

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

A SUPER SHOW!!!

It was a convention you'll never forget. If you were not there, words alone could not describe it. Attendance was over 900 through the door and big crowds were the order of the day. The wide aisles and spacious table layout made a very comfortable set up for the 45 dealer tables.

Brenda and I "won" \$1,000 before we even got to Las Vegas..... thanks to two American Airlines flights that were overbooked on our way out. Once in Chicago where we each received \$200 travel vouchers for giving up our seats and again in Dallas/Ft. Worth where we received another \$300 each in travel vouchers for giving up our seats once more. Instead of arriving in Las Vegas at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon prior to the convention, we arrived at 9:00 p.m. but the delays were well worth the inconvenience and compensation.

The dealer sponsored, "Wine & Cheese Welcome", was attended by more than 80 "Early Birds" on the night before the show opening as was the marathon "Members Swap Session", which went on for about four hours before the last traders left the Salon Room. One member told me he left with hundreds of new chips to add to his collection that he did not have before the swap session began.

The "live" \$5 Aladdin commemorative CC>CC CHIPCO was available at the cashier's window two days before the convention opened and was put into play on the gaming tables two days later for the duration of our show. There were still chips available on Sunday, the day after the show, so everyone who wanted to stock up, certainly had the opportunity to do so. Also available at the cage at face value were the New Years Eve \$5 CHIPCOS; sets of \$5, \$20 & \$100 discontinued bacarrat chips; and a very attractive uncirculated \$7 .999 fine silver Aladdin slot token in a round plastic holder.

Janice O'Neal reported that the club chips and medal sets sales were very brisk at the club table all during the show hours on the convention floor.

Dale Seymour and his guest from England, Derek Cowan, provided an interesting presentation at our Educational Forum on Saturday afternoon. More than 50 members opted to leave the busy bourse floor to come listen and view their excellent slide presentation, "The Evolution Of The Gaming Chip... 1750 to 1950". Plaques were presented to both speakers upon the conclusion of their talks.

About fifteen members and guests signed up for the Laughlin Bus Trip and all reports received were that a good time was had by all.

The big news to come out of the convention was the STANDING ROOM ONLY club auction, where strong record prices were bid on some tough to rare chips. Over 100 members were in attendance and spirited bidding drove prices up on many obsolete chips to new higher price levels. Of

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particular note was a \$5 Atlantic City Hilton chip that was bid up to a whopping \$380 before Auctioneer Jim Kruse brought the hammer down to gasps and mixed applause from many of those in attendance. Another burst of applause came after a Havana Cuba \$25 Capri Hotel & Casino chip was won on a \$400 bid. Only about a two dozen lots were won by mail bidders, demonstrating the strong bidding activity from the floor. Bruce Landau's auction committee did a superb job recording the bids and distributing the money received to the consignors and awarding the materials won to their proud new owners. We wish to thank the following for their assistance to the club for helping to record the lively action and bookkeeping: Arlene Grossblatt, Mrs. Don Kessinger, Cameron Kessinger, Betsy Rosenblum, Mary & Mike. The club also acknowledges the following members for donating material to the auction with all proceeds going into the club treasury: Henry Bessler; Alvin Beatty; Bob Gaarder; Steve Roy; Jim Whittaker; and Archie Black. A listing of prices realized has been inserted into this issue of the club magazine for your reference. The 1994 Auction promises to be even bigger and better than the 1993 event. Possibly two sessions will be on tap.

ANNUAL MEETING AND CLUB AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

CHIP OF THE YEAR:	\$1 LILLY BELLE'S CASINO
TOKEN OF THE YEAR:	\$1 HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS
BEST MAGAZINE ARTICLE:	MICHAEL KNAPP'S "FAKES, FANTASY, ETC."
TOP DEALER RECRUITER:	ROBERT MERA
TOP MEMBER RECRUITER:	ROBERT EISENSTADT
MEDAL DESIGN CONTEST WINNER:	KEVIN NORRIS
"AUCTION PROBLEM"/INCORP:	ERIC ROSENBLM
AUCTION CHAIRMAN:	BRUCE LANDAU
AUCTIONEER:	JAMES P. KRUSE
REGISTRATION CHAIRPERSON:	BRENDA BLACK
MEDAL CONTEST/ELECTION CHAIRMAN:	ROBERT MAISCH
PERMITS/LICENSING/FEEES:	EARL DONLEY
VEGAS LOCAL COORDINATOR:	VINCE MOWERY
ADVERTSING MANAGER:	CHARLES T. RODGERS
SECURITY CHAIRMAN:	JERRY O'NEAL
V.P. CLUB HISTORIAN:	JANICE O'NEAL
CONVENTION CO-CHAIRMAN	MICHAEL KNAPP
PEOPLES CHOICE-BEST EXHIBIT:	HENRY GARRETT's Cuba Display



Forum Speaker
Dale Seymour

EXHIBITOR APPRECIATION AWARDS:

CHARLES D'AMBROGI
CHARLES HENDRICK
MEL JUNG
NORMA JEAN KING
JIM NEISWONGER
JODI SONES

The club was saddened to learn that ROBERT GAARDER of Colorado Springs was unable to bring his five case display of Colorado chips due to his being hospitalized just prior to the convention. We all wish you a hearty "Get Well" and a speedy recovery Bob!

Update: Mr. Gaarder is recuperating nicely. I'm told that he is taking it easy and is up and about at home. (Editor)

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Outgoing Treasurer BRUCE LANDAU was presented with a handsome plaque for his many years of valuable service to the club as Club Treasurer. CHUCK TOMARCHIO was welcomed aboard as the new incoming Treasurer.

The winner of our Las Vegas Vacation drawing was ticket #142, belonging to Mr. Ed Mahon of Farmington Hills, Michigan. Mr. Mahon was not present at the time of the drawing but he was notified by mail of his good fortune. Perhaps he can now be convinced to join the club?

Convention surveys were distributed to our dealers with tables and to the members in attendance at our annual breakfast business meeting. The club officers will consider all of the input received from the surveys and we will make an informed decision on our 1994 dates and site based on the tabulated survey data.

The Aladdin Hotel and Banquet staff was terrific to work with and Secretary Knapp has met with them two days after our convention was over, before he left Las Vegas, to seek out proposals for our 1994 convention. Michael has also met with convention staffers at Harrah's Las Vegas to view their facilities and obtained some quotes on prices. It would appear that Aladdin has the inside track for our 1994 convention at this point in time because of our familiarity with the excellent facilities available and reasonable costs. Will keep you posted.

Election Chairman Robert Maisch's report was read by Recording Secretary Earl Donley during the business portion of the Annual Meeting. The results are published elsewhere in this issue.

An ammendment to the ByLaws was approved regarding dues received being credited from the quarter in which the membership application was received to the same quarter period in the following year. This measure will prevent members from being "short changed" by not getting a full years worth of club benefits and services in the future.

Another proposed ByLaws ammendment, as well as two ammendments to the ammendment, concerning various past officers automatically being part of a Board Of Directors, failed to receive the necessary support of the voting members present as per the ByLaws.

'SHOWTIME AT THE ALADDIN'



Margo Seymour (Dale's wife) and Derek Cowan from England, engage in some light conversation with a convention visitor.



Club President Archie Black presents Michael Knapp with "The Best Magazine Article" award.



Janice O'Neal accepts award from President Black for her hard work as V.P./Historian.



Dean & Jodi Richmond (Washoe Antiques) brought their vast inventory to sell. Jodi (below) also set up a beautiful display of "Casino Chinaware" that was a big hit with show-goers.



"Aloha from Hawaii!" Who says our members wouldn't travel more than a few hundred miles to a convention?



This beautiful .999 fine silver \$7 token could be purchased for face value at the Aladdin cage during show.



Club members line up at club table to purchase convention medal sets, chips, decals, membership pins and other memorabilia. Behind the club table, hidden from the camera sits Janice O'Neal for most of the show. No fun for Jan!



Recording Secretary, Earl Donley, tends to visitors at a very busy club table while a potential bidder examines the 3 ring binder containing the 240 auction lots prior to the standing room only auction sale.



Incoming club Treasurer, Chuck Tomarchio, (bending over) likes those decks of cards offered at Stan & Betty Wilker's table #16.



Don & Jean, the popular gaming tokens specialists, show their stock to two interested buyers.



I may be wrong but I believe that the gentleman on the left is Mark Weiser at his well stocked table.



Just a small part of the big crowds that were like children in a candy store. So much to chose from!



"How much is this one?" asks an interested buyer at Dewey Reed and Jim Neiswonger's table #30.



"I'm not interested in chips, dice bottles or tokens, but that is a mighty nice mahogany & glass display case!"



An impressive display of casino chinaware was set up on exhibit by Jodi Sones of Washoe Antiques. It was my favorite exhibit..... but the most votes were tabulated in favor of Henry Garrett's Cuba.



Betsy Rosenblum (right) of New York Chip Connection, answers questions posed by a curious customer.



Mel Jung and his lovely wife, Lisa, behind him at his "House Of Brass" table. Nice exhibit Mel!



Margo Seymour and Guest Speaker, Derek A. Cowan relax behind Dale Seymour Publications table.



Mr. & Mrs. Allan Myers came all the way from Kentucky to show their stock to a potential customer.



Bill Aikman chats with "Jeanie" and "Aladdin" at Dale Seymour's hospitality room.



Californian, Gene Grossblatt and Michael Knapp share a table at busy convention.



Paul Cunningham, Michigan, met many of his customers for the first time at Las Vegas.



Betsy Rosenblum, New York City, takes a break from the busy show with some light refreshments.



40. Unidentified viewer at one of the fine exhibits on display.