

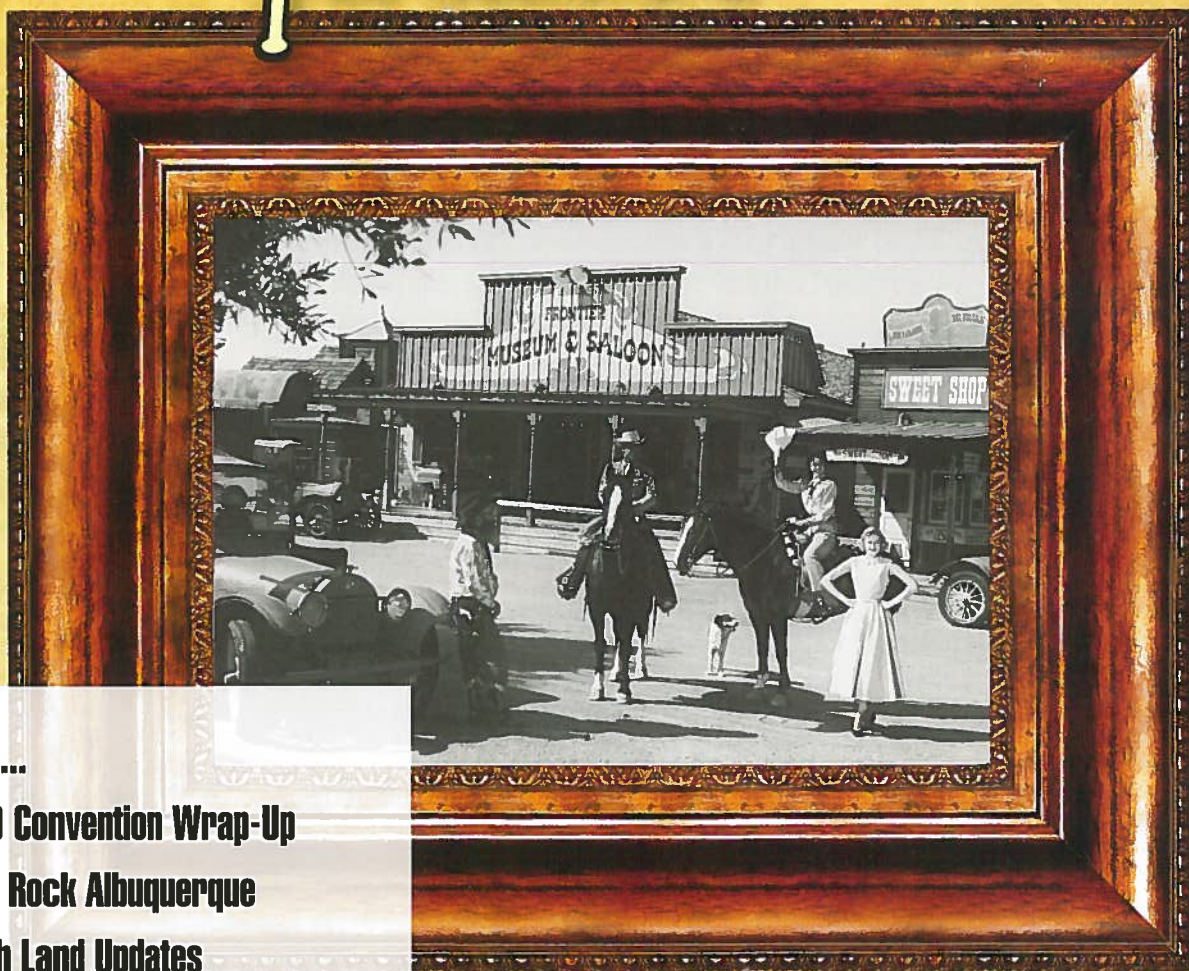
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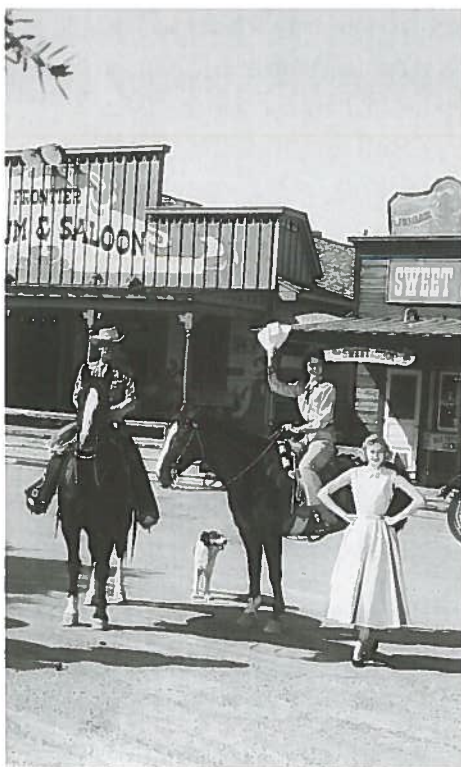
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8163	Cummins	Ken	CA	West Hills	Campiglia & Wells
8164	Tyra	James	MO	High Ridge	Club Website
8165	Lauterborn	Tom	FL	The Villages	Campiglia & Wells
8166	Clewell	Ron	MO	Raymore	Former member
8167	Fletcher	Ronnie	MO	Kansas City	Former member
8168	Buckstein	Matt	CO	Aurora	Walter Cole
8169	Bistricky	Derek		Canada	Archie Black
8170	Stansell	John	WA	Seattle	James Campiglia
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8172	Greenleaf	Chad	UT	Riverton	Ron Greenleaf
8173	Kofron	Francis	FL	Lake Wales	CCTN
8174	Alcala	Jaime	AR	Bentonville	Club Website
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8178	Soria	John	CA	Manteca	Club Website
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8179	Balin	Betsy	PA	Philadelphia	Club Website
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8187	Stefani	Jerry	TX	Richardson	Club Website
8188	Pierce	James	HI	Honolulu	Archie Black
8189	Haynes	Bob	NY	Farmindale	Club Website
8190	Thomas	William N.	NJ	East Brunswick	Former member
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8192	Pike	Jamison	CA	Fairfield	Convention
8193	Beatty	Thomas	PA	Jeannette	Club Website
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Doug Smith
Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

The information contained in this report reflects costs and expenditures for the period of 04/01/10 thru 06/30/10.

Highlights of the Second Quarter of 2010 (04/01/10-06/30/10)

- Filed with the NY State AF Charities Bureau.
- Attended annual BOD meeting at Convention
- Compiled packages and filed State Sales Tax forms with State of Nevada
- Completed various analysis of club costs
- Paid all auction Consignors.
- Invoiced for and mailed the majority of auction purchases

Club Accounts

The current balances as of 06/30/10 in the CC>CC accounts are as follows:

Museum Fund Money Market	\$104,319.95
Life Membership Fund Money Market	\$ 60,780.38
General Fund Money Market	\$ 14,614.75
General Fund Business Checking	\$ 69,146.77
Total of all four accounts	\$248,861.85

The above totals do not reflect checks written in the amount of \$41,676 for payments that have not yet cleared and deposits in the amount of \$26,875 that were made after the 06/30/10 date.

The 18th Annual CC>CC Convention

The convention once again was a tremendous success. A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers who made this possible once again. Without each and every one of the many volunteers, dealers, chairman, and attendees, we could not continue to put on such a fantastic event. It appears that the costs for the convention remained fairly consistent with those of 2009.

The 2010 Registration revenue was approximately

\$10,700 compared to \$15,030. With a decrease in pre-registration fees from \$25 to \$20 (20%) and daily admission from \$15 to \$10 (33%) it is easy to understand that decline. The actual attendance numbers should be available shortly.

The 8th Annual Bruce Landau Memorial Auction

The preliminary numbers for this year's club auction came to \$6,040. This is obviously a substantial decrease from 2009 revenues where the club made approximately twice that amount. The BOD is working with David Spragg on numerous ideas to increase this number for next year.

As of July 23rd, all but 3 packages have been mailed out to buyers and are awaiting payments. All auction consignors have been paid and the final numbers will be available soon. I wanted to thank David and the rest of the volunteers who helped with the auction for all the work they have put into making Bruce's dream a continuing success.

The Museum Fund

The total amount currently in the Museum fund is now \$104,320. There were several donations made during the convention that totaled \$1,105 which included a very generous donation from Carol Susong in Greg's memory. There were also numerous donations that came in thru the sales of the Grab Bags as well as MOGH logo sales that were accounted for after the cutoff date. The numbers shown above match the balances in the MOGH accounts as of 06/30/10 which is before several transfers were made. Please note that the financials show the funds accounted for where they were intended to go and that explains the difference in the numbers.

MOGH costs accounted for this period included:

MOGH Meetings	\$519
PO Box Renewal	\$250
Logo Merchandise	\$1,047

Online Renewals & Pre-registration

During this period we accepted online payments for Pre-registration, Banquet, Membership, Club Merchandise, Club Auction and Advertising. We have also just added the ability to accept payments for the 2011 CC>CC Calendar including reservation of dates.

This past quarter we have had a total of \$9,324 in transactions thru PayPal after fees.

Period Revenue (Thru 06/30/10)

The following monies were collected during the period of 04/01/10 thru 06/30/10.

Membership Renewals	\$9,088
Convention Registration	\$9,004
Banquet Registration	\$6,435

Promotion Sales	\$4,949
Museum Fund Donations	\$3,148
Dealer Table Fees (2010)	\$2,860
Sales tax (Nevada Dept of Taxation)	\$1,480
Convention Program Advertising	\$754
Misc. Donations	\$631
Calendar Sales	\$605
50/50 Raffle	\$460
CCTN Magazine Advertising	\$445
Interest Income	\$102
Poker & BJ Tournament Registration	(\$2,100)
Auction Proceeds (supplies/postage)	(\$4,655)
Total Period Revenue	\$33,206

Website Hosting/Fees	\$1,248
Club Poker & BJ Tournament Chips	\$1,088
Membership Cards	\$688
Misc. Postage (Membership/Promotions)	\$676
Meetings	\$569
Museum Committee Meetings	\$520
Awards	\$389
Credit Card / PayPal Fees	\$315
Advertising	\$315
Advance to Club Secretary	\$300
Misc Supplies	\$265
Printing	\$183
Filing Fees	\$50
Total Period Expenses	\$33,941

Period Expenses (Thru 06/30/10)


The following expenses were paid during the period of 04/01/10 thru 06/30/10.

Convention	\$14,447
CCTN Magazine	\$7,698
Convention Video	\$2,400
Promotions	\$1,493
MOGH Expenses/Merchandise	\$1,297

Period Account Balance Reconciliation (Thru 06/30/10)

Total balance in all accounts as of 04/01/10	\$249,597
Revenue for the Period thru 03/31/10	\$33,206
Expenses for the Period thru 03/31/10	(\$33,941)
Balance of all accounts as of 03/31/10	\$249,164

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INCOME

Membership Dues (Includes 1st class postage & Life Memberships)		\$	18,353
Convention 2010:			
Table Fees	\$	26,800	
Registration	\$	10,724	
Banquet	\$	8,640	
Program Advertising	\$	1,404	
Poker & Blackjack Tournaments	\$	-	
Auction Proceeds (Includes Catalog)	\$	(4,760)	
Convention 2009 Total:		\$	42,808
Promotion Sales		\$	5,083
Museum Fund Donations		\$	3,388
Sales Tax (Paid to State of Nevada)		\$	1,480
Magazine Advertising		\$	1,385
Misc (Donations)		\$	646
Calendar Sales		\$	605
50/50 Raffle		\$	460
Interest Income		\$	236
Life Member Challenge		\$	50
Total Income :		\$	<u>74,494</u>

EXPENDITURES

Magazine		\$	22,211
Convention		\$	14,447
Museum Committee Workshops & Meetings		\$	3,029
Promotion		\$	2,581
Video Production (Convention/Seminars)		\$	2,400
Storage (Occupancy)		\$	1,704
Meetings		\$	1,680
Museum Fund Expenses / Promotional Items		\$	1,297
Postage (Other than Magazine)		\$	1,276
Website		\$	1,248
Misc Supplies (Includes Membership Pins/Cards)		\$	996
Bank Charges / Paypal Fees / Ebay Fees		\$	587
Awards		\$	389
Printing		\$	321
Advertising		\$	315
Filing Fees		\$	200
Telephone		\$	100
Insurance		\$	-

Total Expenditures :	\$	<u>54,781</u>
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Net Income - 01/01/10 to 06/30/10	\$	19,713
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Beginning Equity Balance - 01/01/10	\$	249,488
Net Income - 01/01/10 to 06/30/10	\$	19,713
Change In Inventory - 01/01/10 to 06/30/10	\$	-
Ending Equity Balance - 06/30/10	\$	<u>269,201</u>

Detail of Equity Balance - 06/30/10

General Fund - Checking	\$	69,147	
General Fund - Money Market	\$	14,615	
Museum Fund (Formally Building Fund)	\$	104,320	
Life Membership Fund	\$	60,780	
Total Cash Available		\$	<u>248,862</u>
Inventory (November 2009 listing)		\$	19,839
Advance (Promotions & Secy)		\$	500
Ending Equity Balance - 06/30/10		\$	<u>269,201</u>

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Mark Gereb donated a copy of *Chip, Check and Token Collectors Guide*, revised Edition by Myers, Wheelden and Knapp. Mark also donated a copy of Greg Susong's *An Illustrated Guide to The Casino Chips of American Riverboat's* and *Price Guide to Nevada's Limited Edition Casino Chips* by Rene Nezhoda.

Michael Awbrey donated a copy of *Murder of a Mafia Daughter* by Cathy Scott along with a copy of *A Man of Honor; the Autobiography of Joseph Bonanno*. Also, a copy of *Howard Hughes – The Untold Story* by Peter H. Brown and Pat W. Broeske.

Mark Gereb donated a copy of *Black's Catalog of Atlantic City Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens; 1999* by Archie Black.

Heritage Auction, via James Campliglia, forwarded a copy of their first catalog that including casino chips, including prices realized. What was most interesting about this catalog was not only the great chips, pictures, and information – but also the “other” not casino related items also in this combined auction of Political and Americana items. Just goes to show you that we are NOT the ONLY crazies out there!

David Spragg donated two black of white copies of the club's annual auction catalog.

And yours truly (that would be me, the head crazy – at least in these parts), donated issues 33 through 95 (less issue 36 which was missing from the lot) of *Coast to Coast:*

Casino Magazine. (Later renamed to simply *Casino News*). If you have a copy of either the missing issue 36, or earlier copies of this magazine that you would like to donate, that would help “complete” the collection.

Jim Noll donated a copy of a CD update to his *TITO (Ticket In / Ticket Out)* reference.

Dale Seymour donated the following items:

- *History in Photo's and Stories: Nevada's Golden Age of Gambling* by Albert Moe
- *Franklin Mint Issues – 1976* by Chester L. Krause
- *Articles Useful in Identifying Tokens and Medals: A Guide to English Language Literature* by Gregory G. Brunk
- *Library Catalogue of the Token and Medal Society*

The latter two items can be very useful in expanding your research efforts past the “traditional” areas!

From the club's annual convention:

- 2 copies of the Convention Program.
- A video copy of last year's convention.
- A copy of the *Chip Rack* (11th & 12th Edition).

The 11th Edition won the book of the year award. Both copies were donated by the authors/editors: Sands, Sarles, and Spragg.

An Open Letter to the Club Membership

What is a Volunteer?

One who serves or acts of his or her own free will. One who gives help, does a service, or takes an obligation voluntarily.

Volunteers are usually the people who do what you are unable or not willing to do. They are people who donate their time and abilities so all can enjoy or benefit from their service. They are someone you are pretty lucky to have when there is a project as big as our convention. Nowhere does it say they are put in a position as punishment or to be abused! But, yet that's how some volunteers feel and are treated. They are yelled at, called names, and in some cases no longer wanted as a friend because of an issue or misunderstanding. How pathetic and sorrowful. Is this fair to a friendship, a worker trying to get things accomplished, trying to make everyone happy, and at the same time making something a success. You answer it!

This year's convention was my worst as a volunteer! I went away with tears in my eyes and a very heavy heart. I always felt as though I was a strong individual and able to handle most anything, even criticism. But this year I was accused of things I had no control over. Decisions were made that could not be changed by me, even after requesting. My hands were tied. So, I had to bear the blunt and abuse, and because of this I will think strongly before volunteering again. My nine years as Convention Co-Chair means nothing. All my work and efforts during that time will come down to this one year as a memory of criticism from a few members.

I'm writing this for the volunteers you still have within the club. It might be too late for me, but think before you speak or criticize. Work with them, not against them. It's not their fault. Volunteering can be a very unthankful job. Don't make it that way for our volunteers. Appreciate them and let them know how much you do care.

How well do you know them and what they do? Can you name five (not counting the Officers)? I doubt it, but did you know they could almost tell anyone where to find your table, what you look like, what you sell or collect, or find you for anyone asking. Why? Because they care.

We have some of the best volunteers in this club. It would be a shame to have them no longer willing to help because of a few. Learn to thank your volunteers whenever you can. It's easy to know who they are, not only by the special badge they wear or their "Volunteer" ribbons. They are the ones who are always willing to help you if you need help. They are courteous, smiling, and having a great time. They are the ones who get dirty, sweat, and never complain. They are strong, proud club members! Respect what they do for you. Volunteering is a very enjoyable and satisfying venture and many of our fine volunteers look forward to the convention each year so they can be ready to help where needed. You want to continue to have good conventions? Then thank your volunteers!! They make it happen!

I thank everyone before me, and those to follow, and I hope you will too.

Sandi Steffner

2010 Convention

Ships Log, final Chapter

by Sandi Steffner & MaryAnn Massey



*Our ship has landed back in port and all the crewmembers brought back lots of treasures.
Another great convention is entered in the ships log.*



As last year, the SouthPoint was a cordial host and provided a quality facility and great service. Attendance was better than last year with the free Saturday bringing in a large crowd. Several new dealers added to the show floor and some excellent exhibits were on hand.

The "Pirate" theme banquet was well attended with lots of pirates in costume. A tasty Caribbean style menu provided several delicious entrées and a desert table to drool over.

Gaming Control Agent and as a past owner of the Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas. John & Dolly Ramsey sold chances for a 50-50 drawing which was held during the banquet with the winner collecting about \$460.00 as their share. Closing out the banquet was the presentation of the Presidents Award, which went to Sheldon Smith.

Thursday marked opening day of the 18th Annual Convention with a large crowd waiting for the doors to swing open. On the show floor, just behind the tall ships mast with a crows nest, built by Dawn Satter and family, was the Muesum of Gaming History (MoGH) table buried under 90



Stanley Kan won the award for the best-dressed pirate. If the name sounds familiar, Stanley won last year for the best-dressed cowboy.

Michael Knapp presented this years Hall of Fame Award to Wayne Thompson. The Janice O'Neal Memorial Book of the Year was awarded to Len Cipkins, Jay Sands, and David Spragg for the Chip Rack #11. Pam Goertler won Magazine Article of the Year for her article "As Time Goes By", Part 1 – Volume 22, #4, Part 2 – Volume 23, #1. Kevin Norris won the design contest for the convention chip and the medal. Mike McCarty designed the club convention t-shirt.

Our banquet speaker, Bill Zender provided some very interesting stories of his time as a Nevada



Stanley Kan and his award winning ensemble.

large bulging grab bags selling for \$30.00 each. These very popular bags were all sold by 12:30 pm. Thanks to Steve Polumbo for all his efforts on collecting donations from members and for assembling the bags. Sales on Thursday were reported by several dealers to be better than all three days last year, and the floor traffic was steady all day.

Mike Christensen won the blackjack tournament and Arthur Ferreira took top place in the poker tournament. The "OTY" Awards were presented on Friday, see page 20 for all the winners. The Bruce Landau Memorial Auction held on Friday night was well attended and some lots sparked some very active bidding. The award for the best



pirate theme decorated dealer table went to the Pleau family at the Casino News Magazine table.

A reception was held Saturday evening for the volunteers with guest speaker Donn Pearlman who spoke about the Fitzgerald hoard discovery in a Reno warehouse. Why can't I ever find a deal like that?

Thanks go out to...

Carey Burke for arranging the table displays on the casino floor....Pahrump Valley Winery for supplying some of the banquet table decorations... all the members who attended... and the dealers who set up... the Officers and Chairmen who kept everything moving... the volunteers who really make it all happen... SouthPoint Catering and Sales for a smooth and well run operation... the Palms and Gene Trimble for the decks of cards in the pre-registration packets... Sam Wagmeister for a donation of Las Vegas puzzles... Jim Follis for setting up the floor web cam... Pam Focazio and Creative Toy Express for her help in procuring table decorations... Tyrus Mulkey for the time lapse video... all the members who donated lots to the auction, museum raffles, and the grab bags... to anyone I might have missed.

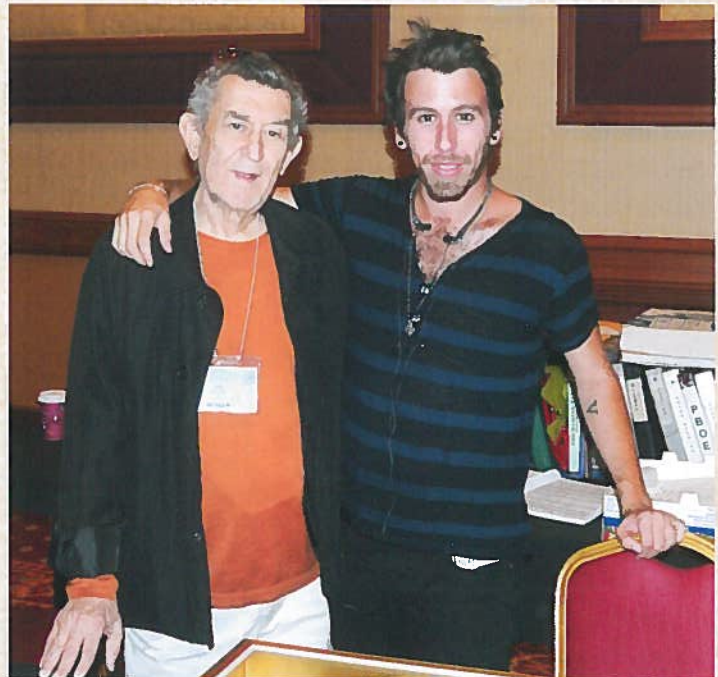


(L-R) Club volunteers Sam Wittenberg, Tammy Lynch and Ralph Strandwold

This year Sandi tried something new and set up a special "tea party" (not political). The tea was held at a local antique mall where the 12 ladies had a great time. Along with our theme, Sandi had requested donations of costume jewelry to be placed in our pirates treasure chest at the banquet. These donations were then sold Thursday and Saturday during the show and all money collected (\$231.00) was donated to the club. Thanks for all who participated.

Another year, another convention. If you didn't have a great time, shame on you. Come to Las Vegas and have a good time. We did

New Convention Chairmen for 2011 will be announced soon. Look forward to our 19th Annual Convention at the SouthPoint, June 22 - 25, 2011. It's been fun, it's been great, see you all next year.



Club Member and Dealer Joe Benon and his son.

Club Banquet



Above: Banquet keynote speaker Bill Zender.

Right: Carol Susong expresses her gratitude to club members for the kind words and support that she and her family received after the passing of her husband and Hall of Fame Club Member Greg Susong.



Above: Wanye Thompson becomes the 22nd club member inducted into the CC>CC Hall of Fame.



Black Jack Tournament

On Wednesday afternoon, June 23, the 8th Annual Blackjack event was played as a three-table tournament. After preliminary and semi-final rounds, the 32 players were reduced to 6 places at the final table. The finalists split a net prize pool of nearly \$1400, with Mike Christensen winning first place of \$500, plus a framed set of tournament chips. Rounding out the other 5 finalists, in order of finish, were: Christine Smith (\$350), Wendy Beckers (\$207), Barry Hauptman (\$140), Irwin Gross (\$100) and Marty Beckers (\$100)



Above: BlackJack Tournament players (L-R) Irwin Gross, Jim Belligan, and Mike Christensen.

Above Right: BlackJack Tournament winner Mike Christensen.

Right: Final Table players (L-R) Irwin Gross, Wendy Beckers, Barry Hauptman, Christine Smith, Mike Christensen and Marty Beckers.



Poker Tournament

The next evening, 116 club members convened for the 12th Annual Poker tournament. No-limit Texas hold'em was the game, and after many rounds, the 12-table event was reduced to 12 finalists. Art Ferreira was the champion this year, taking home \$645 and a framed set of tournament chips. When 10 players remained, they decided to split the remaining prize pool, so Art Ferreira, along with Frank Hocevar, Wendy Beckers, Mike Skelton, Charlie Wilson, Richard Bernhard, Ed Norris, Steve Chiruck, Dennis Shoop and Steve Bedo each received \$645. Jay Sands and Dennis Garnier rounded out the in-the-money finishers with \$135 each.

A big thanks to the South Point tournament managers and dealers who make these tournaments possible, and thanks also to Gene Trimble, Sandi Wilson and the club volunteers who contribute their time. Hope to see you at next years' tournaments!



Above: Curtis Moore in action at the 12th Annual CC>CC Poker Tournament.

Top Right: The action gets intense as the field is whittled down.

Right: Judy Weurth sizes up her opponents.



Left: The final table finishers, front row (L-R) Steve Bedo, tournament winner Art Ferreira, Dennis Shoop. Back row (L-R) South Point Tournament Manager Abe Mobley, Ed Norris, Richard Bernhard, Gene Trimble, Steve Chiruck, Charlie Wilson, Mike Skelton, Wendy Beckers and Frank Hocevar.

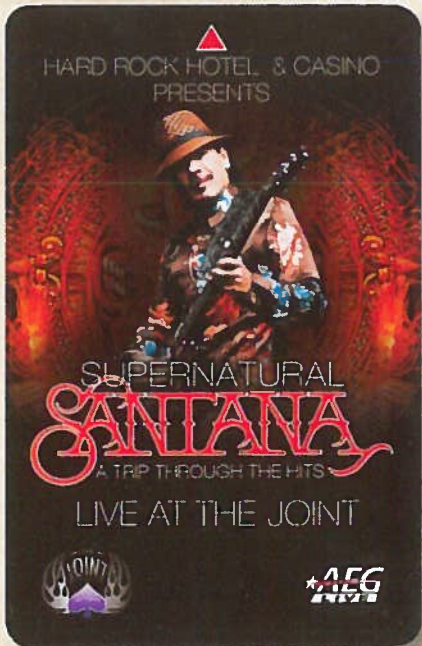
OTY Awards 2009! The Winners Are...

Each and every year that I write this article, I feel more and more like I'm living 6 to 12 months in arrears. After all, this is an article about the 2009 OTY Awards and here we are now more than half way through 2010. In fact, candidate eligibility for the 2010 Awards was started six months ago (January 1st) and pretty soon (December 31st) that eligibility period will be over! And while that date will kick-off the 2010 contests (Nomination submissions) it also begins the 2011 eligibility timer!! Whew, and some thought the now defunct "Nominate to Participate" process was complicated!

For the 2009 contests, the Nomination/Voting process was changed such that voting is now open to all Club members in good standing, regardless of whether or not they submitted a Nomination. And while both the number of Nominations and ballots cast were down from previous years, I am crossing my fingers for a much stronger turnout, particularly for Nomination submittals in early 2011 for the 2010 contests. Additional details on this and an incentive effort are included at the end of this report.

Here are the winners for the 2009 OTY Awards...

Beginning with the Slot Card / Room Key of the Year (CKOTY) the Club's voting membership selected a Hard Rock Hotel & Casino room key depicting musical artist, Carlos "SANTANA".



As in recent past years, the Token of the Year (TOTY) contest was not conducted due to a dearth in manufacturing/usage of slot machine tokens. Accordingly, there is no TOTY for 2009.

For the Silver Strike of the Year (SSOTY) Award, the Club's voting membership selected the \$200, Lady Liberty strike, as released by the Palms Casino Resort, as struck by Sunshine Mint.



Lastly, the Chip of the Year Award (COTY) goes to the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino for their \$5, Friday the 13th commemorative chip that was released in November, as made by Gaming Partners International (GPI). This release, depicting a 13 hour clock face, was a hands-down majority vote getter.



The CC>CC expresses it's Congratulations to all of the 2009 OTY Award winners!

But while the OTY contests are about determining the winners, there is still quite a bit about the contests that happen both pre-voting and post-voting from a bevy of volunteers and supporters that the OTY Chairman continually relies upon to administer these competitions. I would like to note their help and express my thanks and gratitude to them, as follows.

Once upon a time the Club's Award winning magazine regularly carried articles of new chip releases in Nevada and other gaming jurisdictions. These articles were a source of reference when Club members were solicited to nominate OTY candidates. Unfortunately, such articles are not as frequent as they once were (I believe this to be a function of fewer authors) which has necessitated an alternative approach.

In that absence, some years ago, a web-site was established that sought and promoted the participation of on-line members to upload scans of chips, strikes, tokens and cards/keys of eligible candidates for OTY Nomination. However, as the site was self-service and the occasional “wrong year” submission could sneak in, the site has always been described as an “Un-Official” offering. Over the years hundreds of valid scans have been uploaded by many people, all of whom I thank collectively for their contributions.

These people have been acting behind the scenes and you can see some of their handiwork for the 2010 contests by visiting: <http://www.thechipgallery.com/gallery2010?dir=COTY>. While visiting the sites, be sure to navigate to additional pages by using the forward/back buttons at the bottom/center of each page and use the drop-down menu (center/top of each page) to move from COTY to SSOTY to CKOTY. And feel free to make your own submissions by clicking the “upload” link!

Also acting behind the scenes are the people that loan the various OTY Nominees for display at the Convention. I wish to thank the following individuals for loaning one or more of the OTY Nominees that were on-display during the 2010 Convention.

In no particular order, Thanks and appreciation go to:

Jim Silva, Alice and Larry Kopp, Terry Shaffer, Ross Poppel, Barry Hauptman, Shaun Webster, Dennis Garnier, Ralph Myers, Paul Cory, Sarge, Jim McFadden, Brian “Splashman” Cashman, Tony Tricoli and John Chopek.

Our thanks are also extended to those who donate a winning contestant to the Club to be part of the Club’s “Permanent Collection of All Past OTY Winners”. As in previous years, donors are solicited to step forward at any time during the year to make, or commit to making, a donation. In the absence of a pre-contest commitment, the individual who happens to loan the winning candidate for display purposes, is given first right of refusal to then donate their loaned item to the Club. In the absence of an agreement to do so, a request is then made to the open membership of the Club that we are seeking a donor, or combination of donors, for the item(s) not acquired.

For the 2009 OTY Awards we are pleased to announce that Alice and Larry Kopp have agreed to donate the winning CKOTY Nominee (the same one they also loaned for display purposes) to the Club. We also thank them for their overall OTY support (they upload often to the Unofficial Viewing site) and this donation of the 2009 CKOTY winner.

We also thank the anonymous donor of the 2009 COTY winner.

At the time of this writing, we do not have a donation of the SSOTY Award and hereby make an open announcement that we are seeking a donation of the 2009 SSOTY winner to be an asset of the Club. While we prefer a single donor to step forward with this donation, we can certainly look to putting together a consortium of donors to share the acquisition cost of this item and have that group make the donation to the Club. Additional details of this acquisition effort will be in a forth coming issue of this magazine and on-line at the Club’s website Message Board.

Of course this is a good time to make note of the fact that last year’s winning SSOTY, the \$200 Four Queens, “Castle in the Desert” was generously donated to the Club by Dave O’Neal and by an anonymous individual who made the strike available to Dave for acquisition and subsequent donation to the Club. We thank them both!

Meanwhile, back at the Convention... On Friday, day 2 of the Convention, a brief ceremony was held to recognize the 2009 OTY recipients. We thank these representatives for attending the ceremony and sticking around to view the Exhibits and vendor displays.

Attending and receiving the SSOTY Award was Mr. George Maloof of the Palms Casino Resort. Representing Sunshine Mint was Mr. Sean Sarr, Ms. Jenny Jensen and Mike Needham.



George Maloof (L) and Sean Sarr (R) accept SSOTY recognition for the \$200 “Lady Liberty” Silver Strike from OTY Chairman, Jim Follis.

Standing in for the absent Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, in receiving the CKOTY Award, was Mr. Archie Black, past President and Hall of Fame member of the CC>CC. Mr. Black was also on-hand to stand-in again for the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in receiving the COTY Award.



Archie Black stands-in for the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino to accept the COTY Award from Jim Follis, OTY Awards Chairman.

COTY Award honors also went to Gaming Partners International (GPI) as the manufacturer of the 2009 COTY.

In attendance at the Award Ceremony was the entire Art Department of GPI, and they brought gifts! (See the adjacent side-bar story.) Leading this group was Mr. Mike Leonardo (son of Club member Jerry Leonardo), Loretta Johnson, Jelisa Carr, Jeff Adler, Benjamin Lim, Shane Collum and Jason Emeric. We also thank Pearson Gorham of GPI for allowing his entire department to visit the Convention and see what their artwork can mean to us collectors! Mr. Gorham was responsible for the GPI gifts noted in the adjacent side-bar.



The entire Art Department of Gaming Partners International (GPI) accepts the COTY Award for the \$5.00, Friday the XIIIth gaming chip released by the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

Looking ahead, for the 2010 contests there will be a bonus for those who submit nominations, just as there was an unannounced bonus for those who made nominations in 2009. While not publicized at the time, each Club member that provided a Nomination Form to the Assistant OTY Chairman, has either already received, or will be receiving a commemorative chip (in one of three different colors) that expresses the "Thanks!" of the Club for their participation in the 2009 OTY Awards contests.

While not necessarily another chip in 2010, I do intend to continue this bonus incentive in future years to bolster the single most important and critical element of the Club's OTY Awards program and that is the need for a strong mix of OTY eligible candidates. This translates to: "More nominations are needed!" The greater the number of candidate nominations, the better the mix of Finalists in each of the OTY categories.

Well, that about sums up OTY 2009, but I do want to thank the Board for their continuance of this Program and I also thank my Assistant OTY Chairman, my son, Casey Focazio-Follis. Thanks Casey!

Jim Follis
OTY Awards Chairman

And GPI Brought Gifts!

For the 2009 OTY Awards Presentation, COTY Awardee, Gaming Partners International (GPI) brought along some hand-outs in the form of Paul-Son made, sample chip, key chains and key rings. In discussion with GPI, it was decided that these souvenirs would be distributed to OTY participants, as recorded by the OTY Chairman. In further discussion with the Board, it was decided that distribution of the key chains and key rings would be made first to those members that contributed to the OTY process by submitting OTY candidates into Nomination.

If you participated in the Nomination process, you are entitled to receive, via snail mail, a share of the souvenir gifts from GPI. The OTY Chairman has the listing of those members that participated in the Nomination process and that listing will be used to distribute the souvenirs.

In the event that, as a participant that is eligible for this distribution, you would prefer to save the Club the cost of mailing by declining receipt of this offer, then please contact the OTY Awards Chairman via email at: OTY@CCGTCC.com. As an alternative, you may contact the Membership Officer (Steve Bedo) at the Club's toll-free number, to leave your name and membership number and a brief message of decline. That toll-free number is: 877-422-4822.

Any excess souvenirs, and those that are declined as noted above, will be turned over to the Club's Promotions Chairman for further distribution at the discretion of the Promotions Chairman and/or the Board.

We extend our Thanks to GPI for this gesture!

Exhibits and Exhibitors 2010

What a wonderful mix of impromptu and thought out Exhibits, and the winner was just moments away from not participating! Turns out that this year's lot of Exhibitors were rather sparse (2) until Club President, Jim Steffner asked for additional volunteer Exhibitors at the Las Vegas Collectors Club meeting, just weeks before the Convention. My thanks to those last minute participants, one of which ended up with a 1st Place Award!

Specifically, Bill Judge set-up an Exhibit consisting of laminated, older, casino/restaurant placemats. As the placemats did not lend themselves well for display in the display cases, Bill initially decided to not put them out. However, as space had been made available for his Exhibit, he simply filled that space by laying out the placemats he had. And after the votes were counted, Bill's Exhibit was voted as the Best!

Also recognized as the 2nd Place recipient, was Jim Follis for his display entitled, "Win Cards Chips Incentive Program". Jim's display was presented in 5 display cases and 3 picture framed displays and showed nearly all Win Cards chips, Win Cards cards, Win Cards promotional items and packaging from 60 casinos.

He is a list of all the Exhibitors and their Exhibits:

Competitive Exhibits:

Jerry Birl R-774

Title: Casino Slot Cards – "A Personal Collection"

Carl Osborne R-7370

Title: Jailhouse Gaming

Jim Follis - LM 3872-53

Title: Win Cards Chips Incentive Program

Jim Steffner - HLM-1508

Title: A Selection of UFC Illegals

Bill Judge R-3264

Title: A Selection of Casino Placemats

Gerald O'Neal CH-0088

Title A Selection of Casino Swizzle Sticks

Non-Competitive Exhibits

Jim Follis - LM 3872-53

Title: 2009 OTY Nominees

Jim Follis - LM 3872-53

Title: Permanent Collection of All Past OTY Awards

I thank everyone that provided an Exhibit at the Convention. If anyone is interested in setting up an Exhibit for the 2011 Convention, please contact me via email at Exhibits@CCGTCC.com or please feel free to mail me at:

Casey Focazio-Follis- CC>CC Exhibits Chairman

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***Casey Focazio-Follis
CC>CC Exhibits Chairman***



(L-R) Jim Steffner; Jerry Birl, Bill Judge (1st Place), Casey Focazio-Follis (Exhibits Chairman), Jim Follis (2nd Place), Jerry O'Neal (not shown: Carl Osborne)



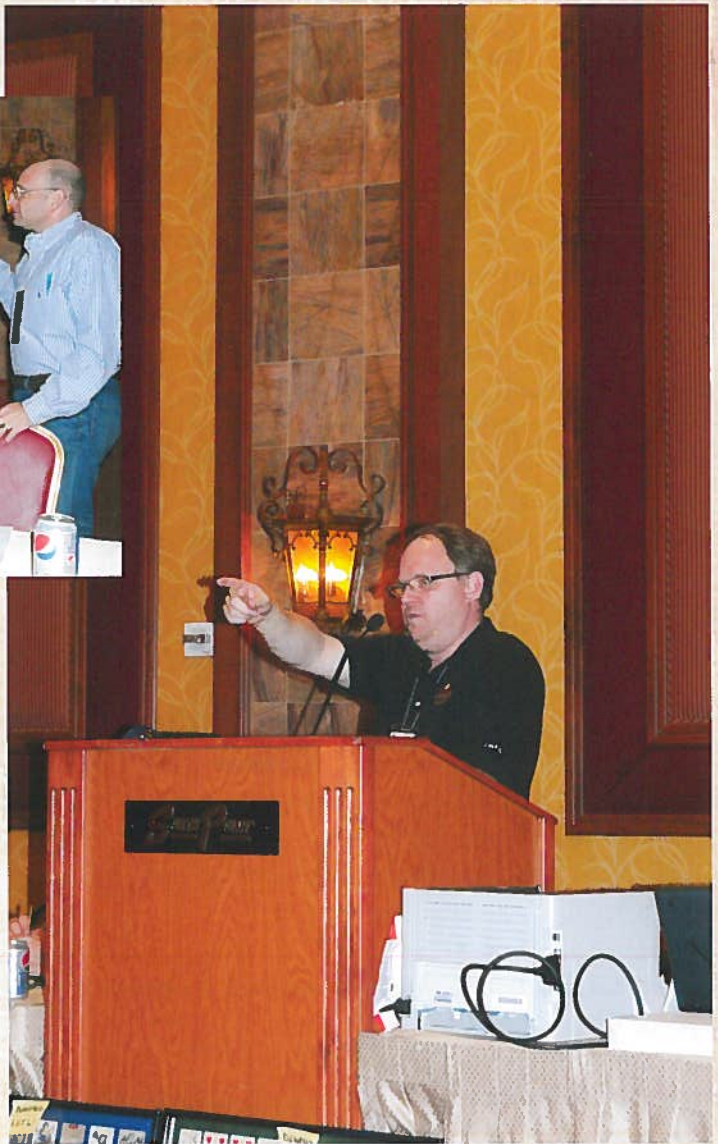
1st place winner; Bill Judge (L) and Exhibits Chairman Casey Focazio-Follis

More Convention Fun



Above: Swearing in of the new Board of Directors (L-R) Club Attorney Eric Rosenblum, Vice-President Sheldon Smith, Membership Officer Steve Bedo and Treasurer Doug Smith.

Below: The future of casino collectibles! A young man who showed up at the convention looking for casino playing cards.



Above: Tyrus Mulkey directs the action at the 8th Annual Bruce Landau Memorial Auction.

Below: The winners of the 2010 Best Dealer Booth Display goes to the Pleau family at the Casino News Magazine table.



Thank You...

We are very grateful for the many members who worked so hard to insure that the Convention was a great success. Including the Board members who spent many hours to make a Convention possible at a great location include... Jim Steffner, Dawn Satter, Doug Smith, Steve Bedo, and Jay Sands.

Thanks to Convention Co-Chairs Sandi Steffner and Mary Ann Massey who spent countless hours to insure a fantastic and near perfect Convention for all of us to enjoy.

The seminar participants who shared their time and expertise with us include... Howard Herz, Charles Kaplan,

Al Moe, Terry Shaffer and the keynote speaker at the club banquet, Mr. Bill Zender.

We are also VERY grateful for the large number of volunteers who donated a couple of hours or more so that everyone could have fun and all the work would be done; from smiling behind the museum fund table to unloading the truck in the desert heat.

We are so fortunate to have all of you as members and THANK YOU!

Steve Asrilant
Archie Black
Brenda Black
Fred Bergman
Henry Bernard
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Carey Burke
Brian Cashman
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Steve Chiruck
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Kerry Waite
Jim Whobry
Steve Wilson
Sam Wittenberg
Judy Wuerth
John Zoesch

The 1st Annual Greg Susong Memorial Get Together

Greg Susong has been kicking off the CC>CC Annual Conventions by hosting a chipper get together at the Palms Hotel since 2001. Although not a club sponsored event, the get together always drew a large crowd. Greg had chips made to commemorate the gatherings, which he named "The ChipBoard Get Together" in regards to his on-line bulletin board. Greg passed away after the 9th annual get together in 2009.

In order to keep Greg's gathering continuing, club member Allan McCurdy called CC>CC Hall of Fame Member Gene Trimble who works at the Palms. Gene made sure that the Palms and Garduno's Restaurant would be able to accommodate the gathering. Allan contacted David Spragg, Sheldon Smith & Andy Hughes to help with the effort. In the end David Spragg helped to create the chips that were given away and Sheldon and Christine Smith helped with the name tags. Allan posted an invitation to club members on Greg's Chipboard and in the club magazine and took reservations.

On Tuesday June 22nd the 1st Annual Greg Susong Memorial Get Together was held at Garduno's Restaurant inside the Palms Hotel. There was a huge turnout and chippers celebrated the start of the 18th annual convention and toasted the life of Hall of Fame Club Member Greg Susong. In attendance were some special guests, Greg's wife Carol, and his daughter Lauren enjoyed the festivities and mingled with the club members. A good time was had by all and Allan has agreed to volunteer again so that the Greg Susong Memorial Get Together will continue on.



(L-R) Kathy Ferguson, Carol Susong, Steve Passalacqua, Lauren Susong and Kayla Jones.



Chips produced by Greg Susong to commemorate his ChipBoard Get Togethers. Scans provided by Jim Follis and Jim Steffner.





Above: A table of chippers at the 1st Annual Greg Susong Memorial Get Together.

Left: (L-R) Mark Lighterman, Sandi and Jim Steffner.

Below Left: Christine and Sheldon Smith.

Below: Allan McCurdy handing out the commemorative chips.



Club Merchandise

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 Years Available –
 95, 96, 01, 02, 04, 06, 07, 08, 09, 2010



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 Years Available –
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 (08, 09 & 2010 sets are
 4 chip commemorative sets)



2010 Convention Pin – \$5.00

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 Set of all 13 pins (including 2010) – \$25.00

CC>CC Member Pin – \$5.00

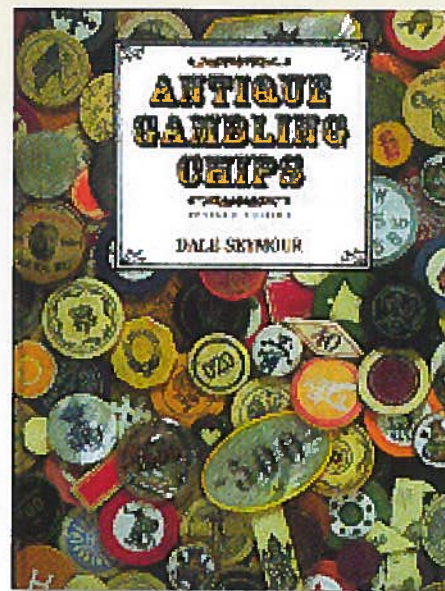


CC>CC Playing Cards – \$1.00/deck

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(not all colors in all sizes-email to check)

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SOMEWHERE IN TIME...

NEVADA IN THE 1940'S

By Pam Goertler #R-3432



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and-ly to our

I'm in our room at the Las Vegas Club, room 1033 in the North Tower, to be exact, looking out over Fremont Street and thinking how much the town has changed since I started coming here 30 years ago.

This section of Fremont Street isn't actually a street anymore; it's more like a pedestrian mall with kiosks that offer souvenirs, oxygen, fortune telling, T-shirts, et cetera. They've built stages where bands perform, and there's a canopy of lights over five or six blocks of the old street. During the day, the canopy blocks most of the view across the street-that-isn't-a-street...The Golden Gate, La Bayou, and the former Pioneer Club that is now a gift shop. I can still see a little corner of the Golden Nugget, where they've built a bar overlooking Fremont Street.

I can look over the canopy, but mostly what I see is hotel towers. I used to be able to see the Stardust sign at night, from this room. Of course the Stardust is gone now. Even if it were still there, I wouldn't be able to see it anymore...the Golden Nugget has built a new tower, Rush Tower, that cuts off my view. It also cuts off access to 1st Street; if the Hotel Elwell still existed you wouldn't be able to walk to it without going through the Golden Nugget.

I can see the roofs of the buildings below me, including the Golden Goose and Glitter Gulch roofs.

They used to be two separate casinos, now they're combined into one "Gentlemen's Club". They've left the old neon signs up, which is cool. The roof has the number 22 stenciled on it-the building's address. I can also see the roof of Mermaids, and the back of their signage. The roofs and the backs of the signs block more of my view of the street-that-isn't-a-street. The room, though, is directly over an alley that runs between the Las Vegas Club and the Golden Goose. Looking down the alley I have a perfect view of the people walking by...though they look pretty small from up here!

The best view now is when I close my eyes. This block of Fremont Street still has most of the old buildings, and I've seen dozens of pictures and postcards that show the same buildings through the years. With my eyes closed I can see Mayme Stocker stepping out of the Northern Club, perhaps going to the Sal Sagev beauty shop. I can see big Sheriff Sam Gay striding across the muddy street, confident that he can deal with any problems, without the use of a gun. I can even see Roy Rogers riding down the street on Trigger, heading for the Helldorado Village, ready to lead the annual Helldorado Parade (which in 2010 happens to be tonight...and we're going!).



1941

The average household income was \$1,725; the average home cost



\$3,920. Frank Cornero, brother of Louis and Tony, was killed in a car accident as he was returning to Las Vegas from Charleston Park Lodge. The population of Las Vegas was 8,422, Clark County was 16,414 and the state of Nevada was 109,295. The Jackpot Club was opened by Nate Mack and

Bob Kaitenborn, next to the Boulder Club. The Dunes Club, on Boulder Highway, was remodeled under the management of Herb Ward and Don French. In 1941 mobster Ben "Bugsy" Siegel arrived in Las Vegas to establish the Trans America race wire service, in order to gain control of the legal race betting industry for the mob.

Pearl Harbor was bombed, America entered World War II.



THE BARN-RENO

The Barn opened at 207 North Center Street in December 1940, and was licensed for gambling in January of 1941.

Jack Fugit and Walter Oswald took over the property, where the Northern Club had operated since 1931, remodeled it in a rustic style, and renamed it The Barn. They offered pinball machines as well as table games.

There were several ownership/management changes in the short history of the Barn. Larry Brady (real name Lawrence Burger) was one of the owners in August 1942, but sold his



interest a few months later. In November, while playing craps at the Bank Club, Brady drew a gun and threatened to kill two of the Bank Club employees. In court, Brady pleaded no contest and was sentenced to probation...with the provision that he be out of Reno, never to return, and join the merchant marine within 48 hours. Presumably Brady abided by those conditions, but it didn't keep him out of trouble. In April 1945, convicted of trafficking in narcotics and about to begin serving a six-year sentence in a California prison, Brady was found dead in his hotel room. There were 24 empty capsules found near the body, indicating a probable suicide.

In 1944 The Barn was sold to Wilbur Clark...who would later own clubs in Las Vegas, including the Desert Inn. Clark changed the club's name to Bonanza.

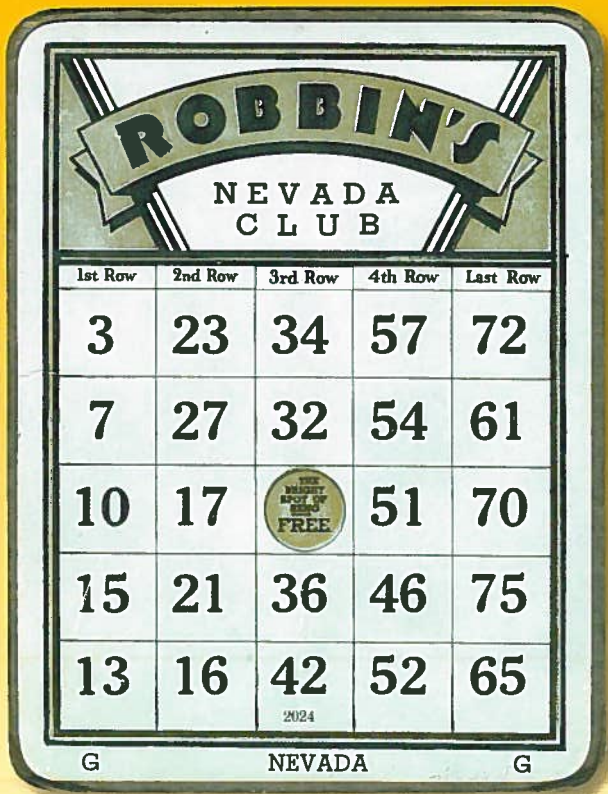
ROBBINS NEVADA CLUB-RENO

Located at 224 North Virginia Street, the former site of Langley's Tango Club, Robbins Nevada Club was licensed in April of 1941 as a full casino.

Starting out as a penny roulette-parlor, that was open from 11:00 am until 3:00 am daily, the Club advertised itself as the "largest exclusive roulette parlor in the state of Nevada". After a few months, owners Harry and Eddie Robbins added craps, blackjack and slot machines. In 1942, a year after the club opened, Bingo was added. Bingo was popular with the customers and eventually the Club would offer it for ten cents a card, with a minimum of \$6 per game as the prize.

The club was successful and by January of 1945 the license was for ten 21 games, four roulette games, one faro game and one racehorse keno game. A year later there were a total of twenty table games.

In March of 1946 Dan Sullivan, Lincoln Fitzgerald, Mert



April 3, 1941, El Rancho Vegas is the first hotel to open on Highway 91, later known as The Strip.

In 1940 California hotelman Tommy Hull and Las Vegas businessman Big Jim Cashman were having a few drinks and discussing business opportunities. Big Jim commented that Las Vegas needed a resort hotel and pointed out a suitable site that was available in the city of Las Vegas. Tommy said he'd build one, but he'd rather build on the road coming into town, on a piece of property at Highway 91 and San Francisco Avenue (today that would be on the Strip at Sahara). That was about three miles out of town, in those days. Legend has it that Hull once had a flat tire while traveling that road, and counted the number of cars that passed him, which indicated plenty of exposure to potential hotel guests. Hull purchased the property and began building his new hotel...the El Rancho Vegas.

Wertheimer, and Ruby Mathis joined the Robbins brothers in a partnership. "Robbins" was dropped from the name and the club began operations as the Nevada Club.

TOMMY HULL AND THE EL RANCHO VEGAS-LAS VEGAS



Hotel El Rancho Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada



Built By the Hull Hotel Co. at a Cost of \$425,000





STOP AT THE SIGN OF THE WINDMILL

The hotels that Hull built were all called El Rancho, this was his third; they were built similar to auto-courts or motels, but had the luxury and services available that previously could only be had at first-class hotels. According to John Cahlan, an editor at the Las Vegas Review-Journal, Hull's original plans didn't have a casino; the plans were revised after several friends suggested that he add a casino building.

When the El Rancho Vegas opened it consisted of a dining room with a dance floor, and the casino, surrounded by 65 guest cottages. There was a neon windmill on the roof, visible for miles, which beckoned weary travelers at night. There was a sparkling swimming pool, easily visible from the highway, to tempt hot travelers during the day. On opening night, Las



Vegas flocked to the new resort wearing their evening clothes. Two hours later, owner Tommy Hull showed up wearing jeans, boots, and a cowboy shirt. That was the night that people first heard the phrase "Come as you are".

Maxine Lewis was the entertainment director, and she always scheduled a singer and a stand-up comedian to precede the star of the show, who was accompanied by dance girls. Some of the performers included Zsa Zsa Gabor, Sammy Davis Jr. and the Will Mastin Trio, comedian Joe E. Lewis, pianist Austin Mack, Lena Horne, Jane Russell, Pearl Bailey and stripper Lili St. Cyr...who did a striptease with a twist. Lili's act opened with her taking a seductive bubble bath on stage, she slowly emerged from the tub, dried off and got dressed at a leisurely pace. The audiences went wild!

In spite of being three miles from town, the El Rancho Vegas was a huge success, right from the start. Locals would



10th issue chips from the El Rancho Vegas. Many of these chips were damaged in the fire of 1960. The purple \$5.00 chip on the right shows signs of fire damage.



Postcard of the interior of the E Rancho Vegas

go to the resort for a “night on the town”; they also booked the dining room for weddings, parties, and banquets. In return, El Rancho Vegas offered value to their customers; in 1943 the resort advertised the pool & patio club, offering unlimited access to the swimming pool and patio for \$5.00 a month; in 1946 ERV featured the Chuck Wagon Buffet, a sumptuous feast, for the price of \$1.00.

Over the next several years the ERV changed owners several times. Wilbur Clark was listed as a 25% owner, at one time. Selling his shares gave him the financing to start building his famous Desert Inn...but that’s a story for another chapter.



4th issue chips from 1945 featuring the initials of Wilbur Clark above the denomination.



In the early morning hours of June 17, 1960, Betty Grable and her husband Harry James were on the stage in the cocktail lounge when Grable noticed flames. They exited through a side door, as the resort was evacuated. Tourists and locals, who had been gambling at

other strip casinos, flocked to the scene...watching the fiery demise of the first resort on the strip.

Dave Burton, a lounge performer, wanted the firemen to let him into the band room near the front of the resort, to recover his instruments; firemen said no, the fire was burning too hot and too fast. Burton did eventually recover his saxophone...melted from the flames. Dancers and showgirls who lived on the property were awakened by the sirens; they too were denied access as their costumes and personal effects were destroyed. Red Skelton was seen, in his pajamas, taking photographs of the conflagration. An amateur photographer, he was allowed the same vantage point that the press photographers had.



Constructed from wood, the El Rancho Vegas quickly burned to the ground. Beldon Katelman was the owner at that time, and he made a statement that the El Rancho Vegas would be built again, bigger and better than it was before the fire. It never happened. No one died in the fire and none

of the guests lost property because the fire didn't extend to the cottages. After the fire was out, a lot of the contents of the vault were recovered including scorched and melted casino chips and some charred money. Katelman claimed that about \$500,000 was in the cage and vault. The total loss was estimated at \$5,000,000.



The gathering crowd in the aftermath of the 1960 fire.

SPHYNX-RENO

The Sphinx opened at 1410 East Fourth Street on December 10, 1941, offering blackjack, craps, and roulette.

The Sphinx opened at the former location of the Silver Slipper and, like the Silver Slipper, it was primarily a nightclub. The Sphinx offered floor shows and musical entertainment, with one blackjack game, one roulette table and one craps table.

While it was one of the oldest clubs in the area, and was popular with many Reno residents, business dropped drastically when the wartime gas rationing was put into effect. Early in December of 1942 the club closed. The building was completely destroyed by fire on January 1, 1943.



A beautiful set of Crest and Seal chips from the Sphinx. Images provided by Rich Hanover.

EL CORTEZ-LAS VEGAS

The El Cortez, at 600 Fremont Street in Las Vegas, was licensed for gambling on November 7, 1941.

Former Los Angeles architect and developer Marion Hicks, partnered by John Grayson and Las Vegas pioneer J. Kell Houssels, built the El Cortez Hotel as the first full-service hotel in downtown Las Vegas. The hotel featured restaurants and entertainment as well as hotel rooms and a casino.



Photo courtesy of the Las Vegas News Bureau

In December of 1945 the El Cortez was sold for \$600,000, to a group that included the head of "Murder Incorporated", Ben "Bugsy" Siegel. After the sale, Marion Hicks moved on to build the Thunderbird Hotel-Casino on the Strip.



When he saw how well the El Rancho Vegas was doing, Bugsy started thinking that he might like to get involved in a casino out on the LA Highway. Bugsy's friend Billy Wilkerson was building his place just a little ways down from the ERV, and Billy was having some financial problems...he was willing to let Bugsy in as a partner, for the right price. In 1946 Bugsy sold the El Cortez back to Kell Houssels, and his partner Ray Salmon (I think for \$766,000), and used the money to buy into the Flamingo.

In May of 1946 Houssels and Salmon announced a \$250,000 expansion of the El Cortez which would add a barber shop, nightclub, swimming pool, and a four-story hotel wing.

In 1963 the El Cortez was sold to Jackie Gaughan. Imagine Jackie's surprise when he discovered that a gangster, "Fat Irish" Green, came with the hotel!

Fat Irish Green had been an

assistant and bodyguard to Bugsy Siegel in the early 1940's. Bugsy gave Fat Irish a suitcase full of mob-money and told him to hold on to it; reports vary on the amount but it could have been as much as \$600,000. Hold on to it is just what Fat Irish did...until Bugsy's death-by-bullets, which was graphically pictured in newspapers all over the country. Two weeks later Fat Irish returned the money to the mob; the reward for his honesty was the promise that he would be taken care of and would never have to work again.

Unaware of the situation, Gaughan asked Fat Irish to pay his hotel bill, which went back some 15+ years. Fat Irish responded "I never paid any rent, and I don't have to pay any rent". Gaughan called Houssels to get the story, and then suggested that Fat Irish be housed at the Tropicana, Houssels strip resort. Houssels declined, saying that Fat Irish was part of the El Cortez deal.

Gaughan's next call was to Benny Binion, at the Horseshoe Club, asking Binion to take over the housing of Fat Irish (who really was fat, but wasn't Irish). Benny, too, declined saying "I feed Irish for nuthin'. You got to keep him at the hotel for nuthin'". So Benny fed him and Jackie

housed him until the day he died. Known as a locals-joint, the El Cortez has always offered good food at bargain prices, fun books, contests, promotions, and give-aways. Low-limit games have always been available, and plenty of penny slot machines...from the days when you could still put a real penny in the slot. The El Cortez once had a customer win \$76,000 on a penny slot machine!

Gaughan moved into a five-room suite at the El Cortez several years ago, and he still lives there. When we were in town a few weeks ago we spotted him doing what he often does...playing poker at the El Cortez.

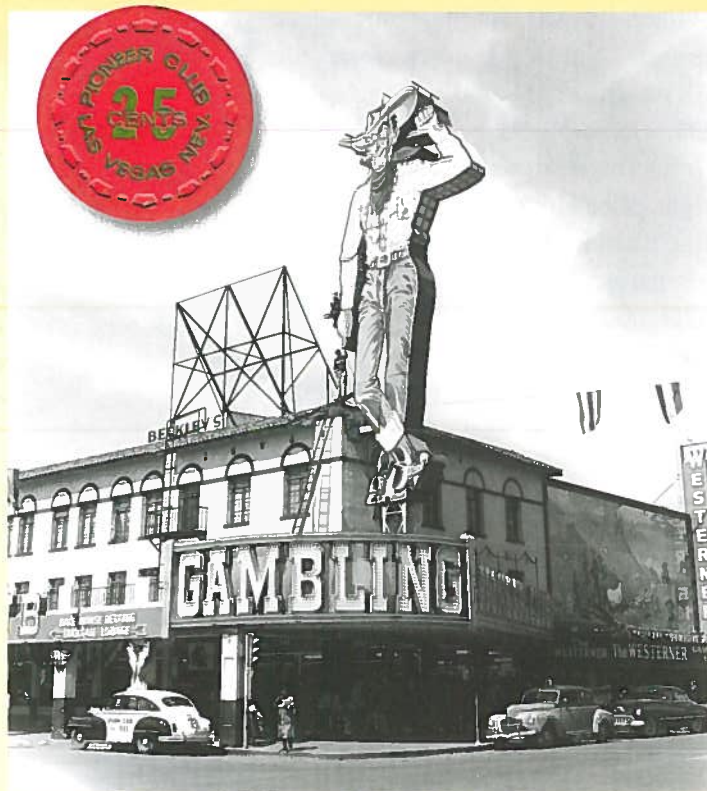


PIONEER CLUB-LAS VEGAS

On April 10, 1942 the Pioneer Club, at 25 Fremont Street, was licensed as a full casino.

Los Angeles Mayor Fletcher Bowron was at least partially responsible for the direction taken by gambling in Las Vegas. Bowron, who had been a superior court judge for twelve years, and had a reputation for integrity and fairness, was elected in 1938 to replace the corrupt incumbent mayor. After his election Bowron set out to prove that his campaign promises to clean up LA weren't just empty promises. He refused to accept bribes and kickbacks, and began making life uncomfortable for those involved with vice in Los Angeles. With wide-open Nevada right next door, rather than fighting to hold their territory and risking conviction and imprisonment, many of the gambling kingpins drifted east to Las Vegas.

There is a three-story building on the corner of 1st and Fremont Streets; in its early days the ground floor housed Beckley's Menswear Store, the upper floors contained office and meeting space. The building was owned by brothers Will and Jake Beckley, who had come to Las Vegas in 1905.



*The construction of Vegas Vic in 1951.
Photo courtesy of the Las Vegas News Bureau*

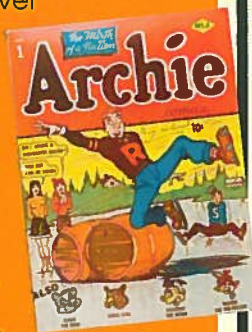
In 1942 California gamblers L.B. "Tutor" Scherer, Milton B. "Farmer" Page, Chuck Addison and Bill Curland relocated to Las Vegas, leased the Beckley building, and opened the Pioneer Club on the ground floor. Using their California



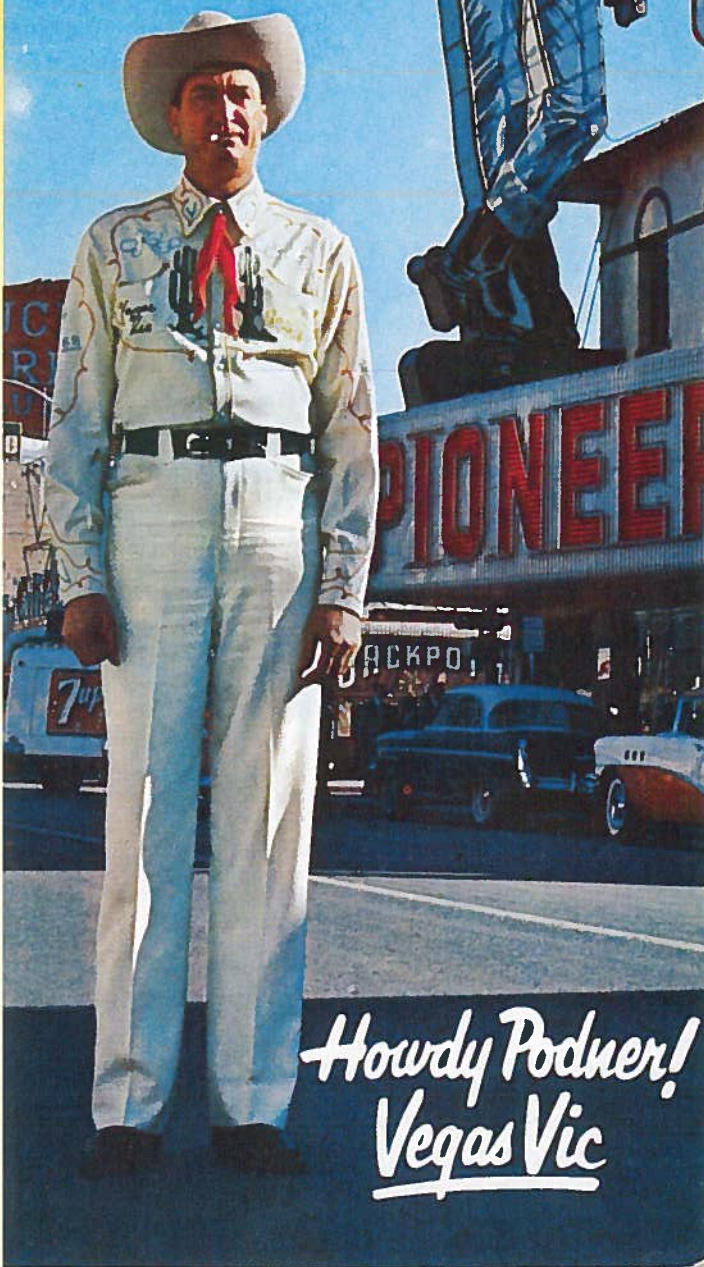
Sure...the neighborhood is a little seedy, but you can still get a taste of what Las Vegas used to be if you visit the El Cortez.

1942

On January 16, 1942, after helping to raise \$2,500,000 from the sale of war bonds in Indianapolis, film star Carole Lombard (Mrs. Clark Gable) boarded TWA flight #3 to return home to California. The plane refueled in Las Vegas and took off for Los Angeles at 7:07 pm. At approximately 7:30 pm the plane crashed into the side of Table Mountain, killing all 22 souls on board. The cause of the crash was never determined. February 11, 1942 the first Archie comic book makes its debut. Also in 1942, The New York Yankees announce that admission will be free for 5000 servicemen at each of their home games. On May 15, 1942 gas rationing began in the U.S. A bottle of Coca Cola cost 5 cents, a gallon of gas was 15 cents, and a new car could be purchased for \$920.



New Pioneer Club - Las Vegas, Nevada



*Howdy Podner!
Vegas Vic*

experience, they earned the reputation of maintaining a well-run and profitable club.

One of the best-known symbols of Las Vegas is linked to the Pioneer Club. In the late 1940's the Pioneer Club began using a cowboy, Vegas Vic, as their logo. The first sign, mounted on the drug store across Fremont Street, consisted of Vic's head and right hand, with his thumb pointing to the Pioneer Club across the street. The sign said "Here it is the famous PIONEER CLUB".

In 1951 the Yesco Sign Company constructed a 40-foot neon sign of the lanky cowboy, which was mounted on the Pioneer Club. Vic was complete with a waving arm and a recorded voice that welcomed visitors to Las Vegas. In 1966 the voice was silenced...some stories say that his voice box was shot out with an arrow; others say that the casino turned the voice off. Both versions agree that actor Lee Marvin was responsible, unable to sleep because of the booming voice.

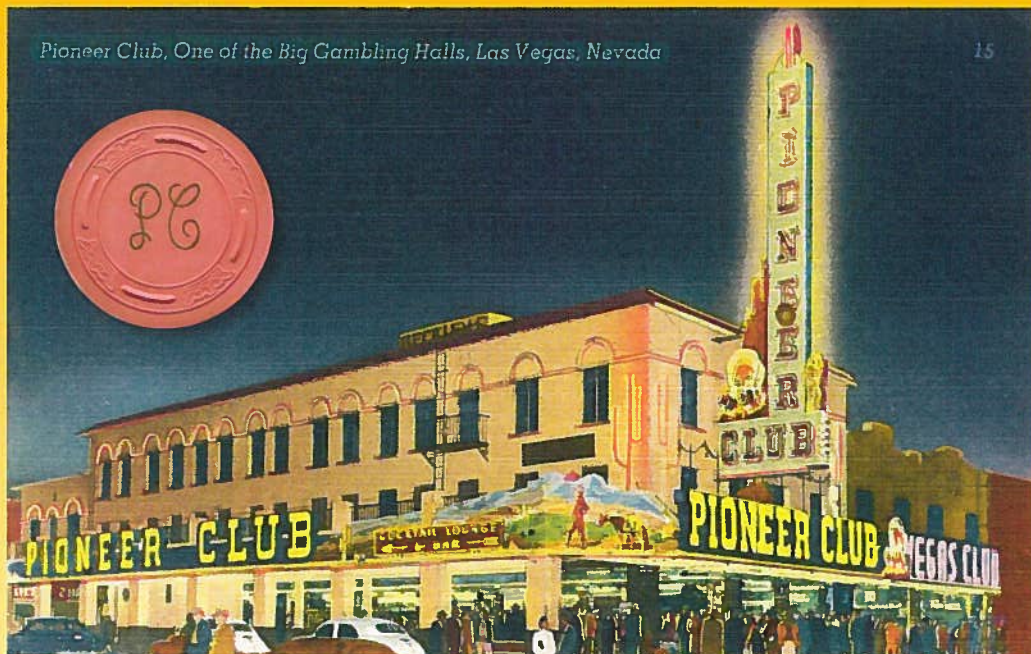
Marvin was staying at the Mint Hotel, while filming "The Professionals". The voice was silent for many years, but was eventually reactivated. (He should have been taking a nap at the Golden Gate when they started testing the sound system for the Fremont Street Experience... whoa, talk about a wake-up call!!!).



During his sixty-year existence, Vic has undergone some changes. His original shirt was white with yellow checks; during the seventies and eighties he sported a solid yellow shirt; in the late 1990's he went back to checks, this time yellow and red. During the building of the Fremont Street Experience, in the mid-1990's, his hat had to be cut down so that he would fit under the canopy.

The Pioneer Club also underwent changes over the years; it expanded to take over the property next door, which had housed the original Las Vegas Club and the Westerner. There were also ownership changes; for a time the club





Postcard of the Pioneer Club before Vegas Vic.

was owned by Margaret Elardi, who also owned the Pioneer Club in Laughlin and commissioned a lanky neon cowboy for that club, his name is River Rick. At another time the Pioneer was owned by a group of Circus Circus executives, one of whom was Will Beckley's grandson.

The Pioneer Club also had name changes over the years. To the best of my knowledge 1942-1956 was Pioneer Club; 1956-1967 was New Pioneer Club; 1967-1983 was Famous Pioneer Club; 1983-1995 was Pioneer Club.

The Pioneer Club closed in 1995 and the building now houses souvenir stores and an ABC Store. Vegas Vic still stands tall on the building though, between refurbishments, he shows his sixty-years of age.

My husband has been to Vegas more than I have, and he has a better memory, so a few minutes ago I asked him for a story about the Pioneer Club. He reminded me of a run of luck that he watched one time...

For awhile the Pioneer Club had a craps table out on the sidewalk (on occasion it drove me nuts because, if the table was really busy, you had to walk out on the street or through the casino to get past the crowd). Anyway there were four or five guys playing \$1.00 craps, including my husband, when a guy walked up and threw a handful of \$100 bills on the table and bought \$25 chips.



waited, probably expecting to see a \$1 bet, the player fished around in his pocket and came up with a \$100 bill. When the dealer asked if he wanted chips he said to play the money! He lost. The dealer appeared to be relieved... now the player would leave. Instead, the player reached into his pocket and came up with another \$100 that he played. He lost again. One more time the player reached into his pocket, this time coming out with two \$100 bills. He got a blackjack, took his money and his chips and left.

One more Pioneer Club story (my favorite), then we'll move on. For Christmas, in 1999, my step-son found the "perfect" gift for my husband (not an easy task!). It was a set of six souvenir glasses from the Pioneer Club, still in the original cardboard package, and he found them on an online auction site. The auction was titled "Vegas Vic glasses 1940's", and he emailed the seller asking for more information... specifically, how did the



seller know they were from the 1940's, was the cardboard package dated? Here is the seller's response, exactly as she typed it:

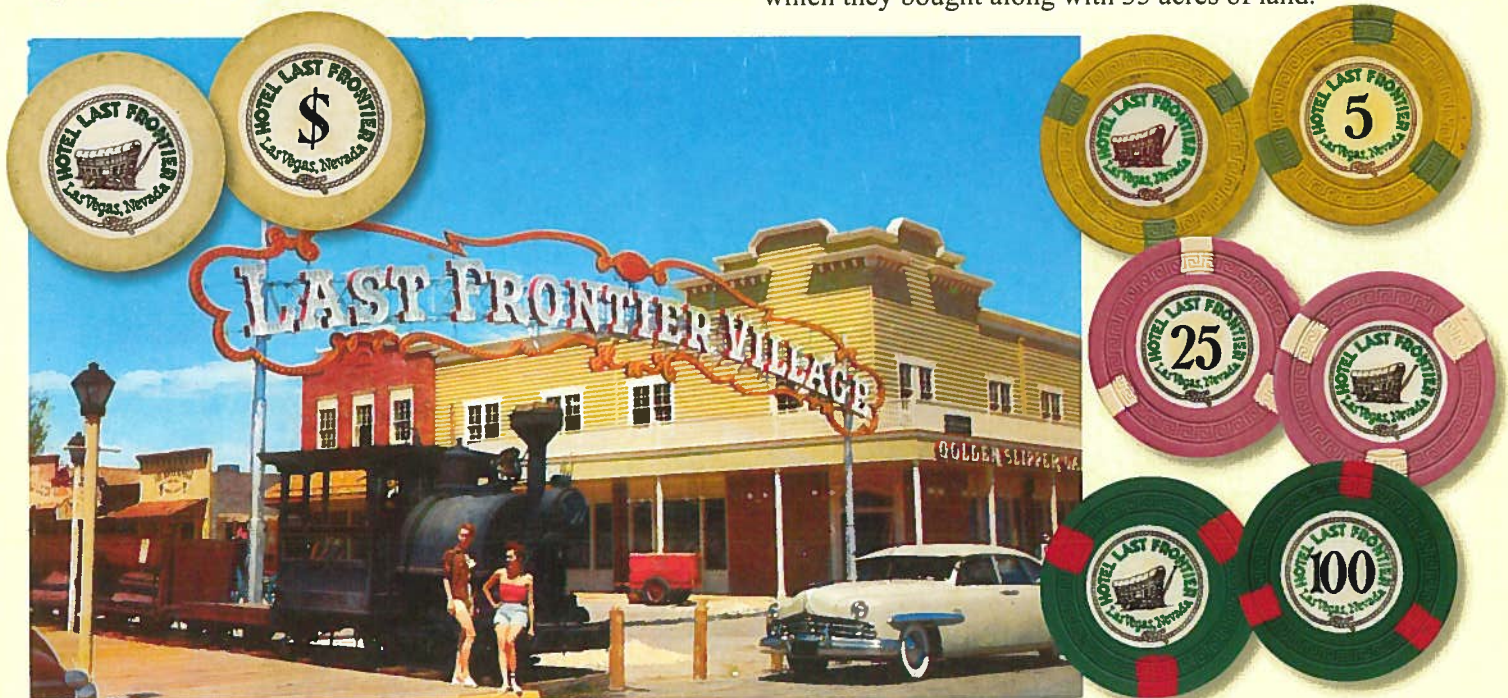
"I have an estate sale service and auction company, and I purchased the entire contents of a lady's house this past summer who was a notorious gambler, and "a lady of evening" if you know what I mean. Miss Eva told me herself that she got these souv. glasses in Vegas in the fortys, and even told me about the "married man" that took her to Vegas on that particular trip.

This lady was in her 70's and in bad health from all the drinking, and so forth that she did for all those years!!! It is obvious that on inspection, that they are classic 1940's with the illustrations, and the way Vegas Vic looks. This lady had match books, and cocktail glasses, tons of packs of "vintage unused condoms" in the household, gorgous hand made shoes from Paris, deisinger evening gowns, all of these lavish gifts were from lovers, and clients!! Miss Eva said that she didn't regret a thing, that she lived her life to the fullest, and had a wonderful time!!

She went to live with a relative, and past away, in October...I went to her Funeral...and there were a lot of old men there...not hard to figure out. Probly more than you wanted to know about the Vegas Vic glasses, but true history to go with them. Thanks, Kelly"



LAST FRONTIER-LAS VEGAS



The Last Frontier Hotel, licensed on October 30, 1942, was located on the LA Highway...today known as the Las Vegas Strip.

In 1930 Frank Detra built the Pair O' Dice Club on the L.A. Highway. The Club served Italian meals and featured dance bands, jazz musicians, and gaming tables. But gambling wasn't actually legal until 1931, so not just anyone could get in. After gambling was legalized, the night club was opened to the public.

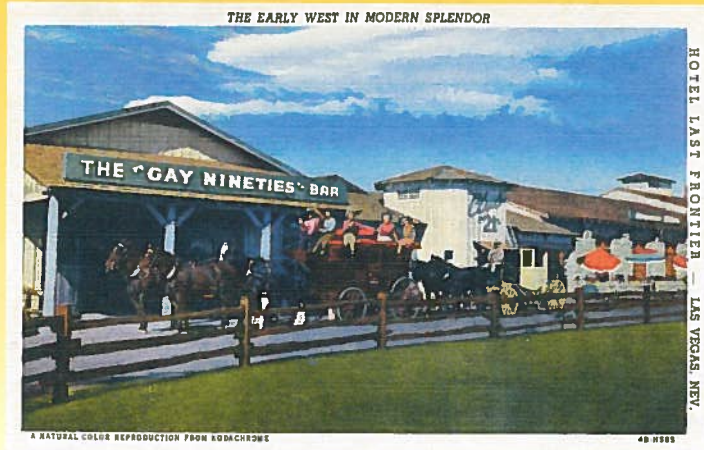


In 1939 the club was sold to Guy McAfee, who enlarged the gambling area and renamed it the 91 Club. McAfee had been a police captain and commander of the vice squad in Los Angeles, but LA was getting too hot for him. It was alleged that McAfee ran saloons and brothels, and his wife was a high-profile Hollywood madam, while he was on the force. A new mayor had promised to clean up the city; McAfee had to leave or risk criminal charges.

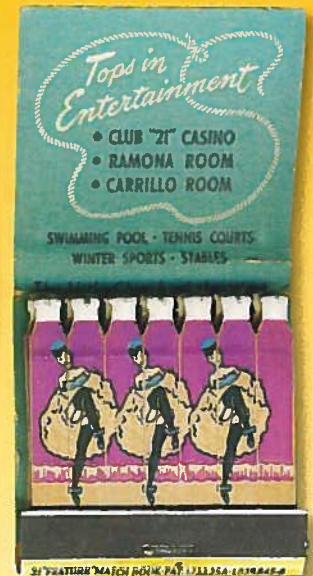
In 1941 theater magnate Robert E. Griffiths and his nephew William J. Moore who, after seeing the success of the El Rancho Vegas, wanted to build a resort hotel of their own. They decided the perfect location would be about a mile south of the El Rancho Vegas, reasoning that travelers coming from California would see their place before the ERV. Their choice of location was occupied by the 91 Club, which they bought along with 35 acres of land.

During war time it was difficult and expensive to get building materials, but building was permitted with materials that were owned before our country joined the war. Moore, an architect, planned a single sprawling building that was designed to look like the main street of an old western town. The existing 91 Club was incorporated into the design, becoming the 21 Club; old mines were purchased and were stripped of electrical wiring that was needed for the new resort. They purchased the 40-foot hand carved mahogany bar and the French doors, with beveled glass, that had previously been part of the Arizona Club...Las Vegas' classiest house of ill repute.

Griffith and Moore knew that it was important to offer plenty of good food to their guests, which could have been a problem because of food rationing, so they bought ranches and raised cattle for food and milk.



The lobby and the Gay 90's bar had displays of rifles that had been used by Geronimo's warriors against the early settlers; other guns on display had been owned by Kit Carson. The Bar and Horn Room were decorated with over 200 pairs of horns from longhorn steers, some of the horns reached 5 feet from tip to tip.



The new resort, the second to open on the Las Vegas Strip, was called the Hotel Last Frontier. Later they added the Last Frontier Village which consisted of several genuine old buildings that were moved from their original locations to the grounds of the Last Frontier. Shops and attractions were housed in antique buildings that included a jail, a Chinese joss house, a schoolhouse, the Bird Cage Theater, and a sweet shop—just to name a few.

The Original Mahogany Bar From the Old Arizona Club Now in the

"GAY 90'S" BAR

HOTEL LAST FRONTIER

The Early West In Modern Splendor

Las Vegas, Nev.



"21 Club" Casino



Hotel Last Frontier - Las Vegas, Nevada



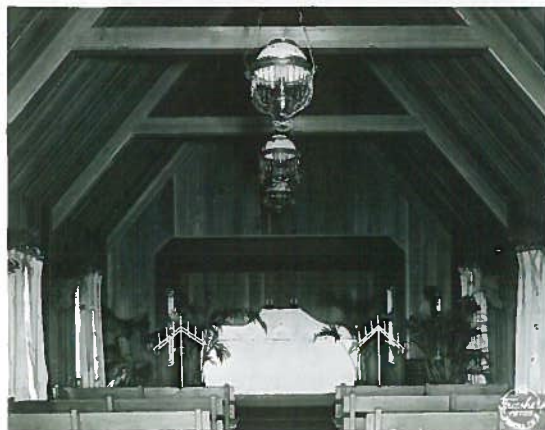
Part of the Last Frontier Village was a chapel that was built as a replica of a church in a small California mining town. The non-denominational chapel was built with a cedar exterior and a redwood interior; the four lights that hang over the center aisle were converted gas lamps from nineteenth century railroad cars. The church is called the Little Church of the West. Amazingly, after 68 years, the Little Church of the West is still standing and is listed on the National

Registry of Historical Places. The church has been moved three times...first from the north end of the Last Frontier property to the south end of the property; the second move took it to the grounds of the Hacienda Hotel and Casino; the third move brought it to the south end of the strip. The Little Church is one of my personal favorite parts of Las Vegas because my husband and I got married there! Other club members have also been married there, including one couple that was married during the 2009 convention! Oh... and a bunch of movie stars and celebrities have been married there, too.

In 1951 the Last Frontier was sold to Jake Kozloff and Beldon Katelman, which seemed to be the beginning of a period of changes for the club. The name was changed to the New Frontier, there were several ownership changes...and some of the owners were reputed to have mob connections. The casino was closed for several months in 1957; the hotel was closed for a period in the mid-sixties. At times, the future of the property seemed very uncertain.

In 1967 billionaire Howard Hughes went on a buying spree. He bought seven Nevada casinos, including the New Frontier, which he renamed the Frontier. Las Vegas had been getting uncomfortable with the alleged and known mobsters who were involved in casino ownership...the town was getting a bad reputation, and they wanted it cleaned up. Along came Hughes, with money he was willing to invest in the town. The gaming control board saw him as the way to diminish the presence of the mob. For a profit, several casino owners were willing to sell; corporate ownership of casinos had begun.

In 1988 Summa Corporation, Hughes' company, sold the Frontier and the Silver Slipper Casino to the Elardi family, headed by Margaret Elardi. Over the years the Elardi family made a lot of changes. The popular Silver Slipper was closed and demolished, to become a parking lot. Entertainment and other amenities were cut back at the Frontier. In 1991, when the Elardi family cut wages and benefits for their employees, 550 employees went on strike. The strike lasted more than six years, and only ended when the courts forced the sale of the Frontier, to Phil Ruffin, for \$167 million. Once again the name was changed, to the New Frontier.



THE LITTLE CHURCH OF THE WEST

"Our Marriage Chapel"

HOTEL LAST FRONTIER

The Early West In Modern Splendor
Las Vegas, Nev.

In May of 2007 Ruffin sold the New Frontier to the Elad Group for \$1.2 billion. On July 16, 2007 the New Frontier closed for the last time; it was imploded four months later. Currently the property is empty, in spite of Elad's announced plans to spend \$5 billion redeveloping it into a mixed-use property, modeled after New York's Plaza Hotel.

PROSTITUTION & ROXIE'S-FORMYLE

From 1942-1954, Roxie's Formyle Club was located on the Boulder Highway. Eddie and Roxie Clippinger were the owners and managers of the property. While certainly not their main source of income, Roxie's did have slot machines.

Prostitution was more-or-less wide open in Las Vegas, in the early days. Men looking for female companionship could easily find it on Block 16, located on 1st Street between Ogden and Stewart. The block was lined with saloons; the most well-known was the Arizona Club, which added a second story in 1912 to accommodate the prostitutes. Many other bar owners also rented back rooms to prostitutes, for a cut of the profits and the extra business generated for the bar...the customers would buy a dance and a couple of drinks before the couple adjourned upstairs. Early Las Vegas Sheriff Sam Gay turned a blind eye to the proceedings, quoted as saying "If you're not bothering people, go about your business." While town officials and many community members didn't approve of the goings on, no efforts were made to close it down.

In 1941 the U.S. Army built the Air Corps Gunnery School, which later became Nellis Air Force Base. Army officials did not approve of the activities on Block 16, and notified Las Vegas officials that the town would be off-limits to military personnel if the prostitution continued. City officials decided that they could no longer ignore the prostitution and, on December 2, 1941, a raid was conducted on the brothels and 22 prostitutes were arrested. After paying bail of \$50 each, most of the prostitutes went back to work. The raid-arrest-release pattern occurred several times over the next few weeks. Finally the city voted to revoke the liquor and slot machine licenses of all the bars on the block, if the prostitution continued. The saloon-owners complied, but without the cash-flow generated by the prostitutes most of the saloons soon closed, which took care of the city's problem.

The ladies still needed to earn a living, and the customers were still available, so they simply moved outside of the city limits.

I'm pretty confident that Roxie's opened in 1942, but

I can't find much information on Roxie's in the 1940s. It seems that Roxie's was one of the brothels that continued with "business as usual" from 1942 until 1946.

In 1946 the gunnery school would be closing, and Nellis A.F.B. wasn't yet a reality...should legal prostitution be brought back to Las Vegas? Should legal prostitution be allowed in Clark County...home of the Kassabian Ranch and Roxie's? The Chamber of Commerce said NO; gaming and liquor interests said NO; Al Cahlan of the Las Vegas Review-Journal, on behalf of local businessmen said NO. It was agreed that the city and county needed to be rid of prostitution.

To that end, after the war the city commissioners refused to reopen Block 16. County commissioners agreed to close Roxie's and to deny liquor and gaming licenses to brothels. The Clark County board of commissioners demanded that the district attorney and Sheriff Glen Jones take action against the brothels. However, prostitution continued to flourish, in spite of repeated assurances from the sheriff that the brothels were under observation and would be losing their liquor and gaming licenses.

In 1950 Hank Greenspun bought a tri-weekly newspaper in Las Vegas; he named it the Sun, and began to publish it daily. Hank had strong opinions and he voiced them often. Hank was against brothels and published a series of stories exposing Roxie's, the Clippingers, and the politicians they had in their pockets. Most of the following information is from the period of 1950-1954; articles from the Sun, and information gathered by Ed Reid, who was a Sun reporter and one of the authors of *The Green Felt Jungle*.

Ostensibly, Roxie's was a sprawling motel on the Boulder Highway in an area called Formyle...four miles outside of the Las Vegas city limits. Eddie and Roxie Clippinger had a beautiful private apartment, with custom-made furnishings. The reception room had half-a-dozen comfortable divans spaced around the room; a bar was in one corner, and a row of slot machines lined one wall. A bell would sound whenever a car entered the driveway, insuring that a scantily clad lady would greet every customer as they approached the door.

Unknown to the customers, of course, four of the luxurious cribs were equipped with secret recording devices which were used by Clippinger to gain control over some of the county's leading citizens. One of the cribs had a camera set-up, which transmitted a picture to Clippinger's private apartment. That video was sometimes used to entertain his friends, especially when someone prominent was with one of the girls. Clippinger's Cadillac was also equipped with a recording device; he often used the car when making a pay-off to county or state officials who were reluctant to visit the brothel.

There was a two-story dormitory building for the girls, each floor had twelve rooms plus a bathroom and a kitchen; no men were allowed in the dormitory except for Eddie Clippinger and the brothel's general manager, Dick Kellogg.

Thirty-five working-girls were employed at Roxie's, ten security guards, a chef and several other employees. The brothel was open 24-hours a day, with eight to fifteen girls working each shift. The fee was five dollars for fifteen minutes, with the girls receiving half of that. The girls then paid \$3.00 a day for rooms and \$5.00 a day for food, as well as having to pay for towels and other miscellaneous items. Customers were charged \$9.00 for a bottle of champagne.

Roxie's was a money-making operation, grossing an estimated minimum of one million dollars a year. Roxie revealed that in February of 1954 they brought in \$77,000, which included \$2,000 from the bar, \$100 from the cigarette machine and \$1,800 from the dormitory.

Roxie's had to pay other people, in addition to the girls and the 20 people employed at Roxie's; cabbies were paid \$1.00 for every John they brought to the brothel; Sheriff Glen Jones was allegedly paid \$1,000 per month, plus occasional bonuses; sheriff deputies went to Roxie's when they needed a "loan", they signed the papers but weren't expected to repay it; other local and state officials were also alleged to be on Roxie's payroll.

On April 30, 1954, the FBI raided Roxie's and arrested Eddie and Roxie Clippinger for violating the Mann Act-transporting girls across state lines for immoral purposes. In addition Dick Kellogg was arrested on a white-slave charge, and three of the prostitutes as material witnesses. The trial lasted for ten days; all defendants were found guilty. The Clippingers received sentences of three years in a federal penitentiary and Kellogg received a suspended sentence.

After Sheriff Glen Jones came in last in a field of five candidates running for sheriff in the

1954 election, he sued Greenspun for \$1 million, charging him with libel. A former employee of Roxie's would've been Greenspun's key witness, but he had a sudden memory lapse when faced by the Clark County grand jury. Ed Reid brought in an undercover agent to pose as a buyer for the brothel, with Reid and assistant D.A. Roger Foley recording various conversations while hiding in a closet of the agent's suite at the El Rancho Vegas.

Details of the sting operation can be read in *The Green Felt Jungle*, by Ed Reid and Ovid Demaris. I'll just say that Jones made a wise decision when he dropped his suit against Greenspun. Reid and Foley were surprised by some of the names and revelations that came out during various interviews but that's a story for another day...

January 4, 1955, on their first day in their new jobs, Sheriff Butch Leypoldt and D.A. George Dickerson accompanied by deputies and newsmen, inspected a hastily vacated Roxie's, verifying that it had closed in compliance with orders from the new sheriff and D.A.

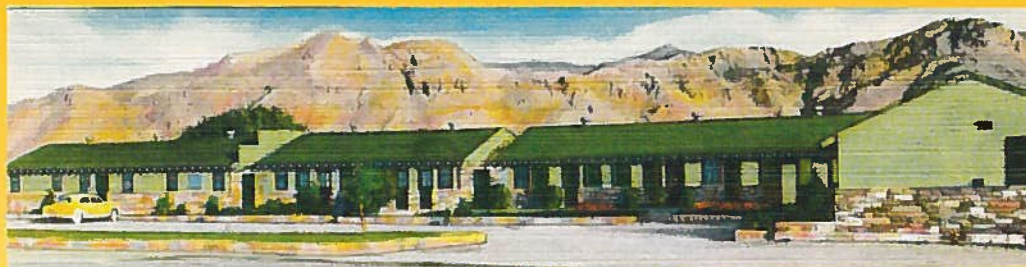
On May 7, 1956 the former home of Roxie's burned to the ground, in a fire that started in the attic at around 1:45 pm. No one was injured in the fire; the loss was estimated at \$150,000.



The FBI raid of Roxie's in 1954. Photo Courtesy of Las Vegas Sun

POP'S OASIS-JEAN

According to The Gaming Table, Pop's Oasis opened in Jean, Nevada, in 1942.

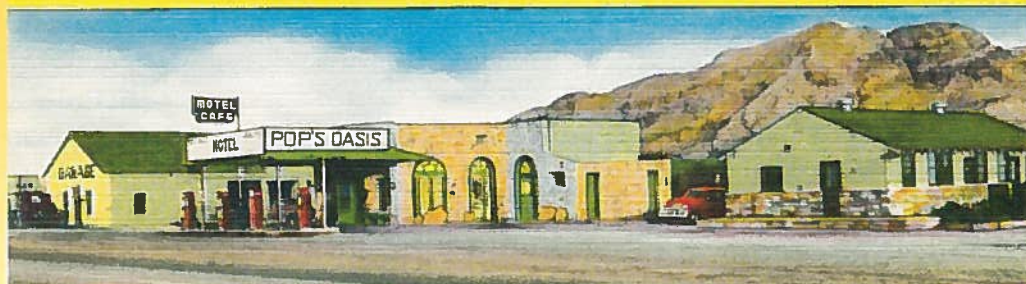


Pop's Oasis

U.S. 91, Jean, Nevada

The Best Place on the Desert to

"Eat, Drink & Sleep at Popular Prices"



In 1929 "Pop" Peter Simon Sr. began building an airport about eight miles outside of Las Vegas; Western Air Express leased the field from Simon. In 1941 the city of Las Vegas bought the field from Simon; it was used by the Army Air Corps for gunnery training, and is now known as Nellis Air Force Base.

Another venture that Pop was involved with was mining. When he immigrated to America, at the age of 15, he began working at the Crown Mine in Arizona. Before long he was buying his own mines. Eventually he bought the Techatticup Mine, in Eldorado Canyon, near Nelson. Techatticup was one of Southern Nevada's richest mines until it closed at the beginning of World War II.

After the Techatticup closed, Pop and his wife Peggy used the money from the sale of the air field to buy the little railroad stop of Jean, Nevada. Jean wasn't much more than a service station and lunch-counter back then. Pop moved some of the buildings from the Techatticup, and developed his "Oasis" in the desert, which consisted of a service station, restaurant, motel, store and casino.

Apparently Pop's was a popular

stop on the way from California to Las Vegas because, according to one report, by 1947 the casino at Pop's Oasis was as large as the casino at the Flamingo! I'm not sure how accurate that is, because another (probably more reliable) source says that Pop's had slot machines all along, but didn't have any table games until they enlarged the building in 1964 and added a poker table and two blackjack tables.

Pop died in 1963 but the family, including Peter Jr., continued to run Pop's Oasis. It was Peter Jr. who, in 1973, paid \$175,000 for the 1934 Ford V-8 car that bank robbers Bonnie and Clyde were driving when they were ambushed and killed by Texas Rangers. The bullet-ridden car was displayed at Pop's before being moved to Whiskey Pete's, and later to the Primm Valley

Resort. Peter later paid \$75,000 for the blood-stained shirt that Clyde Barrow was wearing when he was gunned down.

Part of the fun of writing articles like this for the CCTN is getting my husband to reminisce about some of his early trips to Nevada. Back in the 1960s he stopped out at Pop's Oasis "...to get a six-pack or something." Pop's always had something going on out there...this time, when I stopped; they had a bunch of big ol' rocks lining the driveway. They said they were meteors; they were kind of different looking. I threw one in the trunk and took it home! So where is the meteor now? There was a big maple tree in the yard,

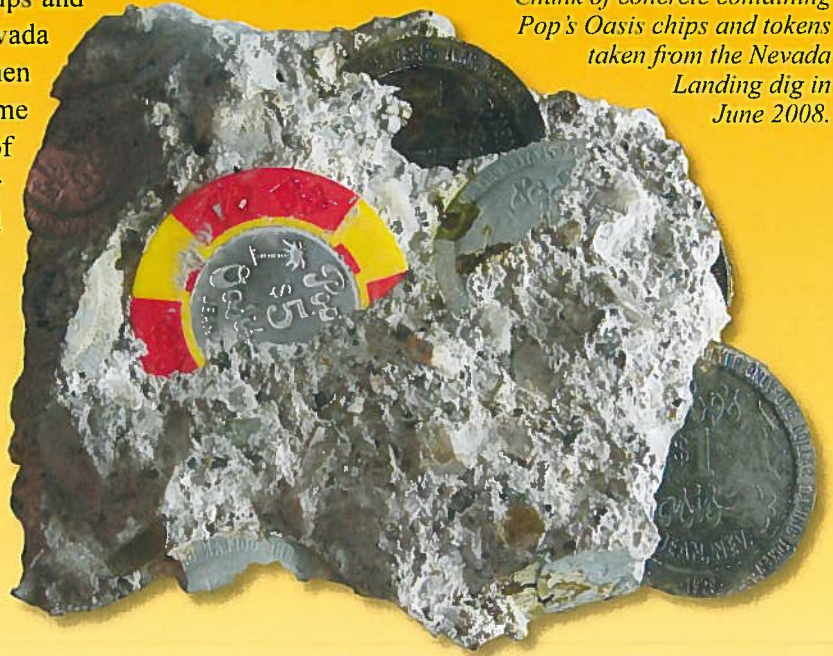
with a big planter built around the tree trunk and lots of stuff in the planter, in addition to plants.

The meteor sat in that planter for years. A storm came through and uprooted the tree and smashed the planter. During the clean-up the meteor was hauled away with the debris.



Pop's Oasis closed in 1988 and many of their chips and tokens were poured into the foundation of the Nevada Landing Casino, which was under construction. When the Nevada Landing was torn down, in 2008, some of those chips and tokens turned up in chunks of concrete. During convention week 2008 some of our club members went to the site to dig...you can read about their experiences in CCTN Volume 21 #3.

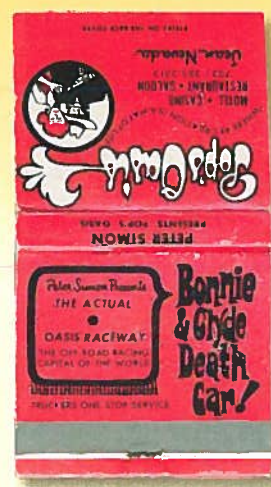
Chunk of concrete containing Pop's Oasis chips and tokens taken from the Nevada Landing dig in June 2008.



Pop's Oasis 2nd issue Bud Jones coin in center chips. Images provided by Bob Bosseler.



Pop's Oasis 1st issue Ewing Mold chips. The \$5.00 chip and the 25¢ chip that was created by the casino when they scratched off the "\$5" hot stamp and added the 25¢ denomination in black ink with a rubber stamp. Images provided by Phil Jensen.



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2010 CC>CC ELECTION RESULTS

Eleven nomination forms for the CC>CC Officers and Board Of Directors were received, with one voided due to no signature.

The following members received a nomination and second from current CC>CC members, but respectfully declined the nomination:

Jim Follis - Vice President
Jay Sands - Vice President

The following members received a nomination and second from current CC>CC members and accepted the nomination:

Sheldon Smith, Vice President - Unopposed
Doug Smith, Treasurer - Unopposed
Steve Bedo, Membership Officer - Unopposed

In summary, the newly elected 2010 CC>CC Officers and Board of Directors, for a two-year term--2010 to 2012, are:

Sheldon Smith, Vice President
Doug Smith, Treasurer
Steve Bedo, Membership Officer

The Election Committee, consisting of Bruce & Mary Ann Massey, Election Committee Co-Chairmen, and Ralph Myers, met on Saturday, May 22, 2010 to validate and count the ballots received for the 2010 Constitutional Amendment Election.

A total of 154 ballots were received which represents less than 9% of the current CC>CC membership. Of the ballots received, 53 were from members who had not voted in the previous election. Six ballots were determined to be invalid.

The results of the election for Constitutional Amendments are as follows:

<input type="checkbox"/> #1 - Life Members	Total 148	Yes 138	No 10
<input type="checkbox"/> #2 - Legal Co unsel	Total 141	Yes 134	No 7

Constitutional Amendments #'s 1 and 2 received the required 2/3 majority of votes and, therefore, passed.

The above results were submitted and certified by a vote of the current Officers and Board of Directors at the Annual Business Meeting on June 26, 2010..

BRUCE & MARY ANN MASSEY
CC>CC Election Co-Chairmen

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2011

CC>CC CALENDAR!

Available for the first time, the official CC>CC calendar. This calendar is a club fund raiser which raises money by the sale of individual dates, banner ads and whole pages, and of course the final printed calendars.

Individual dates are \$10 each. To reserve a specific date e-mail Steve Bedo (membership@ccgtcc.com) to make sure that the date you require is still available. Then supply a chip scan for that date (NO personal chips allowed) at preferably 300dpi or better.

Banner ads at the bottom of the page(s) are \$70.

A "month", including the banner ads, is \$300.

The finished printed calendars are \$18 each (includes shipping within the US)

Please check with Steve Bedo BEFORE sending payments though. E-mail Steve at membership@ccgtcc.com.

For more info visit www.ccgtcc.com and click on the 2011 Calendar link on the right side.



September 2010 HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO LAS VEGAS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Terry Shaffer	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Travis Lewin	25 Dave Harber
26 Chuck Smea	27 Ron May	28	29 David Spragg	30		

Banner ads at the bottom: rare 120, Johnny Johnsons, PINK TACO

The sample calendar shown above is only a sample and may change in the final printed form.

GRAND OPENING



ALBUQUERQUE

By Allan Anderson

Hard Rock Hotel Albuquerque had its grand opening on June 11th, 2010.



In October, 2009, Hard Rock Hotel Holdings, LLC and HRHH IP, LLC entered into a license agreement with the Pueblo of Isleta which enabled the Pueblo of Isleta to brand its newly expanded hotel and casino near Albuquerque, New Mexico under the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino name. This will be the first and only Hard Rock branded Casino in the state of New Mexico.



In March, 2010, Hard Rock Hotel & Casino announced a five-year partnership agreement with Live Nation that includes the naming rights for the “The Pavilion” in Albuquerque. The building will now be called Hard Rock Casino Albuquerque presents The Pavilion.

The Hard Rock Casino Albuquerque features a 6 story tower and a total of 201 guest rooms; approximately 300,000 square foot casino; an indoor/outdoor pool featuring a

swim in – swim out design; 30,000 square feet of convention space; a 2,500 seat multi-purpose theater for concerts and sporting events; several restaurants; and a cocktail lounge featuring live entertainment. Also on the property is a spa and the Fun Connection for family fun.

The casino offers Vegas style gaming including 1,600 slots,

30 table games, a non-smoking poker room, craps, roulette and bingo. The Rockstar Club has 4 levels with tiered benefits depending on your level of play.

For nightlife and eating there is the Center Bar, 505 Fusion featuring good eats or dancing to live DJs pumping your favorite beats or jamming out to local rock and country bands, and Lucha, a Mexican cantina style restaurant and club. There is also a buffet, The TIWA Café, a deli, Chill for coffee and ice cream, and Daubers, featuring cheeseburgers,

fries and chili.

The Isleta Eagle 27-hole golf course has three 9-hole tracts designed around and named after their primary topographic feature - The Lakes Nine, Arroyo Nine, and Mesa Nine. A full 18 hole game is made up of a combination of two of these courses.



Around 1629, refugees from outlying pueblos converged on the Isleta Pueblo, abandoning their homes due to savage Apache raids. When the Pueblo revolt began in 1680, the pueblo was called home to about 2000 people including a large number of Spaniards. Though Isleta was spared the massacre that occurred at other pueblos due to its Spanish residents, a large number of its native members fled to Hopi settlements in Arizona; others accompanied the Spanish to their retreat at El Paso del Norte.

After the rebellion,, the Isleta people returned to the pueblo having submitted to Governor Otermin. However, their allegiance was with the other pueblo peoples. When Governor Otermin found this out he burned the pueblo and forced the remaining members to El Paso.

In 1692, when De Vargas re-conquered the Pueblo he found the Isleta church, established in 1612, in ruins and the pueblo abandoned. Around 1710, the original Tiwa Indians reoccupied the pueblo and in 1716, the original church was rebuilt and named St. Augustine. Still standing today, the St. Augustine Mission is one of the oldest in the United States.

When some members of the Laguna Pueblo and the Acoma Pueblo joined the Isleta community in the eighteen hundreds, friction within this heterogeneous society led to internal disagreement over religious and ritual matters.

The solution to this conflict resulted in the creation of the satellite settlement of Oraibi. The Pueblo today is comprised

of two small communities, Oraibi and Chicale and the main Pueblo, Isleta.

The pueblo now houses a population of about 4,000 where traditions, songs and dances are still practiced and passed down from generation to generation. The language is generally Tiwa with most people speaking English as well. Though continuing to live with

much of their ancient culture, the Isleta Pueblo also operates several modern business enterprises.

Pueblo of Isleta History

Isleta means "Little Island" in Spanish, but Isleta Pueblo is hardly "little" having an area of 211,002 acres.

Originally established about 1200 A.D., the Isleta Pueblo is home to the Tiwa tribe, who descended from remote Shoshoncan stock, the first people to enter the Americas some 30,000 years ago. Due to its location on a strip of land projecting from the Rio Grande River, the conquering Spaniards gave the pueblo the name of Isleta, meaning "little island."



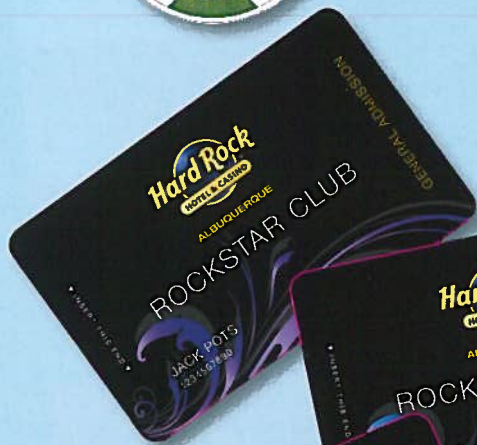


I Don't Care Too Much For
MONEY
Money Can't Buy Me Love.

THE BEATLES

Money don't get everything,
IT'S TRUE.
But What It Don't Get
I CAN'T USE.

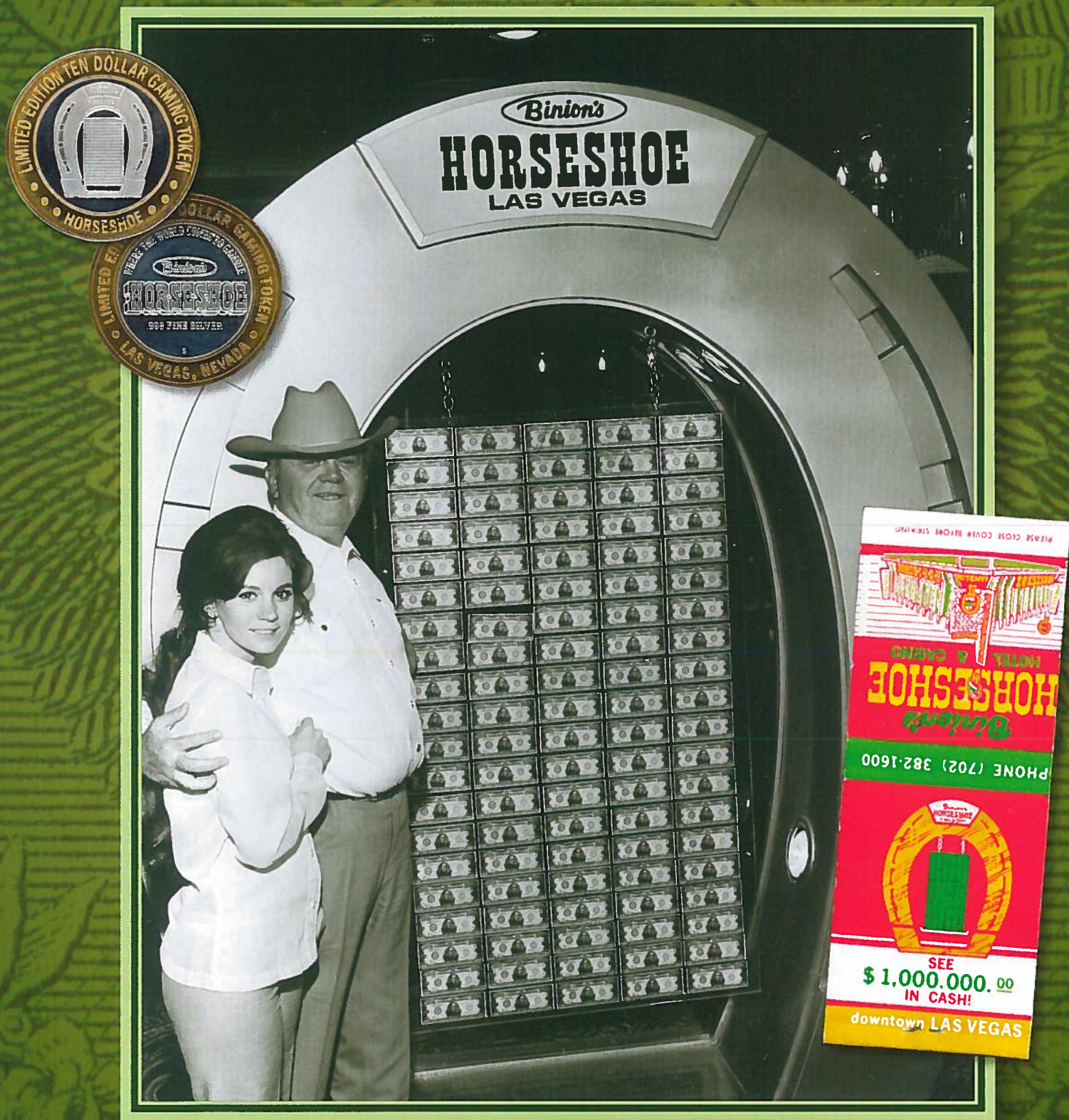
THE ROLLING STONES



NINE FEET OF AWE

by Len Ratzman

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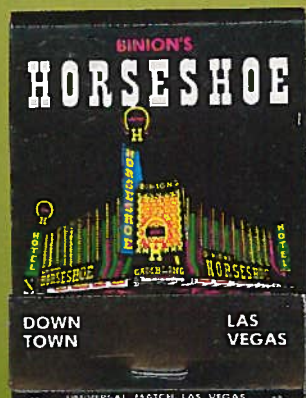
Benny Binion and his daughter Becky posing next to the Million Dollar Horseshoe at the Horseshoe Casino. (c. 1969)
Photo courtesy of UNLV Special Collections.

If the numismatic community ever decides to grant a lifetime achievement award for the most impressive, spectacular, memorable, dramatic, overwhelming, numismatic display of all time, there's a good chance one of the leading candidates would be the display of those hundred \$10,000 bills that were encased in a 3-1/2 by 5 foot acrylic frame hanging from a two-ton golden horseshoe for so many decades at the Binion's casino in downtown, Las Vegas.

If you happened to be one of the countless millions of visitors that viewed that display between 1964 (when it was unveiled) to 2000 (when it was dismantled), then chances are the site of one hundred likenesses of Salmon P. Chase's will stay with you forever and, if it's ever put to a vote, you'll probably agree you witnessed the "Holy Grail" of numismatic displays. Arranged in twenty rows of five columns each, those hundred bills bearing the 1934 date and Federal Reserve District #2 (New York) will most probably never be forgotten in numismatic lore.

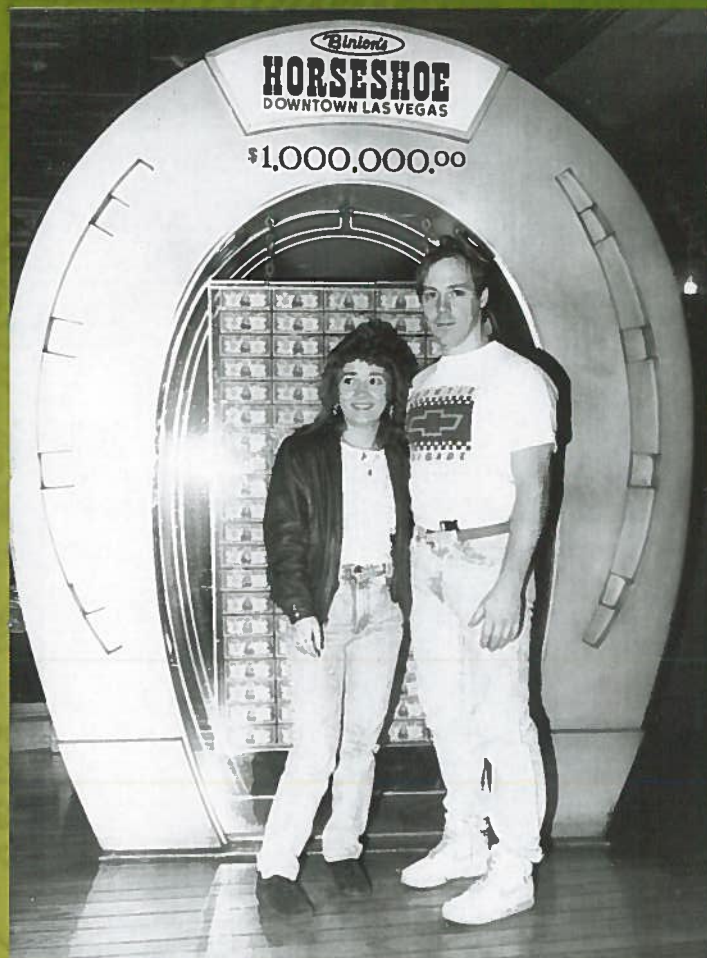
The clear slabs used to house the bills included one that was bullet-proof. According to Michele Richardson, an executive administrative assistant at Binion's, "The slabs were each two inches thick—one inch acrylic and one inch bullet-proof glass—connected to an alarm system to the Alarmco/International security company."

Despite the several methods available that would not have lessened the numismatic value of the uncirculated bills, the method chosen in 1964 to hold the bills in place was (cringe) putting a bead of glue along the top of each bill and sticking it to the back acrylic panel.



It all began in the 50's and, surprisingly, the hundred \$10,000 bill display was the second of it's kind.

"The first \$1,000,000 display was assembled in the 1950s at what was then the Horseshoe Casino under ownership by Joe W. Brown. He got rid of the 'stack' in 1959 and, in 1964 then-owner Benny Binion gathered one million dollars in



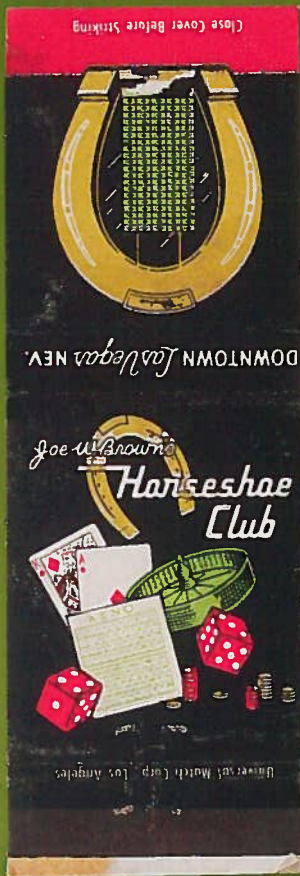
CC>CC Club Member LM-3113-84 Riverboat Rick Pokracki and his wife Lori in front of the Binion's display in 1990.

\$10,000 bills and brought the famous Las Vegas attraction back to life," states Las Vegas author Johannes Tarbut.

It isn't there anymore, but in those 36 years, countless millions of visitors who came through the Binion's front door were treated and awe-struck by the sight of that acrylic "sandwich" housing those rare notes each with Salmon R Chase's portrait and containing the signatures of William Alexander Julian, the US treasurer at the time and Henry Morgenthau, the secretary of the US Treasury. For a small fee, you could even have your picture taken in front of that \$1,000,000. Needless to say, countless celebrities had that picture taken. There's even one unique photograph (held by the FBI after his arrest) of Charles Manson and his clan standing in front of the display. It would be interesting to try to guess what that photograph would sell for if the FBI ever decided to release it from their vaults.

Contrary to rumor, the bills weren't numbered consecutively, even though the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) produced only 340 bills in total. According to the most complete census, there are only 197 of the \$10,000 notes known to currently exist from all series and districts combined.

Oddly enough, there have only been three of the 12



in '64 from the Bank of Nevada to the casino to create the display in a bizarre way. According to Michele Richardson, Mr. Binion stuffed the bills in his boot and left the bank with everyone that passed him by completely unaware that they came "this close" to one million dollars.

Once the bills were retrieved (purchased by dealer Jay Parrino), they were predictably sold to eager collectors around the world. A few of the original notes even appear today with their obverse and reverse displayed.

For about 7-1/2 years after the display was dismantled, visitors to the casino had to live with the fact that the sight of \$1,000,000 right there in front of them would simply not exist. Then, in March of 2008, when Binion's was sold to TLC Casino Enterprises, the new owners decided to bring back a million dollars that visitors could tell their grandchildren about.

Johanes Tarbut says that, "Binion's Gambling Hall and Hotel's new owner is re-establishing a popular tradition that attracted thousands of visitors to the legendary downtown

denominations the BEP has produced without a president's portrait. We're all familiar on a daily basis with two non-presidents:

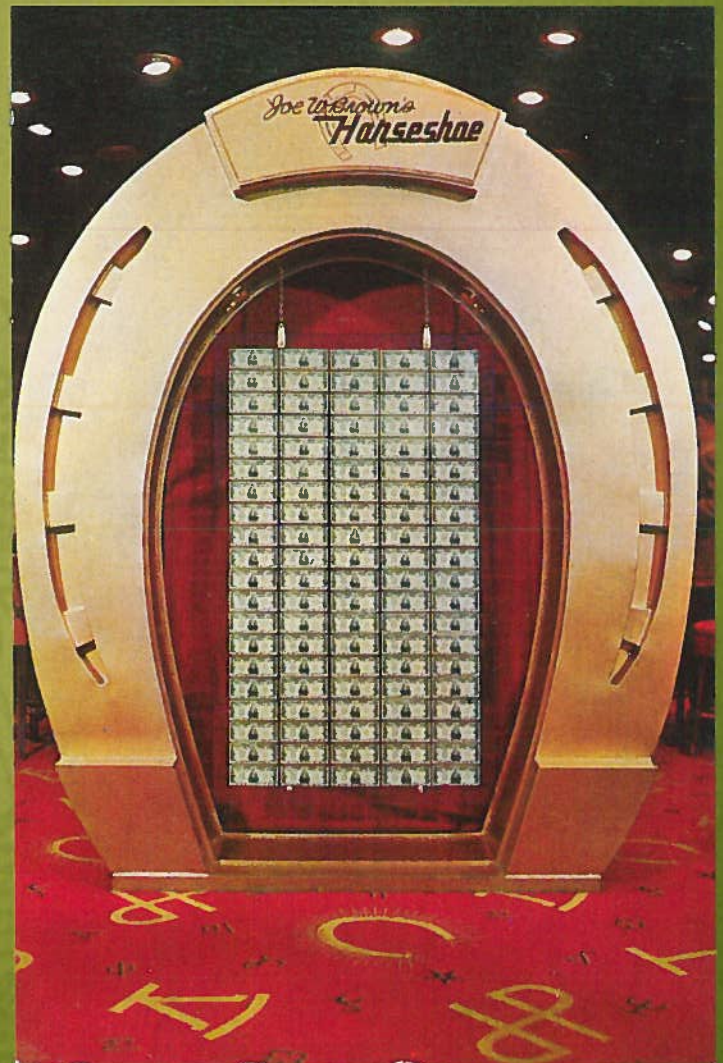
Hamilton on the \$10 bill, and Ben Franklin on the coveted \$100 dollar bill. But unless you're a student of US currency it may surprise you to learn that the only other bill displaying a non-president was the \$10,000 bill showing Salmon Portland Chase, the 25th secretary of the treasury under Abraham Lincoln from March 7, 1861, to June 30, 1864. (Yes, his first name was Salmon).

Even more revealing, the reason Secretary Chase's portrait was chosen to appear on the bill was in order to honor the man who introduced the modern system of banknotes.

Like all other very high denomination notes, the \$10,000 bill is assumed by the public to be used only for large transactions between banks. But, before 1969, anyone with enough cash to do so could purchase the bill.

According to Las Vegas Sun reporter David Strow, "The display was the largest, single collection of \$10,000 bills in existence. Distribution of the mega-bill, featuring the portrait of former US Supreme Court Justice Salmon Chase was halted by the Treasury Department in 1969. Though the bills are still legal tender, they are removed from circulation once they're obtained by banks."

Demonstrating what a consummate and flamboyant showman he was, Benny Binion transported the 100 bills



Postcard of the Million Dollar display from when Joe W. Brown took over Binion's in 1953.

Las Vegas casino for over five decades. Terry Caudill, Binion's Gambling Hall and Hotel's owner decided to exhibit one million dollars in cash on the casino floor, a tradition that entertained millions of Las Vegas tourists from the 50's to 2000. Unlike the (current) stack on display from 1964 to 2000, the million on display doesn't have any \$10,000 bills. It is composed \$100, \$20, and \$1 dollar bills. The cost of getting enough \$10,000 bills (which have been out of circulation since the 80's) would have cost \$16 million or more since every \$10,000 bill from the old Binion's display are currently priced...around \$160,000."

When the bills in the display were sold and the planning for dismantling begun in 2000, the new owner hired two independent currency experts with the responsibility to delicately remove the bills from the acrylic slab against which they were glued for 36 years.

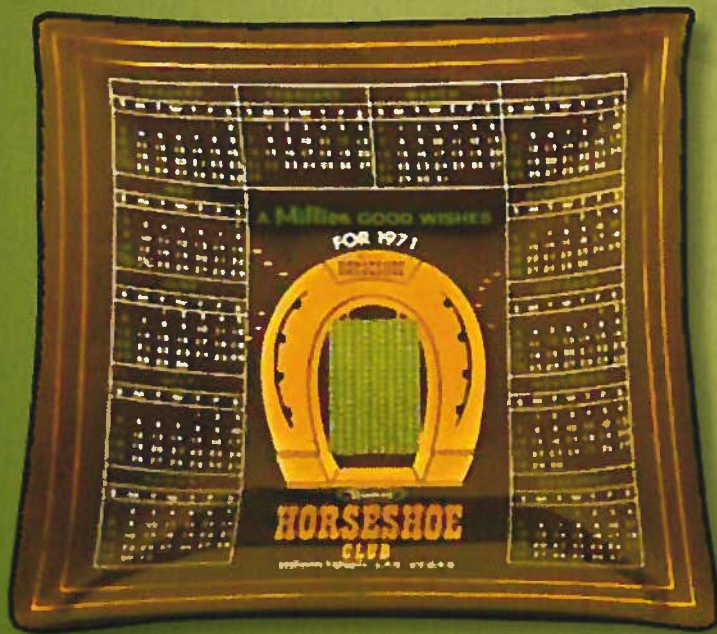


methodically removed each bill by dissolving the bead of glue along the top of each note. The men were not affiliated with a company but were individual consultants and were paid not by Binion's but the new owner of the bills."

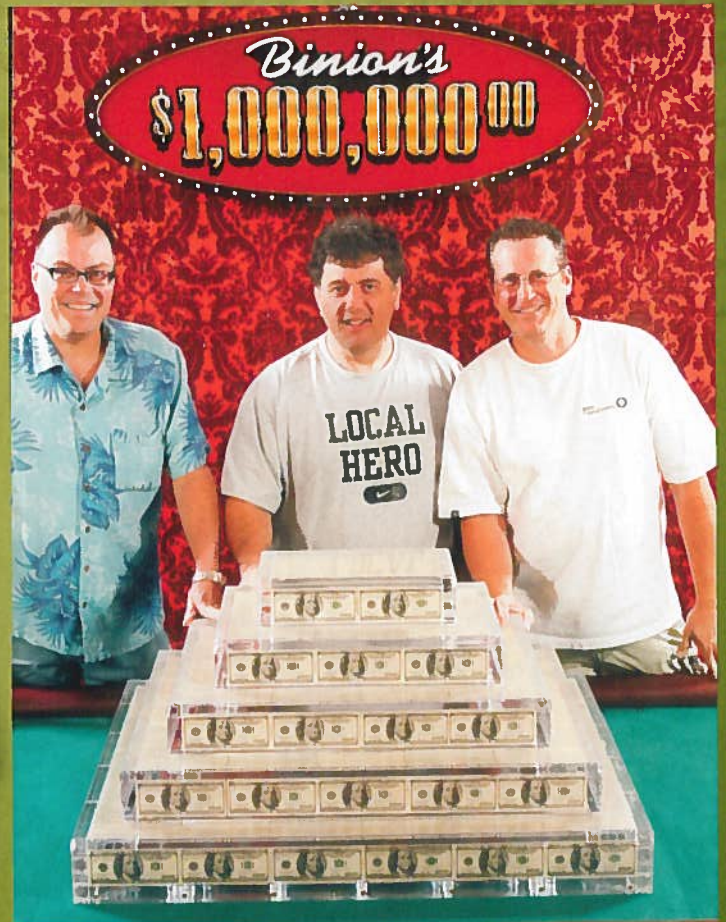
The "third generation" of million-dollar displays at the casino is contained in an acrylic pyramid of the bills mentioned previously, and placed on a poker table in the middle of the casino. The lucky visitors who happened to be there at the

time were treated to the first glimpse in August, 2008.

For those current owners and dealers in possession of one or more of the "Binion bills", it's unimaginable what a feeling of satisfaction it must be to own such a unique example of Las Vegas history.



The men's names and what they were paid to perform this task is proprietary information but Michele Richardson was kind enough to describe the 3-day, 24/7 non-stop effort these men had to perform to lift each bill. "Once the top, bullet-proof glass slab was removed, the two experts, armed with acetone-dipped Q-tips carefully, slowly, and



(L-R) Club Members Roy Brennan, Dr. Marc Shapiro and Todd Barrett in front of the new \$1,000,000 display using hundreds, twenties and ones to build up the pyramid of cash in June, 2010.

- NEW CHIP RELEASE -

BONANZA CASINO - RENO

The Bonanza Casino in Reno has released the first chips of the summer season. The \$1 chips are for Hot August Nights and Street Vibrations which occurs in September of every year. The GPI artwork sheet and scans of the actual chips are shown below.

Customer: **Bonanza Casino, Reno, Nevada**
 Project: **2010 Street Vibrations \$1 Chip**
 Date: **04 / 13 / 2010**
 Salesman: **Patrick Wells**
 Artist: **C. Pearson Gorham** File: **Bonanza_StreetVibe_1_2010_v2.ai**
 Job#: **53646** Quote#: **132574** Work Order#: **0463512**

BUD JONES CHIPS

Style: 611-000
 Size C Four Color Process Decal
 Visible BJ Manufacturer's Mark on Back Side
 Diameter: 39mm
 Thickness: 3.3mm
 Colors:
 A. 12 Sky Blue
 B. 11 Ivory

This artwork depicts the actual chip to be manufactured, including size, design and color, however, colors on this design artwork may vary from the colors of the actual gaming chips. Customer acknowledges that the edge spot configuration is mirrored on the backside of all chips. Gaming Partners International USA is hereby authorized to use the logos, chips, and/or commemorative items specified herein in its sample catalogs, brochures and advertising materials. This artwork is the property of Gaming Partners International USA. Any unauthorized use or reproduction is expressly prohibited.



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 Project: **2010 Hot August Nights \$1 Chip**
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 Salesman: **Patrick Wells**
 Artist: **C. Pearson Gorham** File: **BonanzaReno_Icon_1_2010_v2.ai**
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 Visible BJ Manufacturer's Mark on Back Side
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North Land Updates

by John K. Kallman

For me, the “official” opening of hunting season for North Dakota Charity Casino chips began in mid-April with my first ever trip to Mayville, North Dakota. Mayville lies about 13 miles due west from Interstate 29 that links Fargo and Grand Forks. While I had a number of chips from this location, I actually had never been there, just driven by the exit while going from here to there. The ice was mostly off the rivers and lakes, and the spring flooding had pretty much subsided. The weather was “warm” (at least for these parts of the country that it is), so it was time to climb out of my man cave and hit the road! While hopes were high, expectations were low – as one never quite knows what one will bag during these “hunts”.

My first stop, other than for gas and food, was at the bar that used to host table games for the Mayville Quarter Back Club. Sadly, only pull tabs are now available at this location. Across the street, and a half block up, chips were to be found, but they were the same rack in use at other locations on the table games run by the Listen Development Center, based in Grand Forks. Some charities use the same racks at all locations, while others use separate racks at each location, most notably Prairie Public Broadcasting. I had a single chip from the Eagles Club, but they were no longer either in the card business, or for that matter, even in the Eagle business as they no longer had a presence in town! Ditto for the long closed Parent Teachers Association. Things were looking glum indeed. My last planned stop was two blocks down and one block over (or was it one block down and two blocks over?), at the host location for the Mayville Improvement Corporation. Sadly, things were looking even worse as they

still had the same rack as when they first opened. However, there was a paddle wheel and while I knew my chances of getting chips off this table were slim, I figured that at least I could get the mold, colors and inscription. That is until they were nice enough to pull the cover off the table to reveal generic chips available at many souvenir locations throughout Las Vegas! While this is “technically” against the gaming rules, this is not the only place that is not quite “right” with gaming control, such as it is in these parts. Needless to say, things were looking even worse and it appeared that all I accomplished on this trip so far was to burn some carbon off of the cylinders of my car. However, the gentleman running the blackjack table informed me that his brother was running the table over at Portland and that they had chips there on the table – and that I could buy them if I needed them! YES!!! Of course, the next question was how far away and how do I get there? Two more miles due west on the same road that brought me into town and the trip was finally a success!



The “official” name for this charity is May-Port Hockey Club, with the “May” standing for Mayville and the “Port” standing for Portland, not that you could tell from looking at these chips. At least now the trip home would be a little easier with some “new” chips in my pockets!

The next trip was a scant two weeks later – this time to Bismarck, the State Capitol, along with a side trip to the other side of the Missouri river to Mandan, North Dakota. I had set off with a co-driver, and while not a chipper, he certainly enjoys an adventurer! His “niche” is Lewis and Clark, and there is a major interpretive center just north of Bismarck where they spent one winter. Just a little south of Bismarck is Fort Abraham Lincoln, the last duty post of Armstrong Custer. So the plan was to do the history bit during the day and hit the tables at night. That was the plan at least until we got to Bismarck! Getting a hotel room mid-week before Memorial Day weekend should be a breeze, right? WRONG! We pulled into the trusty Motel 6 around

5:30 pm when things started to go awry! Not only were they all booked up for the night (as well as the next month!), so was everyone else, from the mom and pop places to even the more expensive places that I only stay at when someone else is paying the fare! Not only was all of Bismarck and Mandan booked up, so was everyplace else within an hour's drive in any direction! A late winter storm had knocked down many of the steel high tension towers in the area and the local refinery had brought in some 500 people to work on the plant. In addition to this, seasonal road work had just begun and these crews were adding to the total as well.

Not wanting to start the long trek back home without even seeing a single chip – I headed across the street to another hotel to not only check on rooms there, but also to see if they had any “new” chips on the table. While I was doing this, my co-driver was waiting in what passes for a lobby at the Motel 6 as they had three rooms that while reserved, did not have a credit card hold on them, so if the people did not show up by 6:00 pm, they would release the rooms. Long story short, not only did he get a room, I got some chips! The charity that I was “visiting” while he was room waiting was the Bismarck/Mandan Convention Visitors Bureau. I had been at this location several times in the past, and except for some obsolete chips that I did not expect to find, the only other things I was “missing” were the paddle wheel chips. Like roulettes, it is nearly impossible to just walk up to a table and buy one of each color. And since the table was not even open, it was even harder to pocket some while playing. But, since I had some time to pass while I waited for my friend to return with hopefully good news, I had some time to talk to the two people working the tables. Since they had no players, they were kind enough to listen to me explain my quest to obtain if not chips, at least information about chips from this part of the country. Hearing my tale of woe about hotel rooms in the area, they relented and offered to sell me one each of the paddle wheel chips (YES!) – how could I refuse an offer such as that – at all of a \$1 a chip!

And even sweeter news was when one of them said they had some obsolete chips at home, and asked if I would be interested in them. Silly question! Not only that, the person called a relative who brought them over within 10 minutes. Even if I did not get a room and had to make the long trek home for a night's rest, at least I could do it with some more chips to add to my collection.

As with the Ice Dawg chips from Mayville/Portland, the paddle wheel chips from this location would not give you much of a clue as to where they are from by the hot stamp of “CVB” on the chips.



The obsolete chips were from a variety of locations in Bismarck. First up were two different \$1 chips and a \$2 chip from the Ft. Abraham Lincoln Foundation. While I had a 50¢ chip from this rack, the other denominations were all new chips for my collection.



Also in the lot was a single 50¢ chip from the Cystic Fibrosis Association.



Soon after the chips arrived and were safely in tow, my friend showed up with equally good news, a room for at least the first night! Things were certainly looking up at this point.

Next stop was the Elks Club. When I had visited there before I was unable to gain entry to this member's only club to even see if they had a table with chips on it. This time I not only got in, I got the chips, and I got out while the going was good! A \$25 chip completes this rack.



Luke Rapley was kind enough to send along scans of two earlier chips from the location, which I need for my collection (hint, hint).



Just up the road is the Moose Club. Although also a member's club, during my last visit there I was able to get in just as they were closing. I got to see the chips, but they would not sell me any at that time. This time, the club was open and the table was open as well. However, the story was the same as they were unwilling to sell the chips – but at least I got a copy of the \$1 chip. Both a 50¢ and \$2 chip of similar design are on the tables.



This is a white H&C hot stamped chip with four sets of orange and blue inserts. The 50¢ chip is yellow with no inserts, and the \$2 chip is pink with four sets of gray and purple inserts.

Next stop, well actually the next FOUR stops were all for the Mandan Hockey Club. Two locations are using the well worn Bud Jones Suit Pip molds while two others are using newer Chipco style chips. The first stop had the Chipco's, but they were playing bar bingo so the table was not open. The next two stops had the old rack, which I already had, while finally the last stop had the Chipco's, but having been told "no" in the past when just trying to buy the chips and walk, I actually sat down to play a few hands and pocket a few. Somewhere along the line, when I got around to seeing what I had come away with, I was missing the \$5 chip from this rack, and being of modest means, had passed on the \$25 chip.



Nearing the end of the night's journey was an actual stop to one of several locations that hosts the previously mentioned Ft. Abraham Lincoln charities. The only "new" chips here were for the Paddle Wheel game, Bud Jones Suit Pips, hot stamped "FAL", in the colors of pink, red, purple, orange, brown, gray, light blue and dark blue.

One last stop was to the Amvets Post #9. I had thought that this place was no longer in business as two previous attempts to locate this charity had found me driving in circles trying to locate it! Of course, many people who know me do not find this activity unusual at all, but that is another story! But the third time was indeed a charm as the place was found. I was surprised to find that not only were the chips that I had thought long obsolete still on the table, but they had added a \$25 chip to the rack as well!



It was time to head back to the room and call it a night. The next day, we attempted to get a room for that evening before heading out to do the Lewis and Clark adventures, and attempted again that afternoon. Unsuccessful both times, we headed back the way we came a day early, but with most of the mission accomplished! Still on my list of chips to get from Bismarck are those from the American Legion. Each visit to this club in the past found the table closed at night and the people who were there in the day either unable or unwilling to access the chips. But before the next trip, I will confirm a hotel room before hitting the road!

That “next” trip was the end of May, this time to Devil’s Lake, North Dakota. Some chippers may be familiar with this location as it is home to the Spirit Lake casino, which was our “home” for the evening. On the way north and then west, we first stopped at what had been the Holiday Inn, just off I-29 where we needed to not only change direction, fill the fuel tank of the vehicle as well as our own, but check on chips at three locations that bracketed the intersection. The first stop was at the location of the former Grand Forks Convention and Visitors Bureau. However, the hotel that hosts these games did not open the bar until 4:00 pm and the table games did not open until 6:00 pm. Not to be deterred, we found the headquarters for this charity at the other end of the parking lot. However, they were no longer in the gaming business and had sold both their chips and equipment to the Minot Junior Golf charity.

Around the bend and on the opposite corner was Listen Development Center (mentioned earlier from my trip to Mayville). Not only were they open, they brought back their \$2 chips that were removed earlier when they added the \$25 chip to the rack and I was glad to finally add this long missing chip to my collection!



After taking care of the car and ourselves, we were off again! After securing our rooms (just to be on the safe side so that we would not once again need to go begging for a roost to rest), I quickly checked the racks at Spirit Lake to see if there was anything new. This was necessary since the tables are not open early in the morning which is when we were planning to make our getaway, and like many Native American casinos in this part of the country, they will not sell you chips from the cage. The poker room uses the same rack as the main tables, and although I did notice some No

Cash Value chips, I could not talk them out of any.

With maps in tow, the first stop was the Lake Regions Corporation. To say that some North Dakota Charity casino chips are “different” would be an understatement, and this was to be the case here as well. The Attorney General’s Office, which is in charge of gaming, assigns a unique letter-number combination to each charity for record keeping purposes. The numbers are used to identify the charity while the letters denote either separate locations and/or different forms of gaming. Thus,, the first location/permit would be A-####, while the second would be B-####, etc. While these numbers appear on the various lists available that detail the charities and operations in the state, that was the only place I had seen these numbers in use. Until now that is! As there on the chips was the number that had been assigned by the state! Go figure!



It appears that there had been at least one re-order of the original rack when table limits were \$2 and that one rack had the denominations WITH the zeros while the other rack did not. The \$5 chips were no doubt ordered after the table limits were raised from \$2 to \$5. There are no \$25 chips from this location.

Next up was the Devil's Lake Rural Fire Department, which also had a variety of chips and molds on the tables – as well as paddle wheel chips!

The last stop for the evening before heading back to the casino to try our hand with lady luck and rest our weary bones was the Devil's Lake Youth Activities. Actually, this was several stops as there is one obsolete rack (H&C) as well as two different Chipco style racks in play. One of the in-play racks actually has the name of the establishment (Lotta's) as part of the design – another first (for me at least) for chips from North Dakota!



The ride home was uneventful but the trip was very much a success! I only wonder what adventures await me on my annual cross-country trek to the club's convention.

While not part of the above road trips, I would be remiss if I did not mention a very nice chip acquired from Luke Rapley from the Women's Alliance, Dickinson, North Dakota.



"Queen City" is the nickname for Dickinson. The "proper" name is shown on later racks from this charity.

Somewhat closer to home, and with an assist from Lee O'Dell, is an anniversary chip from Canterbury Card Club, Minnesota.



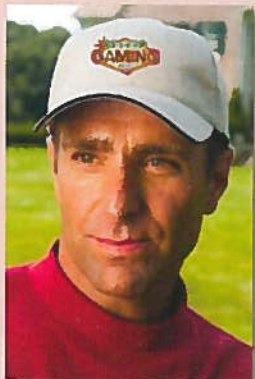
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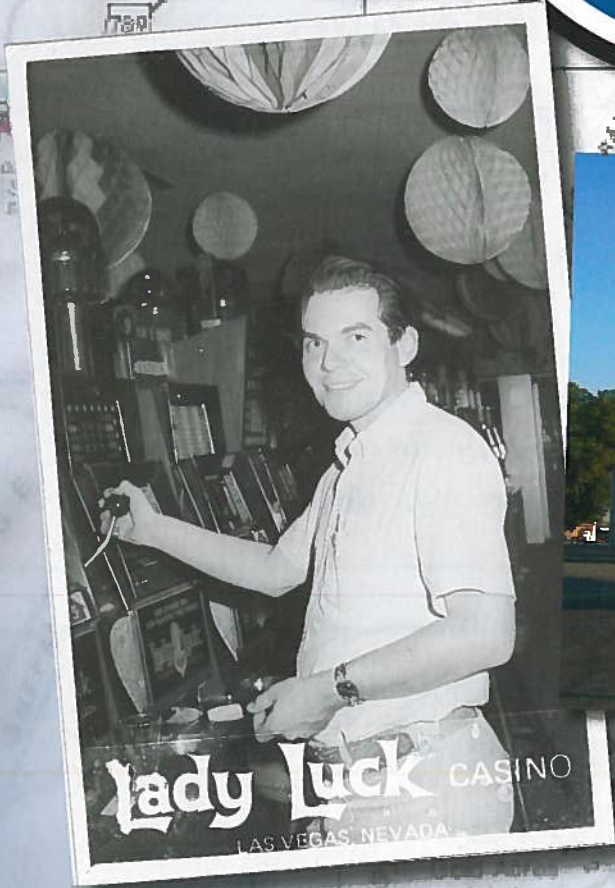
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Phil's Forays



In the last issue, Phil was "Living Large in Las Vegas" A story that originally ran in the summer of 1999. This time Phil has written a new article about a long ago and a recent trip to the northern most part of Nevada.

McDermitt, NV by Phil Jensen

After I began collecting chips in earnest around 1969 I realized that my favorite activity was traveling to the

small towns of Nevada and not only acquiring chips but also stories and history as well.

One of the things I did was to keep a road map and trace all the highways and back roads I traveled. Naturally I wanted to mark off as many out of the way places as I could so I made going to small towns a priority.

So it was in the early 1970's that I gassed up the truck and set out for McDermitt Nevada - 75 miles due north of Winnemucca.

There was only one casino, the "Say When" but I was glad to add their \$5.00 chip to my collection. There were also a couple of bars and a neat old hotel to explore. I took photos of all the places and when I returned in May of 2010 I re-took them from about the same vantage point. The following pictures show what 35 years will do to some places. Hope you get a kick out of them.

Chip images courtesy of Larry Hollibaugh and www.renocasinochips.com



Rocky View Inn, Orovada, NV

Located 30 miles south of McDermitt. Unfortunately it was closed when I passed through town. Light were on inside so I assumed it would be open later. I remember it being farther off the road but maybe the road was re-aligned. The building was the same although several changes had been made. It appears that the sign had been replaced also.
(Left Rocky View Inn in the 1970's, below in 2010)



Quinn River Mercantile, McDermitt, NV

I remember it being a well-stocked store with just about anything you might need to subsist in McDermitt. It appeared to have been converted to a furniture store, but was closed.

(Above: Quinn River Mercantile in the 1970's, and in 2010 at right.)



Say When Casino, McDermitt, NV

Opened in 1977 this is the main business in town and the only place you could get a beer. I remember it having a couple of "21" tables when I first went there but the tables had been removed several years ago. It has undergone three expansions since it opened. I remember the thrill of finding chips many years ago. The slots were good, I won \$200.

(Left: Say When Casino in the 1970's, and in 2010 below.)



White Horse Inn, McDermitt, NV

I was really disappointed at the run down condition of this place. It was closed and the interior had been devastated. Some one appeared to be running an on-again, off again rock shop out front. As I was taking pictures, the owner appeared and said she was restoring the building. I didn't believe it. I preferred to remember it when it was a nice bar-restaurant-hotel operation, even though there was no live gaming.

(Below: White Horse Inn in the 1970's, and in 2010 at right.)



Ore-Vada Hotel and Bar, McDermitt, NV

Same owner as the White Horse. The bar had operated up until a year or so ago. The hotel was also closed. I guess the pink paint job was the owners idea of restoration. I thought it was an eyesore.

(Left: Ore-Vada in the 1970's, and in 2010 below.)



Desert Inn, McDermitt, NV

I was really disappointed that the place was closed the day I visited, although it usually opened on weekends according to the locals. Through the window I could see it was exactly the same as I remember it in the 70's. The outside had been extensively remodeled. I always wondered if it had live gaming years ago.

(Above: Desert Inn in the 1970's, and in 2010 at right.)



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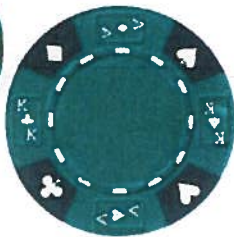
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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc.

The annual meeting of the Corporation was held on June 26, 2010 at the South Point Hotel in 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.

Jim Steffner acted as chairperson and Dawn Satter recorded the minutes.

The chairperson called the meeting to order at 11:10 am.

The following directors were present at the meeting:

Jim Steffner - President
Jay Sands - Vice President
Doug Smith - Treasurer
Dawn Satter - Secretary
Steve Bedo - Membership

Club Legal Counsel, Eric Rosenblum acted as parliamentarian and 33 members attended.

Motion from the floor to suspend reading of and to accept the minutes from the 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented at the meeting:

Doug Smith - Treasurer

The club is now back in the black. The club magazine publisher has been changed. Registration fees have been lowered this year and things are looking good this year financially.

Sandi Steffner - Convention

Chairman Steffner thanked all of the convention volunteers. Call for club members to encourage children and younger members to get involved in the hobby.

Volunteer Awards to Club Committee Chairmen/Directors and Convention Volunteer heads were presented.

Jim Steffner - President

Travis Lewis has stepped down as Claims Director. The Board of Directors is looking for a replacement for this position. The convention is going well and we are looking forward to a bright convention future.

President Steffner called on Election Co-chair, Mary Ann Massey to give the Election Report

2010 CC>CC Election Results

Eleven nomination forms for the CC>CC Officers and Board Of Directors were received, with one voided due to no signature.

The following members received a nomination and second from current CC>CC members, but respectfully declined the nomination:

Jim Follis - Vice President
Jay Sands - Vice President

The following members received a nomination and second from current CCGTCC members and accepted the nomination:

Sheldon Smith, Vice President - Unopposed
Doug Smith, Treasurer - Unopposed
Steve Bedo, Membership Officer - Unopposed

In summary, the newly elected 2010 CCGTCC Officers and Board of Directors, for a two-year term--2010 to 2012, are:

Sheldon Smith - Vice President
Doug Smith - Treasurer
Steve Bedo - Membership Officer

The Election Committee, consisting of Bruce & Mary Ann Massey, Election Committee Co-Chairmen, and Ralph Myers, met on Saturday, May 22, 2010 to validate and count the ballots received for the 2010 Constitutional Amendment Election.

A total of 154 ballots were received which represents less than 9% of the current CCGTCC membership. Of the ballots received, 53 were from members who had not voted in the previous election. Six ballots were determined to be invalid.

The results of the election for Constitutional Amendments are as follows:

<input type="checkbox"/> #1 - Life Members	Total 148	Yes 138	No 10
<input type="checkbox"/> #2 - Legal Counsel	Total 141	Yes 134	No 7

Constitutional Amendments #'s 1 and 2 received the required 2/3 majority of votes and, therefore, passed.

In summary, the 2010 CCGTCC Officers and Board of Directors are:

Jim Steffner - President
Sheldon Smith - Vice President
Dawn Satter - Secretary
Doug Smith - Treasurer
Steve Bedo - Membership Officer

The Vice President, Treasurer and Membership Officer have been elected for a two year term (2010-2012).

The above results are hereby submitted for certification by a vote of the current Officers and Board of Directors.

President Steffner accepted the Committee's report and called for a motion to certify the Election. Membership Officer Bedo moved to certify the Election and a second was received from Treasurer Smith.

The BoD voted unanimously to certify the Election.

Report accepted

Steve Bedo - Membership Officer

870 Members

36 Honorary Members

236 Life Members (225 are active)

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270 Associate Members

Losing members at the rate of 150-200 per year.

Archie Black was presented with the Recruiter of the Year award.

Cards were and will be sent out again to former members asking them to rejoin/come back to the club.

Old Business -

None

New Business -

Questions/Comments

Question: *Can passes be given to members to give out for free admission into the convention?*

President Steffner stated that this will be discussed by the BoD.

Question: *Can the club be advertised at the World Series of Poker?*

President Steffner stated that this is cost prohibitive.

Suggestion: *Members to solicit new membership by including membership applications in seller ebay shipments.*

Members discussed carrying membership applications with them. Membership Officer Steve Bedo offered to mail applications to any members that may need them to hand out to potential members.

Question: *What is the policy on smoking in the convention space?*

President Steffner stated that it is state law that smoking is not allowed in the convention space/area and that this policy was not made by the club or the BoD.

New Business:

Swearing in of new Officers/Board of Directors

Eric Rosenblum - Parliamentarian, administered the oath of office to:

Sheldon Smith - Vice President

Doug Smith - Treasurer

Steve Bedo - Membership Officer

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Satter, Secretary

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- Every member must make an effort not to confuse the public or lead the public to think that the member represents or speaks for the Club, other than those officers who actually do speak for the Club or those who have been authorized by the Board to speak for the Club.
- No event, show, auction or convention shall use the Club name, logo or symbol for any reason whatsoever unless it is an event, show, auction or convention run by the Club.
- The Board has approved a “Member’s Logo” which contains the member’s membership number. Only that logo may be used by members in their advertising, promotions, business cards, auctions, etc.
- Any other use of the Club name, logo or symbol must be submitted to the Board of Directors for their approval prior to such use.
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Example



Please contact the Secretary for a copy of the logo with your membership number on it.

CC>CC Mentoring Program

Introduction

The program is offered free of charge and available to everyone. The Mentoring Program is specifically designed for new casino chip collectors offering a wealth of information and experience of our seasoned casino chip and memorabilia collectors.

Seasoned collectors have gone through many a trial and tribulation, learning as they go and learning from their mistakes over the years. Knowledge increases little by little over time as we absorb what we can from our interactions with other collectors and individual experiences. If one is going to learn from mistakes, isn't it always best to learn from someone else's mistakes?

Collecting has many forks in its windy road, and is filled with many potential unwise choices, but our experienced collectors will help guide the beginner down the path.

Quite often a new collector just happens to stumble onto a casino chip online message board or web site. They most likely have just a few chips, no price guides and no real idea of the best way to proceed with their new hobby. They often times have no idea how vast chip collecting is. That's where we come in!

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- Discover the many different collecting areas of casino memorabilia.
- Learn from the pros, what's valuable and what's not!

The Program

Simply go to www.ccgccc.com, click on the "EDUCATION" button to the top of the page. From there click on the "CC>CC Mentoring Program" link and a questionnaire/application will download to your computer, print out and complete the questionnaire/application and mail it to the address provided. The questions are designed to best identify your interests and to match you with a suitable mentor for your particular collecting interests.

Initial Stage: lasts for a period of 30 days. During this time, both parties will be encouraged to communicate back and forth through e-mails, and/or telephone. The mentee (new collector) will be open to ask any and all questions he may be interested in, and the mentor (experienced collector) will address the questions, giving advice and direction.

At the conclusion of the initial 30-day initial stage, the program chairman will contact both parties to see if both wish to continue. If both parties are pleased with how things are going, they may choose to continue for an additional 11 months. This short initial period is particularly good for beginners who just need a little help and direction while getting started.

Either the mentee or the mentor can conclude the relationship at anytime. This may need to be done because of unforeseen real life issues that may arise.

The program will continue for a maximum period of one year from the beginning of the initial active date, with a review after six months.

Mentoring Program Director, Terry Shaffer R-5645
terryshaffer@hotmail.com

CC>CC 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 Jay Sands.
3. V.P. Sands will make an initial determination on the Claim.
4. If further action or investigation is warranted, V.P. Sands 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 V.P. Sands.

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.ccgccc.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 V.P. Sands. We will notify the membership once this format is available.

Reward Fund

Several years ago, the Club had a standing offer to help deter theft of member's collections. Somewhere along the way it was either dropped, forgotten or just faded into obscurity. The Board has voted to reintroduce the reward offer. We would like to thank Jim Reilly for his research and assistance with this project. The terms of the offer are similar to those used by the ANA. Please contact any member of the BOD for further information.

The Club offers a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons charged with the theft of any part of a club member's collection.

The Club will pay a reward as follows:

- If the retail value of the stolen property is less than \$5,000, the reward is \$250
- If \$5000 to \$20,000, the reward is \$500
- If greater than \$20,000, the reward is \$1000.

The purpose of this reward offer is to increase the likelihood of apprehending and convicting those who steal from club members, as well as to increase the likelihood of recovering the stolen property. The reward offer, however, is not intended to reimburse any club member's loss. It is each member's responsibility to maintain insurance against losses of this kind.

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Reference Center

Welcome to the CC>CC Reference Center! Here you will find useful information on the hobby of casino chip and gaming token collecting.

[Casino Chip & Token News](#) - A publication of the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club

This official club quarterly is a must-read for every casino collectible enthusiast.

For The Beginner

- [CCGTCC Mentoring Program](#) - Help others or find help for yourself!
- [2005 Buyer's Guide to Casino Collectibles](#) - Be an informed collector!
- **Ask The Expert!** - a list of CC>CC members who have volunteered to answer your questions.
- [Chip Conditions](#) - an official list of CC>CC sanctioned terminology used to describe chip condition.
- [Glossary](#) - an extensive list of the terminology used in our hobby - a "Chiptionary", if you will.
- [Chip FAQ](#) - a huge list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding our hobby.
- [Chipology 101](#) - a great intro-to-chipping seminar presented at the national convention.
- [Cleaning Chips](#) - a good primer on cleaning casino chips.
- [Mold Designs](#) - Robert Eisenstadt's mold design project.

Detailed Reference

- [Fakes/Fantasy/Counterfeits](#) - a large list of fake, fantasy, and counterfeit chips - includes pictures.
- [Brass Core](#) - a thorough presentation of the brass core controversy.
- [Fraternal Order of Eagles](#) - Aeries listed numerically
- [Cancelled Chips](#) - Nevada Casino Chips Known To Exist Cancelled

Books, Magazine Articles, etc.

- [Club Library](#) - a list of club reference material that you can check-out and use.
- [Gaming In Atlantic City](#) - by Steve Piccolo
- [Playboy Cheques, Chips & Tokens](#) - by Tom Stroh
- [Knapp on Books](#) - A series of book reviews by Michael Knapp
- [The Flamingo Capri Revisited](#) - by Mike Quinlivan
- [Casino Chip and Token News](#) - Back issues

The Education section of the CC>CC web site offers valuable information on chip collecting, whether you're new to the hobby or have been collecting for years.

In this section you will find reference material about fakes and counterfeits, cancelled chips, brass core chips and much more. *Ask The Expert* gives you access to over 50 collectors who can answer any question about collecting. Each collector is an expert in a particular field. Whether it's casino chips, tokens, silver strikes, ashtrays, dice or collecting by state, country or casino, you can find help here.

Check out the club library for books or search for articles on the *Casino Chip and Token News* web site. Other publications and articles are also free to download.

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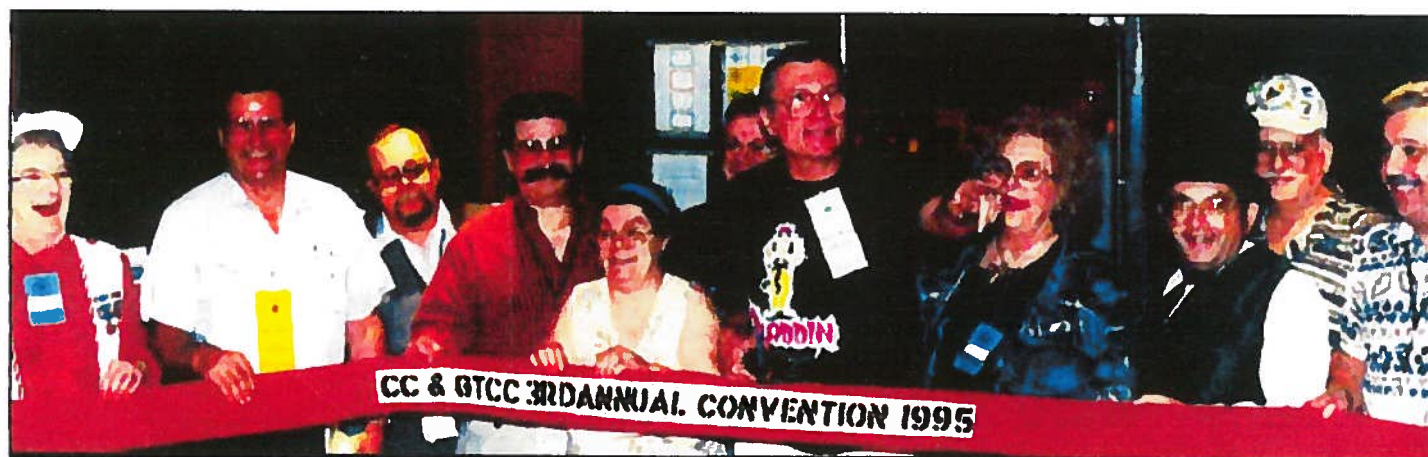


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