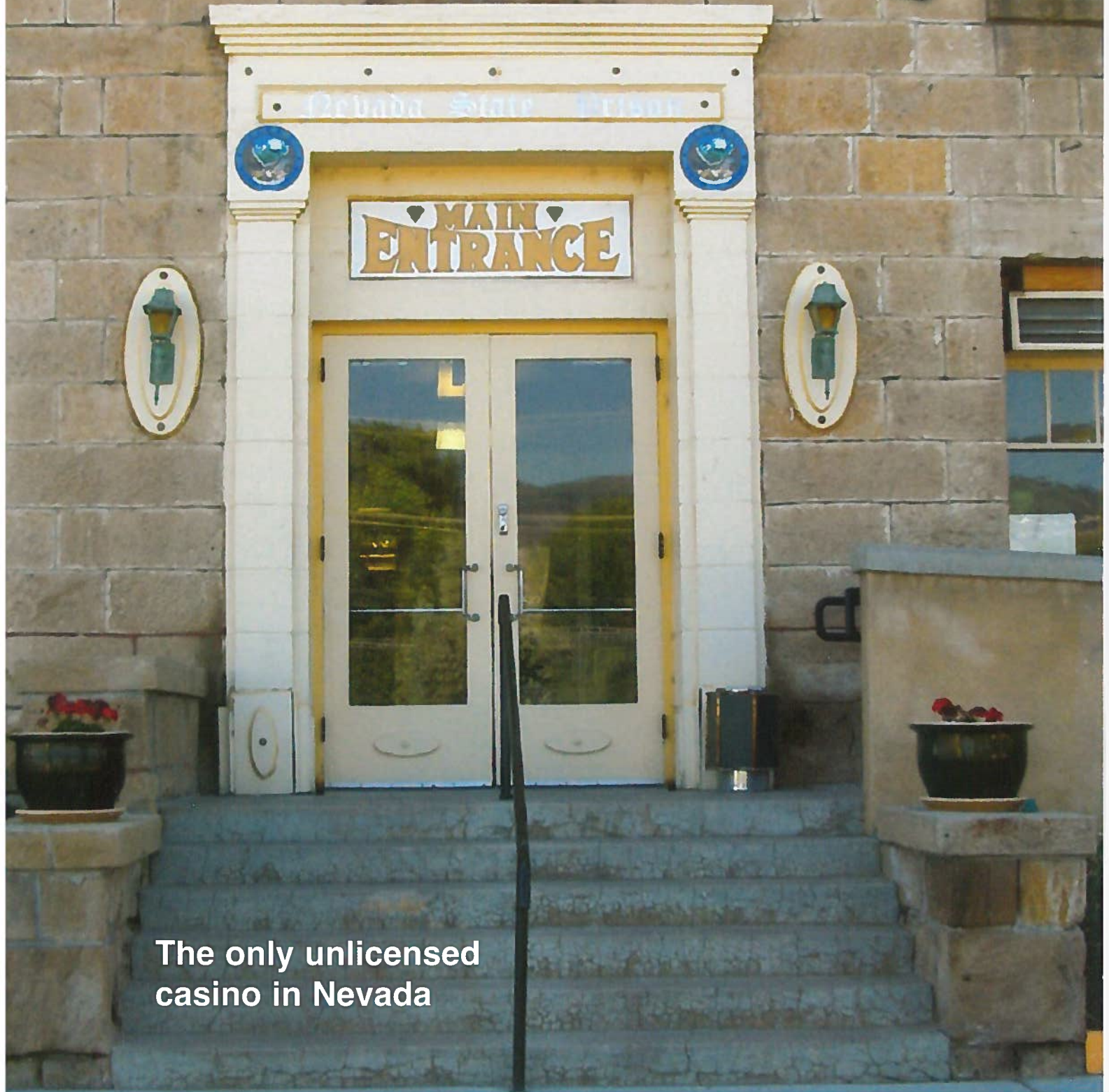


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## **Wayne Thompson – President**



I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to be part of the current Board of Directors going on my fourth year as Vice-President. I believe we have truly accomplished a lot during our time in office. I want to help continue the momentum we have as your next President.

## **Jay Sands – Vice-President**



As a long-time chip collector I've become concerned over the years about many issues facing our casino collectibles hobby. I feel the current board has done an exemplary job in representing our interests and I would be honored to serve the Club as Vice-President in continuing the efforts towards growth and stability.

## **Belinda Hixon – Secretary**



As Secretary of the current Board of Directors, I'm proud of the work we've accomplished and I recognize that there is more work to be done to make the CC&GTCC a stronger, more viable organization. I hope to be re-elected to the office of Secretary and continue that work on behalf of the Club.

## **Doug Smith – Treasurer**



During the convention I was approached with the possibility of running for club treasurer. After giving the proposal much thought I believe I would be able to add a lot to the club by offering my skills in this position and would be honored to serve the club in this capacity.

## **Sunday Silverman – Membership Officer**



I've been collecting since 1998 and was originally an Associate Member of the Club. In 2002 I received my own membership number and attained Life Membership last year. I currently serve on the convention committee for the Bruce Landau Memorial Auction and the Standards and Archives Committee. I have been involved with and am a charter member of the Slab Free group.

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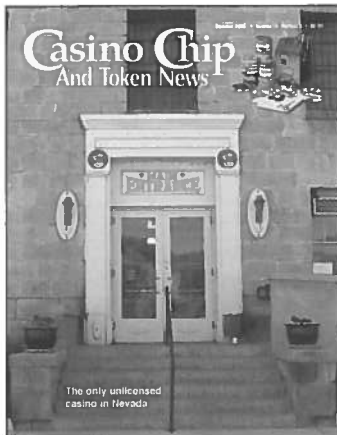


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## From the Editor's Desk

The convention has come and gone and a what a great convention it was. A big Thank You to Convention Co-Chairs Jim and Sandi Steffner who put it all together and who made it run like a well oiled machine. Thank You also to all the volunteers. A complete list of the volunteers appears on page 10.

The American Numismatic Association has once again honored *The Casino Chip and Token News* with second place for 2006 as the Outstanding Specialty Numismatic Publication. This is a great honor and I thank them for the award.

A magazine is only as good at its contributors. My thanks go out to all of you. If you've never tried writing an article before, try it, It's easy and fun.

A special thanks to Assistant Editor John Moore who proofs and edits all the articles submitted. John also keeps me from butchering the English language on a regular basis.

Throughout the articles on the convention, there are a great number of pictures. It's always hard to go through all the CD's I get from club photographer Mark Lighterman and from Dick Covington and then pick

out the ones that make it into print. I would love to use them all but we would have a very large and heavy magazine which could only be delivered by truck. Eventually many of these pictures will make their way to the magazine website.

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Next year is the 15th anniversary of the club convention and Belinda Hixon is putting together a pictorial history of past conventions. If you have any old photos, articles or stories, contact Belinda at [secretary@ccgtcc.com](mailto:secretary@ccgtcc.com). The 2007 convention will be a special event not to be missed. Be there on August 8th thru the 11th at The Riviera Hotel and Casino.

Take a minute and fill out the Club Nominations Form inside this issue for next years election. Get involved in deciding the next Board of Directors.

I hope you enjoy this issue. If you're interested in casino trivia and thought that every casino in Nevada had to be licensed, think again. Howard Herz wrote the cover story on Nevada's only unlicensed casino at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City. Howdy spent the day touring the facility, talking to the warden and staff members while putting together the background for his story. I'm glad they let him back out.

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Mike Skelton, President

## President's Letter

For those members who were not able to make it to this year's Convention, you missed a good one! There are many pictures of Convention week through out this issue of the magazine, so enjoy them.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered some of their valuable time and talents to assist the Club with putting on this Convention. It would be impossible to do it without you and I am continually impressed with the efforts that are put forth by our membership for the benefit of fellow members and collectors! THANK YOU!

I need to extend my gratitude to Mr. Anthony Curtis, publisher of the Las Vegas Advisor and Huntington Press, for being the guest speaker at our Volunteer Reception. With his current schedule, it took a great deal of effort on his part to come and talk to our Volunteers and we all enjoyed the time he spent with us. Of course, the evening wouldn't have been possible without Len Cipkins and his persuasive nature. Thanks to both of these gentlemen for their contributions to a great ending of another great Convention.

Thanks to each of the Club members who purchased table space at the

Convention. I hope that the show met all of your expectations. Your continued support each year is one of reasons the show has grown into what it is today. The world's largest casino collectibles show!! No brag, just fact. Thank You!

Our thanks go to Mr. Burton M. Cohen for delivering the Keynote Address at the Wednesday night Banquet and to our dear friend, Mrs. Claudine Williams, who helped arrange for Mr. Cohen to appear. I sincerely appreciate the fact that Mr. Bob Maheu and Mrs. Kitty Rodman accepted our invitation to join us for the evening as well. The roles that each of these individuals played in the development and growth of Las Vegas (and gaming) is more than impressive. We hope to see each of them back with us next year.

And of course, the best for last. My personal thanks and admiration go to our Convention Co-Chairs, Jim & Sandi Steffner. They simply make the difficult look easy. There are so many moving parts connected with running a convention of this size and under their direction, it all comes together. On behalf of the Board and the membership – THANK YOU!

You really need to make plans now to attend next year's Convention. You don't want to miss this one! Next year will be the 15th Anniversary of our little get together. There are some very exciting things planned for Convention Week 2007 and more information will be published shortly. So come help us say "Aloha to 15".

Inserted in this issue is the Nomination Form for the upcoming election of the Club Officers. I would encourage everyone to become involved in the process of electing your next Board of Directors. If you don't want to run for one of five offices yourself, please nominate someone who you think would make a fine officer and if you do nominate someone, you might want to ask them first! But at the very least, PLEASE take time to vote in the actual election in 2007.

And speaking of elections, I announced at the Convention that I will not be seeking a 3rd term as President. I appreciate all the support that this Board and I have had from the membership and it has been my honor to hold this office. I will discuss my decision more in depth at a later time.

Members of the Board of Directors and members of the Vision & Feasibility Committee will be meeting in August to formulate a comprehensive plan for our Building/Museum project. An outline of what we will be working



on is located else where in this issue. We will be working with Ms. Sandra Harris, who is currently the Deputy Director of the Hearst Museum at UC Berkley. We know Sandra from her time as Executive Director of the Neon Museum in Las Vegas. I had arranged several tours of the Neon Boneyard through Sandra during

Convention week for a few years and she also was the lecturer at one of our Educational Seminars a couple of years ago. She and I have had many discussions about the Club's "project" over several years and her input has been invaluable as we navigate through this process.

The V & F Committee will issue a report once this project is complete.

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Mike Skelton

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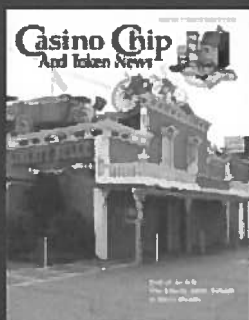
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Mike Quinlivan, Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report

As of July 31, 2006, the cash balance in the Club's accounts is \$246,839. For the first seven months of 2006, the Club treasury increased its cash position by \$57,933, excluding Building Fund donations of \$12,931. This DOES include the expenditure for the Spring issue of the Club magazine but it DOES NOT include the final Convention billing from the Riviera (\$31,550). Please see the accompanying financial statements for more detail related to income, expenditures, and the breakdown of the equity accounts.

Highlights for the first 7 months of 2006:

1. 68 members became Life Members. The Club now has 215 Life Members and 5 Honorary Life Members.
2. The proceeds from the 2006 Bruce Landau Memorial auction will be \$6,484. The July financials reflect a balance of \$3,101 because \$3,383 of auction payments still have not been received. The gross earnings for the auction were \$35,133 while the net payments to consigners were \$28,650.
3. The balance in the Building Fund is \$87,134. Neil Silverman's Building Fund Raffle that was held on June 30 collected \$6,670. Doug "Cigarman" Smith solicited members for personal chip donations. Final bidding on over 400 personal chips (including 4 chip frames that hold 99 chips) went to Skip Harouff for \$1,250. Another \$3,162 was donated during the Convention for various offerings at the Building Fund table.
4. The audit of the 2005 Club records was performed on March 25, 2006. A hearty thanks to Mike Skelton, Dave Harber and Tyrus Mulkey for participating again and to Bob Weingardt for participating this year.
5. The 2005 Federal Tax Return was submitted on time on May 12, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Quinlivan - Treasurer  
August 6, 2006

# Income & Expense/Equity Statement (cash basis)

January 1 through July 31, 2006

## Income

Membership Dues (includes 1st class postage)		\$55,063
Convention 2006:		
Table Fees	\$32,220	
Registration	\$9,415	
Banquet	\$8,540	
Auction Proceeds	\$3,101	
Program Advertising	\$1,823	
Convention 2006 Total		\$55,099
Promotion		\$14,950
Building Fund Donations		\$12,931
Interest Income		\$2,019
Magazine Advertising		\$1,160
Video Sales		\$335
Magazine Sales		\$21
Directory Sales		\$10
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Total Income		\$141,588

## Expenditures

Magazine		\$27,488
Convention 2006 (Includes Auction Catalog Sales)		\$18,432
Promotion		\$7,845
Postage (Other than Magazine)		\$3,489
Bank Charges		\$2,425
Video Production (2006 Convention)		\$2,338
Storage		\$2,008
Supplies		\$1,878
Miscellaneous		\$1,800
Video Production (2005 Convention)		\$1,460
Printing		\$1,099
Telephone		\$228
Filing Fees		\$175
Advertising		\$59
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Total Expenditures		\$70,724
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Net Income - 01/01/06 to 07/31/06		\$70,864

Beginning Equity Balance - 01/01/06		\$202,498
Net Income - 01/01/06 to 07/31/06		\$70,864
Ending Equity Balance - 07/31/06		<u>\$273,362</u>

## Detail of Equity Balance - 07/31/06

Building Fund	\$87,134	
General Fund	\$60,236	
Money Market Fund	\$58,122	
Life Membership Fund	<u>\$41,347</u>	
Total Cash Available		<u>\$246,839</u>
Inventory		\$26,023
Advance (Membership Officer)		\$500
Ending Equity Balance - 07/31/06		<u>\$273,362</u>



**Ralph Myers,**  
Membership Officer

# Membership Officer's Report

Another convention is behind us, and a great one it was. Although we didn't sign up a lot of new members at the convention, we did a ton of business in the Life Member category.

As of this writing, we have 208 Life Members. This past quarter saw 106 new members join our ranks. Don't forget, referring a new member gets you a CCGTCC thank you chip.

A big thank you to Jim and Sandi Steffner and volunteers for another great convention, and a special thank you to those members who helped out at the Membership table. It was great having you there with me.

For all you members who's membership expires at the end of September, remember that regular membership is now \$30.00 a year, and 1st. class postage is an additional \$14.00

If you know that your membership expires at the end of September, why not just renew now and get it out of the way.

I have been getting a few emails from members asking me why they are not in the online directory that is available on the club web site. As the club Membership Officer, I maintain the club data base, but the on line directory is maintained by each member who chooses to have their information listed. So to answer this question again, if it's not there, it's because you didn't put it there.

Last but certainly not least, are the upcoming CCGTCC elections for officers for the next 2 year term. The current term ends at the next convention. Next years convention will be the end of my 3rd term as Membership Officer, and I have decided not to seek a 4th term. It's been a great run, but it's time to let someone else step up and help run the club. Now is your opportunity to get involved in YOUR club.

As always, call me, email me, or snail mail me with any comments, suggestions, or problems.

Best regards,  
Ralph



## Renew Your Membership Online





# New Members

Number	Last Name	First Name	State	City	Reference
7331	Panger	James H.	IL	Wauconda	www.ccgfcc.com
7332	Davisson	Joe	TX	Dallas	www.ccgfcc.com
7333	Feldman	Ira	NV	North Las Vegas	"OFFICIAL" Chip Guide
7333-A	Feldman	Joyce A.	NV	North Las Vegas	"OFFICIAL" Chip Guide
7335	Sandor	Jim	CA	Salinas	returning member
7336	McDonald	Dee	NV	Henderson	www.ccgfcc.com
7337	Lang	Marvin	NV	Las Vegas	Smorse, Chuck
7338	Bounds	Brian	WI	Oak Creek	Las Vegas Adviser
7339	Uliano	George	FL	Deland	www.ccgfcc.com
7340	Steel	Norman L.	UT	South Jordan	Pushkin, Ricky
7341	Landis	Mark	OR	Sherwood	
7343	Remmerde	Mike	WA	Vancouver	www.ccgfcc.com
7344	Lowin	Andy	UK	Hertfordshire	www.ccgfcc.com
7345	Staat	Cheryl	CA	San Jose	Minsberg, Ron
7346	Ballagh	William	MI	New Lothrop	American Chip Ent.
7347	Brown	David	IL	Chicago	www.ccgfcc.com
7348	Willey	James N.	CA	Lancaster	Gallizzi, Roger
7349	Wilkinson Jr.	Robert C.	FL	Lakeland	
7350	Brunetti	Nicolas G.	France	Thonon-les-bains 74200	American Chip Ent.
7354	Raduns	Ed	FL	Miami	Shore, Josh
7355	Dolly	David W	PA	Quakertown	www.ccgfcc.com
7356	Weiser	James A.	NY	Amherst	Rizzo, Pete
7357	Gregory	John V	WA	Spokane	www.ccgfcc.com
7358	Patten	Donald L.	OK	Moore	www.ccgfcc.com
7359	Schultz	Ron	MN	Vadnais Heights	www.ccgfcc.com
7360	Stebler	Billy	CA	Torrance	
7362	Denbow	Robert A.	CA	San Diego	Saito, Doug
7364	Nakamura	David	HI	Mililanigoogle	
7365	Rogers	Wayne	TX	Missouri City	www.ccgfcc.com
7368	Thompson	Randi	NV	Las Vegas	
7369	Gummer	Richard	CA	Cardiff by the Sea	Wendleton, David
7370	Osborne	Carl E	NV	Las Vegas	Rodgers, C.T.
7371	Fitzgerald	Thomas	MA	Gloucester	www.ccgfcc.com
7372	Green	Stephen	NY	Commack	returning member
7373	Yee	Jayson	OH	Cincinnati	Cagle, Greg
7373-A	Yee	Theresa	OH	Cincinnati	Cagle, Greg
7374	Prather	Brian	KY	Georgetown	Cagle, Greg
7375	Bekins	Daniel J.	AZ	Peoria	
7376	Wagmeister	Sam	NV	Henderson	Smith, Sheldon
7376-A	Wagmeister	Leslie	NV	Henderson	Smith, Sheldon
7377	Henderson	Constance Mae	IL	Mundeline	Follis, Jim
7378	Pontillo	Michael	NV	Las Vegas	www.ccgfcc.com
7379	Stephens	Michael	NV	Las Vegas	Colspan, Walter
7380	Burns Cagle	Ann	TX	Crandall	Cagle, Greg
7381	Carlson	Kevin Michael	MN	Plymouth	www.ccgfcc.com
7383	Coverstone	Randy	CA	Newark	Follis, Jim
7384	Baylor	Aaron	AZ	Phoenix	www.ccgfcc.com
7385	Sawtelle	Philip	NV	Henderson	Silver Strikers

Number	Last Name	First Name	State	City	Reference
7386	Jones	Andrew	NSW	Surry Hills	Hughes, Andy
7387	Siskin	Michael	NY	Port Washington	Kaplan, Charles
7389	Chanslor	Lynne	NV	Las Vegas	Bunis, Michael
7392	DeCew	Brian	CA	Riverside	
7394	Ramos	Paul	PA	Lancaster	Cagle, Greg
7395	Golingan	Tony M.	CA	Chula Vista	OFFICIAL Chip Guide
7396	Pickler	Jim	CA	Camarillo	Garrett, Henry
7397	Holland	Dianne	NV	Las Vegas	www.ccgctcc.com
7399	Ivey McCowan	Elizabeth	TN	Knoxville	Rizzo, Pete
7400	Vogel	Keith E.	NV	Las Vegas	Casino Connection
7401	Cohen	Burton M.			
7402	Wajda	Tony	NV	Las Vegas	Nathan, Peter
7405	Cahan	Allen J.	CA	Spring Valley	Trimble, Gene
7407	Mixon	John	TX	Arlington	Convention
7409	Salomon	Steven	NV	Las Vegas	Convention
7410	Radicioni	Louis	NV	North Las Vegas	Edelman, Howard
7415	Egan	John M.	OH	Cleveland	www.ccgctcc.com
7416	Ferrell	Johnny	FL	Tampa	Shore, Josh
7417	Negrete	Kevin	CA	Palmdale	Shore, Josh
7418	Fornara	Raphael Franco	Switzerland	Luzern	Marlow Casino Chips
7419	Panigrosso	Marissa	NY	Tarrytown	returning member
7420	Fouke	Haydon	FL	Lacanto	Shoop, Dennis
7421	Schwister	Wade	IL	Steamwood	Cagle, Greg
7422	Jones	Patricia	NY	Vestal	Robertson Sr., Lance
7423	Harris	Howard	AZ	Mesa	www.ccgctcc.com
7424	Doyle	Robert	IL	Alton	www.ccgctcc.com
7425	Viking	Mats	Sweden	Hassleholm	Cagle, Greg
7426	Beasley	Brian	TN	Murfreesboro	
7427	Beasley	Jerry Wayne	TN	Murfreesboro	
7428	Kemner	Bill	NV	Las Vegas	www.ccgctcc.com
7429	Duff	J. David	OH	Huntsville	Casino Player Magazine
7430	Orts	Ron	TX	College Station	Mulkey, Tyrus
7431	Rosenberg	Gary	NY	Forest Hills	
7433	Cardall	Richard	NV	Las Vegas	www.ccgctcc.com
7435	Britton	Mark	OH	Olmsted Township	Litnar, Jim
7436	Pregler	Kip	CA	Temecula	Follis, Jim

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**Belinda Hixon, Secretary**

# Secretary's Report

Greetings!

It's hard to believe that another convention has come and gone. Jim, Sandi and their team did a fantastic job and the convention was the best yet. Having done part of that job before, I really appreciate all that it takes to put the convention together. Jim and Sandi make it seem effort-less. Amazing!

## Convention Recap

The BOD met on June 27th for its semi-annual meeting. My thanks to the Committee Chairs/Club Directors who prepared reports for us to review. Chairmen/Directors for 2006 are:

### Chairmen

Bruce & Mary Ann Massey  
*Election*

Barry Weintraub  
*Bruce Landau Memorial Auction*

Archie Black  
*Hall of Fame 2004-2006*

Michael Knapp  
*Hall of Fame 2006-2008*

Michael Knapp  
*Standards and Archives*

Jim & Sandi Steffner  
*Convention*

Jim Kruse  
*Building Fund*  
Mike Skelton  
*Vision & Feasibility*  
Jim Follis  
*OTY*

### Directors

C. T. Rodgers  
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Allan Anderson  
*Magazine Editor*  
John Moore  
*Magazine Assistant Editor*  
Greg Susong  
*Webmaster*

Len Cipkins  
*Publicity*  
Jim Follis  
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Roy Nelson  
*Property/Promotions*  
Carey Burke  
*Historian*  
Robert Pardue  
*Librarian*  
Sheldon Smith  
*Education*  
Travis Lewin  
*Claims*  
Eric Rosenblum  
*Legal Counsel*

The Annual Meeting of the CC&GTCC was held on June 30th. Members in attendance heard reports from each officer and had the opportunity to ask questions about the ongoing business of the Club. The minutes of that meeting are published elsewhere in this issue of the magazine.

At the conclusion of the Convention, I received and counted all of the walk-in paperwork. Each walk-in was asked to fill out basic information including how they found out about the convention. The breakdown of those responses follows:

Total of 649 walk-ins. 201 of those were members.

### Thursday - 324 total

110 members  
Non-members  
173 had no response or said "friend"  
9- newspaper  
17 - Internet  
18 - "magazine"  
5 - "flyer"  
4 - hotel/Hilton TV  
6 - other magazines (LVA, Gaming Today, Numismatic News, "coin magazine")

### Friday - 175 total

62 members  
Non-members  
72 - no response/friend  
1 - Gambler's General Store  
17 - internet

- 8 – newspaper
- 12 – magazine
- 1 – ad in ANA magazine
- 1 – LVCC schedule
- 1 – “coin magazine”

- Saturday – 132 total*
- 29 members
  - Non-members
  - 71 – no response/friend
  - 10 – internet
  - 2 – radio
  - 1 – hotel consierge
  - 2 – Gaming Times/LVA
  - 10 – hotel magazine

- 5 – newspaper
  - 2 – “coin show”
- End of wrap up.

I’ve been given a special project for 2007 and the help of the membership is greatly needed. Since 2007 is the 15th anniversary of the Annual Conventions, I’m putting together a photographic “Journey Through 15 Years.”

If you have photographs, either film or digital, taken at conventions, please send them to me. I’ll make

sure that the photos/negatives are returned to the sender. It’s my goal to make this something that will be made part of the permanent history of the Club. With your help, that goal can be achieved.

Finally, I’m announcing my intention to run for another term as Secretary of the CC&GTCC. Your support would be appreciated.

Happy Collecting!

Belinda Hixon

## *Ten Year Members*

### *Spring, Summer, Fall 2006*

Congratulations to the following members for reaching 10 years of membership in the CC&GTCC!



2521	Manuel Orama			2775	Jon Massimiani
2535	Chris Burns			2792	Ralph Pompeo
2536	Al Kleindienst			2794	Allan Banick
2547-81	Mike Christensen			2812	Ted Brown
2548	Joe Shaw			2814	Jim Episale
2554	Dennis Sherrill	2663	Sal Ignoffo	2826	Art Allan
2556	Don Vargo	2666	Bernie Mulligan	2848-127	Jim Perlowski
2558-48	Charles Kaplan	2677	Grover Poland	2852	Norman Prunier
2563	Mike Provenzano	2679	Larry Strinz	2853	Howard Pryor
2572	Jerry Hoover	2683	Doug Jones	2864	John Winslow
2574	Linda Bliss	2687	Joe Benon	2871	Marc Shapiro
2575	David Naif	2691	Scott Reinholt	2872	Edward Hoffman
2580	Phyllis Schneider	2695	Christina Romero	2874	Michael Galiffe
2586	Chris Phillips	2701	Richard Penunuri	2875	Charles Rubertino
2592	Ed Polanski	2708	Terry Lazarus	2878	Robert Reno
2593	Edward Kineke	2718	Mark Vik	2881	Steven Gewirtz
2595	Keith Galle	2726	Michael Richter	2882	Peter Leidel
2596	Jerry Schenk	2730	Barry Weintraub	2892	Joyce Bishop
2598	John Brown	2733	Wayne Thompson	2893	Paul Stargot
2603	Thomas Conkey	2737	Gary Grosklaus	2899	Brian Tomarchio
2605	Steve Asrilant	2750	Phil Hamric	2900	Harold Hazzard
2623-133	Linda Weisenstein	2758	Steve Barber	2904	Randy Daniels
2625	Andrew Miller	2759	Loy Holman	2905	John Heiman
2640	LaDorna Bunt	2765	Doug Hancock	2906	Merle Ladd
2643	Martin Carota	2768	Fred Gunsher	2915	Travis Anderson
2647	David Viall	2772-56	Michael Riney	2922	Jerry Stargot
2650	Randall Hall				



# CC&GTCC Building Fund

by Andy Hughes

## Building Fund Committee

The balance in the Building Fund as of July 31, 2006 is \$87,134.

The Building Fund Committee is comprised of the following club members:

Jim Kruse (Chairman)  
 Robert Pardue  
 Andy Hughes  
 Archie Black  
 Greg Susong

## Vision & Feasibility Committee

The Vision & Feasibility Committee is comprised of the following club members:

Jim Pierre (Chairman Emeritus)  
 Bill Judge  
 Mike Quinlivan  
 Jim Kruse  
 Wayne Thompson  
 Eric Rosenblum  
 Nate Pincus  
 Chuck Tomarchio  
 Travis Lewin  
 Mike Skelton

Below are items that are for sale with ALL of the money going to The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club Building Fund!

Please mail a check out for the correct amount to:

Mike Quinlivan  
 Treasurer CC&GTCC  
 P.O. Box 249  
 Atwood, CA 92811-0249

Once the check arrives Mike will let the Building Fund Committee know & the items will be mailed out.

**Nevada Casino Chips** had the chip below made up just before the 2002 CC&GTCC Convention. 100 were made with engraved numbers & they are oversized (44 MM) chips. ALL of the money raised from the sale of the chips goes to The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club Building Fund!

The price is \$100 each.



The NCV Palms chip below was given out one per person with a coupon at the 2002 CC&GTCC Convention. There were only 850 made & the Palms graciously donated the remainder to The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club Building Fund!

The price is \$10 each.



The chip below was designed by **Debby Meister** who had it made for the 2004 CC&GTCC Convention.

There were only 100 made.

The price is \$20 each.



The room key below was made for Palms Poker Room Manager Gene Trimble. There were only 250 made. The price is \$10 each.



Trump Marina set of three non-gaming tokens (shown with the common back). The Trump Marina graciously donated the tokens to The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club Building Fund!

The price is \$10 a set.



Common back

# Building and Museum Feasibility Study

by Mike Skelton and Sandra Harris

The possibility for a museum related to The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club has moved from Jim Kruse's emailed idea to serious discussion to successful fundraising. Despite a concrete plan, members have supported the concept through donations to the Building Fund. A solid plan can only increase the fundraising and take the idea into reality.

## Goals

Take initial ideas and discussions of the Vision and Feasibility Committee and incorporate them into a strategic plan and business plan for the Building/Museum before spending any of the \$87,000.00 in donations on a location. Utilizing these funds in the most cost effective and long-term beneficial manner should be primary.

Critical to this process is building on the purpose of the Club to define what the museum could and should be for future generations. As stated in the organization's constitution:

*A) The purposes of this organization are to promote a closer relationship and good will among the members of the Club, to encourage the study of gaming chips and tokens by the acquisition and study of all types of gaming exonomia, to assist new collectors and to encourage others in the study of gaming exonomia, and to maintain close liaison with other historical and numismatic associations.*

Questions to ask include:

- How will a museum support the purpose of the organization?
- How will the museum fit the professional definition of a museum in order to maintain its nonprofit status?
- How will a museum sustain itself financially?  
What are the day-to-day needs of such a facility, both physically and in terms of personnel?

The goals and desired outcomes for the museum component as well as a business and program model formally adopted by The Board should be well in place before a site is chosen.

## Process

The elements outlined below will be defined through group discussion in a two day workshop held August 18 & 19, 2006. Members of the Board of Directors and members of the Vision & Feasibility Committee will participate in this workshop. Sandra Harris, Deputy Director of the Hearst Museum at UC Berkley, (former Exec Director Neon Museum, Liberace Museum) will act as the facilitator of the workshop. Her 15+ years of experience in strategic planning and museum design, will be invaluable as she leads the participants through exploration of options and decision making.

## Outcome

The final product will be a written plan with supporting documentation that includes visuals such as a PowerPoint presentation and/or DVD which will serve as the basis for future fundraising. When the project is complete, The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club will have the legal and professional guidelines in place to establish a museum.

## Building/Museum Feasibility Study Elements

### I. 5 Year Strategic Plan

#### Mission Statement

**Vision Statement** based on initial work of the Committee as noted on [www.ccgcc.com](http://www.ccgcc.com):

- *Developing a vision for using the proceeds from the Building Fund (this would include, but not be limited to, whether we lease, buy or acquire space from a corporate donor, whether the space would serve as a club office, museum, store, and/or storage for donated items and other club property);*
- *Evaluating the feasibility of obtaining that vision (estimation of acquisition and projected operational costs and possible income sources).*
- *Location would be in the Las Vegas, Nevada, area.*

**Core Values**

**Goals**

**II. Business Plan**

**Critical Financial Considerations**

- Grant Opportunities
- Private Donors
- Corporate Donors
- Raising an Endowment
- Earned Income

**Program Considerations**

- Intended Audience & Visitor Experience Plan
- Functions (research, exhibits, meetings, retail)
- Relationship with UNLV and Other Museums

**Facility Needs Assessment (Current and Projected)**

- Collection Storage, Care & Security
- Library & Research Space
- Exhibition Space
- Retail
- Offices

**Baseline Operating Budget**

**Staffing Assessment with Org Chart and Job Descriptions**

**Research on Local Competitors**

**Research on Possible Locations and Feasibility of Phased Space Acquisition Plan**

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# Seeking New Club Publicity Director

Our esteemed Publicity Director, Len Cipkins, is stepping down from this position and we are currently looking for someone to fill the vacancy. Len had informed us that he wanted to "retire" from the position well over a year ago. We put out a call for someone to step up, but we had no takers.

Len told us he would stay on through the conclusion on the Convention last year and when no one came forward, he offered to stay on through the end of the 2006 Convention. Well that time has come and he IS done now. We need the membership's help to find a suitable replacement.

We are looking for someone who has some experience working in or with the media and can write a proper press release. If anyone has an interest in volunteering for this position, please contact President Skelton at [president@ccgtcc.com](mailto:president@ccgtcc.com).

On behalf of the Board and the membership, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Len for everything he has done on behalf of the hobby and the Club! The exposure and interest he was able to generate for the Convention alone was phenomenal! And that doesn't take into consideration information he disseminated about the Club throughout the years. His best long term contribution to this organization, in my opinion, is he taught us the difference between publicity and advertising. And he proved publicity works much better!! THANK YOU!!





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# Your Donations Make the Club Stronger!!

by Eric Rosenblum, Esq.

Q. Quickly, what is the club's most prized asset?

A. A *Bugsy Flamingo chip*.

Q. Nah, guess again.

A. *Our silver strike slot machine*.

Q. Wrong again.

A. *Mike Skelton*.

Q. Sorry, you're getting warmer, but no.

Our most prized asset is our tax-exempt status, under the Internal Revenue Code § 501(c)(3), as conferred upon us by the Internal Revenue Service. This means that any one who donates to the club can deduct the value of that contribution as a charitable gift on their income taxes.

The I.R.S. recognizes Charitable contributions made and credits them against your income on your annual income tax return. Therefore, any donation to the club is a tax deduction for you. Let's go through some of the rules, so that this is crystal clear.

If you donate \$1000.00 cash or check to the club, you get a deduction on your income tax return for the same amount. It is not a credit against tax to be paid. It offsets your income. If you earn \$50,000 and donate \$1000 to the club, your income for tax purposes will be \$49,000. That was easy.

Now let's get a little more complicated. If you donate that Bugsy orange \$5 in mint condition that you think is worth \$7500, do you get a tax deduction of \$7500? Maybe. The club cannot put an arbitrary value on it. If you donate it to the club for display purposes the club will give you a receipt for "One (1) Flamingo Hotel 1<sup>st</sup> edition orange small key \$5 in mint condition." You can set the value and deduct whatever figure you want on your tax return, but it may be challenged by the IRS. So get an appraisal by one of the hobby's leading authorities and keep it with your tax papers in case you are challenged.

Of course, if you donate it to the club with instructions to put it into the Bruce Landau Memorial Auction and it sells for \$6400, the club will give you a receipt for the specific chip and a stated value of \$6400 based upon the

sale, your proof to the I.R.S. of a \$6400 donation. Your donation may have decreased by \$1100, but you have iron clad proof of its value should your donation ever be challenged.

What if you can't part with that chip, or those chips, but no one else in your family is interested in continuing your hobby. You can donate your collection, or any part of it, to the club in your Last Will and Testament or Living Trust. That way, you get to enjoy your collection until you are gone, and then the club benefits from your generosity. Your heirs benefit by receiving a tax deduction against your estate taxes, and the club benefits by receiving your collection after you are gone.

If you wish to donate all or any part of your collection to the club in your Will, please be specific and use the exact language: "The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc." Tell the attorney drafting your Will or Living Trust that we are a § 501(c)(3) Not-For-Profit Charitable Corporation, and if they have any questions, please have them contact me at 516-731-7600 or [esrlaw@optonline.net](mailto:esrlaw@optonline.net).

How about the Building Fund? Easy! The Building Fund is not a separate organization, just a separate bank account / accounting entry. Donations to the Building Fund are just as tax deductible as any deduction to the club in general.

This is not meant to be a comprehensive tax course, just a way to stimulate some additional donations to help the club grow and grow and grow. What makes Harvard, Harvard and what makes Yale, Yale? Answer: Their endowments. They never use their endowments. They invest them and use the endowment income to operate. That way they never stop growing, and hopefully neither will we.

Now for the small print: This is not intended to give any individual legal or tax advice. Please consult your own attorney and CPA. Or, this is not intended to give any individual legal or tax advice. Please consult your own attorney and CPA.





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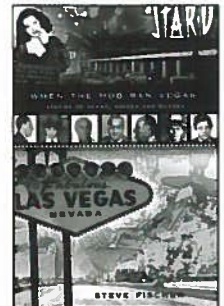
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# Opening



## MONTBLEU

RESORT CASINO & SPA

by Allan Anderson

On May 24 2006, The Montbleu Resort Casino and Spa opened its doors at the former location of Caesars Tahoe, located on the South Shore of Lake Tahoe. The official grand opening ceremonies included a ribbon cutting ceremony with Howie Mandel, MontBleu executives and local dignitaries followed by a fireworks show. Howie Mandel, comedian and host of the game show “*Deal or No Deal*” performed at the MontBleu Theatre with a one night engagement.

With seven distinct restaurants and four chic nightlife venues, MontBleu will surely redefine Lake Tahoe by creating a casino-resort experience that has never before been available in the area.

The 17 story hotel has 440-rooms and suites ranging in size from 424 square feet to 1,250 square feet overlooking Lake Tahoe and the Sierra Nevada mountains. True to its name, MontBleu brings the outdoors indoors, drawing inspiration from the neighboring mountains and lake, throughout all elements of its design. Straying from traditional casino motifs, MontBleu utilizes vibrant colors (mostly blues) and natural materials throughout its design and interior architecture.

Amidst the cool atmosphere of MontBleu, guests are enticed by the hot action on the casino floor, with 40,000 square-feet of the most popular table games and slot



Howie Mandel cuts the ribbon for the grand opening

machines. Or guests may find themselves lured into “The Zone,” which includes MontBleu’s brand new eight-table poker room and its newly remodeled race and sports book.

MontBleu features several new contemporary culinary experiences, each with its own flair and flavors including: Ciera Steak + Chophouse, Opal Eurasian Cuisine & Ultra Lounge, del soul Mexican Grill, 20 Four Continuous Cuisine and the unbuffet. Each offers its own twist on traditional favorites as well as a vast assortment of unique dishes.

When the sun goes down, MontBleu heats up with a selection of exciting nightlife options. Opal will make a seamless transition from sushi to sultry, as the first and only true ultra lounge in South Lake Tahoe. Blu Nightclub will create a pulsating atmosphere until the wee hours of the morning, featuring the country’s top DJs, live percussionists and go-go dancers.

Understanding that Lake Tahoe is the ideal outdoor destination for exploring with your pet, MontBleu has developed a series of amenities for pets.

For \$35 per night (per pet), guests can treat their pets to a fun, resort experience.

Upon check-in, all pets will receive a personalized MontBleu name tag, including the name of the pet and the owner.

Pets and owners will also receive a welcome packet that will include a special pet treat, doorknob signage for housekeeping, property map outlining pet friendly areas and a comprehensive list of local veterinarians, pet sitters, pet supply stores, dog walking services, kennels and parks. Pet beds are provided for each pet along with food and water dishes.



MontBleu has created an outdoor pet-friendly area including the Bleu Pet Park, featuring a pet walk, waste receptacle and a relaxing area for pets.

MontBleu also offers special room service items including cat and doggie treats, dry and wet cat and dog food, litter boxes, bottled water and serving dishes.

For other entertainment venues, the MontBleu offers a 1,500 seat theatre that will play host to today’s top acts. An outdoor sports arena will showcase some of the hottest events including the AVP Volleyball Tour in September. The Bleu Wave yacht, a luxury 70 foot long 1966 Burger is available for private charters and events. 16,000 square feet of meeting and convention space is also available.

#### Property timeline

**1978**  
Park Tahoe opens for the first time under the management of Park Cattle Co., owners of the land.

**1980**  
Park Tahoe becomes Caesars Tahoe, while Park Cattle Co. continues to own the land beneath the property.

#### *June 2005:*

Prior to the merger with Harrah’s Entertainment, Caesars Entertainment sells Caesars Tahoe to Columbia Sussex.

#### *October 2005*

Columbia Sussex announces it will rename the property MontBleu Resort Casino & Spa.

#### *December 2005*

Caesars Tahoe opens the HQ Center Bar, offering a sneak peek into the sophisticated new venues to follow at the new MontBleu.

#### *March 2006*

Caesars Tahoe/MontBleu opens two new restaurants (20 Four Continuous Cuisine and del soul Mexican Grill) setting the stage for an impressive new resort. MontBleu also opens a brand new poker room and unveils The Zone, its newly remodeled race and sports book, just in time for the NCAA basketball tournament.

#### *April 2006:*

Caesars Tahoe closes the doors to Club Nero after 16 years as one of the hottest clubs in the area. The highly-anticipated blu Nightclub will soon take its place.



May 24, 2006

MontBleu Resort Casino & Spa makes its official debut in Lake Tahoe.

MontBleu is owned and operated by the Fort Mitchell, Kentucky-based Columbia Sussex Corporation.

Columbia Sussex purchased Caesars Tahoe (MontBleu) in June 2005 for \$45 million, prior to Harrah's Entertainment's buyout of Caesars Entertainment.

Columbia Sussex and its affiliates are one of the largest privately held hotel owners in the country, and one of Marriott Corporation's top licensees.

Columbia Sussex and its affiliates operate 80 hotels, resorts and casinos in 28 states and overseas, including the Lighthouse Point Casino in Greenville, Miss., the Horizon Casino Resort in Vicksburg, Miss., the Horizon Casino Resort in South Lake Tahoe, the Belle of Orleans in New Orleans, La., the Belle of Baton Rouge in Louisiana, the Westin Casuarina property on Grand Cayman Island, the Westin Casuarina Hotel Casino in Las Vegas and the River Palms Casino in Laughlin, Nev.

In addition, Columbia Sussex will own and manage the Westin Dawn Beach Resort and Residences in St. Maarten, which are slated to open in late-2006. Most recently, Columbia Sussex purchased the Marriott Hilton Head in South Carolina and renovations to the property are currently underway.

William J. Yung III is the president of Columbia Sussex.



Throwing the switch that turned on the Montbleu lights



# 2006 CC&GTCC Convention Wrap-Up

by Jim Steffner

Fourteen years ago this all started. A small group of collectors got together at the old Aladdin Casino with a handful of dealers in a small showroom.

Now it's 2006 and the convention brought out blackjack & poker tournament players, an awards banquet with a fabulous speaker, 4 hot topic seminars, 35 exhibit cases, 125 dealer tables, trade sessions, an auction on Friday, and finally on Saturday, the Last Dance Trade Session to close out the event.

The fun filled week started with the ever-popular Greg Susong get-together at the Palms on Tuesday evening. Several hundred folks attended and received one of Greg's coveted chips and a nice Palms cooler bag courtesy of the Palms and Gene Trimble.

Wednesday started off with a new event, a First Timer Convention Workshop where our new attendees could get the lowdown on navigating the show and ask questions, lots of questions. Thanks to panel moderators Michael Knapp, Robert McColum, and Terry Shaffer for their help.

With the third in a series of collectible banquet tickets, this years being designed by Debbie Meister, over 300 hungry folks gather for the Early Bird Banquet and Awards Ceremony in the exquisite Top of the Riv banquet room. Watch for a special series addition next year. Not only did the banqueters dine on some exquisite dishes prepared by the Riviera chefs, but they also enjoyed guest speaker Mr. Burton M. Cohen who helped open several of the famous strip casinos, such as Frontier, and Circus Circus. He was also involved with running the Desert Inn, Thunderbird, and Dunes. During the awards presentations, The Hall of Fame honors were presented to Eric Rosenblum and Gene Trimble for their outstanding contributions to our hobby. The Magazine Article of the Year went to Steve Fisher for his article on the Flamingo and The Book of the Year Award was presented to James

Campiglia and Steve Wells for their "Official U.S. Casino Chip Price Guide, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition". The Room Night drawing was held with many nice prizes awarded such as show tickets and dinner certificates, and the top prize of complimentary rooms for the 2007 convention was won by Mike Heron.

Thursday early risers were treated to an awe-inspiring talk by Doug Saito, "Chip Stories V – The Phil Jenson Nevada Chip Collection". Afterwards an overflow crowd filled



the hallway waiting to enter the show. At 10:00am the first of over 3000 attendees flowed in to drool over 125 tables of every imaginable casino collectible. They were also able to view 35 display cases of exhibits submitted by club members. First place





Guest speaker Mr. Burton M. Cohen

exhibitor award went to Jerry Birl, with Brian Watts and Steve Palumbo taking second and Paul Bender capturing third place.

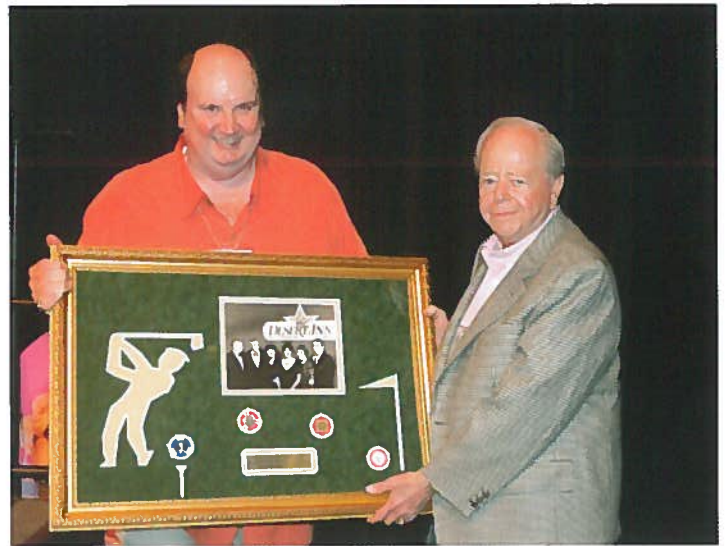
Thursday afternoon the Silver Strike Club held their meeting and forum. The evening poker tournament brought out the card sharks and when it was all over, Wendy Becker emerged the winner.

This year a new Convention Chairman Best of Show award was presented to the dealer who had the most attractive, organized, attention-getting display. The 2006 award was presented to Tiny Treasures for their booth display.



Steve Fisher, author of "When The Mob Ran Vegas" presented an interesting and informative talk, - "The Rat Pack in Las Vegas" at the Friday morning seminar. Friday afternoon the CC&GTCC held the Annual Business Meeting. Members had a chance to hear how the club is operating, ask questions, and make comments. The ever-popular Friday night Bruce Landau Memorial Auction involved some active bidding on chips, strikes, tokens, and other items.

Neil Silverman organized a drawing to benefit the building fund. Over 3900 chips, slot cards, dice, ashtrays, and other casino collectibles were donated by the mem-



Mike Skelton presenting Mr. Burton M. Cohen with a custom frame with chips and a photo remembering the Desert Inn.

bers and the raffle generated about \$6670 for the building fund. A heartfelt thanks goes out to all the members who donated and to the winners - Paul Donohue, Scott Hartman, Jay Sands, Scott Snider, and Kent Hedberg.

Another building fund event was organized by Doug Smith who collected over 450 personal chips from members and mounted them in beautiful frames donated by Tiny Treasures and Mike Quinlivan. This was a silent auction and this great collection was taken home by Skip Harouff who bid \$1250.

Ed Hertel presented a talk on Saturday, "Illegals, History and Collectibles." The room was filled with members eager to learn more about this facet of the hobby.

Saturday evening closed with the well-attended Last Dance Trade Session. Again this year we held a volunteer appreciation get-together with speaker Anthony Curtis of the Las Vegas Advisor who entertained the group with some interesting stories. Everyone enjoyed his presenta-



First Timer Convention Workshop



tion. Anthony gladly hosted questions after his presentation and signed a copy of his book "The Art of Gambling Through the Ages" for each of the volunteers.

I would like once again to say THANKS! to all the volunteers who put in time at the convention helping with set-up, registration, club tables, or wherever needed. It's because of you that we are able to put on this show. Each of you was in part, responsible for every member attending being able to have fun and for making our job so much easier.

Congratulations are in order also for Rick Miner and Sue McHargue who patronized the Riviera wedding chapel during the convention.



Steve Fisher talks about *The Rat Pack in Las Vegas*



Anthony Curtis of the Las Vegas Advisor signs a copy of his book, *The Art of Gambling Through the Ages*



Rick Miner and Sue McHargue



Best of Show Award presented to Tiny Treasures for their booth display



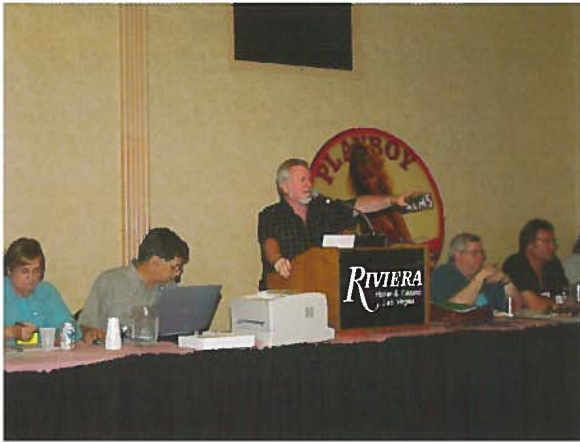




Top recruiter Archie Black with the top 10 recruiters



Roy Nelson at the promotions table



Bruce Landau Memorial Auction



Greg Susong and the live webcast of the convention



Jim Kruse showing off an auction item

We produced a DVD for this year's convention as was done last year. This is your chance to have a permanent record of the banquet speaker and the three seminars. Order your DVD now from the Roy Nelson, Promotion Director. This was a hot item last year and your opportunity to enjoy each speaker once again. There are still some of the DVD copies available from the 2004 Convention with Robert Maheu speaking.

For 2007 we are back at the Riviera August 8<sup>th</sup> thru the 11<sup>th</sup>. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> convention the club will hold and it's going to be very special. Lots of surprises are in the works. Plan now to attend and pre-register. Don't be a "stay at home" wishing you were an "I'm here and having fun".

*Aloha - 15*



## Hall of Fame

Eric Rosenblum and Gene Trimble, this year's inductees into the CC & GTCC Hall of Fame!

The Hall of Fame is the Club's greatest honor, and this year's honorees are very deserving of their induction. Eric, for those of you who may not know him, has acted as the Club's legal counsel since the Club was incorporated. In fact, Eric has donated his time to incorporate the organization and then to obtain its charitable organization status with IRS, without which we would not be the Club we are today. He has served as parliamentarian for every annual business meeting since we began holding our own conventions, and has advised the Board on many issues throughout the years.

Gene is more visible, perhaps, because of his participation on Greg's ChipBoard and the articles he's written for Chequers and for Casino Chip & Token News. He has, with the Four Queens, the original Fiesta, and now with the Palms, been a constant supporter of collecting and the Club, and has made sure that all chip programs he was involved with were collector-friendly. Through Gene's involvement, the Palms has hosted Greg's annual ChipBoard pre-convention get-together. The Palms has contributed enormously to the Club's building fund by donating items for sale or auction that would otherwise not be available.

Both gentlemen have contributed their talents, time, effort and dedication to the Club and to the hobby, and I'm sure you'll want to congratulate them.

## Exhibitor Award

The Exhibitor award went to JerryBirl for his "Mold Design Found on Nevada Casino Chips". Brian Watts and Steve Palumbo took second place and Paul Bender took third place.



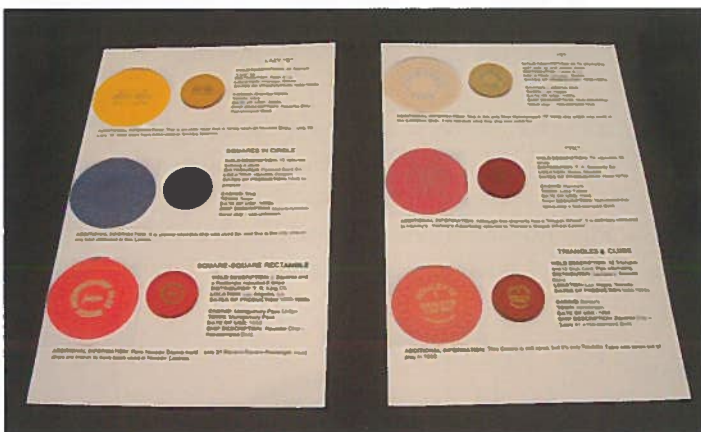
Gene Trimble being inducted into the Hall of Fame



Eric Rosenblum being inducted into the Hall of Fame



Jim Steffner presents Jerry Birl with the Exhibitor Award.



## Congratulations to the 2006 Poker Champion Wendy Beckers

These were the standings for the Annual CC&GTCC Poker Tournament held at the Palms.

- 1st place - Wendy Beckers \$3630
- 2nd place - Len Cipkins \$1815
- 3rd place - Steve Reed \$910
- 4th place - Bob Wilkinson \$590
- 5th place - Steve Passalacqua \$455
- 6th place - Dan Wickett \$320
- 7th place - Ernest Molinari \$225
- 8th place - Marty Beckers \$180
- 9th place - Bill Levine \$145
- 10th place - Dale Seymour \$90
- 11th place - David Spragg \$90
- 12th place - Doug Boyd \$90
- 13th place - Rich Moore \$90
- 14th place - Pat Logerwell \$90
- 15th place - Jonathan Dodge \$90
- 16th place - Brian Watts \$90
- 17th place - Richard Springs \$90
- 18th place - George Payne \$90

Many thanks to all who participated and a special thanks to Myrna Lighterman. Your help and support was invaluable.

### Blackjack Tournament

The final table was comprised of:  
Dave Bigler, Mike Heron, Tony Kreusch, Charles Lindsey, Ralph Pollack and Christine Smith.

These players decided to chop the prize money and play 5 hands for the trophy which was two sets of chips beautifully framed by Tiny Treasures.

After the 5 hands Charles Lindsey claimed the trophy.



Gene Trimble, poker tournament winner Wendy Beckers with Wayne Murphy, Poker and Blackjack Tournament Director



Blackjack tournament winner Charles Lindsey with Wayne Murphy, Poker and Blackjack Tournament Director

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# The Convention

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Registration desk



Jim Steffner drawing prizes at the banquet



Filming at James Campiglias' table



Bruce Landau Memorial Auction



Walter Dirzulaitis



Myrna Lighterman and Belinda Hixon



Nate Pincus and David Sarles



Doug Saito and Steve Passalacqua



Phil Jensen



Robert and Mona McColum



Steve Barber and Greg Susong



Scott and Estelle Hartman





John Yee and Jim Follis



Katie Smith



Rhona and Ralph Myers



Silver Strikers table



Dave and Debbie Harber



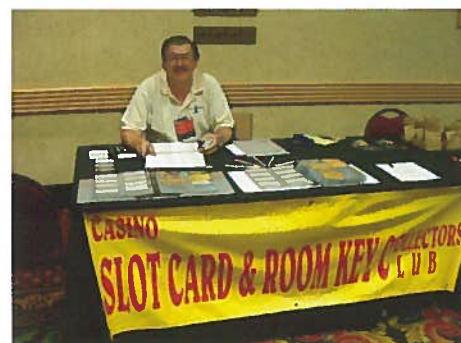
The convention floor



Brian Cashman and Doug Smith



Tyrus Mulkey



Dave Johnston



Former guest speakers Robert Maheu and Claudine Williams with Kitty Rodman and CC&GTCC President Mike Skelton



Hall of Fame members  
Greg Susong, Mike Skelton, Dale Seymour, Allan Myers, Michael Knapp, Howard Herz, Phil Jensen, CT Rodgers



Ed Hertel at his educational seminar on illegal chips

# 2005 OTY Awards Winners



by Jim Follis

Although this is an article on the 2005 OTY Awards, how can I not say something about the 2006 Convention? In a word, it was GREAT! And it could only happen with the selfless dedication of the many, many volunteers, as recognized elsewhere in this post-Convention issue of the Casino Chip and Token News. Thank you, one and all!

The 2005 OTY Awards saw an extremely tight finish between two fabulous Silver Strike nominees that were seldom separated by more than one 1<sup>st</sup> place vote (5 points). At various times during the vote submission process, they were separated by no more than a single 3<sup>rd</sup> place vote (2 points) and it was not until the close of voting that the Plaza's Vegas Vic strike narrowly defeated the ti's (Treasure Island) Tangerine strike.

As in past years, we congratulate our Token of the Year winner, but lament the fact that we receive far too few nominations to allow for a competitive horse race! With the ever impending demise of slot machine tokens and the ever present escalation of Ticket-In, Ticket-Out (TITO) usage, it will not be a surprise if some day the first "T" in TOTY stands for Ticket and not Token. But for now it still stands for Token and for 2005 the TOTY goes to the Teller House Casino's \$5 slot machine token. Regrettably, the Teller House Casino, Central City, CO is closed (out-of-business). The TOTY Award is being sent to the past owners, who are also the current owners of Scarlet's Casino, also in Central City, CO.

As pointed out elsewhere (on the Club's on-line Message Board) as the OTY Awards Chairman, I do not nominate, nor vote in the event. To me, it would be a conflict of interest and I want all my decisions to be based from a perspective of it not meaning a thing to me who wins. Now do not confuse that sentiment with thinking

that I do not have likes and dislikes, as I do, very much, I just take steps to not let it interfere with the competition. Now having said that, it pleases me very much to recognize that the 2005 winner of the Slot Card/Room Key of the Year Award goes to our Convention host-casino, the Riviera Hotel & Casino for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary issue room key.

I should also point out that even against nine other strong candidates, the Riviera key was a landslide winner with a 3 to 1 margin of victory, and when you look at the card, you can easily see that the Judges were awarding the artwork and not the "home team".

Lastly, we recognize the preeminent category of the OTY Awards, Chip of the Year, aka: the COTY. With only one exception, historically, the COTY always goes to a Limited Edition chip. The exception was in 1998 when there was a tie for COTY and it was shared between the Stratosphere's \$5 Grand Opening LE chip and the Mohegan Sun's, \$1 (one buck) house chip, a non-LE. As is typical, the COTY was again an LE, but for the first time in COTY history, the award goes to an early and prolific generator of LEs, who has had many nominees, but was never the victor. Well that is all changed now as the Four Queens Hotel and Casino wins its very first COTY Award for it's 2005 Halloween commemorative.

As the OTY Awards Chairman, I can tell you that this win was rather surprising, as I have noted over the years that when a casino has two or more nominees in the hunt, it usually splits the votes. And while the Four Queens had another competitor (their 2005 Veterans Day LE) in the race, which garnered it's fair share of votes, it's sister release (Halloween) was hard pressed to just barely hold back an impressive Halloween release from Atlantic City's Trump Plaza.



The OTY Award Winners were announced at the 2006 Early-Bird Banquet by myself and with the help of my Assistant OTY Awards Chairman, Casey Focazio-Follis (yep, my son) we handed out the presentation plaques as follows:

**Card/Key of the Year (CKOTY)**

The Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary themed room key, manufactured by Plastic Print A Card, Las Vegas, NV. Accepting the CKOTY Award was Mr. William Tobin, National Sales Manager, Riviera Hotel & Casino. Accepting the CKOTY Award for Plastic Print A Card was our faithful stand-in, CC&GTCC Hall of Famer, Mr. Greg Susong.



Our thanks to Club member Jim Steffner for donating the 2005 CKOTY Awardee to the Club's Permanent Collection of OTY Awardees.

**Token of the Year (TOTY)**

The Teller House Casino, Central City, CO for their \$5 slot machine token, minted by Osborne Coinage Company (OC), Cincinnati, OH. Again, standing-in and accepting the TOTY Awards for The Teller House and Osborne Coinage was CC&GTCC past President, Founder, and Hall of Fame member, Mr. Archie Black and his wife, CC&GTCC Registration Chairperson, Brenda Black.



Our thanks to Club member Steve Barber for donating the 2005 TOTY Awardee to the Club's Permanent Collection of OTY Awardees.

**Silver Strike of the Year (SSOTY)**

The Plaza Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV for their Limited Edition, Ten Dollar Gaming Token, depicting Vegas Vic, as minted by Global Minting (G) as part of International Gaming Technology's (IGT) Silver Strike program. Accepting the SSOTY Awards were; Mr. Jack Budde, Slot Director, Plaza Hotel & Casino, Mr. Gary Bridges, Customer Service Manager, IGT and Ms. Donna Killman, also of IGT (accepting for Global Mint).



Our thanks to Club member Kevin Pyles for donating the 2005 SSOTY Awardee to the Club's Permanent Collection of OTY Awardees.

## Chip of the Year (COTY)

The Four Queens Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV for their \$5, Limited Edition, 2005 Halloween commemorative chip, made by Gaming Partners International (GPI) under the Paul-Son division. Accepting the COTY Award for the Four Queens was Mr. T. J. Tan, Executive Director of Casino Operations and Ms. Dana Darcy, Casino Administration, and, accepting for GPI (Paul-Son) was Mr. Pearson Gorham.



Our thanks to Club member Chuck Smorse for donating the 2005 COTY Awardee to the Club's Permanent Collection of OTY Awardees.

Thanks also to Club members Dennis Finn, Mark Lighterman, Allan Banick, Jack Haddock and Jim Moser, and last but not least, my thanks to every member that made nominations and all of the Official, OTY Judges!

By the time this issue of the CCTN reaches everyone, we will be a few short months away from the kick-off of the 2006 OTY Awards Candidate Nomination process. Beginning just after midnight, 31 December 2006 I will accept *members in good-standing* nominations of eligible 2006 OTY candidates. As in past years, each CC&GTCC member is allowed (and encouraged) to submit for OTY consideration up to five (5) nominees in each of the four (4) OTY categories. The next issue of this publication will detail the specifics, but I want to make a special plea here,

to any and all our Internet connected members, to visit the Un-Official OTY View Site and please post scans of any 2006 released chip, token, strike and key/card that would be eligible for 2006 OTY consideration.

The uploading process is simple and we need the help and participation of as many members as is possible. The greater the number of items represented, the better our competition will be.

The Un-Official Viewing Site is located at:  
<http://www.gamingore.com/OTY/>



Jim Follis (OTY Chairman), William Tobin (Riviera, CKOTY), TJ Tan and Dana Darcy (Four Queens, COTY), Gary Bridges (IGT), Donna Killman (IGT for Global Mint) and Jack Budde (Plaza, SSOTY), a hiding Archie Black (for Teller House) and Brenda Black (for Osborne Coinage, TOTY), Pearson Gorham (GPI, COTY) and Greg Susong (for Plastic Print-A-Card, CKOTY), Casey Focazio-Follis (Asst. OTY Chairman).



Here then, are the 2005 OTY Nominees:

REF	CASINO	CAT.	DENOM.	DESCRIPTION	CITY	STATE
A	Ellis Island	COTY	\$5	Thanksgiving	Las Vegas	NV
B	Palms	COTY	\$50	Palms 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Las Vegas	NV
C	MGM Grand	COTY	\$5	Poker Room Grand Opening	Las Vegas	NV
D	Four Queens	COTY	\$5	Halloween	Las Vegas	NV
E	Riviera	COTY	\$5	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Las Vegas	NV
F	Mandalay Bay	COTY	\$8	Chinese New Year	Las Vegas	NV
G	Four Queens	COTY	\$5	Veterans Day	Las Vegas	NV
H	Hard Rock	COTY	\$5	Coop	Las Vegas	NV
I	Showboat	COTY	\$5	Halloween	Atlantic City	NJ
J	Fitzgerald's	COTY	\$5	St. Patrick's Day	Las Vegas	NV
A	Big Easy	TOTY	\$1	rack token 'masked face'	West Palm Beach	FL
B	Teller House	TOTY	\$5	rack token 'face in oval'	Central City	CO
C	Big Easy	TOTY	\$5	rack token 'masked face'	West Palm Beach	FL
D	Bronco Billy's	TOTY	\$1	Birthday token	Cripple Creek	CO
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F	The HO	TOTY	\$1	rack token, 'star and "HO" logo	Las Vegas	NV
A	Silverton	SSOTY	\$10	Twin Creeks	Las Vegas	NV
B	Bill's	SSOTY	\$10	Biker, snowboarder...	Lake Tahoe	NV
C	Stardust	SSOTY	\$10	Dusty Draw	Las Vegas	NV
D	Westward Ho	SSOTY	\$10	Blackjack	Las Vegas	NV
E	Mirage	SSOTY	\$10	Las Vegas Centennial	Las Vegas	NV
F	Plaza	SSOTY	\$10	Las Vegas Centennial	Las Vegas	NV
G	ti (Treasure Island)	SSOTY	\$10	Tangerine	Las Vegas	NV
H	Stardust	SSOTY	\$10	Las Vegas Centennial	Las Vegas	NV
I	Plaza	SSOTY	\$10	Vegas Vic	Las Vegas	NV
J	Atlantis	SSOTY	\$10	Mermaid at columns	Las Vegas	NV
A	MGM Grand	CKOTY	key	KA, fire and faces	Las Vegas	NV
B	Trump Plaza	CKOTY	card	Red Hatters	Atlantic City	NJ
C	Riviera	CKOTY	key	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Las Vegas	NV
D	Palms	CKOTY	key	Korbel, New Years Eve '06	Las Vegas	NV
E	Trump Plaza	CKOTY	card	Cirque Dreams	Atlantic City	NJ
F	Palms	CKOTY	key	Jimmy's Naughty Nighty Nite IV	Las Vegas	NV
G	Binion's	CKOTY	card	"Binion's" see-thru logo	Las Vegas	NV
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I	MGM Grand	CKOTY	key	"VIP" cream color	Las Vegas	NV
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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Building Fund Raffle

by Neal Silverman

Last year I ran a raffle for the building fund only soliciting roulette chips. I set some aggressive goals and began soliciting fellow member for donations. It wasn't easy trying to get 2005 roulettes chips donated for the raffle. Most members said they don't collect or have roulettes. This year I decided to be a bit more inclusive. I went looking for slot cards, room keys, house chips, and dice.

Many members stepped up and I collected over 3900 items to be raffled off. Organizing this raffle is a two step process, first solicit and assemble as much donated collectibles to make the sale of the tickets easier and secondly sell raffles. I started the initial solicitations in January and it ended about 30 seconds before the winners were drawn at the convention. . This year we sold \$6,670 in raffles.

I would like to thank Mike Skelton and the board; they made the sale of raffle tickets a bit easier for me this year. I went to Mike with an idea on how I thought I could generate greater ticket sales. He told me to hold off and that they had something in the works. A few weeks later he showed me the drawings of the Club's milestone's set. It was a really nice set of Six Chips. I was given 90 sets and they were to go to any member who bought \$100 in raffle tickets. I sold about 50 sets before the convention.

Last year we had 3 winners, being that the donations were coming in nicely I increased it to five winners this year. The winners of the 2006 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Building Fund Raffle is:

- 1<sup>st</sup>. Paul Donohue
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Hartman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jay Sands
- 4<sup>th</sup> Scott Snider
- 5<sup>th</sup> Kent Hedburg

This raffle would not have been successful without the support of those collectors who reached into their collections and sent donations in for this worthy cause. I kept



their names in an envelope and made a separate drawing. The two winners of that drawing were Len Cipkins and Jim Colbert. The Club also decided to reward those who gave with another ten names being pulled from that envelope. The prizes were numerous club items; shirts, hats, DVD's a jacket and more.

I would like to thank those that worked at the building fund table who helped sell tickets, Luke Rapley who helped me collect and organize the donations, Mike Skelton and the board for their support and every member who donated or bought raffles. \$6,670 is a great start.

Let's make it better next year



# I Won This Year's CC&GTCC Annual Poker Tournament

by Wendy Beckers

I won this year's CC&GTCC Annual Poker Tournament.

My husband, Marty, and I had been teasing each other all year long about this tournament— I have been on the bubble every single year and Marty has made it to the final table and in the money each year that we have played (he actually placed 8th this year, and was seated at the final table right next to me). He has gloated over my “bubble” status for years. I was determined to beat him this year, no matter what.



Wendy Beckers with the first place poker tournament award



Anyway, we took a wrong turn on our way to the tournament. I don't know how, but we ended up way off course, and driving around for about 20 minutes, trying to find some major streets that looked like they might take us to the Palms. We were stopped at this stoplight, and there was a homeless lady standing on the corner. She had a cardboard sign that said just one word: “Hungry”. I looked around, and all I had was a banana that I had packed as a snack. I rolled down the window and gave it to her— she had scarfed it down before we even turned the corner. I think at that point, Marty knew that he was in trouble.... karma would be on my side.

As it turns out, I was seated at a table with a guy who told everyone that he had hit a rabbit with his car on the way in. I can't remember his name, but he didn't quite make it to the final table. Now, I'm not saying that I am an expert on karma, or that I won the tournament because I helped out someone in need, or anything like that. But, just to be safe, I think I will be driving very cautiously— looking for rabbits out of the corner of my eyes, and bringing a banana with me to every tournament from now on.

See you next year,



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# My First Poker Tournament

by Len Cipkins

For the past five years I've pondered playing in the CC&GTCC convention poker tournament. After reading about and hearing countless tales, tells, travails, bad beats, bounties and bravado, I finally decided to reserve a seat and ante-up for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Poker Challenge at the Palms Casino Resort.

I've never played in a poker tournament of any kind in my life. To date, the extent of my poker forays was playing cards every few months in my basement with neighbors. While we play with chips (poker and potato), US playing cards, and imported hops, our pots never amount to much more than the minimum wage. The games of choice were seven card stud, acey-ducey and guts. We have guts, but would prefer the nuts.

One of my business clients, Huntington Press, recently published a well-received book titled *Kill Phil—The Fast Track to Success at No Limit Hold'em Poker Tournaments*. While I publicized the book, I never quite grasped, let alone practiced the concepts contained therein. I thought about playing on-line, but between my business and family responsibilities (I'm a work-from-home dad who cares for a three- and five-year-old), my time, resources, and patience are limited. I only wish I had no limit.

I arrived at the Palms on Thursday night excited (it was my first poker tournament), exhausted (I didn't sleep much the night before), nervous (I didn't know what a poker face was) and full (I'd just stuffed my face at the Rio's Carnival buffet). The line to enter the tournament snaked through the casino. When I got to the registration table inside the Key West room, I was greeted by Wayne Murphy, Gene Trimble, Myrna Lighterman and their friendly staff. Also there were 156 fellow chippers, men and woman, young and old, each of whom paid the \$100 entry fee. I meandered thru the maze of 15 poker tables, teaming with chatter. It was quite a spectacle. I found my piece of the felt at Table 7, Seat 7. The tournament started at 7 p.m. Seven seven seven. Did I just hit the jackpot?

Fellow chippers Jay Sands, Jerry Birl, and Bryan Jimison welcomed me to the table. Each player started

with \$1,500 in \$5, \$25, \$100, and \$500 tournament chips. Later in the evening they introduced \$1,000 chips. Everyone who entered received a set to take home, as well as a commemorative Palms card capper donated by everyone's favorite Brit, David Spragg. I pulled back my stack of chips and perused the other players at the table. I've been told you need to watch your fellow players, looking for any signs, or tells, that may or may not help you. I couldn't tell a thing.

The game was No-Limit hold'em. There were 10 players at each table, plus the dealer, who welcomed us, explained the rules, wished us luck, and then dealt the cards. As soon as the first card hit the table, an eerie silence overcame the cavernous room. It was quite pronounced. The first few hands were a blur. I remember peeking at my hole cards, but not much else. I finally got a small pair and called (matched an opponent's bet). Terms like muck, small blind, large blind, check, flop, raise, and river were my new vocabulary. Once I was the large blind, I checked, saw the flop, raised, called, and won on the river. How cool was that?

The camaraderie and friendly banter exhibited by all the players was awesome, worth the price of admission. Every time someone got knocked out, the table would erupt in applause. Not in jest but in respect. One by one, some of the tournament favorites, I won't mention any



Sharing laughs with Jerry Birl and Michael Clemente during the first round



names, got knocked out. Many of them had bounties placed (a bet collected by the player who knocks them out).

Around 9 p.m. we took a short break. I was down to a few chips. I ran into fellow chipper and ex-table-mate Bryan Jimison, who was getting ready to depart back to the Riv. I asked him to wait for me, as I only had a few chips and wouldn't last much longer. Well, the first hand after the break, I got pocket aces (my first two cards dealt face down) so I calmly raised. At least I thought I was calm. I wanted to get some players to stay in and build the pot. The flop came and I got some more help. I figured it was time to seize the moment. I raised again. The pot was growing. The last card, the river, was divine. I went all-in, as did two other players. I won. I continued to get good hole cards the next few hands. Before long, I had stacks of chips in front of me. I looked around to find Bryan but he was nowhere to be found. He'd left me there. I guess he knew something I didn't.

By now the applause was fast and furious as the blinds, the betting minimums, and antes were being doubled. Every hand was huge.

I vaguely remember the tournament announcer Robert W. Thompson III saying, "We're down to the last two tables and everyone's in the money." I looked around just to make sure I wasn't dreaming. I can't remember if I was more exhausted, nervous, hungry or thirsty. I do, however, remember saying, "I should be back in bed at the Riv. I have to work tomorrow morning."

I continued getting good cards, and when I didn't, I lied; well bluffed is the proper term. But I had enough chips to pull it off. You could tell I was nervous as I fumbled stacking my chips and making my bets. Thank goodness the dealers were extremely helpful and understanding. I think I even tried to tip one dealer, but he smiled and gave me back the chip. By now I was drinking heavily. Luckily it was only bottled water.

The turning point for me came when I was dealt a pocket pair of fives. The flop came and another pair was shown. I raised, and my raise was doubled. The next thing I knew I was playing head-to-head against Ernie Molinari. He went all-in, and then I went all-in. It was a monster pot. The dealer asked us to turn over our cards. We both had two pair, but he had a higher pair. I took a deep breath. I figured my time was up. The river came: another five! I had a full house and won the pot. I shook his hand and applauded. He thought he was out, since he when



The final table

went all-in. But the dealer counted his chips and determined he had a few left. We unhook our hands and he continued on. After a few more hands and lots of applause the final table was set.

We were given one last break. The blinds and antes were again raised. Everyone at the final table wished each other good luck. Robert Thompson was calling the play card by card. He kept calling me Glen for some reason. A few onlookers tried to correct him, but I was still Glen. I kept looking around the table and checking out everyone's stack of chips. Ernie, sitting next to me, was quite short-stacked. He just kept smiling and patting me on my back and muttering about that last river card. Several players also had very few chips. One by one they went all-in and hoped for the best. But it was not to be.

The next thing I clearly remember, the table was down to three players. It was around 12:30 a.m. I remember that, because I kept looking at my watch. I was the chip leader. I had so many chips in front of me I had trouble seeing my cards.

If I had any idea what I should do, which I didn't, I might've won. For reasons that escape me, I was playing scared and defensive. Not a good strategy. Maybe Glen was to blame. I should have been raising the blinds, not mucking (folding or giving up) my cards. I then made a huge error when I started to muck my hand when I heads-up and I was the big blind. Not surprisingly, the other player picked up on this and raised. Instead of gambling, I folded and my stack of chips dwindled again. I was being anted out.

On the next hand the two other players went all-in. One of them got knocked out. It was down to me and Wendy Beckers and she had a huge chip advantage. I looked over

at the first place plaque and wondered, just for just a moment, what it would look like hanging on my office wall. Funny, but I couldn't picture it. The cards were dealt and I went all-in. I had no choice. I was short-stacked. Finally I was gambling again. I don't remember what I had or what she had. All I know is she won. She leaped from her chair, screamed and hugged her husband Marty, who also made it to the final table and finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place. Now that's a couple that knows how to play poker.

I was congratulated by many chippers, particularly Nate Pincus, who encouraged me throughout the last few tables. I ended up winning \$1815, plus a set of Palms roulette chips. I thanked Wayne, Gene and the dealers for all their help, patience and understanding. I caught a ride back to the Riv with Steve Bedo, Greg Susong, Brian Watts and Doc Irwin Gross. Cruising down the highway I was mesmerized by the Strips neon lights energizing the night. It was the perfect ending to a long evening. Finally it was time for bed.

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# The Man and the Palace

by Jim Steffner

Once upon a time, a dapper man from back East decided to build a casino hotel way out on Highway 95. Unfortunately he didn't live long enough to enjoy his venture, since he was enjoying life too much before the Flamingo actually was completed.

After several years and a few changes of ownership an employee of the Flamingo by the name of Bill Capri joins with George E. Goldberg owner of the Midwest Hotel Company. George became President of the Flamingo Capri Corporation and the two announce on May 17, 1959 that they will build a motel just North of the Flamingo. If you didn't already guess, the motel will be named the Flamingo Capri. An arrangement is made with the Flamingo Hotel to provide hotel and room service and accessibility to all the hotel facilities for the motel guests.

The Flamingo Capri had about 200 rooms with television, phone, air conditioning, and 24 hour food service. The motel advertising referenced the Capri's own "Venetian Canal". A better term may be the "Las Vegas Wash" over which the Capri had been built.

Around 1964, the Ranch House Apartments were demolished to make way for additional parking space for George Goldberg's Riverboat Casino, which was just North of the Flamingo Capri. The Riverboat would later become the River Queen casino from 1972 to 1973, the Holiday Casino from 1973 to 1992, and then Harrah's, 1992 to present.

Backtracking just a bit finds a University of North Dakota ice hockey goalie named Ralph Louis Englestad. Ralph had graduated in 1954 and after turning down an offer to join the Chicago Blackhawks hockey team he started his own construction company. He promised himself that he would be a millionaire by the age of 30, instead that dream came true one year earlier while he was still a contractor in Grand Falls. Upon moving to Las Vegas in 1959 he secured several government contracts to build FHA homes and buildings at Nellis Air Force Base.

Ralph saw an opportunity to enter the motel business and he purchased the Kona Kai Motel way out past the Flamingo. Finding it was too far out to generate enough



The Flamingo Capri to the left of the Flamingo "silo".

income he sold it shortly after. The Kona Kai is the present day Klondike Hotel and Casino. His construction company's success allowed him to buy the Thunderbird Air Field in North Las Vegas, which he sold two years later to Howard Hughes. With the profits from the sale he purchased the Flamingo Capri, including buildings and 9 acres of land in 1971.

His construction company started construction of a three-story wing toward the East end of the motel, which is the present Imperial Palace East Building. The motel started with about 250 employees. Gaming began at the Capri in 1972.

By 1974, the East building was open as well as another addition to the North along with the Shangri-La pool.

On November 1, 1979, the name was changed, the Flamingo Capri name was retired, and the Imperial Palace officially opened with over 1000 employees and 650 rooms.



Front entrance of the Flamingo Capri



Aerial view of the Flamingo Capri with the new Imperial Palace East building



Ralph Louis Engelstad



Aerial view of the original Flamingo Capri

In June 1980 the Imperial Theatre, an 850-seat showroom was opened. This showroom would host many top name entertainers over the years and in 1983 the Legends in Concert opened. On December 1, 1981 Ralph, an avid antique car collector, opened his Auto Collection at the Imperial Palace to the public. His collection started with a 1939 Ford and grew to about 200 automobiles when the collection opened, and has since expanded to over 800 cars, trucks, fire equipment, motorcycles, jukeboxes, slot machines, and other memorabilia. Over 400,000 people tour the 65,000 square foot collection each year.

By mid 1982, hotel rooms had increased to 1500. 1985 saw the covered parking garage expanding to provide space for over 1000 vehicles. In 1986 the casino was enlarged and Tower 4 was completed to increase the room count to 2100. The new pool, and a 19-story tower with over 500 rooms were completed in 1987 bringing the total guest rooms to 2637. The front of the building was pushed to the sidewalk and housed a race and sports book, retail, gaming, and office space.

In 1992 the sports book was expanded to include six levels of tiered seating with color television monitors at each of the 230 seats, a major innovation at the time. By 1999 the IP covers almost 2.5 million square feet with 5-20 story towers and 75,000 square feet of casino space.

Ralph expands his casino holdings in 1997 by building

his second Imperial Palace in Biloxi Mississippi. He developed the famed Las Vegas Motor Speedway, which he later sold.

Ralph and his wife Betty had established a \$5 million endowment to the University of North Dakota in 1988 and the University renamed their hockey stadium the Ralph Englestad Arena. The Englestad family is recognized as one of the top 10 gift givers of all time to higher education in America. In 1998 Ralph built and donated a \$104 million hockey arena to the University and recently built and donated a \$10 million hockey arena to his hometown of Thief River Falls, Minnesota. He also donated the General George Patton papers, valued at \$1.4 million to the University's Fritz Library. *"Life is full of it's ups and downs in business and personally I have experienced both, but I have been very fortunate to land on the upper side more times than on the bottom, and it is my desire to share a portion of my good fortune with the UND hockey team"*, stated Ralph Englestad. Ralph was far from done helping those in need. He purchased 2000 wheelchairs for North Dakotans thru the Wheelchair Foundation, for which he also provided office and distribution space in the hotel complex. Since the Wheelchair Foundation began at the IP, over 4000 chairs have been provided free of charge to those in need.

The Imperial Palace has twice been named "Employer of the Year", as well as "National Employer of the Year"



Older photos of the Imperial Palace with the interior



and has been recognized by numerous State and National awards for hiring the handicapped.

In 2002 the Imperial Palace ranked as the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest sole proprietorship hotel in the world and boasted almost 2700 rooms and 2600 employees.

Ralph Englestad left us on November 26, 2002 at the age of 72, and will always be remembered by his two mottos for living that reflected his ambition and drive: "The harder I work, the luckier I get."...and "No dream comes true until you wake up and go to work."

On August 22, 2005, gaming giant Harrah's Entertainment made an offer to purchase the Imperial Palace, on an 18.5-acre site in Las Vegas for \$370 million. Plans are inconclusive at this time as to the fate of the hotel. By mid 2006 Harrah's should have a plan in place as to remodel, or tear down the structure. The deal closed on December 22, 2005. Harrah's will then own almost all the property between the Venetian and the Aladdin from Las Vegas Blvd back to Koval, barring only a few aging apartment buildings, the Weston Hotel and Casino, a convenience store and the Barbary Coast.



Imperial Palace, Biloxi



Imperial Palace pool construction and the original pool





# TOKEN EFFORT

by Howard W. Herz

## Is there a Dino in the House?

An unknown series of gaming tokens from the MGM in Las Vegas surfaced on e-bay several months ago. The series is comprised of the MGM cartoon characters that were issued in sets of eight (8) different characters on nickel-silver and brass tokens. The difference on these tokens is in the size of the MGM Lion logo on the reverse of the tokens. The official sets have a large lion on the reverse. The new discovery features a smaller lion. Seven of the characters have surfaced on the new smaller lion type, but Dino the Dinosaur is missing - has anyone seen Dino?



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# More Grand Casino Silver Coins!

by John Kallman

History can be a fickle mistress. While she passes by our doorstep on a daily basis, rarely, if ever do we invite her in. Rather, we wait until she is long gone and then we chase after her like leaves in the wind, trying mightily to assemble pieces to a puzzle with little if any idea of what the complete picture may look like once assembled. Such is the case with these elusive silver versions of the brass items that were given to casino patrons of the Grand Casino Minnesota. Previously, I had identified two issues, both late in the series, as having been produced in silver, and speculated that the final issue of the series had been similarly issued.

Of course, while I was looking left, I failed to notice something approaching on the right! Thus, I was quite surprised when the second issued set recently appeared in silver. This set was issued during late 1994 and early 1995. With this set, we can speculate that perhaps the entire series was likewise issued in silver! If so, this would be a very rare set to assemble to say the least given the fact that so much time has elapsed since the first set was issued (1993 – 1994), and how few sets were probably issued. Thus, of the seven sets known, at least three can be confirmed to have been issued in silver as well as the normal brass variety.

For those of you unfamiliar with the series, both the first issue (Four Winds) along with this second issue were each redeemable for \$5.00. However, between the release of the first series, which for the most part

redeemed for the stated \$5.00, the casino changed their policy on redemption. However, either it was too late to change the production of the second series, or the cost of doing so was such that the casino reverted to posting a sign at the distribution point as well as much larger signs at all cashier cages that the second series was *NOT* redeemable. This explains why, for the most part, the first issue is by far the rarest of the sets with the second set somewhat

scarce – as no doubt some in fact were redeemed. Starting with the 3<sup>rd</sup> issue, the reverse was redesigned with a generic representation of the casino logo and no mention made of any value.

Of course, with the price of silver today, the \$5.00 redemption offer, which was rescinded even for the first series effective 1 January 2006, seems like more than a fair price to pay for one of these.



Pheasant



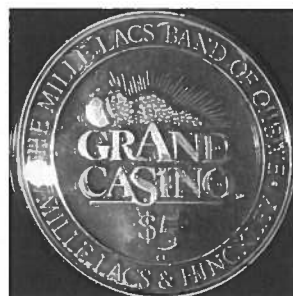
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Common Reverse

# Carlos Cartagena

by Allan Anderson

Internationally known for his pin up art, Carlos Cartagena has been prominently featured in such coveted publications as Playboy, Penthouse, Hustler and Abercrombie and Fitch's A&F Quarterly. He is widely regarded as the hallmark of pin up artist and is sought out worldwide for his work.

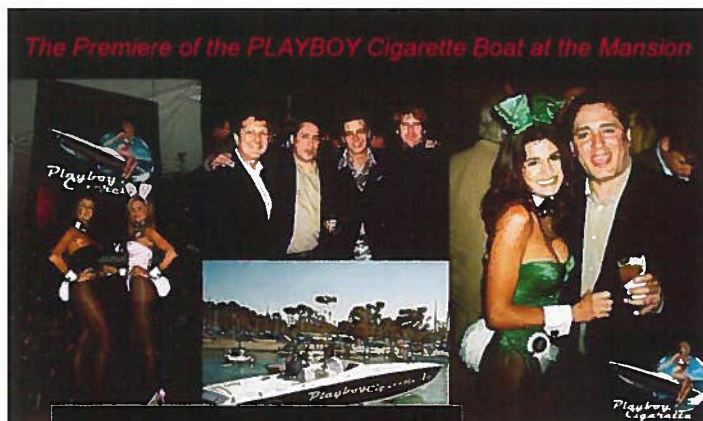


Carlos was born April 29, 1960 in Guatemala City. In school, the teachers were impressed with Carlos drawing ability but later on he wanted to do more than just draw. In 1981 he followed his dream and migrated to the United States. His first ten years in the U.S. he worked at different jobs but it was in the late 80's when he started self-teaching air-brush techniques, making lots of mistakes in the process, but moving toward his big dream.

Carlos started painting professionally at the age of 30 and in 1990 he landed his first job as an illustrator for a Southern California luminous sign company. It was good practice and he had the chance to perfect his many skills there. Soon it was time to advance. Carlos would divide his time between freelance work and painting on leather jackets and on custom Harley Davidson motorcycles. His work was gaining national recognition for his murals on the backs of leather jackets, and on the tanks and fenders of Harley Davidson motorcycles. His work was also beginning to reflect "his" style – sexy, sometimes erotic, but always in good taste.



Carlos Cartagena



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Slap-On Art Decals



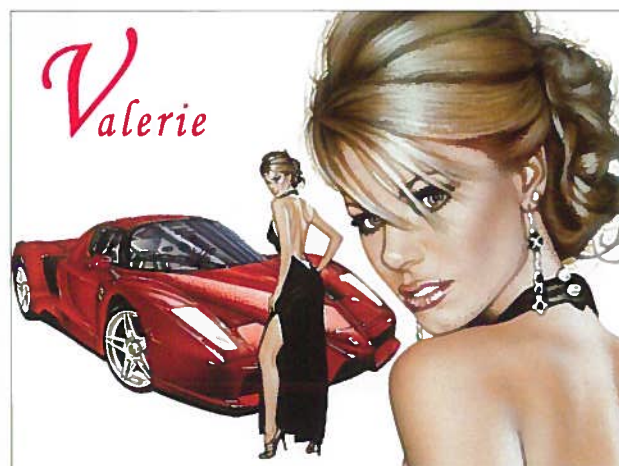
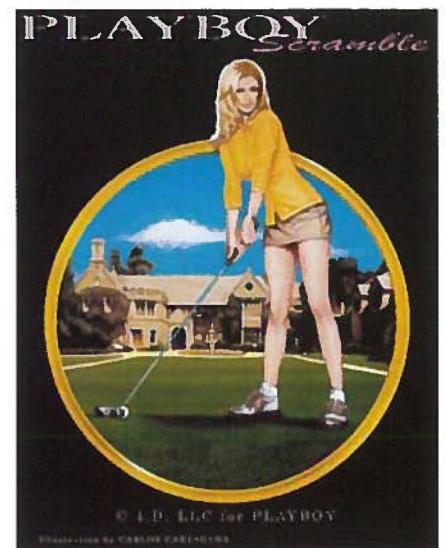
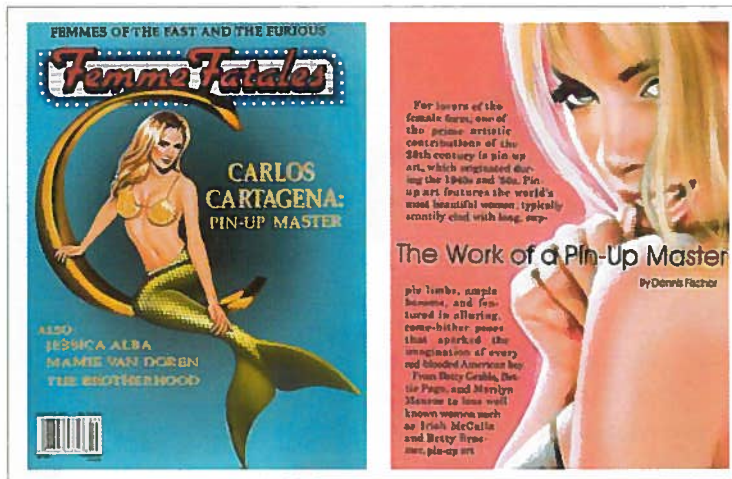


In 1992 he won first place in his first ever contest, a nationwide T-Shirt contest with a portrait of Marilyn Monroe, put on by *Impressions magazine*.

His art reached the masses in 1995 and 1996 when one of his Harley-Davidson murals won consecutive first place awards at Sturgis and Laughlin for his custom radical designs. In the late 90's he was commissioned by life-long surfer Mark Buck and founder of *Slap-on Art Decals®* to create a series of sexy decals that could be applied to surfboards, car windows, shower doors, skis, skateboards, snowboards or anything with a smooth surface that would look better with a gorgeous image of a sexy woman applied to it. Carlos was commissioned for a series of pinups for the first release of decals.

On November 11, 2005 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, his sexy artwork was used to support the Vince Neil's *Off the Strip Poker Tournament*, benefiting the *Skylar Neil Memorial Foundation* and the *T.J. Martell Foundation* (Leukemia, Cancer and Aids Research).

This summer as a tribute to the original Hooters girl Lynne Austin, the first to grace those famous orange shorts, Hooters Casino Hotel commissioned Carlos to develop a 30 inch by 40 inch original airbrush rendering of Lynne serving hot wings and beer in classic Hooters style. 1,500 limited edition prints were offered for sale to Hooters Casino Hotel guests to. Once unveiled by Carlos, the artwork will be displayed in the lobby of the world's first Hooters Casino in Las Vegas. "I am very pleased to be creating this artwork of the beautiful girls that represent Hooters, and specially to be working with such an iconic girl in Hooters History, Lynne Austin. I





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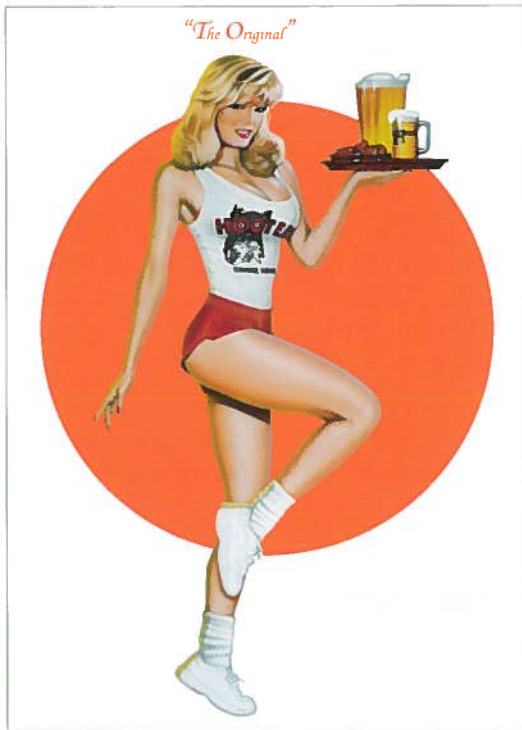
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Original Hooters girl Lynne Austin

can promise that the illustration will be gorgeous, just like Lynne" said Carlos. "I'm grateful to have been chosen for this project among the many other great talented artists out there, and I couldn't be happier that my first commissioned piece of work for a casino be with such a well-known brand as Hooters." Carlos hopes to work on more casino projects in Reno and Las Vegas.

For any business inquiries please contact Carlos Cartagena's agent Mr. Tracy Crump at: (435) 257-2229 or e-mail him at: [crumps@frontiernet.net](mailto:crumps@frontiernet.net)

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# The “Gray Bar Hotel & Casino”

## The Nevada State Prison Casino

### *Nevada’s Unlicensed Gambling Establishment*

by Howard W. Herz

#### **NRS 463.151 Regulations requiring exclusion or ejection of certain persons from licensed establishments: ...**

(e) To ensure that gaming is conducted honestly, competitively and free of criminal and corruptive elements, all gaming establishments in this state must remain open to the general public and the access of the general public to gaming activities must not be restricted in any manner except as provided by the Legislature.

#### **NRS 463.151 Regulations requiring exclusion or ejection of certain persons from licensed establishments: ...**

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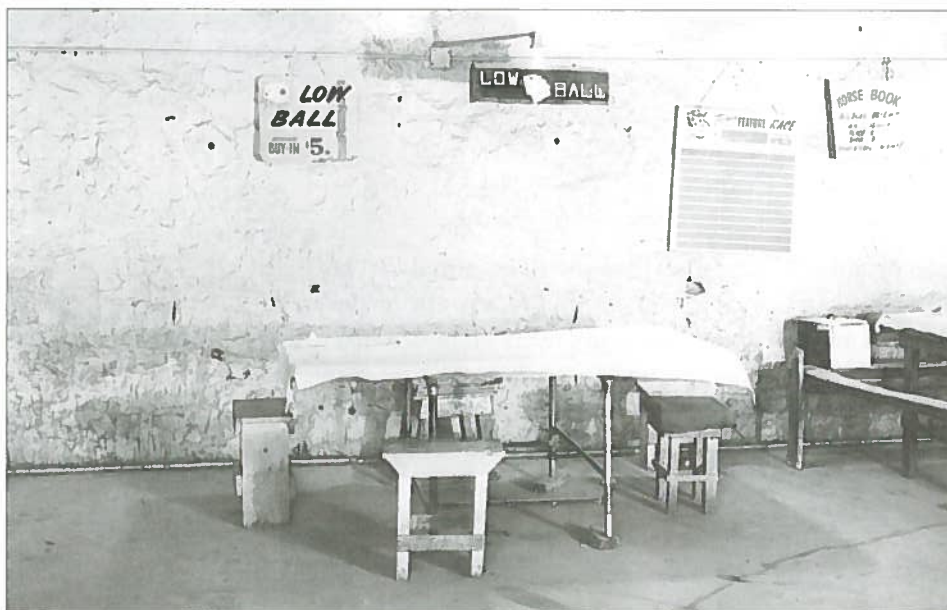
With the start of the casino at the Nevada State Prison around 1932, gambling in Nevada took on a different look and certainly a unique experiment in prisoner rehabilitation. In a state that had legal poker (since an Attorney General’s decision in 1919) and virtually wide open gambling in Reno and many other towns, gambling in the Nevada State Prison seemed to be a normal activity. With the introduction of legalized gambling in 1931, the prison’s casino gained a veneer of legitimacy despite the fact that it did not have a gambling license (at least one has never been found).

At first gambling was conducted in the original windowless solid rock room carved from the natural sandstone surrounding the prison location in Carson City. Termed the “Bull Pen” casino because of its proximity to the prison central yard, the casino became a unique feature of the Nevada Prison.

At some point in the 1930’s the casino was moved to a larger sandstone block building that included barred windows, allowing light in the day and more room for its games.

Inmates “bought into” the games when they could present evidence that they possessed enough money to bankroll a game and had the permission of an elected committee of inmates. A six month fee to run a poker game was about \$25 and \$75 for craps and blackjack. Each game boss was required to make a percentage contribution to the Inmate Welfare Fund.

One of the more interesting aspects of the Nevada State Prison was that the inmates had their own







coins and currency that could be interchanged for U.S. currency within the prison. With their own monetary system, betting was easy and managing the games was simple. The inmates ran the games, managed the casino and of course ran the security.

The brass coinage of the prison served as the gaming checks and tokens of the casino. During the second World War when brass was scarce, a form of currency was printed on canvas, but counterfeiting soon limited its usefulness. To the best of our knowledge, generic chips were

probably used on the games along with the prison token and can be seen in use on the craps game.

In January of 1962, Nevada's famous brothel owner Joe Conforte began a three-to-five year sentence in the prison. One of the first prison institution to feel his influence. Joe bankrolled the games to a new level, once penny ante, the games were expanded and even a few quests were invited in from the outside. Under Conforte's direction the casino expanded to include betting on all professional and collegiate sporting

events, pari-mutual race horse betting, craps, blackjack, high and low-ball poker, panguingui and tonk. One member of the warden's staff commented that on one day the craps game was crowded with denim clad inmates jostling for position around the table with suit and necktie clad members of the Carson City Kiwanis Club. One of the prisons' wardens vouched for the honesty of the games. He called it the most honest casino in the State of Nevada. "If someone was caught cheating, they'd stick a shiv in their ribs."





As for the issue of a gaming license, the casino was operated under the authority of a branch of the state government - the department of prisons. All of the gamblers had their finger prints on file and the security was excellent. "I think the casino operated with a 'wink and a nod' from the authorities.

The casino was not exactly unknown outside of the prison. Noted Nevada State Journal columnist Frank Johnson did an "expose" in January of 1960. Most likely after he visited the casino. Warden Art Bernard certainly considered the casino to be in the spirit of Nevada institutions and was not about to close it. When Jack Fogliani took over as the warden in 1959, he left the operation in place. In early 1967, shortly after Nevada's new governor Paul Laxalt was sworn in, the prison had a riot. Faced with an overcrowded prison population and a number of other issues, Laxalt appointed Carl Hocker to be the prison warden. Hocker was a veteran of San Quentin and brought with him a number of professional changes to the entire prison. The fate of the casino at the prison became an issue.

A number of Nevada assemblymen introduced a bill to prohibit gambling at the prison, but the measure was defeated in the senate. In the end, it was the wish of warden Carl Hocker that prevailed. The State of Nevada Prison board had the authority and closed the casino in April of 1967. The sandstone building that housed the "Bull Pen" casino was torn down shortly after the casino closed.

After the closing the casino, the prison's brass money was turned in and credited to each prisoner's account. Script was issued to substitute for the brass and sets of the coins were sold by the prison with the proceeds going to the Inmate Welfare fund.



Joe Conforte at the craps table

The prison newspaper announced that braiding, painting and beadwork would be substituted for the casino activity.





# State Prison Operation Change Slated

CARSON CITY, (AP) — New Warden Jack Fogliani is planning several changes at Nevada's only prison, some of them started by his predecessor.

One of his first moves, Fogliani says, will be to close up the "hole"—a dungeon used for solitary confinement to punish trouble-making prisoners.

Former Warden Art Bernard noted he had started action toward abandoning the dank cells, which are carved out of sandstone cliffs at the prison.

A new maximum security cell block currently is under construction to replace the "hole." A convicted Clark county robber, William Burman, 28, has just been released and probably will be the last to occupy the old solitary cell block.

As did Bernard, who stepped down as warden last week, Fogliani said he disapproved of the prison's open gambling casino, but he added that it would be difficult to stamp out gambling among inmates.

"I guess gambling is one of those necessary evils," the new warden said, "but I think we could put these fellows to better use."

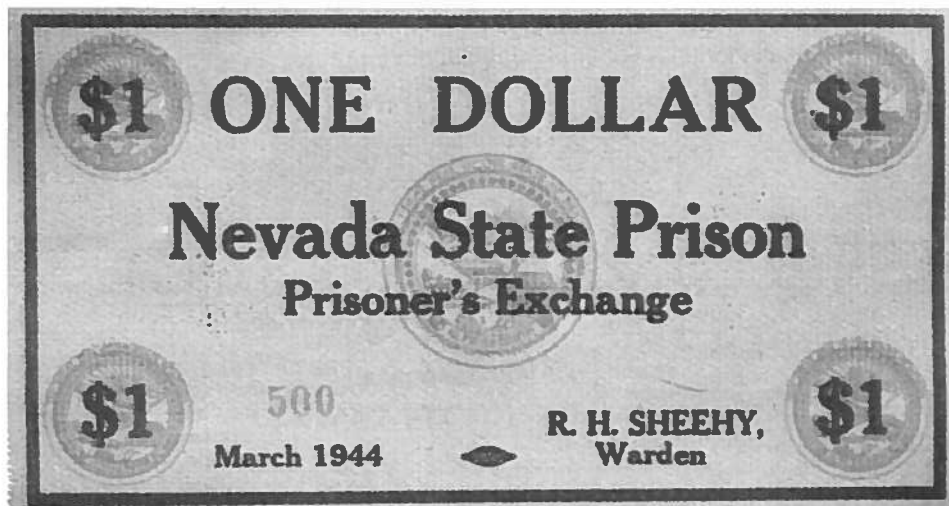
Other improvements planned by Fogliani include:

Improved television facilities for inmates. Colored trustees currently have no television.

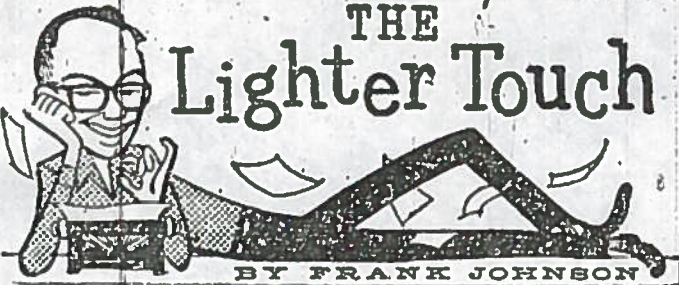
Better communication between prisoners and the prison administration. "We'll do a lot more listening to prisoners' troubles," Fogliani said.

More extended medical care for prisoners. "There are several men in the yard who are sick," the warden said, "and we'll have more interest in their welfare."

Fogliani said further that inmates now imprisoned in maximum security cells would be interviewed to determine whether they still belonged there.







## New Warden Gets Break; Gambling Den 'Exposed'

In the years when Art Bernard was warden of the Nevada State Prison, we reporters found it periodically expedient to expose the fact a full-fledged gambling hall was being operated just off the prison yard.

It got so Mr. Bernard was actually hurt if somebody did not show up at least every six months with pad and pencil to ask questions about the prison casino.

In fact, he even called me once to ask if he had offended the fourth estate in some manner.

"It has been months since the press has been around to expose my gambling den," he complained. "I am getting lonely."

### Neglected Warden

In view of the past history of exposes, it strikes me we have been treating Mr. Bernard's successor, Jack Fogliani, downright shabbily.

Except for a brief mention late last summer that business was falling off somewhat because of the large number of prisoners working at productive jobs, we haven't exposed it once since he became warden.

To make up for it, I will now report that the casino is still in business and enjoying a brisk winter trade at the crap, panguingui, blackjack, poker and 'Tonk' tables.

Moreover, I will disclose that the casino last Thursday enjoyed the patronage not only of the regular clientele (distinguishable by dungaree jackets cleverly embossed with white-stenciled numbers), but also of state officials and Carson City Kiwanis Club members (distinguishable by business suits, neckties and freshly-laundered white shirts.)

### High Roller

The only Kiwanian or state official to be observed actually bucking the tiger was George Jolly, the Commissioner of Labor, who risked thirty cents on the blackjack table after Mr. Fogliani assured him the dealers were absolutely honest at cards, if not in other pursuits.

Mr. Jolly won the first hand, displaying a solid 20 to the dealer's 18, and was paid off in chips because hard cash, except during the rare visit of a labor commissioner, is banned in the casino.

Cheered on by fellow players, Mr. Jolly doubled down for the next hand and lost when the dealer hit his 15 with a queen.

Elsewhere in the casino, Emmett Munley, retiring chief enforcement officer of the Nevada Gaming Control Board, was watching the crap table sharply, trying to determine if the dealer's face was a familiar one.

He did not, however, take official notice of a number of violations of the state gaming laws and regulations, such as the absence of a Nevada gaming license.

### We're All Guilty

This particular oversight on the part of the prison casino makes every one of us taxpayers guilty of a gross misdemeanor, I suppose, because we all theoretically own a chunk of the state lock-up.

The law governing the licensing of casinos reads, in part, "Any person who shall knowingly permit any gambling game, slot machine or device to be conducted, operated, dealt or carried on in any house or building or other premises owned by him, in whole or part, except by a person who is licensed . . . shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor."

Another violation readily apparent is the fact the casino, despite the rules and regulations of the Nevada Gaming Commission, caters to, assists and employs, "persons of notorious or unsavory reputation, or who have extensive police records . . ."

On the plus side, one can say not only all employees, but all patrons as well, have their fingerprints on file with the authorities.

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# Ode to the Bullpen

By David Parker and Jerry Quillian

'Tis late '67  
And the Bullpen is gone,  
But ghosts of the past  
Have still lingered on.

No more is there poker,  
Crap table, or dice,  
Nor armloads of groceries  
Won with such vice.

But my number is dry  
And I still can recall,  
The cries of the croupier,  
The brass free-for-all.

Bald-headed Joe  
In the mess hall did sit,  
With hopes the ten-teamer  
He held wouldn't hit.

Strong-hearted Hollis  
Was calling the licks,  
And he bad-eyed the white shirt,  
Who'd just thrown a six.

In the far distant corner  
The lowball clan met,  
And the green felt resounded  
As they made their bet.

The stout-hearted storeman  
Was under the gun;  
His eye never flickered,  
He said: "I bet one."

The guy with the eyeshade  
Was next in line.  
He flinched and he muttered  
And then raised a dime.

The double-deck kid  
Peered deep in his hand,  
With a cry of depression,  
The table he slammed.

The tension mounted  
As the Texan re-raised.

The others fell out,  
And the sweaters amazed,

Beheld not a six,  
Nor a wheel nor a four,  
But two little deuces,  
And up went a roar.

The Tender Trap  
Has been known through the years,  
For locker door art,  
That'll bring you to tears.

Black Belt Ralph  
Stepped up to the book,  
With the tall Photo Man  
And the little bald cook.

The Barber Shop Man  
And Ireland Ed,  
Were eyeing the green sheet,  
When Tiger, he said:

"Bet Drin in the eighth,  
He's a winner for sure."  
But the boys from the tag plant  
Were quick to demur.

Sourdough Bennie  
Played the back line.  
Carolina appeared  
Clutching a dime.

The boys from the laundry  
Were losing their poke.  
Bird cried: "Seven out."  
As if in a joke.

Roger crapped out,  
And the Indians dragged.  
Big Bill the Boxman  
Was filling his bag.

But now sand and sage  
And the whippoorwill's cry,  
Replaces the blue shirted  
Gambler's sigh.



# Charitable Casino Chips of North Dakota

## Part V – Rules, Regulations, and Duck Wheels!

by John Kallman

From “time outs” of our childhood to the complexity of tax forms, rules and regulations, both formal and social, serve as guide posts on the road of life. Modern day casino operations are no different.

The clay compositions of yesterday that are most prized by collectors of today probably would never see the green felt of a casino today. They would fall prey to either the shirts in the front office, fail the eye in the sky test, or not meet with regulatory review. This is also the case when it comes to the Charity Casinos of North Dakota.

As far as I can determine, it was May 1, 1998 when exact colors of chips, number of inserts, and in some cases the color of inserts took effect. These regulations also indicated what denominations could be in play. Thus, you will not see any \$2.50, or \$3.00 or \$4.00 chips in play these days in North Dakota.

Additionally, this means that we can date chips as being in play either **before or after** this date. Many of the earlier issues vary in many respects in terms of both the color of the chips to the edge inserts to what is actually portrayed on the chips.

The specifics state that *either* a 50¢ metal coin *or* a fifty cent United States coin (try getting those in large quantities these day!) in lieu of a 50¢ chip. \$25.00 chips need only be issued if an organization accepts that level of bet (some do – most don't).

Each chip **MUST** be 1 9/16 inches (39.62 millimeters) in diameter and be permanently impressed, engraved, or imprinted with the organizations name and on the other side the value of the chip. The name may be represented by a unique identification that differentiates an organization chips from all other organization chips.

The specific of each chip allowed in play is as follows:

- 50¢ chip: Mustard Yellow (5Y 7/6 on the Munsell<sup>1</sup> Color System<sup>1</sup>) with no edge spots
- \$1.00 chip: White (N 9/) with four spots (color not specified) of ? of 1 inch in width.
- \$2.00 chip: Pink (2.5R 6/10) with four split edge spots (color not specified – but width and space is).
- \$5.00 chip: Red (2.5R 4/12) with six solid edge spots (color not specified, but width is).
- \$25.00 chip: Green (2.5G 5.12) with eights white spots (width again specified).
- \$100.00 chip: Black (N 2/) with four white triple split edge spots (width again specified). It is noted here that the \$100 chip is used in the game of paddlewheel.

Thus, not only can we date some chips as either before or after this date, if you have an unidentified chip with a bunch of letters that make absolutely no sense to you, it is probably from a North Dakota Charity Casino. And I would like to hear from you!

Specifics for paddle wheel chips are not quite so strenuous. Each organization may have as many different chips as they see fit, but it appears that either 8 or 10 different color chips are in use when the game is in play. The chips must be in primary solid colors with the exception of yellow which of course is reserved for the 50c chips in Black Jack. Furthermore, it is illegal to remove paddlewheel chips (of this last part I am guilty!).

Earlier on, I expounded in length, with photos even, of what a “Pig Wheel” was. Well hold on to your hats, as there is also a Duck Wheel! And, you may ask, what is the difference between a Pig Wheel and a Duck Wheel?

Pig Wheels have the numbers 1-40, plus (5) pigs {house advantage 5 out of 45, 11.11%} while Duck Wheels have the numbers 1-40, plus (4) ducks (house advantage 4 out of 44, 9.09%). So if you have your choice between a pig and a duck, pick the duck!



Examples of Chips not meeting color specifications

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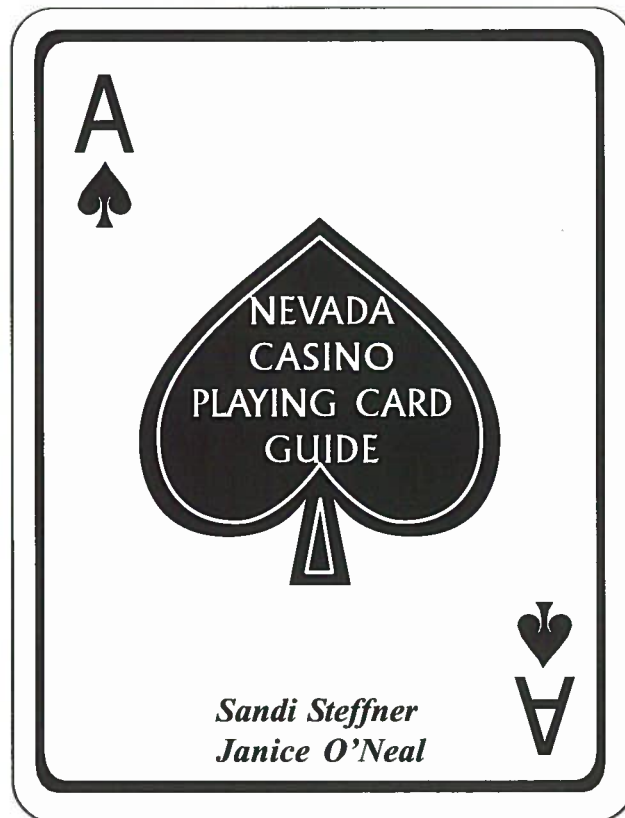


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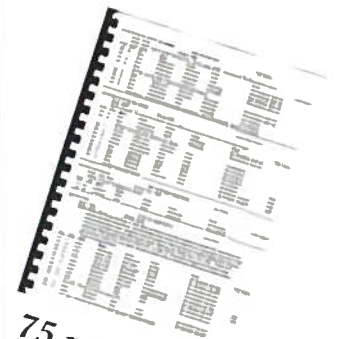
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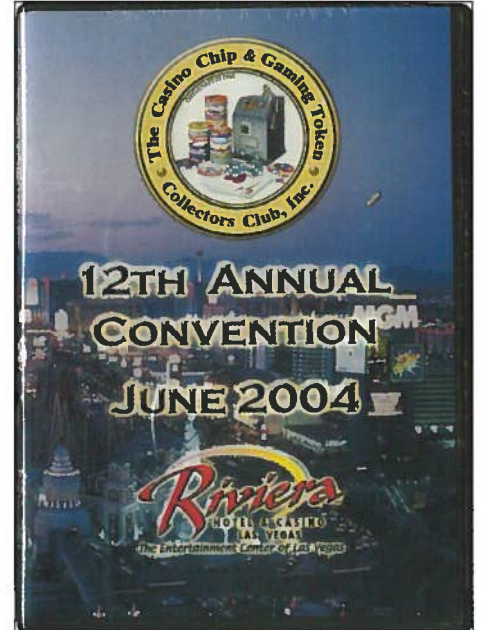
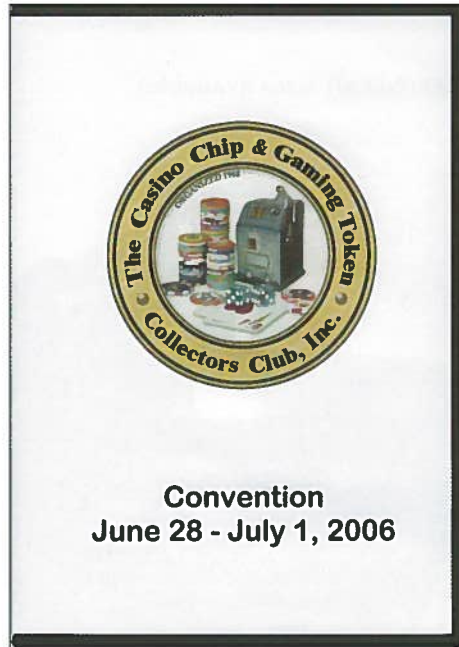
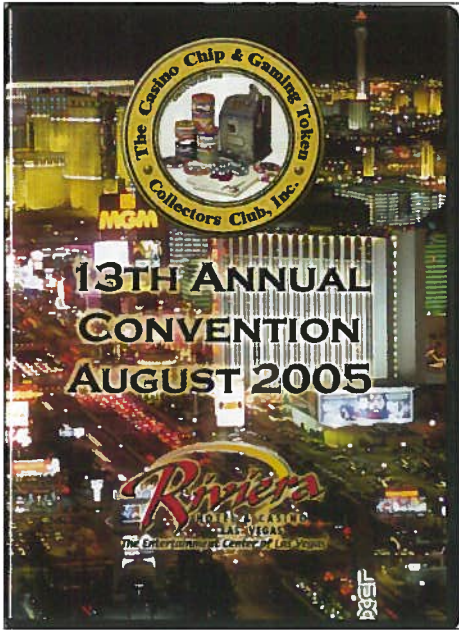


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# The Southern Nevada Chip Report

by Tyrus Mulkey

Greetings Southern Nevada Chip Collectors!

It's been two weeks since the annual convention ended and I've finally recovered enough to write this article. It was another great convention. It was great to reconnect with old friends and to make new friends. Thanks to everyone that stopped by my table and said hello. Thanks, also, for all of the positive feedback I received on last month's article. I appreciate your support.

Before plunging into all of the new releases since the last issue, I have a couple of loose ends to clear up. It appears some gremlins got a hold of my last article and removed a couple of images. Although the chips were reported, the images were missing. So, here they are, the Four Queens President's Day 2006 \$5 Chip and the Palms the mint Grand Opening 2006 \$5 Chip.



I also reported in last issue's article that the Ramada Express and Golden Nugget, both in Laughlin, had released River Run 2006 chips, but I didn't include the scans because I didn't have the chips in my possession by deadline. So, here are both of those images.



Last, but certainly not least, is the Stardust showgirl chip. As I stated in my report, these chips were very difficult to get. Chipper Douglas Walker obtained one by filling out the required questionnaire at the Stardust and presented it (the chip, not the questionnaire) to me at the convention. As you can see, it is a beauty! Thank you Mr. Walker!



And now, without further ado, the new release report from Southern Nevada! (applause)

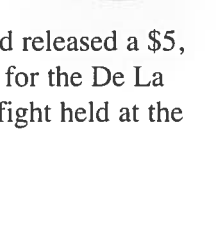
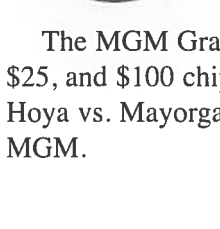
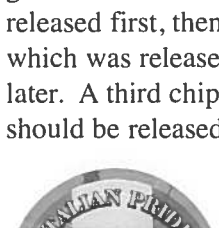
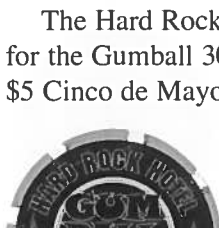
The Aladdin was the home of the second season of filming for the A&E series Mindfreak, starring magician Criss Angel. Criss must have had something to do with this chip because it quickly disappeared from the cage and the tables.



The Palms released a six chip set honoring 2005 Kentucky Derby winner Giacomo. Each denomination has unique artwork.

The Palms also released a \$5 and a \$25 chip, with identical artwork, for the Ground Breaking of Palms Place, a new condo development on their property. They also released a \$5 chip for the Fantasy Tower Grand Opening.





The Riviera released several chips related to conventions and tournaments that are hosted at the property: the 2006 BCA National 8-Ball Championships, the VNEA Pool Leagues, the ACS National 8-Ball Championships, and the International Chess Festival. The Riv also released a \$5 chip honoring comedy hypnotist Dr. Scott Lewis and a Steven Schirripa \$5 chip. This is the third chip commemorating the GOOMBA book series.

The Hard Rock released a \$5 chip for the Gumball 3000 car rally and a \$5 Cinco de Mayo chip.

Ellis Island released the first two chips in a set of three honoring immigrants. The Italian Pride chip was released first, then the Irish Spirit, which was released about six weeks later. A third chip, Spanish Flair, should be released soon.

The MGM Grand released a \$5, \$25, and \$100 chip for the De La Hoya vs. Mayorga fight held at the MGM.



One Riviera convention that didn't get a chip was our own chip collecting convention. Apparently, the Riv attempted to have one manufactured, but Nevada Gaming Control rejected it. So, it's okay for pool players to get their own collectable chip, but not those that are concerned with preserving gaming history. The Club, as always, released a no value chip honoring the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. They are available through the Club's promotions chairman, Roy Nelson. There is an order form in this issue. Also from the Club are this year's poker and blackjack tournament chips. See the order form.



The Venetian added a \$3 chip to their poker room. Rumor has it a \$5 chip will be coming soon, but no word when that will happen.



For all you mothers out there - and you know who you are - the Four Queens gave you a red rose. Well, at least they gave you a picture of a rose on a \$5 chip. The Four Queens also released chips for Memorial Day and their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

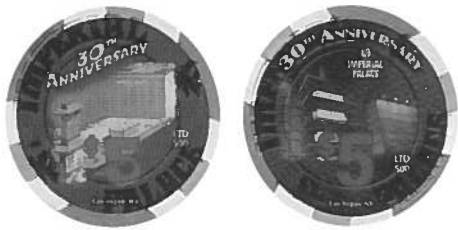


Speaking of anniversaries, the Flamingo continued to celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary by releasing a six chip "decades" set. They were released two chips at a time on three different dates. Each chip has unique artwork and represents a decade in the Flamingo's history.



Other casinos celebrating anniversaries this quarter were the Monte Carlo, which released one \$5 chip for their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and the Imperial Palace, which released a \$5, \$25, and a \$100 chip for their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Wondering why the Imperial Palace has an image of the Flamingo Capri on their chip? Well, the IP stands where the Capri once stood. If you look at the picture of the building on the chip closely, you can see our own Mike Quinlivan walking out of the door with a pocket full of cash! He should have kept the chips instead of cashing them in.





Red rock casino released a \$2 chip about six weeks after their opening for use in the poker room. A white \$2 chip – I love it!



As I write this column, the World Series of poker is in high gear! Poker rooms around the country are sitting empty while their players flock to Vegas. The Rio issued three chips to celebrate. What's interesting about this set is that two of the chips have a common back and the third is unique. They quickly sold out.



Planet Hollywood investor Sylvester Stallone held his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party at the future home of the Planet Hollywood casino. It's still known today as the Aladdin.



Do you love Las Vegas? Well, so do I. And so does Harrah's! I know they do because they made a chip that says so. And chips don't lie. I think Harrah's may have problems with the L word, though, because they replaced it with a heart.



The Rio issued a \$5 Tony n' Tina's Wedding chip. The wedding happens nightly at the Rio, where the actors include the audience in the wedding party. I've heard it's a great show, but I haven't seen it! I thought I would add that in there, since after mentioning in my last article that I hadn't seen the George Wallace show at the Flamingo, chipper Aaron Peacock took me as his guest to see the show. Thanks Aaron!! My tuxedo is in the closet all ready for the wedding show, (or another auction)! I also have just the tuxedo collar and French Cuffs ready for the Chippendales show. The Rio issued a chip for them, also. I've never seen that show, either. Aaron?



*Phantom – the Las Vegas Spectacular* has arrived! Andrew Lloyd Webber's show is now playing in a specially built theatre at the Venetian. What's a casino to do about news that big? Why, release a chip, of course. This one isn't limited so it's more of a second house chip.

Several casinos released 4<sup>th</sup> of July chips this year. The Palms released a \$5 and a \$25 chip with different artwork. The Four Queens released a \$5 chip. The Hard Rock released a \$5 4<sup>th</sup> chip as well as a Poison chip on the same day. The rock group Poison performed at The Joint on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Bally's Paris, and Rio each released a chip with identical artwork on the front side of a young lady in patriotic dress. Harrah's broke away from her sister properties and issued a \$5 chip with a flag on it. Hooters also released a series of 4<sup>th</sup> of July chips. As much as I dislike Hooters, I actually like these chips – Stars, Stripes, and beer.



Too bad they weren't made available to more collectors.



A few new House chips were released this quarter. The Nevada Palace issued a hot stamp \$1 chip. How retro! If you like hot stamps, you'll love this chip. They added them to their other inlay chips rather than replacing them, so both types of \$1's are on the tables. Arizona Charlie's Boulder also issued a new \$1 chip. They also mixed them in with their older \$1's. Only they literally mixed them in. When I went there to purchase a rack of them, they were all in together so I had to purchase two racks and separate them. Every other chip in both racks was a new one. I wonder how long it took a cage employee to make up new racks of one old chip, one new chip, one

old chip, one new chip... The Orleans issued both a \$1 and a \$5 house chip with "2006" on the inlay. They don't do this every year, only when they need to re-order.



Mandalay Bay hosted a night of Ultimate Fighting Championship fights. The two main bouts were Ortiz vs. Shamrock and Sylvia vs. Arlovski. A \$5 and a \$25 chip with identical artwork were released.



Last, and definitely least, are the Hooters releases. Again, Hooters appears to be going out of its way to alienate chip collectors with shady chip release policies. I won't bore you with the details, other than to say they've stooped to a new low. Regardless, they've issued a May, June, and July \$5 Calendar Girl chip since the last CCTN issue and the second \$25 Calendar Cover Girl chip, Sarah. This was one of the chips that was "accidentally" released previously before being recalled by Hooters management. You know, the same chip that was being sold on ebay by Hooters employees at highly inflated prices.



Thanks very much for reading. All of the chips mentioned in this article, and thousands of others, can be

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# Harry Truman, Poker Player

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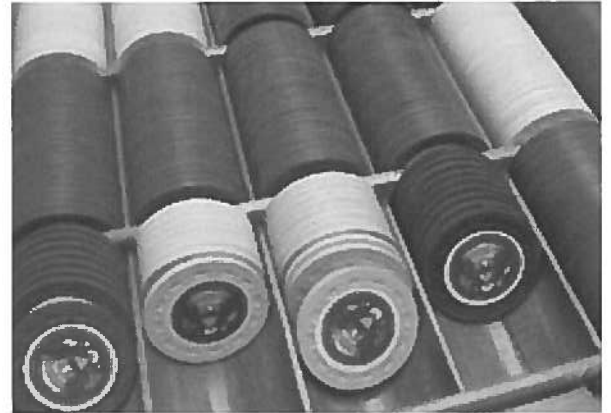
*"You know I'm almost like a kid— I can hardly wait to start."*

When Harry Truman was asked in a televised *Person to Person* interview in 1955 what he did to relax, he responded, "Well, my only relaxation is to work." This was no doubt almost true, but Truman forgot to mention something he loved to do, something that took a lot of time, demanded close attention, consumed a certain amount of emotional energy, and must have caused him some anxiety from time to time. But it probably couldn't be considered work. Truman forgot to mention that, for relaxation and to enjoy the company of friends, he played poker.

It's not clear when Truman started playing poker. The first record of his enjoyment of card playing, not specifically poker, is in a letter he wrote to Bess Wallace on February 7, 1911, when he was twenty-six years old. He had just started courting Bess and wanted to tell her all about himself. He was a religious person, he said, but "I like to play cards and dance . . . and go to shows and do all the things [religious people] say I shouldn't, but I don't feel badly about it."

Although it is hard to imagine that Lieutenant, and later Captain, Truman went through his two years of service during World War I without playing poker, the first clear record of his

Truman's worn and scratched poker chip case was transferred from the White House to Truman's post-presidential office and then came to the Harry S. Truman Library.



poker playing is of games played in the early 1920s, when he was a county judge (or, more correctly, county commissioner) in Jackson County, Missouri. Several of his poker buddies told stories in later life about playing poker with Judge Truman. The games were played across the street from the county courthouse, in a room on the third floor of a building at 101 North Main Street in Independence. In about 1924, the poker players decided to become a club, called the Harpie Club because harmonicas, or French harps, were played at a lighthearted dedication ceremony. Judge Truman was apparently the honorary and unofficial head of the club. There were about eighteen members, mostly veterans of World War I, and also many county employees.

The club met for a poker game usually one night a week. Games had a ten-cent limit with three raises. Truman probably played regularly

with club members until he left for Washington to become a U.S. senator in 1935. He got immense enjoyment from the games and apparently never took them too seriously. One club member, Bruce Lambert, called him a "chump" who always stayed to the end of a hand. "He wanted to see what your hole card was, and knew anyone got a kick out of winning from him and he accommodated . . . but if he could whip you he got a big kick out of it," Lambert said in a 1981 oral history interview.

Truman came to one Harpie Club meeting, held at a member's home this time, while he was President. Of course, things were different now than they had been in the early days. The presidential entourage was all there, and club members wouldn't sit down until Truman did. But a poker game got going nonetheless. Truman was lucky this night and accumulated a big pile of chips in front of him. But then a Secret Service man came

up to the President, tapped him on the shoulder and said it was time to leave. “The President jumped up hastily,” one of the poker players, A. J. Stephens, remembered in a 1966 oral history interview,” and said, ‘Good-bye boys,’ and shot out the door, leaving all those chips, which were cashable for money. I wonder to this day who got the money.”

Truman almost certainly played poker with his army reserve buddies during summer encampments in the 1920s and 1930s. He looked forward every summer to escaping from the sometimes serious worries of his political and business life in Kansas City and being a soldier with his friends out in the countryside, riding horses, playing war games, sitting around under the tent at the end of the day. The large collection of Truman’s war gear preserved at the Truman Library includes three well-worn decks of cards, circumstantial evidence of warm evenings passed in games of chance. Harry Vaughan, who later became President Truman’s military aide, was probably a regular player in these games, and he might have started playing poker with Truman as early as 1918. In a 1963 oral history interview, Vaughan remembered a tactic that Truman particularly enjoyed. “He liked to bluff and he did it on numerous occasions, but don’t count on it. . . . It was of greater delight to him to chase me . . . out of a hand and then show me that I had him beat; that was worth a month’s pay. And he did it all too frequently.”

Poker, like everything else, took on for Truman an aura of providence in the thrilling, frightening weeks and months that followed the shock of President Roosevelt’s death on April 12, 1945. Six weeks later, on May 26, Truman left the White House for the first time since becoming President. It was a modest outing, to the Burning

A poker game aboard the *Williamsburg*, July 4, 1949. Clark Clifford is on Truman’s left. Monrad Wallgren, former U.S. senator and governor of Washington State, is on Truman’s right. This is probably the only time Truman allowed himself to be photographed playing poker while he was President. (Harry S. Truman Library)



Tree Club in Bethesda, Maryland, to have dinner with some present and former members of Congress.

After dinner, a poker game started, and Truman did all right. “Luck always seems to be with me in games of chance and in politics,” he reflected. But now that he was President of the United States something was different for him, whether he was playing poker or leading the nation. “No one was ever luckier than I’ve been since becoming the Chief Executive and Commander in Chief,” he reflected in a May 27, 1945, handwritten note. “Things have gone so well that I can’t understand it; except to attribute it to God. He guides me, I think.” Presumably this sense of divine involvement in his poker games diminished as time went by and he got used to being President.

Truman’s favorite poker venue while he was President was the presidential yacht *Williamsburg*. “You know I’m almost like a kid; I can hardly wait to start,” he wrote to his wife, Bess, as he looked forward to a poker outing on the *Williamsburg* in the summer of 1946. The President, together with some of his regular poker buddies, and perhaps some special guests too, would typically board ship on Friday afternoon and sail on the Potomac River until Sunday afternoon. Truman liked an eight-handed game best. His cronies joined him around the table. Fred Vinson, secretary of the treasury and later chief justice of the United States, was his favorite poker companion. Other reg-

ulars included Clinton Anderson, secretary of agriculture and later a senator; Stuart Symington, a Missourian who served Truman in several positions, including secretary of the air force; and longtime friend Harry Vaughan, now Truman’s military aide. Future President Lyndon Johnson sometimes joined these games too, his attention focused more on the political talk than on the cards. Truman’s young naval aide and later special counsel Clark Clifford organized the games. Clifford had replaced a naval aide who told the President that he didn’t drink and didn’t play cards. Truman listened to this with interest and very quickly found the man a good job somewhere else. He liked Clifford better; his new naval aide did drink and play cards, the latter so skillfully that he usually won a little money.

Poker was only one element in the regimen of relaxation and companionship aboard the *Williamsburg*. The President and his friends enjoyed long, leisurely meals, and hours spent telling stories about life, politics, and Truman’s part in American history. When a poker game got under way, though, the players focused on their cards and their stake. Each player started the game with a \$500 stack of chips, and if anyone lost it all, he could get a second \$500 stack. About 10 percent of every pot was put in a “poverty bowl,” which was distributed \$100 at a time to players who had lost their second stack. This was a lot of money in the 1940s, but presumably over time no one ever won

Truman and Winston Churchill on the train in Fulton, Missouri, March 6, 1946, only a few hours following a poker game in which Churchill lost a substantial sum.  
(Harry S. Truman Library)



or lost very much. Truman once admitted to Bess, following a poker game played on the Fourth of July, 1947, not on the *Williamsburg* this time, that he had lost \$3.50. The big winner that night, Truman's chief of staff, Adm. William D. Leahy, won about \$40.

Winston Churchill joined in one of Truman's poker games during his visit to the United States in 1946. Churchill and the presidential party were on their way by train from Washington to Fulton, Missouri, where Churchill would tell the world about an "Iron Curtain" that had descended upon Europe. This night, however, the great man's oratory was about his poker prowess gathered over forty years. Truman was worried about the honor of American poker players, and he and his companions felt they would have to play their best. As the game progressed, though, Churchill lost steadily, and his stack of chips dwindled. After about an hour of this disastrous play, Churchill left the room for a moment. Truman told his companions that they would have to let up some. "But, Boss, *this guy's a pigeon*" one of the players, Harry Vaughan, burst out. "If you want us to play our best poker for the nation's honor, we'll have this guy's pants before the evening is over." The players did let up on Churchill some,

but not enough to let him go back home claiming he had beaten the Yanks.

Truman may have intervened on at least one other occasion to change a player's luck. Sometime in 1951 or 1952 he invited his assistant press secretary, Roger Tubby, to join in a game at the Little White House at Key West, Florida. Tubby was a young man with three children and a modest salary, playing against men with more money to lose and more experience with the cards. Truman noticed that Tubby's losses were mounting. It was his turn to deal. As the hand went on, the players dropped out one by one, until only Truman and Tubby were left in the game. Then Truman folded too, announcing that Tubby had won the sizeable pot. The players turned over their cards, and Tubby saw the hand that had kept Truman in the game to the end. "He didn't even have a pair," Tubby remembered in a 1977 article. "He had just stayed in the game to make the pot big so I could get back my losses." Or had Truman perhaps stayed in simply because that was what he enjoyed to do? In either case, Tubby's finances were improved.

After coming back to Missouri in January 1953, Truman made poker part of his very active retirement. He seems to have had two main groups

of poker buddies. One was headed by Tom Evans, a politically active Kansas City businessman who probably became acquainted with Truman in the late 1920s or early 1930s. Evans became one of Truman's very best friends. In the 1930s, he started taking Truman to poker games at the exclusive 822 Club in downtown Kansas City. Truman was Tom Evans's guest. It's doubtful he could have afforded to be a paying member, and it's also doubtful the Republican businessmen who dominated the club would have invited him to join; at least until he became President of the United States. Then they made him an honorary life member. Truman wrote to thank the club president for conferring such an honor on him. "If I can manage it," he wrote, thinking of future poker games, "I will make it costly for you." Truman probably played with his 822 Club friends many times in the 1950s and 1960s. A photograph in the Truman Library's holdings shows him and Tom Evans sitting with others in a smoke-hazed room in the 822 Club suite, looking down intently at their cards.

The other poker group was headed by Eddie Jacobson, Truman's old haberdashery partner and lifelong friend. Jacobson would invite several of Truman's Jewish friends to his home on 72nd Street. One of the



players, A. J. Granoff, remembered that the games were lighthearted affairs and that Truman greatly enjoyed himself. He “was a lot of fun,” Granoff recalled in a 1969 oral history interview. “He’d sit next to me, he’d lean over and look at my cards and say, ‘I got you beat already.’” Truman and Jacobson enjoyed teasing the somewhat prudish Granoff. “Truman would . . . [try] to embarrass me by telling some off-color story,” Granoff remembered, “and then claimed that I blushed. Maybe I did.” Then Jacobson might join in, and Granoff would blush again, and Truman and Jacobson would roar with laughter.

Truman would sometimes get together with a similar group of his Jewish friends at Oakwood Country Club in south Kansas City. Randall Jessee, a well-known television journalist in the 1950s, was present at one of these games. He noticed that Truman’s old failing as a poker player was still with him. “He stayed in every pot when he should have gotten out of a few,” Jessee recalled in a 1964 oral history interview. Truman just couldn’t bear to fold; he wanted to be in to the end. He had a special weapon, though, which he used to improve the odds. It was called “Vinson” after his favorite poker companion from presidential days. Jessee couldn’t make anything of this strange game. “It’s low ball, high ball, I never did understand. [Truman] was pretty good at [it], because

nobody else understood what we were doing. So every time we played Vinson, he would win. . . . It was dealer’s choice. . . . So Mr. Truman, about every time he was dealer, he’d say, ‘Well, we’re going to play Vinson now.’”

Probably only a few of Harry Truman’s poker venues are remembered very well today. There are most likely rooms scattered here and there in the Kansas City area where the future or the former President of the United States got together with friends and played poker; and chances are that Senator, Vice President, and President Truman enjoyed games at quite a few unknown or little known locations in and around Washington, D.C.

Truman loved poker for some of the same reasons that he loved politics. There was a vitality in the game that let him share in the lives of people he liked and see them as they really were, underneath whatever formalities they usually had to adopt when they dealt with a judge, senator, President, or former President. Poker also gave him a chance to make his friends happy in some small ways, which was very important to him. “I’ve tried all my life,” he wrote to Bess in 1937, “to be thoughtful and to make every person I come in contact with happier for having seen me.” There’s no record of anyone ever leaving a poker game with Harry Truman feeling unhappy.

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# Atlantic City R E P O R T

by Archie Black

## “A.C. ... NOT ALWAYS TURNED ON!”

The heat wave in Atlantic City continues unabated as I write this meager quarterly report, but the chip activity remains at the same low level as written in my previous report in the Spring issue of “Casino Chip & Token News.” In a way, that’s good as it leaves more room for Editor Allan Anderson to cover the club’s highly successful 2006 Convention activities.

I don’t know the reason(s) for the lack of chips being issued in “Las Vegas By The Sea”, but it’s discouraging for chip collectors (and chip dealer’s business) to say the least.

In June, we welcomed a pair of \$5 chips issued at Trump Plaza for Father’s Day ... in mid-July a off-again, on-again \$10 Hooters chip was issued by Trump Marina; followed by an un-announced end of the month release of a \$25 Sir Tom Jones chip at Resorts that caught everybody by surprise ..., and that is the extent of new chip issues in this town. Other than those four chips ... it’s been a very dull summer so far (chip-wise) and the prospects for any improvement in the immediate future are dim.



I’ve heard through the grapevine that Trump Marina is planning to issue a \$10 commemorative chip to mark the 2006 Atlantic City Air Show in August that will probably be released by the time you read this report.



The city itself is a beehive of building activity with construction cranes gracing the skyline in every direction. New casino towers are under construction or being planned, as is new housing throughout the city as old crumbling buildings are being torn down to make way for the new. “The Walk” outlet stores between the Boardwalk and the new Convention Center continues to expand. The Pier at Caesars is now open with a large number of upscale shops and restaurants out over the Atlantic Ocean. Borgata has a new huge poker room that is larger and more luxurious than the Taj Mahal’s poker room and has

added four or five new nationally known restaurants on the property. Additionally, the new No Smoking legislation that is now in effect throughout the State of New Jersey (except for the actual casino floors) is enjoyed by smoke-free restaurant and showroom patrons and hotel guest non-smokers.

A previously unknown illegal A.C. chip has surfaced which caused considerable attention among A.C. chip-pers ... a \$100 Babette’s Club chip now joins the previously known 500 Club, Bath & Turf Club, and Tuna Club illegal chips.



Babette’s Club was listed in the 1931 Atlantic City phone directory at 2211 Pacific Avenue. In the 1950 directory there is a listing for BABETTE’S (Daniel G. and Blanche Babette Stebbins), Dinner and Supper Club, Lounge and Bar. Good Food. 2223 Pacific Ave at Mississippi (opposite Convention Hall). Telephone 5-1642 and 5-9338. The chips were manufactured by the George Company in New York. Below is a picture postcard of what the inside of Babette’s looked like in its heyday.



# Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc.

An annual meeting of the Members of the Corporation was held on June 30, 2006 at the Riviera Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, state of Nevada, for the purpose of reviewing the prior year's business, discussing corporate operations for the upcoming year, and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Mike Skelton acted as chairperson and Belinda Hixon recorded the minutes.

The chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The following directors were present at the meeting:

## Name of Director

Mike Skelton - President  
Wayne Thompson – Vice President  
Mike Quinlivan - Treasurer  
Belinda Hixon - Secretary  
Ralph Myers – Membership

Legal Counsel, Eric Rosenblum acted as Parliamentarian for the meeting and 37 members were in attendance

Motion from the floor to suspend reading of and to accept the minutes from the 2005 meeting. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented at the meeting:

Name	Report
Mike Quinlivan	Treasurer's Report

Current financial reports are posted online at [www.ccgctcc.com](http://www.ccgctcc.com). As of May 31, 2006 cash balance in the Club's accounts is \$246,582. For the first five months of 2006, the Club treasury increased its cash position by \$49,106, excluding Convention tournament registration of \$16,680 and the Building Fund donations of \$4,821.

Highlights for the first 5 months of 2006:

1. 47 new Life Members. The Club had 194 Life members at the end of May, 2006.

2. Convention 2006 paid registration through May 31, 2006:  
Pre-registration- 428 for \$4,280  
Banquet – 214 for \$7,490  
Poker Tournament – 122 for \$12,200  
Blackjack Tournament – 56 for \$4,480

The balance in the Building Fund is \$78,748. The 2006 Building Fund Raffle received \$3,622 through May. The goal is to reach \$10,000 prior to the raffle on June 30, 2006.

The audit of the 2005 Club records was performed on March 25, 2006. The audit committee consisted of Mike Skelton, Dave Harber and Tyrus Mulkey.

The 2005 Federal Tax Return was submitted on time on May 12, 2006

No questions.  
Report accepted.

Name	Report
Belinda Hixon	Secretary's Report

Since January 1, 2006, 86 Ten Year member pins; 42 Fifteen Year pins and 170 Life Member pins have been mailed. Life Member pins are now being distributed by the Membership officer with new sign ups.

Ten year member's numbers up to 2922, Fifteen year member's numbers up to 0554

Approximately 300 convention flyers/Club brochures were mailed to walk-ins from the 2005 convention.

Thirty member logos have been requested and sent since January 1, 2006. Two members requested use of the Club logo for projects for the Club.

No questions  
Report Accepted



**Name**  
Ralph Myers

**Report**  
Membership

There are currently 2711 active members of the Club. Six members have been granted Honorary status. There were 199 Life Members before the Convention started on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

2099 Regular members  
377 Associate members  
36 Foreign members

Countries added this year include:  
Netherlands, Bermuda, Philippines and France

The Club is now issuing a Club Member Referral Chip for members who recruit new members to the Club.

No questions  
Report Accepted

**Name**  
Wayne Thompson

**Report**  
Vice-President's

The Banquet was down by 40 seats this year.

"Ask the Experts" on the Club website is under-utilized. 50 members are signed up as Experts in different fields of the hobby.

There have been six complaints reviewed by the Vice President and forwarded to the Claims Director since August, 2005. No complaints are open at this time.

Corporate memberships are on hold until the Constitutional amendment issue is finalized.

No questions  
Report Accepted.

**Name**  
Jim Steffner

**Report**  
Convention

Approximately 1,100 persons entered the convention on June 29<sup>th</sup>. That number includes dealers. We had great publicity for the Convention.

Number of Dealer Tables is up and there are a lot of new dealers.

Dates for 2007 Convention are August 8-11 at the Riviera Hotel and Casino.

Question on conflict with the ANA convention for 2007. Chairman Steffner said that he didn't believe it conflicted.

2007 will be the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Convention and there are big plans in the works to celebrate.

No other questions  
Report Accepted

**Old Business** – None

**New Business**

New dues rates in effect as of midnight June 30, 2006.

New dues are:  
Regular members - \$30.00  
Associate members - \$5.00  
Foreign Members - \$55.00  
Life Members – one time payment of \$450.00

New membership applications with the corrected dues rates have been printed.

**Constitutional Amendments**

The Constitution as written doesn't allow the BOD's discretion to grandfather in members for dues rate increases. A new amendment is necessary to grant the BOD discretion to grandfather in members for dues rate increases.

In the process of going over the Constitution with Counsel, there are approximately 14 things that need to be changed to make the Constitution current, including the place of business and Membership categories.

Proposed amendments should be made in writing to President Skelton no later than February 1, 2007. Election ballots and Amendment ballots will be sent out at the end of February, 2007.

Discussion on procedure. As it is written now, all amendment changes are tied to election years.

President Skelton read the requirements as currently written.

Question concerning the lump grouping of changes instead of a line item ballot. Discussion on that issue is ongoing.

## Building Fund Workshop

Considered a major step forward, the V&F committee and BOD members will attend a two day workshop August 18-19, 2006 for the purpose of developing a strategic plan for the Building, now to be called a Museum. The workshop will be headed by Sandra Harris, former director of the Neon Museum in Las Vegas.

Statement from President Skelton that the Building project was always intended and known that the Museum to be a long-term project.

The Museum should be in a high-profile location but not associated with a specific casino. There are several locations that should be looked.

President Skelton will chair the Vision & Feasibility Committee to see the project through.

Question as to the difference between the Building Fund and the V&F committee. The Building Fund committee was established to raise \$50,000. The V&F committee is charged with making the project happen. Building Fund activities will continue to raise monies for the project.

## Legal Issues

Question from John Kallman concerning the status of the Club's lawsuit. President Skelton responded that we do not comment of pending litigation.

## Convention 2007

Will be a weeklong celebration of the CC&GTCC. Secretary Hixon will be putting together a photographic "Journey through 15 years" for the event. Other special events will be announced in the future.

Question about why the Riviera Convention Chip wasn't produced. It was turned down by Gaming Control.

Comment from Paul Cunningham about dealer placement on the bourse floor. Would like to see some sort of priority system developed. Convention Chairman Steffner and President Skelton agreed to look at the possibility.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted:

Belinda Hixon, Secretary

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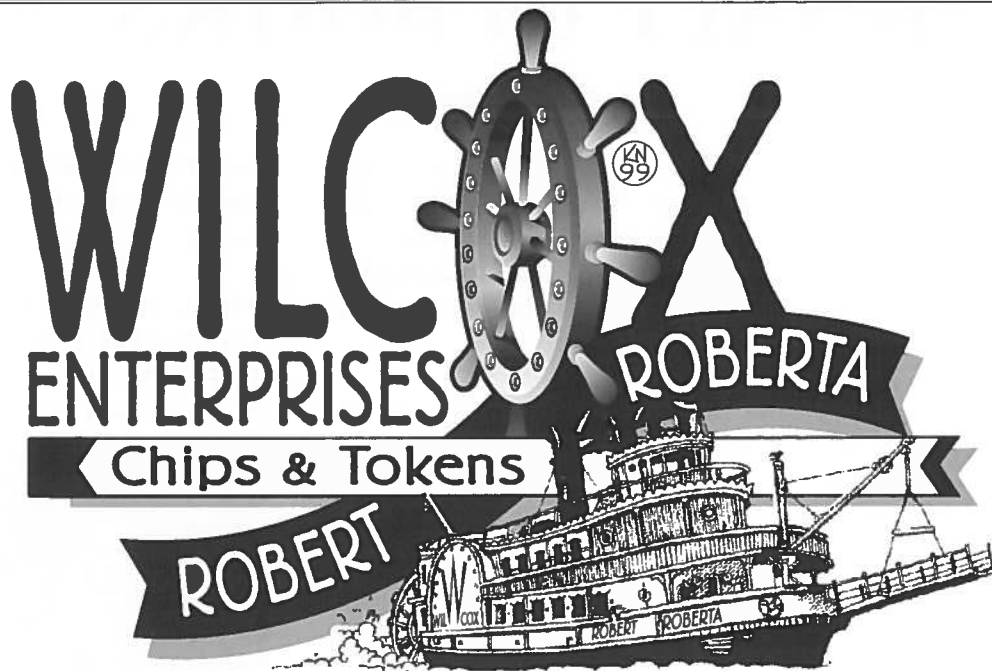
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# KNAPP on BOOKS

by Michael Knapp

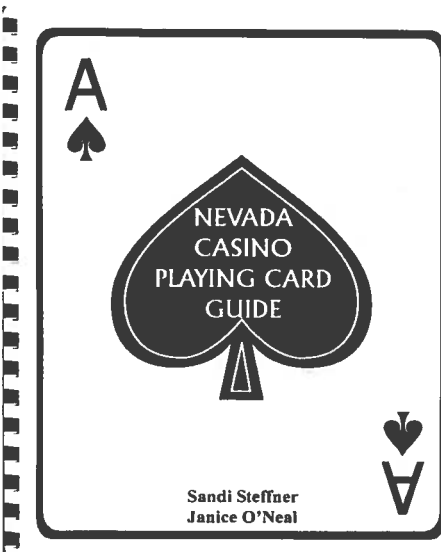
As usual, convention time brought some new books along with chips, tokens and other casino memorabilia. In this issue I'll review two of them.

I have to have books in order to review them, so if you're an author, let me know by sending me an e-mail at [ChipProf@aol.com](mailto:ChipProf@aol.com) to arrange for a review copy. For readers of the column, if there are books you'd like to see reviewed in this column, please also drop me a note and I'll be glad to try to accommodate your request.

As with all reviews, this column contains my opinions.

## NEVADA CASINO PLAYING CARD GUIDE (2006)

by Sandi Steffne and Janice O'Neal



Just released at the CC&GTCC convention, this is the first of a planned series of books on casino playing cards by two of the most experienced collectors in the Club. The second volume is expected to cover Atlantic City, Colorado Michigan, Deadwood and Washington. The third will cover

Indian casinos, the fourth riverboats and cruise ships, and the fifth will include Canada, the Caribbean, Australia/New Zealand, racetracks, other foreign, and miscellaneous and unknowns.

This one's an amazing book. I've been collecting playing cards for more than 20 years, and there are many cards pictured in this book that I've never seen. In fact, I was able to find a few in my collection that aren't pictured, and I considered it a major coup!

The first 256 pages of the book consist of color photos of playing card backs. All colors of each style of card are shown for each casino, in alphabetical order, so they're easy to find.

This isn't a price guide, but it does have catalog numbers for each card shown. Where neither Janice nor Sandi had a particular color of card back, they've left a blank space indicating that a scan would be appreciated.

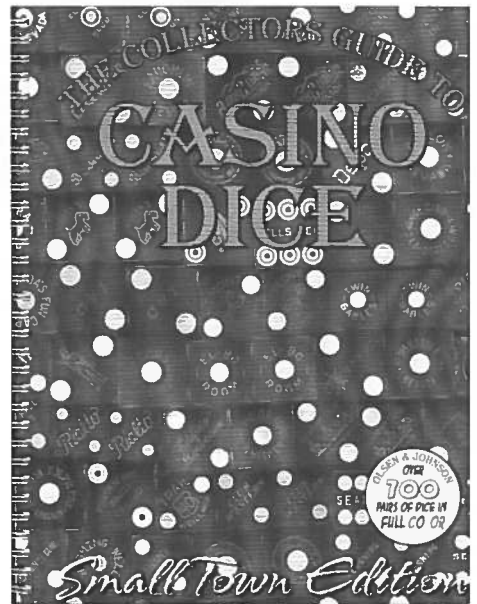
The second section, another 70 pages, contains card descriptions and casino history information corresponding to the photos in the first section. The next 15 pages show specially-made fancy face cards, like the animal face cards made for the Reserve in Henderson. Finally, there are sections showing logo shapes, sample advertising and information cards, manufacturer card designs and information and casino time lines for the large multi-casino corporations.

For the casino card collector, the Steffner-O'Neal book is a must-have, and illustrates hundreds of cards we'd all like to acquire. The historical and

manufacturing information is a valuable addition to the literature of collecting.

## THE COLLECTORS GUIDE TO CASINO DICE: SMALL TOWN EDITION (2006)

by Rick Olsen and Andy Johnson



Previously, Olsen and Johnson have published Las Vegas and Reno/Tahoe dice guides, and with this new edition, they add Nevada small towns to the literature of dice collecting.

40 pages long and in full color, the Guide pictures more than 700 pairs of dice, from Beatty to Winnemucca and points in between.

Even seasoned dice collectors will find pairs pictured here that they haven't seen: Trail 40 in Wells, for example, Wells Fargo in Carson City, Texan Club in Winnemucca, Rialto Club in Elko, Hunters in Carson City, Lincoln Bar in Hawthorne, and many more.

The photos are clear and the colors accurate, and identification of Nevada

dice will be greatly enhanced by comparison with the illustrations. A bonus is the last five pages, which show some old postcard views of some of the more obscure locations and casinos whose dice appear in the book.

As with the previous editions, the Small Towns Guide includes discussion of how to use the guide, the rarity scale it uses and how it was arrived at, a discussion of dice manufacture, modern reproductions, and caring for dice to preserve them.

Each pair of dice pictured has its own catalog number, which is the hallmark of a good collecting guide: the ability to refer to the items shown or described, by a standard catalog number for easy reference. The Guide is also a price guide, as were the first two in the Olsen/Johnson series. As with the earlier editions, I have some issues with the values assigned by the authors in this Guide. They seem extraordinarily high to me, but then I admit to not purchasing many pairs of dice in auctions or at shows. Certainly some of the dice

shown here are scarce, and may well justify some of the values shown.

Certainly the values combined with the rarity guide, present the reader with a valuable relative value benchmark. The cataloging, photos and tremendous amount of work done on the Olsen-Johnson guides make them a valuable addition to the library of any collector interested in casino dice.

## CC&GTCC Claims Form

Up until now, there has never been a uniform, standardized way of filing a Claim against another member for an alleged Code of Ethics violation. Claims have been filed over the years in formats ranging from hand written notes, typed 5-6 page letters to just an email saying "I want to file a claim against \_\_\_\_\_".

Most of the time the information provided to the Club is vague and/or incomplete. The Claims Director may spend more time gathering basic information that should have been provided in the first place, than on resolving the issue at hand.

This form provides all the basic information needed by the Club, in written form, first hand from the member filing the complaint.

The process will work as follows:

1. Fill out the form completely, sign and date it.
2. Forward it Vice-President Wayne Thompson.
3. V.P. Thompson will make an initial determination on the Claim.
4. If further action or investigation is warranted, V.P. Thompson will forward the form to the Claims Director to open a Claims Investigation.
5. The Claims Director will work to mutually resolve the matter between the parties or if that is not possible, make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for the appropriate action.
6. The Board will act on the recommendation and the final report of the Claims Director. The parties involved will be notified of the final decision of the Board by Vice President Thompson.

IF you find it necessary to file a Claim against a fellow Club member, please help us to resolve the matter as quickly as possible by using the Claims Form.

\*The form will be available on the Club website at [www.ccgctc.com](http://www.ccgctc.com) for you to download and print out. We are working on a program that will allow you to fill out the form online and send it electronically to Vice President Thompson. We will notify the membership once this format is available.

# Convention Auction

by Barry Weintraub

The 2006 Convention Auction was a fun-filled evening and a resounding success.

My thanks to the many volunteers who help make this event possible. From my co-chairman Jay Sands who produces the auction catalog, to Jim Kruse and Tyrus Mulkey who handle the auctioneer duties with professionalism and a twinkle in their eyes, to Alex Cilento & Sunday Silverman and their able group of volunteers who man the auction table, to Mike Quinlivan who handles the collection of funds and distribution of the lots, to Marc Shapiro who provides the printing of the catalog, to the many other volunteers who make the auction possible and finally to the many submitters of lots who with out them, there would be no auction.

A list of the final prices realized for the 2006 auction follows.

Now we begin the work on the 2007 Bruce Landau Memorial Auction.

The first task is to work on the lots that are submitted for the auction. When selecting items for the club auction, please remember that we are looking for lots that are of a higher value and not easily found on the convention floor. To this end, we will be looking for items that we anticipate will sell for at least \$50.

Additionally, submitters can donate lots to the club and receive a tax donation form from the club for the amount the lot sells for. The club is a 501 c3 non-profit organization and donations to the club are tax deductible.

Enclosed in this issue of the club magazine is a submission form for the auction. If you have any questions about an item you are considering submitting, email me at [barrychip@aol.com](mailto:barrychip@aol.com) or call me at 818 780-6794.

The deadline for submission of an item is Friday, May 12, 2007.

## 2006 Club Auction Final Results

Lot #	Dem.	Lot	Final Price
A		CCGTCC Jacket (donated lot)	\$130
1	\$1	101 Club Bonbeck, Inc, Las Vegas	\$250
2	\$5	A-1 Casino, Wendover	\$50
3	\$25	Aladdin Hotel, Las Vegas	\$100
4	8 dice	Aruba Caribbean/Havana Riviera, Cuba	\$75
5	n/d	Ben Marden's Riviera, NJ	\$80
6	\$20	Boardwalk Regency, Atlantic City	\$450
7	\$25	Bonanza, Don French's, Las Vegas	\$35
8	\$5	Bowery Club, Las Vegas	\$100
9	n/d	Bud Jones Co, Las Vegas (set of 30 chips)	\$100
10	3 Chips	Caesars Palace, Las Vegas	\$35
11	\$5	Caesars Palace, Las Vegas	\$200
12	\$100	Caesars Tahoe, Lake Tahoe	\$425
13	\$1	Cal-Neva Lodge, Crystal Bay	\$125
14	5 chips	Cal-Neva Lodge, Lake Tahoe	\$250
15	4 chips	Capri Casino, Cuba	\$50
16	10¢	China Mint, Reno	\$50



Lot #	Dem.	Lot	Final Price
17	\$5	Circus Room, Reno	\$60
18	n/d	Clarkston Golf & Country Club, WA	\$125
19	n/d	Club Bingo, Las Vegas	\$30
20	n/d	Club Cal-Neva, Reno	\$60
21	\$5	Club Royale, Cruise Ship	\$70
22	10 chips	Colorado Chips	\$30
23	10¢	Confucius Club, Reno	\$350
24	n/d	Country Club, Lake Tahoe	\$50
25	\$1	Cove Hotel, Las Vegas	\$100
26	\$1	Crystal Bay Club, Crystal Bay (3 chips)	\$35
27	set of 8	Crystal Palace, Nassau Bahamas (table 1)	\$25
28	set of 8	Crystal Palace, Nassau Bahamas (table 2)	\$25
29	\$25	Debbie Reynolds Casino, Las Vegas	\$150
30	\$25	Desert Inn, Las Vegas	\$80
31	\$100	Desert Inn, Wilbur Clark's, Las Vegas	\$275
32	\$25 brown	Desert Inn, Wilbur Clark's, Las Vegas	\$100
33	\$25 green	Desert Inn, Wilbur Clark's, Las Vegas	\$125
34	\$5	Desert Inn, Wilbur Clark's, Las Vegas	\$3,900
			Reserve -\$3,000
35	\$1	Diamond Jim's, Jackpot	\$20
36	roulette	Dunes, Las Vegas	\$100
37	5 chips	Eddie's Fabulous 50's, Reno	\$70
38	\$25	El Cortez Hotel, Las Vegas	\$350
39	\$1	El Cortez, Las Vegas	\$75
40	\$25 lavender	El Rancho Vegas, Las Vegas	\$90
41	\$25 red	El Rancho Vegas, Las Vegas	\$100
42	\$25 white	El Rancho Vegas, Las Vegas	\$425
43	\$5	El Rancho Vegas, Las Vegas	\$150
44	\$5	El Rio Club, Las Vegas	\$130
45	\$5	Eldorado, Reno	\$190
46	\$5	Flamingo Hilton, Las Vegas	\$200
47	\$5 blue	Flamingo, Las Vegas	\$210
48	\$5 maroon	Flamingo, Las Vegas	\$150
49	\$5 orange	Flamingo, Las Vegas	\$1,000
			Reserve -\$1,000
50	50¢ pink	Flamingo, Las Vegas	\$380
51	50¢ purple	Flamingo, Las Vegas	\$140
52	4 chips	Foreign Chips	\$10
53	\$1 lg cr	Foreign Club, Tijuana	\$40
54	\$1 sm key	Foreign Club, Tijuana	\$160
55	set of 5 chips	Four Queens, Las Vegas	\$140
56	set of 72 tokens	Franklin Mint	\$175
57	25¢	Frontier Club, Las Vegas	\$40
58	set of 3 chips	Frontier, Last, Las Vegas	\$120
59	\$5	Frontier, New, Las Vegas	\$70
60	10¢	Golden Bank Club, Reno (3 chips)	\$150
61	\$100	Golden Gate Club, Las Vegas	\$325
62	\$1	Golden Nugget, Las Vegas	\$80
63	\$25	Golden Nugget, Las Vegas	\$75
64	Silver Strikes	Grand Casino, MS (set of 7)	\$60

Lot #	Dem.	Lot	Final Price
65	\$5	Grubstake, Central City, CO	\$160
66	\$1	Hacienda, Las Vegas	\$160
67	\$5	Hacienda, Matt Howard's - Las Vegas	\$450
68	\$25	Hard Rock Hotel, Las Vegas	\$1,200
69	\$5	Hard Rock Hotel, Las Vegas (48 chips)	\$320
70	\$100	Harrah's, Las Vegas	\$170
71	roulette	Harrah's, Reno	\$50
72	\$2.50	Harrah's, Reno/Tahoe	\$55
73	4 chips	Harrah's, Reno/Tahoe	\$100
74	set of 4 chips	Havana Riviera, Cuba	\$100
75	\$25	Hilton International Hotel, Las Vegas	\$85
76	\$1 arodie chip	Horseshoe Club, Las Vegas	\$80
77	\$1 C&J chip	Horseshoe Club, Las Vegas	\$220
78	\$2.50	Horseshoe, LV (20 chip set)	\$130
79	10¢	Horseshoe, Reno	\$40
80	\$25	International Hotel, Las Vegas	\$950
81	\$25	Ivory Chip "25"	\$60
82	n/d	Ivory Chip "Eagle"	\$590
83	n/d	Ivory "Scales of Justice"	\$350
84	\$25	Johnny Nolan's Casino, Cripple Creek, CO	\$25
85	2 Chips	Karl's Silver Club, Sparks, NV	\$30
86	\$5	La Mirage, Las Vegas	\$100
87	\$2	Landmark, Las Vegas	\$300
88	2 fractional	Las Vegas	\$15
89	3 chips	Las Vegas	\$90
90	10 chips	Las Vegas Chips, Las Vegas	\$100
91	\$100	Las Vegas Club, Las Vegas	\$130
92	\$100	Las Vegas Club, Las Vegas	\$325
93	\$5	Las Vegas Gun Club, Tule Springs	\$1,400
			Reserve \$1,000
94	10 chips	Las Vegas "Let It Ride" Chips	\$50
95	Poster	Las Vegas Poster (donated lot)	\$70
96	\$5	Main Street 101, Blackhawk, CO	\$55
97	\$100	MGM Grand, Las Vegas	\$1,000
98	\$5	MGM Grand, Las Vegas	\$100
99	\$5	MGM Hotel, Reno	\$95
100	\$5	Mickey's, Las Vegas	\$1,100
			Reserve \$1,000
101	2 chips	Mint Club, Reno	\$40
102	50¢	Mint, The, Las Vegas	\$200
103	Money Clip	Mint, The, Las Vegas	\$65
104	\$5	Monte Carlo, Las Vegas	\$70
105	\$25	Mr. C's, Reno	\$130
106	\$5	Mr. C's, Reno	\$80
107	30 \$1 chips	Nevada	\$30
108	4 25¢ chips	Nevada	\$25
109	8 Chips	Nevada #1 (donated lot)	\$100
110	8 Nevada	Nevada #2 (donated lot)	\$45
111	2 chips	Nevada Chips	\$60
112	10¢	New Star Keno, Reno	\$45
113	\$5	New Star Keno, Reno (blue)	\$200

Lot #	Dem.	Lot	Final Price
114	\$5	New Star Keno, Reno (green)	\$75
115	3 Chips	Northern Nevada	\$45
116	\$25	Ore House, Cripple Creek, CO	\$25
117	5 dice	Palms Hotel, Las Vegas (from 1/1/06)	\$200
118	4 dice	Palms Hotel, Las Vegas (from 10/31/04)	\$170
119	\$100 roulette	Paris Hotel, Las Vegas (Plain jeton)	\$125
120	\$100 roulette	Paris Hotel, Las Vegas (striped jeton)	\$225
121	roulette layout	Park Hotel, Las Vegas	\$75
122	\$1	Pioneer Club, Las Vegas	\$150
123	4 roulette chips	Pioneer Club, Las Vegas	\$35
124	\$5	Pioneer Club, Las Vegas	\$80
125	12 \$5 chips	Pioneer Club, Las Vegas	\$110
126	\$5	Playboy Club, Bahamas	\$60
127	2 chips	Players Club, Las Vegas	\$120
128	\$5	Ponderosa, Reno	\$70
129	50¢	Primadonna, Reno	\$120
130	set of 3 chips	Prospector Casino, Blackhawk, CO	\$30
131	50¢	Ranch House, Wells	\$105
132	\$1	Red Garter, Las Vegas	\$300
133	3 chips	Reno Ramada, Reno	\$55
134	\$1	Riverboat, Lake Tahoe	\$50
135	25¢	Riviera, LV	\$65
136	set of 3 chips	Roadside Inn, Fallon	\$20
137	\$5	Royal Casino, Henderson	\$40
138	25¢	Royal, Henderson	\$20
139	100	S.S. Tango, Long Beach, CA	\$60
140	50	S.S. Tango, Long Beach, CA	\$65
141	n/d	S.S. Tango, Long Beach, CA	\$65
142	\$1	Sahara Hotel, Las Vegas	\$55
143	4 jetons	Sahara Hotel, Las Vegas	\$230
144	50¢	Sahara, LV	\$80
145	\$5	Sands, Las Vegas	NS
			Reserve \$1,000
146	n/d	Sands, Las Vegas	\$150
147	n/d	Sans Souci, Havana, Cuba	\$550
148	25¢	Sans Souci, Las Vegas	\$80
149	\$5	Shack, The - Lake Tahoe	\$55
150	\$100	Showboat, Las Vegas	\$170
151	\$1,000	Silver Bird, Las Vegas	\$85
152	\$100	Silver City, Las Vegas	\$145
153	12 dice	Silver Palace/Pioneer Club, Las Vegas	\$250
154	\$25	Silver Saddle, Las Vegas	\$70
155	\$25	Silver Slipper, Las Vegas	\$350
156	n/d	Silver Slipper, Las Vegas	\$50
157	set of 3 chips	Sky Ute Casino, CO	\$100
158	\$25	Sonoma Inn, Winnemucca	\$80
159	4 jetons	Spielbank, Hamburg	\$30
160	8 \$1 chips	Splendour of the Seas, Cruise Ship	\$55
161	4 chips	St. John's Casino, Cuba	\$110
162	\$1	Stardust, Las Vegas	\$100
163	3 25¢ chips	Stockman's, Fallon	\$40



Lot #	Dem.	Lot	Final Price
164	set of 4 chips	Stray Antlers, McGill	\$110
165	\$25	Sturgeon's, Lovelock	\$525
166	\$5	Sundowner Hotel, Reno	\$30
167	n/d	Taj Mahal, Atlantic City	\$35
168	set of 3 chips	The Vapors, Hot Springs, AR	\$25
169	\$5	Thunderbird, Las Vegas	\$250
170	\$25	Treasure Chest, Carson City	\$25
171	\$5	Trocadero, Reno	\$40
172	set of 3 chips	Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas	\$80
173	set of 5 chips	Trump Marina, Atlantic City	\$160
174	2 chips	Trump Plaza, Atlantic City	\$25
175	5 \$5 chips	Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City	\$25
176	n/d	Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City	\$60
177	\$100	Vegas World, Las Vegas	\$125
178	\$5	Winners Inn, Winnemucca	\$40
179	£100 jeton	Wrottesley Hall jeton	\$20

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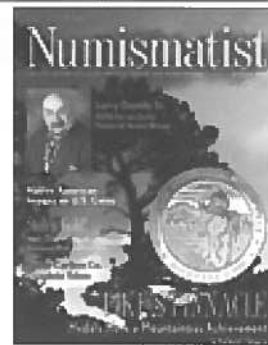


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## The Harry W. Bass Jr. Collection of United States Gold Coins & Paper Money



An active collector and quintessential philanthropist, Harry W. Bass Jr. was a life member of the ANA for more than 30 years. He was awarded the Medal of Merit in 1989 and was inducted into the Association's Numismatic Hall of Fame in 1998.

Bass' interest in numismatics began in the mid 1960s. He joined the ANA in 1966 and spent a year studying the subject before he actively began collecting.

Soon after entering the field, he defined his goal - to collect United States-issue gold coins from 1795 to 1933 by date and mintmark, with special attention to die varieties of early U.S. gold.

He made many important numismatic discoveries while creating the most complete collection ever assembled, including many one-of-a-kind specimens.

Of paramount importance in the collection is a set of virtually all known die varieties of early (1795 to 1834) United States gold coin denominations, in the finest condition.

Also included in the Bass holdings are:

The only complete collection of \$3 gold pieces, including the unique 1870-S

A complete collection of U.S. gold coin types of all periods and designs from 1834 to 1933

A spectacular grouping of rare U.S. pattern coins

The foremost collection of 1896 silver certificates, among them the "Educational Series" of U.S. paper money (\$1 through the proposed \$50 denominations) that includes vignettes, progress and trial proofs, as well as the uncut first sheets of the actual \$1, \$2 and \$5 notes.

In 2000, the ANA was honored to have its museum selected by the Harry W. Bass Jr. Research Foundation as the perfect new home for this incredible collection.

Bass encouraged, promoted and participated in the exchange of information among dealers and collectors, setting up his foundation for charitable and educational endeavors, numismatic research and community development. Among other projects, the foundation developed and funded the Numismatic Indexes Project (NIP)-a computer-based, searchable index of a variety of numismatic publications, including *The Numismatist*, accessible from the ANA's web site.



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