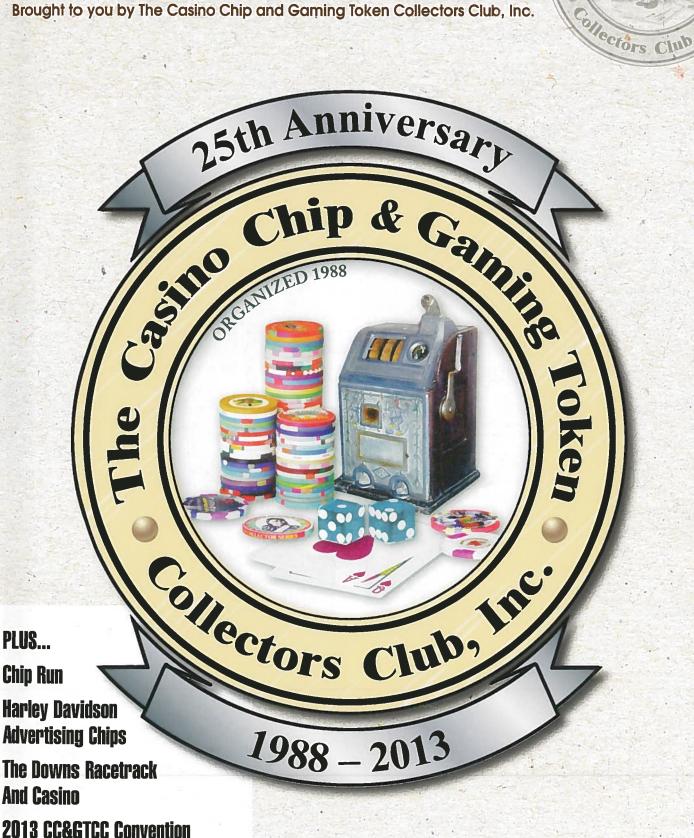
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Doug Smith President

President's Letter

It's hard to believe that the 2013 convention has come and gone and what a GREAT convention we had. Our 21st turned out to be a huge success and there are so many people to thank.

I personally want to thank Mike and Corni for a super job once again. I also want to thank the dealers, volunteers, committee chairs, award winners, seminar and banquet speakers, donors, my fellow BOD members, and every single person who attended. We could never put on the fantastic event we do every year without each and every one of you.

I was particularly impressed by the huge success of the annual convention raffle where there were more donors and tickets sold than ever before. The 2013 raffle raised more than \$3,300 for the club. Congratulations to the raffle winners and thanks again to all that donated and purchased tickets.

A very popular item at this years convention was the special \$25 scrip plaques that were raffled off to those that pre-registered. With only 8 of these gorgeous plaques handed out each year. The program was a huge hit and wildly popular. If you didn't pre-register in 2013, don't miss out on the opportunity next year. This is one of several great benefits only available to those that pre-register.

Please join me in congratulating this years newest HOF member Steve Passalacqua and Presidents Award winners Todd Barrett and George Dmitrevsky who were all very deserving of such recognition.

Thanks again to EVERYONE that made the 2013 convention so special and see you in 2014!!!!!!

Doug "Cigarman" Smith LM-3209-147 Proud President of the CC>CC

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8543	Limon	David	TX	Pearland	Club Website
8544	Casey	Kevin	TX	Houston	Club Website
8545	Henderson	Tom	MS	Clinton	Club Website
8546	Popadowski	John	AZ	Kingman	Club Website
8547	Tomaszewski	Anthony	WI	Janesville	Club Website
8548	Miller	Eric	NV	Gardnerville	James Campiglia
8549	Bula	Gene	WI	Plainfield	Club Website
8550	Stenger	Chuck	MN	Mendota Hts	Brian Wagner
8551	Sallen	David	IA	Fort Madison	Club Website
8552	Slupesky	Mark	CA	Berkeley	Club Website
8553	Choma	Bernard	NV	Las Vegas	Gerald O'Neal
8554	Cooper	Matt	GA	Canton	Club Website
8555	Resor	Joseph	NC	Brevard	Club Website
8556	Yanagi	Matthew	CA	San Diego	Club Website
8557	Millard	Edward	NV	Las Vegas	Convention
8558	Baffa	Bob	NV	Las Vegas	Convention
8559	Diskin	Richard	NV	Las Vegas	Convention
8560	Weaver	Herb	MO	Manchester	Convention
8561	Riggs	Rick	ОН	Waynesville	Convention
8562	Turrini	Michael S.	CA	Vallejo	Gary Acquistapace
8563	Dick	Scott	TX	Lake Jackson	Doug Smith
8564	Watanabe	Joseph	CA	Beaumont	Former Member
8565	Hoffman	Christopher	NE	Lincoln	Andy Hughes
8566	Smith-Leach	Nancy	MO	Mt. Vernon	Club Website
8567	Buffham	Scott	TX	Plano	Club Website
8568	Louis	Angelo		United Kingdom	Club Website
8569	Cantor	Gary	PA	Merion Station	Club Website
8570	Watson	Arlene	FL	Tampa	Edward Norris
8571	Ouimet	Dean	TX	Will Point	Club Website

If you are a new member & you don't see your name listed, it's because you did NOT chose the "Publish" option.

Call for Hall of Fame Recommendations for 2014



Membership in the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club's Hall of Fame is the Club's highest honor. Each year several members are considered for induction into the Hall of Fame, based on the recommendations of the Club's members.

Consideration is given to their contributions to the hobby as a whole, their contributions to the Club, their impact on the hobby and on the Club, and their exemplary integrity and adherence to the principles upon which the Club was founded. There have been one, two or three new members selected each year since the inauguration of the Hall of Fame in 1998. The names of the members of the Hall of Fame appear below.

The selection of honorees each year is made by the Hall of Fame Committee, which consists of all living members of the HoF. The input of the membership in the selection process is indispensable. The members of the HoF cannot know every member of the Club, nor have knowledge of the contributions to the Club and the hobby that may have been made by each member.

Enclosed with this issue of Casino Collectible News is a recommendation form which we urge you to complete and submit to us so that we may consider the contributions of those members who you believe deserve the Club's highest recognition. Please provide as much information as possible so that the Committee can give it full consideration. The form may be mailed as indicated on the form itself, or your recommendation may be sent to the committee by e-mail.

The deadline for submissions is February 1, 2014, and the final selections, if any, will be announced at the Club's annual convention in Las Vegas. Only members recommended in the current year will be considered by the Committee. It is therefore important to recommend a member you believe to be deserving, even though you may have done so in the past.

Please take the time to recommend those you feel should receive the Hall of Fame honor.

The members of the Hall of Fame, in alphabetical order:

Allan Anderson Archie A. Black Carey Burke Harvey Fuller (deceased) Howard Herz Belinda Hixon Phil Jensen Michael Knapp Jim Kruse Bruce Landau (deceased)

Mark Lighterman

Robert Mera (deceased) Allan Myers

Janice O'Neal (deceased) Steve Passalacqua Charles T. Rodgers Eric S. Rosenblum Douglas Saito Dale Seymour Mike Skelton Jim Steffner (Chairman) Greg Susong (deceased) Wayne Thompson Gene Trimble Ernie Wheelden

For biographies of the HoF members, please visit the Club website at http://www.ccgtcc.com/hall_of_fame.html

Jim Steffner Hall of Fame Committee Chairman



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The Greg Susong Digital Media Center is dedicated to Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club Hall of Fame member Greg Susong. Greg is one of those who brought the Internet to chip and token collecting. His website, The ChipGuide, was one of the first sites devoted entirely to chip and token collecting, and serves as a tremendous resource for collectors throughout the world. His work has been kindly donated to the Museum and will be continued to be updated at the Museum of Gaming History.

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Of Literary Note

by the club Librarian, John K. Kallman P.O. Box 122 Sartell, MN 56377 librarian@ccgtcc.com

Another convention is in the books! Each year, the drive from here to there, and back again seems to get just a bit longer, but none the less, well worth the time spent of the road!

Archie Black donated a copy of 2013 edition of Atlantic City Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens.

The club donated a copy of the Convention Program along with a Black & White and Color copies of the Bruce Landau Memorial Auction.

Somewhere along the road, I acquired the following items:

Arizona Player Gaming and Entertainment Guide Ante Up, June 2013 Southwest Poker News, June 2013 Card Player, Volume 26, Number 12 Poker Player, Volume 16, Number 25

James Campiglia donated the following items:

The Chip Rack, 6th, 9th, 10th editions The Gaming Table, Revised edition The Obsolete Casino Chips of Puerto Rico by George Davis Club Auction Catalogs from 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 Riverboat Casinos Chip & Token Guide by Clyde Massaro Collecting Casino Dice by George Martin

2012 Convention DVD

Book: Yes, You Can Win! by Bob Stupak.

And finally, a copy of my recently published book: Ship Chips & Tokens – 2013!

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2013 CC>CC Election Results

The following report was presented at the CCGTCC Annual Business Meeting by Mary Ann and Bruce Massey, Election Co-Chairs, on June 22, 2013:

The nominations for the 2013 CCGTCC Officers and Board of Directors were submitted and tallied. 13 nomination forms were received.

One member received one nomination for President. Per the CCGTCC Constitution, a member must receive two nominations to be eligible to run for Office.

Jim Follis received a nomination and a second from current CCGTCC members for Secretary, but respectfully declined the nomination:

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

> President: Doug Smith Secretary: David Spragg

A ballot vote was not required since the above Board of Directors positions were uncontested. The above nominees were elected to the respective offices by acclamation. The term for the Offices of President and Secretary will be two years (2013 - 2015).

Re the 2013 CCGTCC Constitutional Amendment Ballot:

We, along with CCGTCC Members, Walter Tarby and Anthony Tricoli, counted the 2013 CCGTCC Constitutional Amendment Ballots on May 24, 2013.

Total Received:116 [Represents 7.6% of the active 1,531 members as of April 28, 2013]

Total Voided:

Total Valid:

107

Results:

Yes = 86

No = 21

The CCGTCC Constitution requires 2/3 majority of valid ballots cast to approve an Amendment. Therefore, the following Amendment is approved with 80.4% "YES" votes.

Article 5: Membership

C. Associate Members: Family and relatives of a Charter, Regular or Life Member in good standing. They are allowed access to functions restricted to "members," but they do not receive the club magazine nor can they hold office. They may vote on matters which are voted upon, but they must be provided with notices and duplicate ballots by the member they are attached to, not by the club.

The above Board of Directors' positions and Constitution Amendment results were submitted for certification by a vote of the current Officers and Board of Directors.



By Mike Quinlivan

By providing a short article in the Casino Collectable News magazine (starting with this issue), one of the MoGH board members will update the membership with the current status of MoGH projects and efforts. Updates will be provided in each subsequent issue of this magazine going forward.

For those members (new and established) that may not be aware of what the MoGH is all about, the mission of the Museum of Gaming History (MoGH) is to preserve collections, artifacts and archives for the purpose of educating the public through exhibitions, programs and information. For more details, please visit the MoGH website at www.themogh.org

Just prior to the 2013 convention, Mike Skelton resigned as chairman and member of the MoGH board. I know the decision was difficult for Mike, but due to ever increasing demands of his business, he felt he could no longer provide the time that is necessary for such an effort.

I would like to personally thank Mike Skelton for all of his efforts with regard to the MoGH, his leadership over the MoGH board and most of all, for his friendship over these past years. Even though we haven't found a home for our Club yet, through his leadership the foundation for reaching our goals has been laid. Mike tirelessly guided the MoGH off the ground by having the board educated in what it takes to establish a museum and by deploying the MoGH website (June 2008). There have also been leads for leasing space or being provided space within a casino property over the last few years. Unfortunately, these opportunities did not pan out and we find ourselves still at the starting line.

During the 2013 convention, the majority of the MoGH board convened for a breakfast meeting to determine who would take over as chairman. The MoGH board appointed me as chairman and Charles Kaplan was appointed vicechairman. Please join me in welcoming Charles to the board of directors of the MoGH.

So I thought we'd start off these quarterly updates by providing the membership with some of the details for the planned redesign of the MoGH website. There are other projects that are just getting started that will be reported on in future issues.

Museum of Gaming History – Website Redesign Project (Virtual Museum)

Project Objective

Redesign the website to make it a first-class, professional looking website making it easier to navigate while adding new features of interest to collectors and gaming historians.

Strategy

The MoGH home page will have the appearance of a modern Las Vegas Museum. Guests can visit museum rooms where they can access content as if they were visiting a physical museum. Rooms in the museum can be open to all visitors, restricted to CC>CC club members, or only available to Members of the Museum (additional fee). Several public and large museum websites will be surveyed to get ideas for the design of the new website.

Museum Rooms

Lobby Provides access to other rooms in the museum

Gallery Photo exhibits Theatre View videos

Library Gaming books and articles, The ChipGuide

News Room Current gaming news, the MoGH Blog, This Week in Gaming History Membership Office Information about CC>CC and Museum membership, mailing list

Press Room Press Releases

Museum Shop Museum Logo'ed items for sale

Administration Museum Mission, Officers, Contact Information

Implementation

The current website will remain active as the new website is prepared. Current website content will be integrated into the new website where possible or else redesigned. When the new museum is completed and approved, it will go live. There is ample capacity on the current website to accommodate the new virtual museum website.

Financial Support

At the current time, we do not foresee the need for any capital outlay in any aspect of this project. Charles Kaplan and Neal Silverman will primarily head this virtual museum project. Hopefully one of them will be able to provide an update on the status of the MoGH website redesign in the next issue.

That's it for now. We welcome your comments. You may contact any one of the board members at any time. Information on how to reach us can be found on the MoGH website (www.themogh.org) currently listed on the right side under "Contact". Please be sure to visit the MoGH website often!!

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Visit the Museum of Gaming History at www.themogh.org. The on-line museum has many great features including "This Week in Gaming History", On line videos, plus, 1000's of photos and scans are being loaded.

CC>CC Convention 2013

By Mike and Corni Quinlivan, Convention Co-Chairs

Photography by Mark Lighterman and Dick Covington

The Club's 2,1st annual convention was held at the South Point Hotel Casino and Spa in Las Vegas from June 19th to the 22nd. The event drew steady attendance, and the Saturday free admission day was well attended. The South Point continues to provide a quality facility and unsurpassed service to make our annual show

come off without a hitch and was again a fabulous host for our events. Their staff provided great service, anticipating our needs, and offering superlative service to our dealers and members. There were some new dealers to help fill all of the tables, as a few of our regular dealers could not make it this year. Several people took advantage of the South Point's card promotion, exchanging player credits for \$50 gasoline cards. A nice way to pay for the ride home for many of us!

In keeping with the Blackjack theme, our Banquet



dinner had a "Vintage Blackjack" menu. The sit down dinner menu included Hearts of Romaine Salad with Bay Shrimp, Parisienne Potatoes and Asparagus Tips, with a choice of Roast Prime Rib, Breast of Cornish Hen or Poached Medallions of fresh Salmon, topped off with Cherries

Jubilee. Positive comments were received from several attendees about the food selections and the quality of food.

And now on to the awards: Congratulations to Steve Passalacqua for becoming the 25th member to enter the CC>CC Hall of Fame. Michael Knapp proudly presented the prestigious award to Steve.









Steve Passalacqua is inducted into the Hall of Fame by Hall of Fame Chairman Michael Knapp



Terry Shaffer receiving the Janice O'Neil Memorial Book of the Year award from President Doug Smith

Terry Shaffer won the Janice O'Neil Memorial Book of the Year award for the book entitled "Illegal Gambling Clubs of Toledo". Tony Van Hook won the award for the Harvey J. Fuller Magazine of the Year for "Jackpot, Nevada" Vol 25 #4.

President Smith presented George Dmitrevsky a Presidential Award for dedicated service for chairing pre-registration for the past several conventions. Doug Smith also presented Todd Barrett a Presidential Award for dedicated service as magazine editor, calendar editor and graphics designer for many items, including all of the graphics used for this year's convention. Congratulations to all of the winners.



George Dmitrevsky receiving the Presidential award from President Doug Smith



In addition to the above Club awards being handed out during the banquet, the 3rd Annual Greg Susong Memorial Award was presented to the person that the members of the CC>CC felt made the greatest contributions to the Club and the chip-collecting hobby throughout 2012. The finalists for the 2013 award were Roy Nelson, Doug Smith, Neal Silverman and Gene Trimble. After the membership voted, Gene Trimble was declared the winner. Steve Bedo presented the award to this year's deserving recipient.

This year's early bird banquet speaker was Alexandra Epstein, Executive Vice President and partner of the El Cortez Hotel & Casino in downtown Las Vegas. She discussed a few details of how the El Cortez has been an active participant in the continuing revitalization effort of the downtown area. Her family supported her by attending the banquet. Her father, Kenny, also came up to the podium to answer a few questions. Former owner Jackie Gaughan's mantra was always "What's good for downtown is good for the El Cortez". Alex stated that is how the El Cortez continues to do business today.



Guest speaker Alexandra Epstein and her father Kenny



Kentucky Bourbon bottles created and donated by Jerry Vergatos. Each bottle had a Hall of Fame members picture and name etched on it.



Thursday, June 20th was the 21st Annual Convention opening day. Although pre-opening was at 9:30AM for those members that pre-registered, the official opening was held at 10:00AM outside of the Ballroom entrance. President Smith and Mike Quinlivan shared the ribbon cutting duties while the rest of the board of directors looked on. As the doors opened and as you entered the bourse floor, one could see a very large room full of dealers, exhibits, and club related tables. Shortly after the convention opened to general admission, a delicious cake celebrating the 25th anniversary of the CC>CC was available to the convention attendees.

The raffles went very well this year. President Smith called out 16 prize packages in total; 6 on Thursday, 6 on Friday and 4 on Thursday, 3 packages had to

be shipped to the winners that were not in attendance at the time of the raffle. The Club sold 435

raffle tickets, which was more than expected, and raised \$3,319, after expenses, for the Club treasury. Another raffle was again held just for the dealers this year. Prizes were supplied by the South Point and included dinners to Primarily Prime Rib, won by Ernie Wheeldon and Don Vito's Italian Restaurant, won by Mike Robison, passes to the Garden Buffet, won by Jerry Birl and Baja Miguels, won by David Spragg.

Bob Pardue and Gene Trimble once again chaired the Blackjack and Poker Tournaments that were held at the South Point Hotel and Casino. Dr. Irwin Gross won the Blackjack Tournament and William Conklin was the winner of the Poker Tournament. Please see Bob Pardue's article regarding the tournaments for more detail.

The Bruce Landau Memorial Auction was again held on Thursday night. The total profit on this year's auction was approximately \$7,200, which was lower than last year. The highlight of the auction, sold at both the banquet and the auction, were lim-

ited edition bottles of special Kentucky bourbon that were engraved with both the Club logo and the MOGH logo. Those bottles alone brought in nearly \$1,400.



David Spragg and Tyrus Mulkey auctioning off the limited edition bottles of Kentucky Bourbon donated by Jerry Vergatos



Dr. David Schwartz

Rick Pokracki. as Education Director again this year, did an excellent job putting together a fine assortment of seminars for this year's convention. On Thursday morning, Dr. David Schwartz spoke about gambling history research frustrations. In the afternoon Charles Kaplan discussed the status of the Chip Guide. On Friday morning, Charles Kaplan presented Chip Scanning 101. Later that after-

noon, Ed Hertel and Gene Trimble gave the Illegal Seminar of the year, an encore to last year. There was something for everyone, including information about identifying illegal chips and locations. The highlight was the passing out of several chips from some of the areas discussed.

Jim Follis and Casey Focazio-Follis presented the OTY's on Saturday, June 22nd. To see whom the winners and runner-ups were, please see their article elsewhere in this issue. Belinda Hixon provided several bags for junior members this year. All of the kids had fun and came away with some pretty good stuff.

We provided "build your own sandwiches", salads and some delectable desserts at the volunteer reception that was held on Saturday evening June 22nd. This has been an



Al Moè

annual event to thank all of the members that volunteer their time for the convention and throughout the year. We ended up with more than 70 attendees. Our guest speaker Al Moe, CC>CC member and author of "Vegas and the Mob", talked about his new book. After the question and answer period, Al graciously signed and handed out his newest book. It was a fitting way to end the convention.



Set-up volunteers; Jim Steffner, Sandi steffner, Paul Bender, Barb Bender, MaryAnn Masseu, Rick Pokracki, Bruce Massey, Joe Pavlic, Bill Lang

We would like to thank the Club's Board of.
Directors and all of the Convention Committee Chairs and
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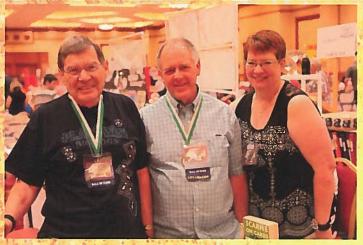
We hope that everyone, from club members to dealers and to newbies walking onto the bourse floor for the first time had a great experience at our convention. If you weren't able to attend this year, we hope to see you next year.

Corni and I will return as Convention Co-Chairs for 2014. But more importantly, all of the current Convention Committee Chairs have agreed to return next year as well!!!



Club Auction

Faces in the Crowd



Phil Jensen, Howdy and Kregg Herz



David Spragg, David Sarles (sitting) amd Jay Sands



Gene Trimble, Christine Smith and Steve Passalacqua



Tammy Kongsrud



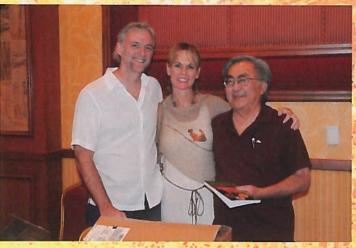
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Allan McCurdy receives the 8th annual "SPLASHY" award from Brian "Mr. Splashbar" Cashman



Jerry Vergatos, Doc Irwin Gross, Carl Osborne, Jerry Birl, Jim Follis and Jim Steffner

Blackjack & Poker Tournaments

By Robert Pardue

The CC>CC 2013 convention sponsored Blackjack and Poker tournaments again this year at the South Point Hotel & Casino host hotel.

On Wednesday afternoon, June 19, the 11th Annual Blackjack event was played as a three-table tournament. After the preliminary and semi-final rounds, the 24-player field was reduced to 6 places at the final table. The finalists split the net prize pool, taking home \$175 winnings for each finalist. After playing a final round of hands to determine the winner of the framed set of commemorative chips, Dr. Irwin Gross took home the plaque and 1st place. Rounding out the other 5 finalists were club members Bryan Jimison, Tony Kreusch, Klaus Burger, Scott Snider and Steve Asrilant.

The club's 15th Annual Poker tournament, on Friday night, June 21, was held in South Point's Poker Room. No-limit Texas hold'em was the game, and after many rounds, the 75-player field was reduced to 8 finalists at the final table. The 4½ hour tournament ended with William Conklin as the champion this year, taking home \$1665 and a framed set of commemorative chips. The remaining finalists, in order of finish, were Todd Barrett (\$960), Allan McCurdy (\$570), Mark Lighterman (\$390), Al Moe (\$260), Steve Passalaqua (\$220), Art Ferreira (\$170) and Steve Miller (\$130).

A big thanks to the South Point tournament managers and dealers who make these tournaments possible, including Greg Fisher (Blackjack tournament) and Joe DiGiacomo (Poker tournament). Thanks also to Gene Trimble, and to David Spragg, for producing the 4-piece set of commemorative chips and the poker octagon "card cappers". It's been a pleasure coordinating these tournaments on behalf of the club for these past years.







Blackjack final table winners -- left to right Steve Asrilant, Klaus Burger, Tony Kreusch Dr. Irwin Gross (winner, with plaque), Scott Snider Bryan Jimison



Poker Tournament winner
Scott Sherrey (South Point - Poker Room)
William Conklin (Poker tournament winner)
Bob Pardue





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2012 OTY Awards

By Jim Follis

What a wonderful time at the Club's Annual Convention and Business Meeting. As has been pointed out already, this was the Club's 21st Anniversary Convention and 25th Anniversary!and what a remarkable event it was!

Congratulations are in order for the Venetian, the Four Queens and Ellis Island casinos for achieving First Place honors in the CKOTY, SSOTY and COTY Awards, respectively. We also congratulate Sunshine Mint and GPI-USA (Paul-Son) for their First Place honors in the manufacturer elements of the SSOTY and COTY Awards, again, respectively.

In a now familiar format and process, the OTY Award presentations were announced and handed out on the Convention Bourse floor at 12:00 noon on Friday. This allows the recipients to attend during their normal workhours and permits them to walk around the Bourse Floor both prior to and after the Awards ceremonies to see what our collecting World is all about!



For Slot Card or Room Key of the Year honors (CKOTY) the Venetian issued room key, in gold, commemorating the Chinese Lunar New Year, Year of the Dragon was a hands-down winner!

Unfortunately, the Venetian was available to receive their plaque, which will be mailed.

This key was published in 6 different colors, but the award went to the gold version.

Silver Strike of the Year honors (SSOTY) went to the Four Queens Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV for their "Limited Edition Ten Dollar GamingToken" commemorating Halloween 2012 with a depiction of a witch, pumpkin and several ghosts and was minted by Sunshine Minting.

In attendance at the presentation and accepting SSOTY Award recognition was Mr. Shaun Webster of the Four Queens, who also accepted the Award for Mr. Sean Sarr of Sunshine Minting.





Regrettably, again for 2012, there were no viable nominations for Token of the Year (TOTY) so it was decided to continue the suspension of the TOTY competition for the time being.

Chip of the Year honors (COTY) went to Ellis Island Brewery and Casino for their \$5 Limited Edition chip commemorating the 4th of July. This Limited Edition commemorative chip was manufactured by GPI-USA (Paul-Son Gaming) in a house mold. In attendance at the presentation and accepting COTY Award recognition was Mr. Michael Galatte of Ellis Island. Accepting for GPI-USA was Mr. C. Pearson Gorham of GPI and also the graphic artist designer.





Listed here, in the order for which they were listed in the Judge's Pamphlet were the Top Ten Finalists in each OTY category:

		Casino	Location	Description	Type			
CKOTY								
· A		Monte Carlo	Las Vegas, NV	Ignite the Night	key			
В		The D	Las Vegas, NV	"the D"	key			
C		Route 66	Rio Puerco, NM	"ROCK"	key			
D	10	Radisson	Aruba	"Winner's Circle"	key			
E		Monte Carlo	Las Vegas, NV	Blue Man Group	key			
F		The Orleans	Las Vegas, NV '	Rock A Billy' Weekend	key			
G		Venitian	Las Vegas, NV	Year of the Dragon	key			
Η	7.	Sugar House	Philadelphia, PA	Mummers	key			
Ι	10	Flamingo	Las Vegas, NV	Carlos' n Charlie's	key			
J		Fantasy Springs	Indio, CA	The Beach Boys	key			
SS	OT	Y						
A		El Cortez	Las Vegas, NV	70 Years	\$10			
В		Four Queens	Las Vegas, NV	Queen Hippolyta	\$10			
C		Four Queens	Las Vegas, NV	Side-Winder	\$10			
D		Mirage	Las Vegas, NV	Winston	\$10			
E		Four Queens	Las Vegas, NV	Halloween Witch	\$10			
F		Four Queens	Las Vegas, NV	Halloween Headless Horseman	\$10			
G		Four Queens	Las Vegas, NV	America's Armed Forces	\$300			
Н	2.5	Four Queens	Las Vegas, NV	Queen Hippolyta	\$300			
I	1 7	Four Queens	Las Vegas, NV	St. Patrick's Day	\$300			
J.		Sam's Town	Las Vegas, NV	1967 427 Roadster	\$10			
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A	10	Palms	Las Vegas, NV	Year of the Dragon	\$8			
В		Hard Rock	Las Vegas, NV	Halloween R.I.P.	\$5			
-C.		Monte Carlo	Las Vegas, NV	Blue Man Group	\$5			
D		The Orleans	Las Vegas, NV	Poker Room Drop Chip	\$3			
E	in .	Circu Circus	Las Vegas, NV	house/rack chip	\$1			
F		Montbleu	Lake Tahoe, NV	Freakers Ball	\$5			
G		the D	Las Vegas, NV	house/rack chip	\$5			
H	-	Four Queens	Las Vegas, NV	Halloween	\$5			
I		Ellis Island	Las Vegas, NV	4th of July	\$5			
J		Palms	Las Vegas, NV	4th of July	\$5			
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Left to Right Michael Galatte (COTY) Ellis Island Shaun Webster (SSOTY) Four Queens C. Pearson Gorham (COTY) GPI-USA Jim Follis, OTY Awards Chairman Casey Focazio-Follis, Assistant OTY Chairman

Casey (the Assistant OTY Chairman) and I would like to thank the many Official OTY Judges for their participation in this Awards program of the CC>CC, Inc. We thank also the participating Club members that loaned us OTY Nominees for display at the Convention, as well as those who provided quality scans of each Nominee for use in the Official Judge's Pamphlet and Un-Official OTY Candidates Viewing Site (on-line).

In no particular order, those individuals include:

Ralph Myers, Brian "Splashman" Cashman, Larry and Alice Kopp, Esther Barker, Jim Silva, Dennis Berry, Allan Anderson, Barry Hauptman, Archie Black, Tony Tricoli, Rob Lange, Robert Reno, Michael Siskin, Bob Hiestand, William Cohenour and Mark and Myrna Lighterman. A special thanks also to my son Casey for his receipt and organizing of the Nominations and (mailed) Ballots. Casey is also responsible for the latch-hook rugs that are used in the two OTY Exhibit display cases.

Thanks are also in order for Larry and Alice Kopp and to William Cohenaur for their donations of the COTY and CKOTY winning items, and the SSOTY, respectively, for the Club's "Permanent Collection of All Past OTY Award Winners" which is displayed each year at the Convention. Thank you Larry, Alice and Willaim!

As always, it is an honor to run the OTY Awards contests for the Club!

CC>CC Raffle

The entire Board of Directors would personally like to extend our gratitude to the following people who made donations to the 2013 CC>CC Convention Raffle.

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Without the support of these donors along with all the people who made ticket purchases we could have never made this years raffle the huge success that it was.

THANK YOU ALL!!!!!

The People's Choice Rward

By Casey Focazio-Follis

We had quite a few entries for the People's Choice Award at this year's Convention. I thank each participant for sharing with the Club (and the public) parts of their collections. The Exhibits area was full! The variety touched on a large diversity of collecting interests. Jerry Birl, a perennial participant, offered many display cases of 'sample and advertising chips made by US manufactures' only related collectibles. Carl Osborne offered a display that gave some insight into the licensed gambling room at the Nevada State Prison.

Others had displays that ranged from the now gone Bourbon Street Casino, a tribute to the first 20 years of Club Conventions, to honoring the Hall of Famers, to showcasing some select error chips.

Congratulations are extended to Carl Osborne for his display of "Jailhouse Gaming II – More Escapees Found!" which was awarded 1st Place in the voting.

Coming in 2nd Place was Jerry Birl's Exhibit entitled, "A Special Selection of Sample and Advertising Chips from United States Manufacturers, Distributors and Gaming Suppliers" Congratulations Jerry!

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

Competitive Exhibits:

"Jailhouse Gaming II – More Escapees Found!" - Carl Osborne - R-7370

"A Selection of Manufactured Chips with Errors" - Jim Follis - LM 3872-53

"A Special Selection of Sample and Advertising Chips from United States Manufacturers, Distributors and Gaming Suppliers " - Jerry Birl LM 0774-27

"Memories of the Bourbon Street Casino" - Jim Steffner -HLM 1508

"Honoring the Hall of Famers" - Jerry Vergatos - R-8093

"The First 20 Conventions " - Irwin "Doc" Gross - R-0130

A special thanks to Michael Knapp, Standards Committee Chairman for his Non-Competitive Exhibit that is an initial start-up of representative items described by the Club's Conditions and Grading publication.

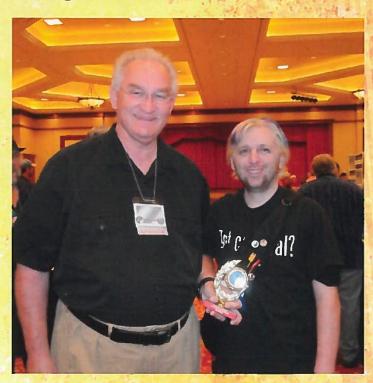
Non-Competitive Exhibits

"Visual Condition and Grading Standards" - Michael Knapp CH/HLM 007

"2011 OTY Nominees" - Jim Follis - LM 3872-53

"The Permanent Collection of All Past OTY Award Winners" - Jim Follis - LM 3872-53

I thank everyone that provided an Exhibit at the Convention. If anyone is interested in setting up an Exhibit for the 2014 Convention, please contact me via email at Exhibits@CCGTCC.com



1st Place Winner Carl Osborne on the left with Casey Focazio-Follis

Now These are Poker Chips

By Sheldon Smith



The names in this story have been changed or eliminated to protect the identities of the seller and buyers; nonetheless, the story is TRUE!

The first I heard of these poker chips was when I received an email from a woman we'll call "Helen." Helen indicated that she had a phenomenal set of poker chips discovered by her brother-in-law in Hawaii and she was asking \$18,000 for the complete set. The local club in Las Vegas, the Southern Nevada Casino Collectibles Club (SNCCC) was holding a collectibles show at Victorian Casino Antiques in April of 2012 and I suggested that she bring them by and show them to the folks there.

Little did I know what she had! Several very knowledgeable collectors were going to be there and I was sure she could get some great information. When Helen showed up, there was at least one person in the room who was already familiar with the poker chip set. The chips were spectacular!

These chips were found in a basement of a house near Honolulu. The house was purchased for \$25 million but the new owner bought it only for the land and was having the house demolished (this is referred to in the construction industry as a "scrape-off"). The first step in any demolition is to remove anything that might be salvageable, i.e. sinks, tubs, etc. The basement was full of "stuff" that was to be thrown away. Heather's brother-in-law was working on the demolition crew and as he was tossing a

pile in the dumpster he found this box. Because his wife likes little boxes, he asked if he could keep it and got permission to do so. But, he didn't look inside until he got home that night. When he did, he got quite a surprise.

The chips are carved/ polished Ivory with well-defined Schreger lines and are either Elephant or Mammoth. They are most probably Elephant, based on the following information provided by "Helen":

"Polished cross-sections of elephant and mammoth ivory dentine display uniquely characteristic Schreger lines. Schreger lines can be divided into two categories. The easily seen lines which are closest to the cementum are the outer Schreger lines. The faintly discernable lines found around the tusk, nerve or pulp cavities are the inner Schreger lines.

Because specimens from both extinct and extant sources may present angles between 90 degrees and 115 degrees in the outer Schreger pattern area, the differentiation of mammoth from elephant ivory should never be based upon single angle measurements when the angles fall in this range.

When averages are used to represent the angles in the individual samples, a clear separation between extinct and extant proboscideans is observed. All the elephant samples had averages above 100 degrees, and all the extinct proboscideans had angle averages below 100 degrees."

The set consisted of 406 poker chips; 12 of which were rectangular. They were contained in a dark wooden box. There were no engravings in the case indicating either the manufacturer or the date of manufacture. However, there was a chip located in the interior top of the box. It

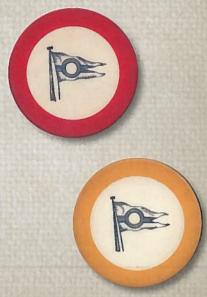
was held in place with ivory toggles and had a stylized stag on one side and the flag on the other. It was believed that this oversized chip would travel around the table indicating the dealer's position.



There was no value noted on either side of the chips. There were four (4) colors of chips. They were 38 mm wide with a 5 mm band of color and were 3mm thick. The chips were engraved/etched on both sides with the "Burgee" (a flag bearing the colors or emblem of a sailing club, typically triangular) as well as a defining line between the face of the chip and the color band. The blue chips have some fading while the colors for the remaining chips have stayed relatively true given the age of the set.

These kinds of chips were most likely used aboard ocean going private yachts. There is proof of that sort of use in several other sets that have been discovered over the years. The most likely date range for these chips is believed to be the late 19th or early 20th century!







But, the story of these chips was not complete! Who owned them first! They needed to be identified -- and now they have been! In 1903, Henry R. Wolcott registered the yacht "Fortuna" with Lloyd's of London. According to an excerpt from the Denver County, CO GenWeb site, from the spring of 1870, Henry R. Wolcott, was the acting manager of the Boston & Colorado Smelting Works, at Argo, near Denver. This set of poker chips has his flag on them as they were made for his yacht. You can find his burgee (flag #517) on page 27, Mystic Port Website.

After initial attempts to sell the set intact at a price range of \$10,000.00 on eBay and privately in a range of \$12,000 to \$18,000, they have recently been sold in lots of 40 chips each on eBay! I was asked not to publish this story until the sale of these remarkable chips was completed and the full story could be told. I respected those requests and that is why -- over a year later -- the story is now finished! This new-found provenance has increased these chips' uniqueness and value and history!

Where is the box? Where are the rest of the chips?

Now these are poker chips!









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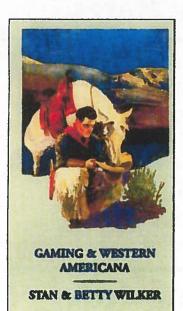
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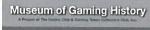
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By Archie Black

"I am honored to be asked by the Editor to provide some personal commentary for some background material on the club's 25th Anniversary article in this issue of the club magazine."

While I was the founding President for 11 years, from 1988 to 1999; many folks thought that the club would not last as I was not computer literate at the time, depending heavily upon my Magnavox word processor to communicate via snail mail.

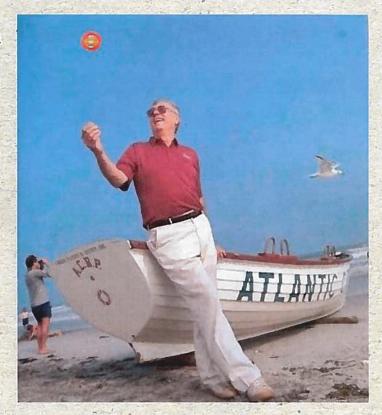
Then we held our first convention at the old Aladdin in 1993 and similar comments were heard ... "it will never last". Now, at 75 years of age today, it's hard to believe that I was 50 years old back in 1988 when it all started. Where did that quarter of a century go?

While I am generally credited as being the "father of the club", I had a lot of help during those early years, and there have been quite a few people since then who have kept the dream alive by offering their services as club officers, and in key appointments such as all the magazine editors, and literally hundreds of volunteers and very talented members over these past 25 years that we could not have survived without.

I often think of some of those early unselfish valuable members who have contributed so much; like Brenda Black (my #1 supporter); Janice & Jerry O'Neal, Bruce & Eileen Landau, Vince & Betty Mowery, Greg Susong; Bob Mera, Eric Rosenblum, Earl & Carol Donley, Michael Knapp, Gene Grossblatt, Howdy & Kregg Herz, Doc Meyers, Ernie Wheelden, Chuck Tomarchio, Gene Trimble, Armin Pfaender, Jerry Wall, Tom Plau, to name just a few of the early movers & shakers, and all of those who have contributed more recently in so many ways along the way to the bigger picture - too numerous to name.

Now a little history.

Chip and token collectors have been around as long as casinos have, but it wasn't until the 1980's that col-







lectors began talking with each other on a regular basis and dealers began to concentrate on casino material. Before the 1980's, chips and tokens could be found outside of casinos only as oddities: a few chips or tokens mixed in with a coin dealer's stock, or a few chips at an antiques shop or garage sale.

Two early chip dealers published short-lived newsletters, and a contributor to one of them was me, who lived not far from the relatively new casino gaming jurisdiction of Atlantic City, NJ. When the second of the two dealer newsletters ceased publication, as chip a collector with a long history of coin collecting and organizing coin clubs, I decided to test the waters to see whether or not there might



be sufficient interest to organize a chip and token collectors club similar to the coin clubs he had participated in.

Late in 1987, I wrote to a number of collectors who appeared on the newsletter's subscriber list, inquiring about interest in an organized club. The first issue of what would eventu-

ally become "Casino Chip & Token News", the quarterly magazine of the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club appeared in January 1988, and was entitled "Atlantic City Chip & Token Newsletter." The five page newsletter was my creation, and I began publishing my newsletter quarterly including news and history of the relatively new (10 years old) Atlantic City casino industry.

The response to the survey I included in my first-issue was overwhelmingly in favor of establishing a formal club, and the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club was a reality.

The initial group of collectors numbered about 20, but the charter membership was extended to the first 100 members. That goal was passed immediately after the Club's first annual meeting at the American Numismatic Association convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, that July.



Jerry and Janice O'Neal at the club table at the second annual convention

I was elected the founding President of our small club that has exploded today to more than 2,000 worldwide members. I served CC>CC as founding President for eleven consecutive years, from 1988-1999 with a lot of invaluable help from several other early key officers such as Janice O'Neal, Michael Knapp, Bruce Landau, Chuck Tomarchio, Earl Donley, Jim Steffner and others along the way. I was also the club's first Convention Chairman in 1992 and 1993, held at the old Aladdin Hotel Casino in Las Vegas. I have attended every convention held in Las Vegas since then and have been the honored recipient of several club awards, from "Recruiter of The Year" over a ten year period; to Honorary Life Member #001; to being the first inductee into the CC>CC's Hall of Fame.

Looking ahead I see nothing but great things for the club. It's been a great 25 years and it's just starting. I don't know what next 25 years will bring, I won't be around to find out ... but there are many 50+ year-olds and younger in the club today who will be there. The hobby is in fine leadership hands today and hopefully will be for many many years to come.



Jim Kruse conducting the auction at the 2nd annual convention





2nd, Annual Club Meeting at ANA Convention 1990





3rd Annual Club Meeting at ANA Convention, Seattle, WA, 1990





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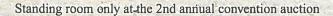


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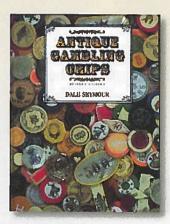
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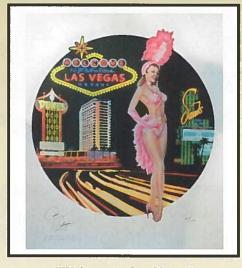
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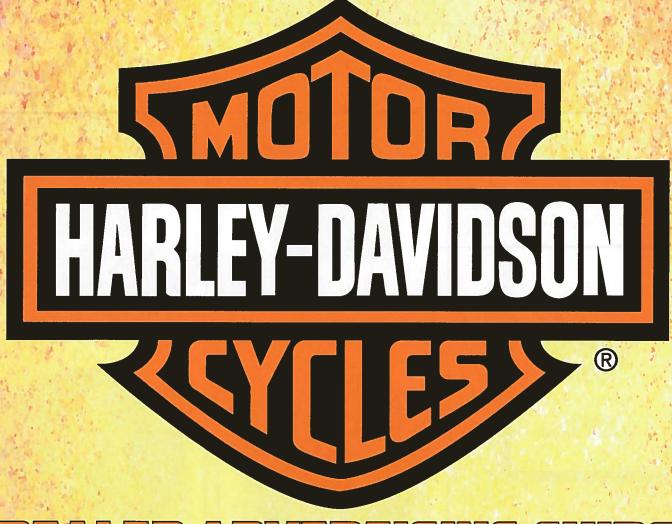
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By Mark Lighterman

The history of Harley Davidson is not only the history of a company that is best known formotorcycles but of a company that was built around a brand name and logo commonlyreferred as the "Bar and Shield"

It all begins with two friends, William S. Harley, born in 1880 and Arthur Davidson, born in 1881 who lived next door to each other in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. While working at the same local manufacturing plant, they decided to build an engine that could be installed on a bicycle. After completing their first engine, they realized it just didn't have enough power so they redesigned it with the help of another mechanic by the name of Ole Eyinrude. This new engine which was completed in 1902 was the same size as their first engine but this one had three

times the power. A three-horsepower engine was just what they were looking for!

Starting in 1903, the Davidson brother's Arthur and Walter along with William Harley begin producing single-cylinder motorcycles in a wooden shed that was about 10 x 15 feet. They built and sold three motorcycles that first year and sold another three in 1904. But it's what the Davidson brother's aunt painted on the side of this shed in 1904 that into a huge cottage industry. Their Aunt Jane painted "Harley Davidson Motor Company" on the door with a red stripe. It is unknown how it morphed into the orange and black bar and shield logo but eventually it was this logo that was registered with the patent office in the year 1910.

In 1905 the first Harley-Davidson began to be produced in significant numbers and within ten years of the official formation of the company, it had more than 800 dealers in all 48states. A big part of Harley-Davidson history is their contribution to U.S. war effort. Starting1918 Harley supplied thousands of motorcycles to the military to be used in World War I. That was more then half of all the motorcycles production by them during the war. In 1941when America entered the Second World War the Harley-Davidson company again contributed to the war effort. This time almost all of their motorcycles produced were delivered to the military.

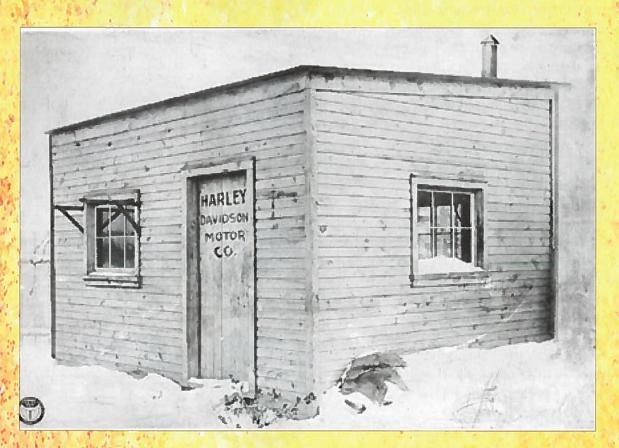
As the company evolved so did their logo. In 1933, their second logo appeared. Known as the 'art deco eagle' it was painted on every motorcycle to try and stimulate sales after the depression. It was not long after the change that motorcycle riders began to be thought of as outlaws. Many riders started using a skull and crossbones as their emblem. This prompted the company to work on changing this 'outlaw' image and instead of a skull and crossbones, Willie G.



First Bar and Shield Logo - 1910

Davidson came up with the "skull and wings" logo.

After World War II, many ex-servicemen started a trend by buying and customizing army surplus bikes. These bikes became known as Bobbers and ultimately led to the evolution of the Chopper. At the same time as the Chopper were evolving, Harley-Davidson was also licensing its logo. This grew into a secondary market for Harley-Davidson. A market that grew into a \$41 million dollar a year industry and is now 5% of the overall company'sincome.



income, every Harley- Davidson dealership has their own shop logo, a design that says something about the dealership and which sets it apart from every other dealership in the world. You can find just about any item with the logo on it today.

Building on this

The original factory was a 10 x 15 ft building with Harley Davidson Motor Co. painted on the door.

So what does this have to do with advertising chips? Well for the longest time any person, who traveled the country and stopping into a dealership, could only pick up items like tee shirts, jackets or shot glasses with the dealership's name or logo on the item. At some point in the recent history of Harley collectibles, dealers started giving out 'dip dots' to patrons who stopped by their store, These 'dip dots' quickly became both collectable and tradeable amongst Harley collectors. So what is a 'dip dot'? It is a small emblem thatdealers place over the Harley-Davidson motorcycle's oil dipstick cover. Each dealership has their own 'dip dots' and their original use was to help them identify where the bike was sold. Riders have been known to collect these as a reminder of where they've traveled on their bikes. Here's an example of a 'dip dot'

We have been unable to confirm the exact date, but during one of the dealer's meeting and trade



shows, a suppler began giving out samples of advertising chips commemorating their meeting. Shown here is one of many given out during their meeting. It is not the first to be issued but one of the first to be issued within Florida.

From these commemorative chips, a few dealers throughout the United States decided to order them as logo items. The first within Florida we were able to find were in Orlando and Daytona with less then 10 other dealers in Florida having them in stock. Some only ordered one color, while others ordered all ten. Others refused to order them stating the startup costs were too high and they would never get them in. As word spread and more and more patrons asked if a dealer had these chips, most dealership bent to the pressure and ordered them. It got so that some dealers who had multiple stores in an area and at first, only ordered one style chip for all their stores, reordered them for all their stores, each with a different city name on them. Since their release, some of the dealerships have closed while others have changed ownership thus creating advertising chips that are already obsolete.



Some Florida Harley Davidson chips

It should be noted that all known chips are hot stamped on injection molded plastic chips. They all have a mold (rim design) of Kings and Aces and they can be found in as many as ten different colors. Those chip colors are Black, Gray, Green, Navy, Orange, Pink, Lt. Purple, Red, White and Yellow. Each chip also has different color areas known as insert where each chip having four White inserts per chip except the Gray chip which have Black inserts and the White chips which have Navy inserts.

Shortly after we competed this article a second series of chips began to appear. These area bolder looking chip. These new chips has a mold that consists of three Harley logos thatare located in the center of the three inserts found on each of the chips. We know of atleast five different colors of this series of chips: Navy, Orange, Pink, Red (all with blackinserts) and a Black one (these having a orange insert.)



Most of these chips are turning up in Harley Davison dealerships that are reordering chips after they have run out or new dealerships that are choosing these over the older fist series chips. We do know that dealers have the choice of the original style (first series), or the newer style (Second series). It should also be noted that with the popularity of these chips a third series commemorating their 110 anniversary started to appear in 2013. These chips are similar the second series all having the Harley Davidson logo mold but so far have only been found in one single color (Black with White inserts). Each of these commemorative chips have a gold hot stamp '110 Anniversary 1903 - 2013' statement on one side and the dealership name on the other. So far any reports on how many different dealerships have ordered these



anniversary chips is too premature as new ones are popping up weekly so of those who are collecting these chips we will surly keep you posted as new ones appear.



Some chips from other parts of the country























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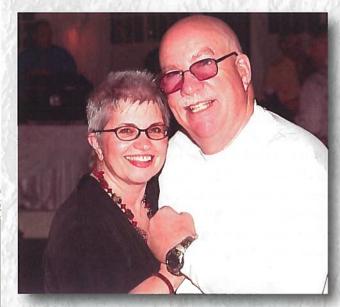


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Hall of Fame club member Phil Jensen started collecting casino collectibles back in 1969. While living in Vegas he often picked up chips from local casinos, but also enjoyed many road trips to the far reaches of Nevada.

These are the stories of some of his favorite chips.

NORTH LAS VEGAS, NV

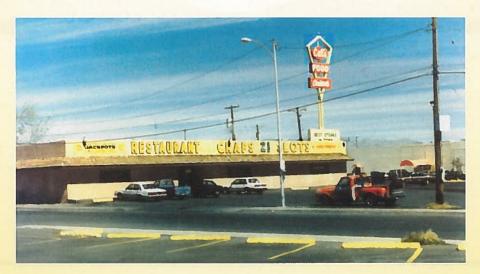








In the Early '70's Cal's was called Cal's Gin Mill. It was owned by Cal Lombardi, a long time Las Vegas club operator. I believe he had gaming license number 17. He had one 21 table and a tub (crap table). I remember he used 50¢ chips marked "R.I." on the 21 table. I later found out they were from the Rancho Inn, a club that had been located nearby, but burned down around 1966. Anyway, Cal was a pretty nice guy and would take me to his office and give me old chips. I really missed the place when it closed.



THE OXFORD CLUB NORTH LAS VEGAS, NV



The Oxford Club was on the corner of Las Vegas Blvd., North and Oxford Street, next to the Big Bonanza, now Jerry's Nugget. I used to go in there quite a lot to play the cash pinball machines, as the live gaming had been long since removed. I got the chips from my friend and North Las Vegas constable Warren Stanley who apparently knew the owner. Later on, the Oxford became the Joker Club and was later torn down. A remnant of Oxford Ave. still exists behind Jerry's.

JOKER CLUB NORTH LAS VEGAS, NV



I was only in the Joker Club once or twice, and I remember it being drastically changed from the Oxford Club. I was kind of disappointed but was able to get a chip off the 21 table.



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LOUISIANA CLUB - LAS VEGAS, NV

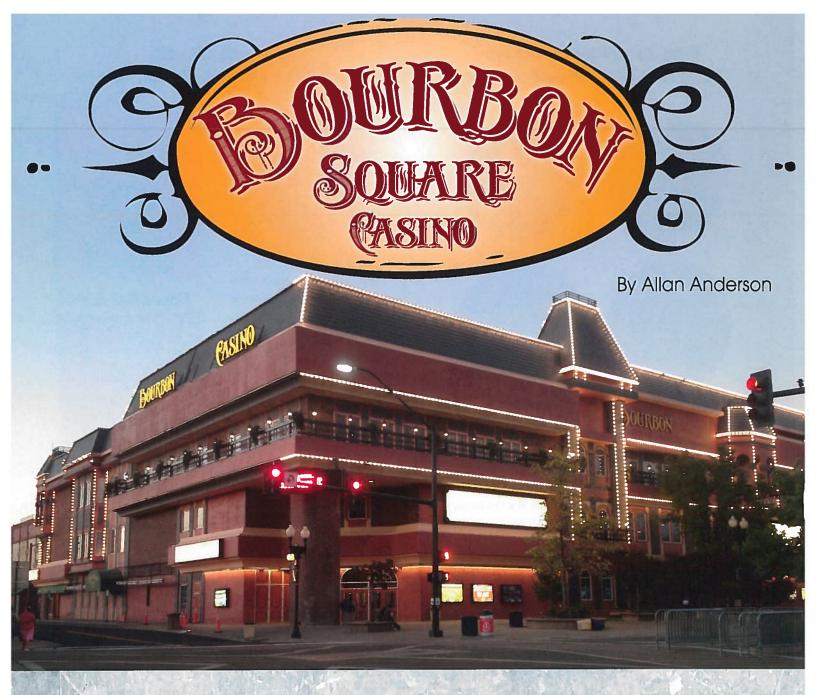






I obtained these chips from my good friend Warren Stanley. "Stan" was mostly interested in tokens and he would give me the odd chips he came across. Being and old timer as well as a constable of North Las Vegas, he knew many people around town. One of them as Zee Louie who at one time owned the Louisiana Club on

the west side of Las Vegas. His real name was something like Zhie Liu, I'm not real sure of the spelling. Anyway, Stan got these chips from him. When he asked him about other chips Zee replied. "They no good, I throw them in the trash." Or something of that nature.

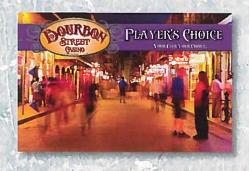


Nevada Casino Holdings, LLC, owners / operators of The Model T in Winnemucca, El Capitan in Hawthorne, Stockmen's, Commercial and Scoreboard in Elko opened the new Bourbon Square Casino on August 1st in Sparks in the former location of the Silver Club. The property was bought in late 2009 for \$2.5 million at a bankruptcy auction.

Bourbon Square Casino will hold true to its name offering a vintage New Orleans themed casino featuring the latest slot machines, restaurant and bars. Currently there are 2 bars open, the Alligator Bar and the B Street Bar, and a buffet serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

In addition to an internal renovation of the existing space, the exterior of the building had a facelift reminiscent of classic New Orleans.











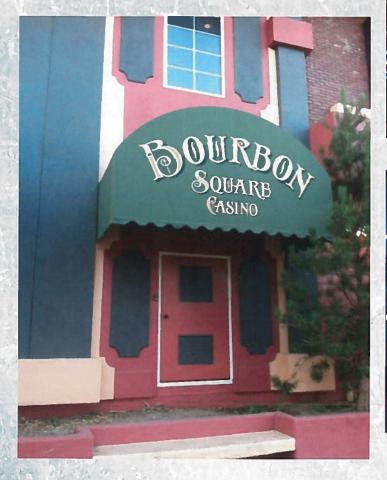




Different styles of Players Club cards

The casino has 300 slot machine with table games coming soon. The Players Club comes in 3 levels, copper, silver and gold and when you sign up you have a choice of 6 different themed cards.

The property owner also owns 9 acres surrounding the casino for future expansion. At present time the existing hotel is not open.





Alligator Bar



B Street Bar

Spending to Collect

By Henry Brasco

We have read and participated in learning about collecting 'money', especially coins and currency. We have entered casinos and gaming halls and on more than one occasion we have pocketed coins and chips. When we search our pocket coins, we set aside those we believe to be of value.

For casino chips and tokens, we set aside the ones' we won, over and above what we spent to get them. We can spend our coins at the casinos and spend them down the street. However, we cannot spend casino chips down the street.

So let us put two and two together (to beat an old cliché)and what do we get ? We get four !!

This is an introduction into the world of casino chips and coin collecting and the surprising similarities each hasone with the other.

As the American Numismatic Association..A.N.A, is the governing voice for numismatics, the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc. CC & GTCC, is the last word for chipologists.

Both were formed to advance the knowledge of numismatics (the study of money) along educational, historical and scientific lines as well as enhance interest in the hobby.

It's members are world wide and have produced such organizations like, the Society of Paper Money Collectors, The Russian Numismatic Society, and numerous silver dollar clubs and hundreds of coin clubs found in almost every state.

The oldest coin club is reported to be the Middle Georgia Coin Club founded in 1936.

Casino chips and gaming token clubs began around 1988 and may be found in cities like Kansas City, Missouri; Chicago, Illinois; Los Angeles, California; La Vegas, Nevada and even in North Texas. With the establishment and rise of Indian Casinos, the interest in this hobby has exploded.

Casino chips and gaming tokens fall under the umbrella of Exonumia, whereas the coin collector comes from Numismatics, which means 'the study of money' There is not a whole lot of difference between these collectors, as both focus on the collective value of their hobby. Both collectors must set aside a "bank-roll", which establishes limits and sets the purchasing and spending and is

directly related to a level of money management.

Once limits are set, knowledge of the hobby becomes a MUST. Knowledge is Power and this will go a long way in determining 'staying power'. The collector knows how long he can continue to feed his hobby.

Besides the advantages realized by the accumulation od wealth, the collector then turns to specializing his collection.

Coin collectors may decide to collect only Carson City Silver Dollars and chip collectors my focus attention directly to Casinos only within the state of Nevada.

Casino chip collecting is the practice of intentionally taking chips from casino premises or trading them on-line or in person. As it is with coin collectors who take coins out of circulation.

For centuries, coin collecting was the bi-product of lords and kings who had coins imprinted with their likeness and could only be used within the bounds of their territories. Sort of like casinos minting coins which can only be used at their casinos and no where else.

In 1988 Archie Black established the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc., in response to the continuing evolution and popularity of chip collecting. The club held is first meeting at the Aladdin Hotel and Casino in 1992 and meetings have been a annual convention ever since.

If specializing appeals, collections may be set by type coins or denominations, or base metals of gold or silver.

A collector may choose to collect every chip or toke from a certain casino or hotel, like Circus Circus which has multiple chip and token designs. Some are dated and some are not.

One huge advantage for casino chip collecting is the almost 99.9 % feature of not having to worry about counterfeits. Counterfeits are very rare for casino chips as opposed to the minting of gold and silver coins.

Due to the domestic greed of making money the 'easy way 'or the acts from foreign agents to help wreck havoc on the economy of nations.

High levels of surveillance along with staff familiarity of chip designs and coloring make the passing of fake chips extremely difficult. Aside from out and out thieving, counterfeiting chips is not economical because in most cases chips can only be used at a particular casino or hotel.

When it comes to grading coins or chips, collectors rely on select sources for information.

For instance, the "Yeoman Red Book" is THE word for coin values. For casino chips and tokens, the U.S. Casino Chip Price Guide by James Gampiglia and Steve Wells is often the last word for chip values.

The beginning chip and token collector has the following reference guides and are very helpful:

Chipguide.com

Montools 1.2 Beginners Guide PDF, a beginners guide by Herb Scheldt. Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club. Inc., CCGTCC.com

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HAVING A HECK OF A TIME AT THE HECKDORADO DAYS PARADE! - 2013

By Jim Follis

Following in the footsteps of other past volunteers, the Club once again participated in the Las Vegas, Helldorado Days Parade! The parade took place Saturday, May 18th along a section of Fouth Street from Gass Avenue to Ogden Avenue, in Downtown Las Vegas.

The parade is but one of several events, that includes a rodeo, that has been put on by the Las Vegas Elks Lodge No. 1468, since 1934 (a year after Nevada legalized gaming) in an effect to capitalize on the paychecks of Hoover Dam workers and the tourists that ventured there to see that marvel.

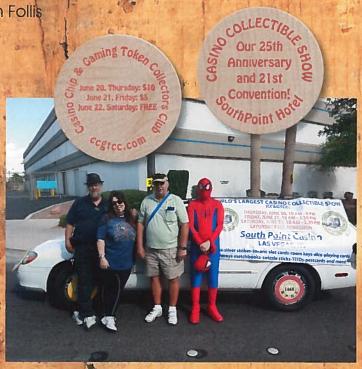
Accepting this year's challenge to participate in the event were Club Members Pam Focazio, Casey (Spider Man) Focazio-Follis, Tony Tricoli and myself. Knowing that the selected vehicle would be hidden behind signage to promote attendance at the Club's June Convention, we selected the elegance of a station wagon, hitched a bag of wooden nickels to the back bumper and added some tribute decorations to the wheels and corners.

Yep, those are enlargements of the United States Playing Card Company crest and seal chips ordered many years ago by the Las Vegas Elks Lodge No. 1468 for their 'game room'? I thank Rich Hanover for the exceptional, hi-quality scans that allowed us to enlarge the images for decorations.

As the requestor for volunteers. Club Vice-President Sheldon Smith also provided moral support to the team, as well as providing the banners and making wooden nickels available for handing out along the parade route.

While Pam drove, Tony, Spidey and I passed out hundreds of wooden nickels that promoted the Club's Convention in June. Along the route we spotted several Club Members and thank them for being there.

All-in-all, I think we all had one Heck of a Time!



From left to right: Jim Follis, Pam Focazio, Tony Tricoli and Casey "Spiderman" Focazio-Follis







The Downs Racetrack & Casino Hosts Grand Opening to Launch Live Horse Racing Season in Albuquerque

The Downs Racetrack & Casino had a grand opening on Friday, August 2 to recognize its new, state-of-the-art gaming facility and the launch of the 2013 live horse racing season in Albuquerque. The grand opening showcased mariachi music throughout the day, provided special promotions for guests, and hosted the season's first live horse race.

On Friday, August 2, The Downs Racetrack & Casino launched the 2013 live horse racing season with the Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred Allowance, which featured a guaranteed \$14,000 purse. On Saturday, August 3, the races continued with the featured race of the day, the O.B. Cockerell, which featured a guaranteed purse of \$25,000. With the opening of the new casino, guests can view the horse races for the first time from the contemporary First Turn Lounge. The patio of the lounge overlooks the first turn of the racetrack and allows a relaxing environment for guests to view and place wagers on each race while enjoying a cocktail of appetizer.

The new 65,000 square foot gaming facility boasts close to 700 slot machines. Enjoy an array of game themes, multiple denominations, numerous progressives and video poker machines. Located in the center of the casino is the new "Electronic Pit," featuring Roulette, Craps, Blackjack and other gaming favorites. The Triple Crown Club boasts the most rewards and benefits in Albuquerque.

For the casual diner, there is a Food Court, which boasts local cuisine, unique specialties, such as blue corn crusted pizza, Caribou Coffee, Gourmet deli sandwiches and so much more.

If you're looking for the intimate place eat, the Crown Room is an elegant dining experience tucked away in a quiet setting inside The New Downs.

Live horse racing started on August 2nd and will continue through the end of October. The Jockey Club, located on the second floor of the Grandstand, is the ultimate place to watch the simulcast in comfort

and a climate controlled environment. There also is simulcast and live-feed racing in the exclusive VIP Room. Over 30 flat screen televisions, private bartender, a great selection of bourbons, scotches, beers and wine all on the main floor of the Grandstand area.

For entertainment there is the Patio, an outdoor gathering place to watch live racing and to see and hear the thundering sounds of Thoroughbreds racing past you in the first turn. Nearby is the First Turn Lounge where you can enjoy a large beer selection or your favorite cocktail while listening to local live entertainment.











SORTHLAND UPDATES

By John K. Kallman

Winters can be long and hard here in the upper mid-west. If you are into ice fishing, hockey, or other related winter sports, this is the spot for you. If not, and have the means, Arizona or Florida both have a fair amount of license plates from out of state during that time of year. And while I was able to escape to Australia and New Zealand in a hunt for chips, my three week trip was about three months too short!

With the remnants of the winter snowfall melting slowly, I was all too anxious to be hitting the road. However, Mother Nature and scheduling problems delayed the trip until mid-May. Even then, there was still plenty of ice left on most of the larger northern lakes on the trip to a planned casino run of Grand Forks, which I had not been to for several years. Of course, to get there from here, one has to pass by several Minnesota casinos along the way, and my car always seems to want to stop. Sadly, most of the poker rooms in the smaller casinos are now closed with most of the chips being destroyed. There were far less "old" chips than "new" chips with the single exception of a No Cash Value chip marking 20 years of operation for the Shooting Star Casino.

STAR CHIP S 5

Running the charities casinos of North Dakota, be it Grand Forks or any other location is always an adventure. While the Attorney Offices for the state does provide an on

line listing of locations, it is not always updated as often as it can be, nor does it specify if a location is only bingo, pull tabs, or has chips on the tables. Charities often do change location and go out of business all too often. And even if the information is correct, this does not mean that there are any new chips on the table nor if there are new chips, if they are actually open once you get there. And if there are new chips, and they are open, then you have to try and get them to let you purchase the chips and leave with them. However, in most cases, I was quite successful this time around. And while not all the chips were "new", in some cases, during past trips, I was unable to get the chips that were at least new to me.

The Citizens Assistance Program (CAP) was one case in point. I had acquired chips from this charity from another collector who failed to acquire one of each denomination on the table or took any notes. Thus, the \$25 chip from this charity was "new" to my collection.



The Blue Line Club has replaced there rack a number of times, with no good reason given as to why one relative good looking rack was withdrawn and replaced with a rather plain rack (security camera problems perhaps) and none of the previous rack, save for the \$25 chip was on the tables. While I knew of both racks, the newer one was hard to come by as they did not like them to "walk" for some strange reason. Thus, I was happy to acquire not only the one remaining old chip as well as the two new chips.













The Northern Prairie Performing Arts organization, while headquartered out of Fargo was also dealing cards in Grand Forks. While I had picked up a new rack, 50c chip early in January while attend a coin show in Fargo, I failed to also pick up the new \$1 and \$5 chips, which I did this time around. Technically, the \$1 chip is not up to current gaming regulations as the inserts are red as opposed to the required blue inserts!

Listen Development Center had a new rack on the tables, save for the \$100 chip, which was a little more than what my budget could afford. While the 50c chip was in fact a reorder of the older 50c chip of the same design, the font was different, which in my book, made it a "new" chip.

In addition to new chips for black jack, there was three different racks for North Dakota's version of roulette, known as paddle wheel. One set was generic (again, not in compliance with current gaming regulations); one set I already had, and a third new set in eight colors.



While careful research can help greatly in not only finding the places were chips may exist, it has its limits. And sometimes, it is just pure plain luck of the drawl. Such was the case with getting chips from the Grafton Curlers, Inc. Grafton is located more or less about 45 miles north north-west of Grand Forks. And like many organization, the number of people who like to gamble in Grand Forks is somewhat greater then were the organization is out of. Thus, they bring their table games to these locations. Not only did I find the location in Grand Forks that was indicated on the internet, they were open and willing to sell chips! How much better can that be?

One of the last stops for the day before turning in for a very good night's sleep was one of several locations for Prairie Public Broadcasting. Grand Forks is the only current location that I know of that has Paddle Wheel Chips on the table, but at past stops, I was unable to take any home with me. This time, I got all eight colors!





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By Michael Knapp



Mapp on Books

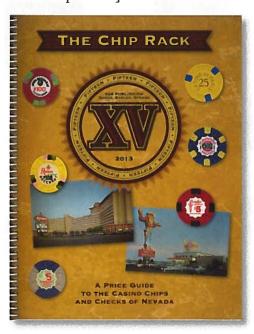
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Remember, I must have books in order to review them, so if you're an author, let me know by sending me an e-mail at ChipProf@aol.com to arrange for a review copy. For readers of the column, if there are books you'd like to see reviewed in this column,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

As with all reviews, this column contains my opinions.

THE CHIP RACK: A PRICE GUIDE TO THE CASINO CHIPS AND CHECKS OF NEVADA, 15th Edn., (2013)

by Jay Sands, David Sarles and David Spragg [Disclaimer: your reviewer is one of the original authors of The Chip Rack.]



Since its first publication in 1993, The Chip Rack has been the foremost price guide and catalog for Nevada casino chips and checks. It's still the most complete, attempting to list all chips, whether house issues or limited editions or com-memoratives, and its unique catalog numbering system has provided the hobby with a quick and easy reference to Nevada chips.

When it was first published, TCR contained fully descriptive listings in 58 pages. Over the years, the authors enlarged and expanded the book, and today's TCR consists of over 400 pages.

The new edition, released just before this year's convention, continues with the wealth of information and guidance as did the previous editions.

The current edition continues the catalog numbering system as well as the letter code value guide, so users of previous books will find no difficulty in using the 15th Edition.

The 2013 book contains descriptions and value information for some 33,000 Nevada chips, an increase of almost 600 chips from the previous edition.

Distinctions continue to be listed for long cane and short cane versions, spun and polished coin inlays, and the like. The variations are listed with letter suffixes with the same base number, rather than assigning a separate TCR number for each variation of what is apparently the same chip.

The authors continue to remove listings for chips once thought to be used in Nevada, but which have proved to have been used elsewhere.

A separate section behind the regular casino issues is included for non-casino chips: dealer schools, advertising and promotional chips, and the like. The photographic section, which makes identification of similar chips easier, is still included, although I do not believe it's been expanded.

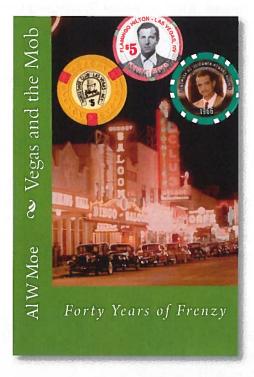
Although the typeface is quite small – the only way to include so many listings while keeping the

book to a manageable size – a ruler or other straight edge will make the entries easy to follow. Old guys like me may need a magnifying glass!

It is important to keep in mind that TCR is, as the subtitle says, a price guide to Nevada chips. It is not a price list, but rather a guide to values. When used properly, TCR is an invaluable and essential work which belongs in the library of every Nevada chip collector.

The book is available at www.thechiprack.com.

VEGAS AND THE MOB (2013) by Al W. Moe



Vegas and the Mob is a great little book, one which all chip collectors interested in gaming history will enjoy and appreciate.

More about the book in a moment, but first a few words about its author.

For those of you not familiar with Al Moe, his contributions to the hobby go way back to before CC>CC was formed.

Moe has been involved with the gaming industry for many years, and has written a couple of other books which collector/historians prize for their information: The Roots of Reno and Nevada's Golden Age of Gambling.

Even before writing those books, Al was a pioneer in the collecting hobby. When Bill Borland ceased to publish his "Worldwide Casino Exchange Newsletter" in 1985, Al obtained his mailing list and began a newsletter of his own: "Casino and Gaming Chips Magazine." After 7 issues, the mantle moved to Archie Black, who resumed publishing it as "Atlantic City Chip & Token Newsletter."

These were the roots of what is now CC>CC.

Vegas and the Mob contains much of the history of Las Vegas (and elsewhere in Nevada) gaming. For those who have conducted their own research on the subject, the book will not contain many major surprises. But there is a substantial amount of detail which has not appeared elsewhere. and is well worth the trip through the book.

I do not think I've read these details elsewhere (or I can't remember having read them, which, at my age, is the same thing!), and if you have any interest in the casinos and personalities of Nevada gaming, you will enjoy the book as I did.

Al's breezy, light style makes for quick reading, and there are times when you'll go back to reread sections to be sure you have the flow and continuity of the history presented.

There is some myth-busting, of course, and some factual details that are hinted at (but never specified) in other books. What did Virginia Hill actually say to the Kefauver Committee, for example, when pressed for an answer why mobsters would have given her substantial amounts of money? What is the real story behind Tony Cornero's demise at a Desert Inn craps table as the Stardust was being built? What was the real dispute between Frank Sinatra and the Gaming Control Board which resulted in Sinatra's divesting himself of his ownership interests in the Cal-Neva Lodge and the Sands?

Interesting and fun stuff, to be sure, and Moe makes it all easy to read.

The book is available at bookstores and at all major online booksellers.

FUTURE HARD ROCK PROPERTIES

By Allan Anderson

Hard Rock Casino, Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada (Opening December 2013)

The first Hard Rock Casino in Canada. The Hard Rock Casino Vancouver will be a rebranding and renovation of the Boulevard Casino, situated in the city of Coquitlam, British Columbia in Metro Vancouver. The Hard Rock Casino Vancouver will be owned and operated by GCGC under license from Hard Rock Hotel & Casino HRHH IP, LLC, owned by an affiliate of Brookfield Property Partners.

Slated to open lon December 30, 2013 the Hard Rock Casino Vancouver will offer blackjack, roulette, pai gow, poker, baccarat, craps, VIP high-limit salon's and more than 950 state-of-the-art interactive slot machines spread across the 80,000 square foot casino floor.

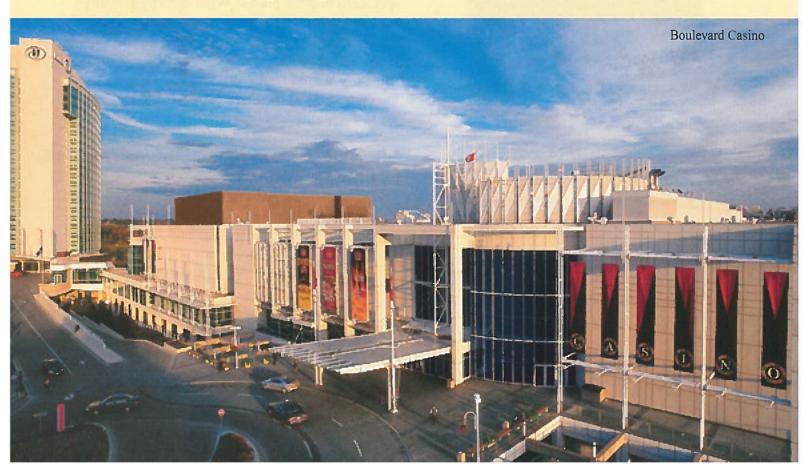
The Hard Rock Casino will also be home to the 1,000 seat Red Robinson Theatre, which may or may not be renamed. It will boast the best in music, comedy, performance arts, and multi-cultural programming.

Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Sioux City, Iowa (Opening September 2014)

Missouri River Historical Development, Inc. (MRHD) and Sioux City Entertainment, Inc. have announced plans to participate in the RFP process conducted by Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission with a goal of building and operating a state-of-the-art entertainment facility in the heart of downtown Sioux City.

The 100,000 square foot Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sioux City will feature 60-room hotel plus a casino floor filled with approximately 800 slot machines and 32 of the most familiar table games.

The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sioux City's key feature will be an approximately 800-Person Live Entertainment Venue featuring the stars of today, tomorrow, and yesteryear. Ranging from local performances to nationally recognized Country, Rock, and Pop talent.



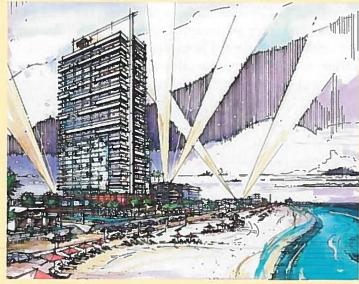


Sioux City

Daytona Beach

A Hard Rock hotel and café are coming to the oceanfront, due to open in 2016 on a sandy 10-acre expanse on State Road A1A just south of SunSplash Park.

Plans call for a 375,000-square-foot development that will include 250 hotel rooms, two rock star suites, 100 condo units, 28,000 square feet of ballroom and banquet space, a spa, a shop filled with Hard Rock merchandise and a studio where guests will be able to jam on Fender guitars and record music they can take home.



Daytona Beach

Massachusets

Hard Rock has submitted an application to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission for the proposed development of the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino New England in West Springfield, Massachusetts, an area about 90 miles outside of Boston. The project, which includes a 400- to 500-room hotel, is valued at between \$700 million and \$800 million.

The 38-acre development site also would include a live music venue, a music memorabilia exhibition and a meeting facility, along with a 100,000-square-foot casino.



Massachusetts



Hard Rock Hotel Shenzhen and Haikou, China Opening 2015

At 22-stories tall and covering nearly 10 acres, Hard Rock Shenzhen will feature a Body Rock fitness center, signature restaurants, entertainment lounge, recording studio, nightclub and more, in addition to a top floor solely comprised of luxurious suites. Hard Rock Hotel Haikou, encompassing more than eight acres, will be located in the carbon-friendly Town Center development on tropical Hainan Island, and will complement the resort's golf, shopping, dining, entertainment and cultural elements.

Other attractions at Shenzhen's Mission Hills Centreville, covering nearly 125 acres, will include internationally renowned hotels, a luxury spa, an auto exhibition center, a 1,000-seat Orange Sky Golden Harvest cinema, a Brunswick bowling center, an ice skating rink, an eXcape simulation racing centre and more.

Conveniently located on the Pearl River Delta and within a one-hour drive of Shenzhen, Mission Hills Centreville, guests also enjoy convenient access to major expressways, drastically reducing travel time between Mission Hills and downtown Shenzhen, Dongguan and Hong Kong.

Ibiza Opening 2016

Hard Rock Hotel Ibiza will represent the first Hard Rock Hotel to open in Europe. Palladium Hotel Group, pursuant to a license agreement from Hard Rock, will transform two former Fiesta Hotels, Club Don Toni and Hotel Don Toni, into the Hard Rock Hotel Ibiza. The two buildings will be united by a remodeled lobby and multipurpose space, which will include various dining, shopping and entertainment outlets.

Offering more than 480 rooms, Hard Rock Hotel Ibiza will blend Mediterranean island inspiration throughout its 235 suites and vast amenities. The hotel will also include dining and entertainment, such as a lobby bar, kids club, teen venue and beach club. There are two pools enhanced with bars, private cabanas and poolside service.



Fiesta Hotel Don Toni

Hard Rock Hotel Abu Dhabi Opening 2014



Hard Rock International announced an agreement with Aabar Properties, a subsidiary of Aabar Investments PJS for the development and management of Hard Rock Hotel Abu Dhabi, a five star international hotel located in the United Arab Emirates' capital city of Abu Dhabi. The 378-room luxury hotel will be ideally situated within the picturesque seafront of the Corniche and just a short distance from the modern city's bustling financial district, marking Hard Rock Hotels' exciting entrance into the Middle East.

Overlooking the waters of the Arabian Gulf, Hard Rock Hotel Abu Dhabi will feature an assortment of signature restaurants, entertainment and meeting facilities, including the renowned Hard Rock Cafe. Other key attractions include a beautifully appointed Sky Lobby on the fifth floor podium, spectacular Lobby Bar with outdoor entertainment deck and hookah lounge, as well as a 37th floor Sky Bar with swimming pool.

12,000 square feet is dedicated to wellness and spa facilities along with state-of-the-art events and meeting facilities including a business center, six meeting rooms and a 5,200 square foot ballroom.

Hard Rock Hotel Dubai On Hold



Hard Rock International, in partnership with Tasameem Group, announces the development of Hard Rock Hotel Dubai.

Hard Rock Hotel Dubai will be located in the most central part of the Dubai Trade Centre District along Sheikh Zayed Road, home to Dubai's magnificent skyscrapers, including the Emirates Towers and the tallest building in the world, the Burj Dubai. The entire centre will encompass 350 hotel rooms and suites, 100 serviced apartments, commercial offices and retail stores all within the 91 story skyscraper.



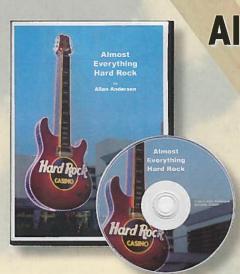
Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Hungary **Opening 2014/2015**

Hard Rock International announced an agreement with with Euro Vegas Hungary Ltd, owned by Asamer Group and Supersberger Group, to develop a Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hungary.

The hotel will ultimately have more than 600 guestrooms, "Vegas-style" games, entertainment, signature restaurants and bars, a convention center, concert venue, nightclub, and high-end retail shopping along with 2,500 parking spaces.

Hard Rock Hotel, Palm Springs **Opening September 2013**

The Hard Rock Hotel will replace Hotel Zoso in Palm Springs, and is expected to open at the end of September 2013. It will feature 160 rooms, a spa and a workout area, along with restaurants and a live music venue. The hotel will also boast 20,500 square feet of ballroom and banquet facility space.



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First Chip Run



By Erik Dauplaise

I started collecting casino chips in the early 1990s on my first visit to Atlantic City. I have a coin collection so this seemed like a natural extension. I collected for over 15 years before I got serious about collecting casino chips. It was 2009, I was in Las Vegas for a "guys' weekend". It was my eighth trip to Las Vegas and my third year in a row. I still did not have a chip from every casino on the Strip. I woke up on Sunday March 29 and decided that by the end of the day I would have visited/gambled in every casino on the Strip plus some of the nearby off-Strip casinos. I was going to visit casinos whose chips were missing from my collection. Without knowing it I was about to make my first chip run. Here is the story as I documented it in an old MySpace blog.

I start my journey by walking out of my hotel (MGM Grand) at 8:25am. It is a beautiful sunny day in Las Vegas with a very slight breeze and a temperature about 70. I stand at the corner of Las Vegas Boulevard and Tropicana Avenue - reportedly the intersection with the most hotel rooms in the entire world! Tropicana is on the southeast corner, Excalibur on the southwest, New York New York on the northwest the MGM Grand on the northeast. The sidewalks are mostly deserted. I suspect that I will make good walking time until at least 10am. I head north towards Downtown. I pass the M&M and the Coke stores. They're both closed right now but will be mobbed later today.

The Monte Carlo and what is to become City Center are on my left. City Center is going to be huge if they ever get it done. Word is that MGM/Mirage is hurting for money and Dubai is pulling out. I walk past Planet Hollywood (formerly the Aladdin and before that the old Aladdin) on the right. Then I walk past Paris and Bally's also on the right. The massive Bellagio is on my left.

I am at the intersection of Las Vegas Boulevard and Flamingo Road. The sad, old-looking Bill's Gambling Hall (formerly Barbary Coast) in on my right. Friends and I have stayed at Bill's twice due to its reasonable price and great central location. The ever expanding Caesars is on my left. I walk past the Flamingo. When my wife and I first visited Las Vegas in the early 90s this is were we stayed. It was the first non-Western themed Las Vegas casino. William R. Wilkerson had a vision for the Flamingo. A vision that was hijacked by Ben "Bugsy" Siegel. Ben did everything he could to make it a success but cost overruns and stealing money from the Mob ultimately cost him his life. If he could see it now I think he would be amazed.

It is 8:50am and I have reached the first of many casinos for today: O'Sheas. Let me start by saying that O'Sheas is a dive. And a dump. And tiny. It is squeezed between the Flamingo and Harrah's and situated right in front of the Imperial Palace. It is where a lot of drunk college-aged boys hang around all night because of the cheap gambling and booze. It is almost empty at this hour and unfortunately there are not many table games open right now. My only choice is to play black jack. There are 2 guys still up from last night drinking and playing. I put \$20 down and get my chips. I am disappointed to see that the \$1 chips are from Flamingo (they run O'Sheas) since I already have Flamingo chips. I play three loosing hands (\$5 for me & \$1 for the dealer), pocket a \$5 O'Shea chip and a \$1 Flamingo chip, give the remaining \$1 chip to the dealer as a tip and head out.

I pop right into The Imperial Palace. I have been here several times but just to visit the car museum. They have got lots of unique cars and if you want to slow down a little it is well worth the admission. For the first time



The Strip, looking north, 8:30 am



City Center (center) and Cosmopolitan (far right)



Bill's Gambling Hall

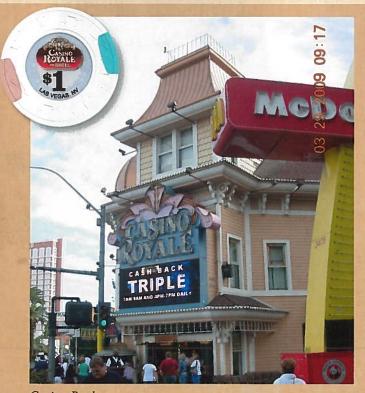


O'Sheas Casino

I gamble here, I find a Pai Gow Poker table, one of my favorite table games, that has two women playing. The dealer is polite and asks how I am doing. I tell her my mission - all 3 ladies think it is a neat idea. I play a few hands, tip the dealer and I am wished good luck by all. I cash out my \$7 in winnings.

Shortly after leaving the Imperial Palace I walk into Harrah's. Harrah's Entertainment is one of the world's largest owners of casinos but their Las Vegas name sake has a lot to be desired. It is in need of a major overhaul; or maybe imploding? North to south on the strip they own Harrah's, Imperial Palace, O'Sheas, the Flamingo and Bill's Gambling Hall. Word is they were going to tear them all down and build a behemoth mega resort but I can not image they will do that any time soon in this economy. I find a Pai Gow Poker table and play a few hands. I do not do so well but manage to bag a \$1 chip, give the dealer a tip and only lose \$5. As I leave Harrah's and I can see the Mirage across the street.

Next door is the Casino Royale. If you have ever seen the 1960's version of the movie Casino Royale you understand where this casino is: stuck in a time warp. It is one of the few small-time hotel and casinos on The Strip. I find a roulette time with 2 guys playing. One of the guys is getting all excited because he just hit a number for \$35 - never mind that he had almost \$30 of chips in play. I put \$4 on my lucky numbers, 3 and 24, but do not win. I give the dealer a dollar, pocket a \$1 chip and move on.



Casino Royle



Imperial Palace



Harrah's



The Mirage



M&M Store

I reached the Venetian at 9:25am. I am fortunate enough to have visited Venice — let me just say the Venetian is Italy as much as the New York New York Casino is, well NYC. It is "Italianish" looking but not Italy. This is another casino that we have visited but not to gamble. The wax museum is amusing, my wife Carole and I saw Blue Man Group here last year. The next time we visit we are going to see The Phantom of the Opera (we did in 2010). I played the Big 6 wheel, chose a \$1 chip with a statue on it, instead of one with a building, and manage to lose only \$5. I go across the street to visit Treasure Island, aka TI.

TI is another casino with some great memories for me. This is where we renewed our vows on our 13th anniversary. I dressed up as a wealthy pirate and Carole as a socialite. It was pretty silly. I played a few hands of Pai Gow Poker, managed to lose another \$20 and left with a newer \$1 chip.

I leave TI and continue heading north on the west side of the strip. As I walk by the Fashion Mall I notice a brass marker embedded in the sidewalk. I have no recollection of seeing these anywhere else on the Strip (I notice hundreds of them later in the day). The writing around it reads "Las Vegas Boulevard – Right of Way – Clark County Nevada" and PLS 10053 on the bottom. It also has 042Y stamped in the center beneath the Welcome to Las Vegas sign. I am not sure what these things are all about - turns out they're survey benchmarks.

I cross the street again and double-back to the Palazzo. I cozy up to another Big 6 wheel and when I receive my chips I notice they are the exact same chips as the Venetian. Stupid me! I did not notice that the chip with the building on it is the Palazzo. I lose another \$5 (see a pattern forming?) take a \$1 chip, just like the one I already had in my hand 20 minutes ago and leave.

I continue my journey north. I can see Trump's hotel on the back corner of what used to be the Stardust Casino & Hotel. A new hotel called Echelon was supposed to open there this year but it remains a flat, barren lot. I miss the old Stardust. I was lucky enough to visit the casino before it was demolished.

I reach the entrance to the sterile, brown twins know as the Wynn and the Encore. The waterfall is subdued and a huge departure from the volcano that Steve Wynn placed in front of the Mirage. The Wynn and the Encore are very richly decorated, lavish, beautiful masterpieces...if you are into that kind of stuff. Mr. Wynn spared no expense, other than the colored glass exterior, on these hotels and it shows. As I walk thru these palaces in my cutoff shorts and t-shirt I can not help but feel like I am being watched. I am sure the security people are thinking I should have stayed at O'Sheas. Bottom line is I did not find a Pai Gow Poker



Imperial Palace





Palazzo





table at either casino, had to play \$15 tables in both places and on top of it I find out where Mr. Wynn managed to save a buck or two – casino chips. They use the same chips in both places. After losing \$20 very quickly at blackjack and another \$20 at roulette I mosey out and continue my trip north towards some tired old casinos.

For those of you keeping track I have been to 9 casinos so far and lost at all of them but one. I am still losing less money this way than sitting at one casino all morning plus I am getting exercise. Of course, everybody knows the main reason to go to Las Vega is to exercise.

By 10:30am I am at the Riviera. The Riviera, Circus Circus and the Sahara are some of the last remaining "older" casinos on the strip. Like Harrah's, Casino Royale and O'Sheas their age really shows. At the Riviera the "Crazy Girls" show is immortalized by a fine work of art (arse?) proudly displayed at one of the entrances. Another \$20 was lost on a roulette wheel but I get another \$1 casino chip for my collection. I leave and head to the furthest point north on my trip - the Sahara. For what ever reason I do not lose any money at this casino. I squeeze in a few hands of Pai Gow Poker and leave with another \$1 casino chip.

I cross Las Vegas Boulevard and head south to Circus Circus which is directly opposite of Riviera. Just another casino that has seen better days. They have circus acts and an indoor amusement park but I am here to win money. Five minutes later I have won \$12 at a craps table and walk over to the adjoining Slots-A-Fun. Slots-A-Fun is a one story casino owned by Circus Circus. It is small, dingy and cheap. I sit down at a blackjack table and notice that their \$1 chips are metal coins and their \$5 chips are made of a plastic ring with a metal insert (which I later learn is a CIC). I have about 50 casino chips in my collection; only 4 of them have the metal insert like the Slots-A-Fun \$5. I manage to lose \$0 at blackjack even after pocketing a \$1 and \$5 chip + tip the dealer. It is almost 11:30am and time for me to

About a quarter mile east of Las Vegas Boulevard is a parallel street called Paradise Road. On this street are 3 casinos, the LV Convention center, UNLV, non-casino hotels, small motels, lots of commercial enterprises and the back entrance to many of the casinos on the east side of the Strip. I head east on Riviera Boulevard which ends at Paradise Road right in front of the Las Vegas Hilton. Somewhere around here I stop looking at my watch.

head east.



The Wynn Twins



Circus Circus Marque



Riviera's Crazy Girls brASS Statue



Slots A Fun



"Elvis has left the building"

The Las Vegas Hilton is another casino that I have been in many times before but not to gamble. Until September 2008 it was home to the Star Trek Experience. I have been to the Star Trek Experience six times in the past including taking the backstage tour twice. Nothing remains of the attraction except a small slot machine area that still has the plastic space station walls. I find a Pai Gow Poker table, quickly lose \$20 (again), pocket a \$1 casino chip and head for the door. As I leave the Hilton I walk past the Elvis statue. A woman is there taking pictures of it. I offer to take her picture with the statue, because I'm a really nice guy, take my own picture of Elvis and head back to Paradise Road.

A quick Las Vegas lesson. Almost none of the Strip casinos are actually in the city of Las Vegas. From the Sahara south it is the census-designated place of Clark County called Paradise. Now you know and I am told that knowing is half the battle. All you need to know about Paradise Road is that this is where you can find gas, inexpensive food and cheap hotels/motels. If you ever think about walking it for pleasure think again. There is nothing of viewing value to see. If you want a fairly quiet

Las Vegas Hilton



Las Vegas Hilton Marque



Paradise Road



Sahara

less crowded place to walk other than the Strip go for it. Otherwise see Paradise by car. By this time it is starting to warm up and there is no shade to be found. I walked a comparatively boring mile plus before I reach Terrible's Casino.

The Terrible Herbst Oil Company owns casinos and gas stations. The door handles into the casino are the front view of cowboys with gas pump hoses. The door handles out of the the casino are the rear view of the same cowboy. I sit down at a blackjack table and I am disappointed to find out they still use metal coins instead of chips. I lose a another \$20 very quickly, pocket a \$5 chip and leave.

I continue south on Paradise for another half mile to my next stop: The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. It is about 12:30pm by the time I get to the Hard Rock. Other than a bottle of water at Sahara I have had nothing to eat or drink since I left the MGM Grand over 4 hours ago. Before I go to the casino I enter the Hard Rock Cafe which is its own separate building on the property. I sit down at the bar ask for a menu, a glass of water and a ginger ale. Once I get the water it is gone in 10 seconds. I order a hot fudge brownie sundae with no whip cream and another glass of water. I basically inhale the second glass of water by the time my sundae arrives. I eat what can only be described as the best sundae I've ever had in my life. I drink my ginger ale and a third glass of water. I pay for my treat, purchase a shirt in the shop and cross the parking lot to the casino.

I notice something at the Hard Rock Casino that I have never seen at any other casino in Las Vegas – a sign indicating there is a dress code after a certain hour. For some odd reason I find this extremely amusing. I thought only the night clubs/ultra lounges had dress codes in Las Vegas. I find a Pai Gow Poker table, lose yet another \$20, pocket a \$1 chip and head for the door. At this rate I am going to run out of money before I run out of casinos.

I left the Hard Rock casino and took my first cab ride of the day. The Rio, the Palms and Gold Coast are all on the other side of Interstate 15, which runs parallel to Las Vegas Boulevard on the west. You can walk there from the Strip but it not very safe. Turns out the lady cab driver is from the Boston area so we talk a little about New England (I am from Rhode Island). I ask her how the economy is effecting Las Vegas. She said it is real bad. Besides the housing bust, tourism is down over 50% and unemployment is rising. It is the second weekend of the NCAA basketball tournament and the city should be packed to the gills. I have to admit we have had no problem getting dinner reservations all weekend.



"Howdy!"



"Thanks for Visiting!"





Hard Rock Hotel

I get to the Rio and I "lose" \$15 on the ride but it is better than walking. I pull up to a blackjack table. This casino has metal coins for \$1 chips so I am going to keep a \$5 chip instead. About 3 minutes later my \$20 is gone, AGAIN! I walk next door to the Gold Coast Casino. It is one of the "locals" casinos in town. The Coast Casinos share a unique trait – their \$1 casino chips are brown (not white or blue). I find a \$5 Pai Gow Poker table, not an easy thing to find on the Strip, and lose another \$20 in 5 minutes.

Across from Rio and Gold Coast is the Palms.

Tradition for the last three years is to catch a movie on
Thursday night when we arrive. In 2007 it was Spiderman,
2008 it was Iron Man and in 2009 The Watchmen. It is
strictly coincidence that they have all been comic
book movies.

I have a couple Palms chips so I catch a \$10 cab ride back to the Strip and arrive at The Bellagio. This casino sits on the land that used to be the Dunes. I have a \$5 Dunes casino chip from my first visit to Las Vegas in the early 90s. I find a Pai Gow Poker table and do something I have not done much today: I win \$20. I am down almost \$200 for the day but winning is winning. Their \$1 chips are metal so I have to take a \$5 chip for my collection. I have just done it, I now own a chip from every casino on the Strip!



For "fun" I walk an extra mile to visit the famous Welcome to Las Vegas sign — something I have never visited in all of my trips to Sin City. After visiting the Welcome sign I walked to Mandalay Bay and catch the tram to Excalibur. Carole and I stayed at the Excalibur more than 10 years ago so I pop in to see if their \$1 chips have changed. I find a





Gold Coast



Palms



Bellagio

Pai Gow Poker table and play for about half-an-hour on my \$20 and manage to make another \$20 in the process. They have changed their \$1 chip so I keep one for my collection.

By the time I get back to the MGM Grand it is 4pm and I have been on the move for just under 8 hours. I walked about 10 miles and took over 140 pictures. Most important I just collected 20 new chips for my collection! During my entire weekend in Las Vegas I added 32 unique casino chips to my collection, bringing my total to just under 100 chips from Las Vegas, Atlantic City, Aruba and 2 cruise ships. I still have ~40 Las Vegas casinos that I have not visited. It looks like I will be going back to Las Vegas towards the end of April next year. I have no idea how I am going to follow up this silliness but I am sure I will think of something.

In hindsight it seems odd that I ignored the Fountaineblue. The building was there in 2009 when I visited. I walked right by it! The building was there even if construction had stopped. I searched all of my Las Vegas photos and have never taken one this blue glass monstrosity that sits between the Riviera and Sahara. I have no explanation for the omission in my blog or the lack of pictures.

I did this chip run 4 years ago and so much has changed: Facebook has conquered MySpace

The Las Vegas Hilton is now called LVH (Las Vegas Hotel)

City Center and Cosmopolitan are open - I thought the Cosmo was part of CC during my visit

Sahara and Bill's are closed, they are being remodeled and re-branded

TI and Planet Hollywood have changed owners

The Echelon land has been sold and the new owner is building

The Imperial Palace is now the Quad & Caesars Entertainment (formerly Harrah's) is doing something called the Linq from Harrah's to the Flamingo, including the O'Sheas site

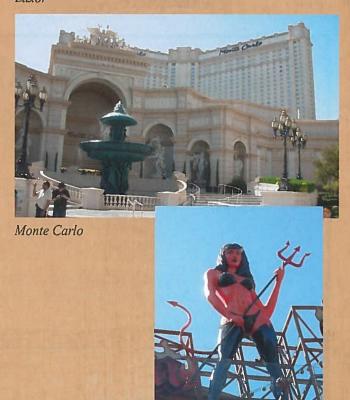
There are lots more changes than listed. Sadly, the Fountaineblue site remains idle.



Excalibur



Luxor



El Diablo mascot Monte Carlo

Right after this trip I discovered and joined the CC>CC. Thanks to all of the great members I have learned so much about chips and tokens. I was able to trade with other Club members for \$1 chips from the casinos that I had kept a token or \$5 chip. Now I know to visit the casino cashier!

Since 2009 I have gone on many more chips runs. I have been back to Las Vegas three more times; during my 2010, 2011 and 2012 trips I visited every casino with chips in the greater Las Vegas metropolitan area. There are almost 90 casinos in the area including The Strip, off-Strip, Downtown, Henderson, North Las Vegas and Boulder City. In 2012, Carole and I took a road trip to Laughlin.

In 2010 we visited 14 casinos in the San Diego region and in 2011 did a week long chip run to 50 casinos in the Reno/Lake Tahoe/Carson City region. I went to six casinos near Seattle in 2011 and seven casinos in Pennsylvania in 2012 during business trips. Carole and I will be visiting Cripple Creek, CO this summer. You will get to read about our trip and chip run in a future issue.

Here's hoping you chip runs are as much fun as mine! If you have any questions or comments please send me an email (erik24@cox.net) Erik Dauplaise R-8053





Planet Hollywood

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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!

- · Find out which price guides are available.
- · Find out which price guides should and shouldn't be used.
- · Be able to ask questions about casino chips and casino related collectibles and find the answers.
- · Find resources online and offline through our resource pages..
- · Find out the best ways to increase your collection.
- · 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.ccgtcc.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

Logo Usage Policy

The Club has certain logos and symbols which it must protect in order to protect its reputation in the collectibles community. No member is allowed to use the Club name, logo or symbol other than is approved by the by-laws or as otherwise specifically approved in writing by the Board of Directors.

- Only members in good standing may identify themselves as members of the Club
- Any member who identifies himself/herself as a member must affix or state their membership number so as not to confuse the public.
- "Identifies" includes advertising, announcements, business cards, internet websites, internet or live auctions, e-mails and any and all types of communication.
- 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.
- The entities formerly known as "Chapters" are prohibited from using the Club name, logo or symbol as representative of their organization



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

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 Sheldon Smith.
- 3. V.P. Smith will make an initial determination on the Claim.
- 4. If further action or investigation is warranted, V.P. Smith 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. Smith.

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.ccgtcc.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. Smith. 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 Collectible News - A publication of the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club This official club magazine is a must-read for every casino collectible enthusiast.

For The Beginner

- <u>CCGTCC Mentoring Program</u> Help others or find help for yourself!
- 2007 Buyer's Guide to Casino Collectibles Be an informed collector!
- 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.
- <u>Cleaning Chips</u> a good primer on cleaning casino chips.
- Mold Designs Robert Eisenstadt's mold design project.
- 2011 Club Auction Catalog, Terms and Conditions & Current High Bids.

Detailed Reference

- <u>Illegals & Manufacturer Records</u> a huge compilation of chip manufacturer records.
- 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.

- <u>Club Library</u> 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.

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