.ccgccc.com/documents/1302/Merchandise-Order-Form>. The club netted over \$1,300 in merch sales this year – so far! A new addition next year will be a show tote bag.

2026 Show Promotional Cards Available

These were distributed to dealers and other sellers to include in their casino memorabilia sales packages to help promote next year's show. Additional cards are available upon request from Jim Follis at jim@gamingore.com.



Show Photos

Our super photographers Jim Whobrey and Chuck Gajewski will be posting photos of on website under News & Events/Events. In the meantime, check out photos from past year's shows at <https://www.ccgccc.com/events/images/index.aspx>

Soliciting Your Ideas for the 2026 Show!

Your club is seeking your ideas for potential:

- Show Theme
- Meet & Greet VIPs
- Educational Speakers

Please send any suggestions to Brad Smith at brad@b2bsmithgroup.com