

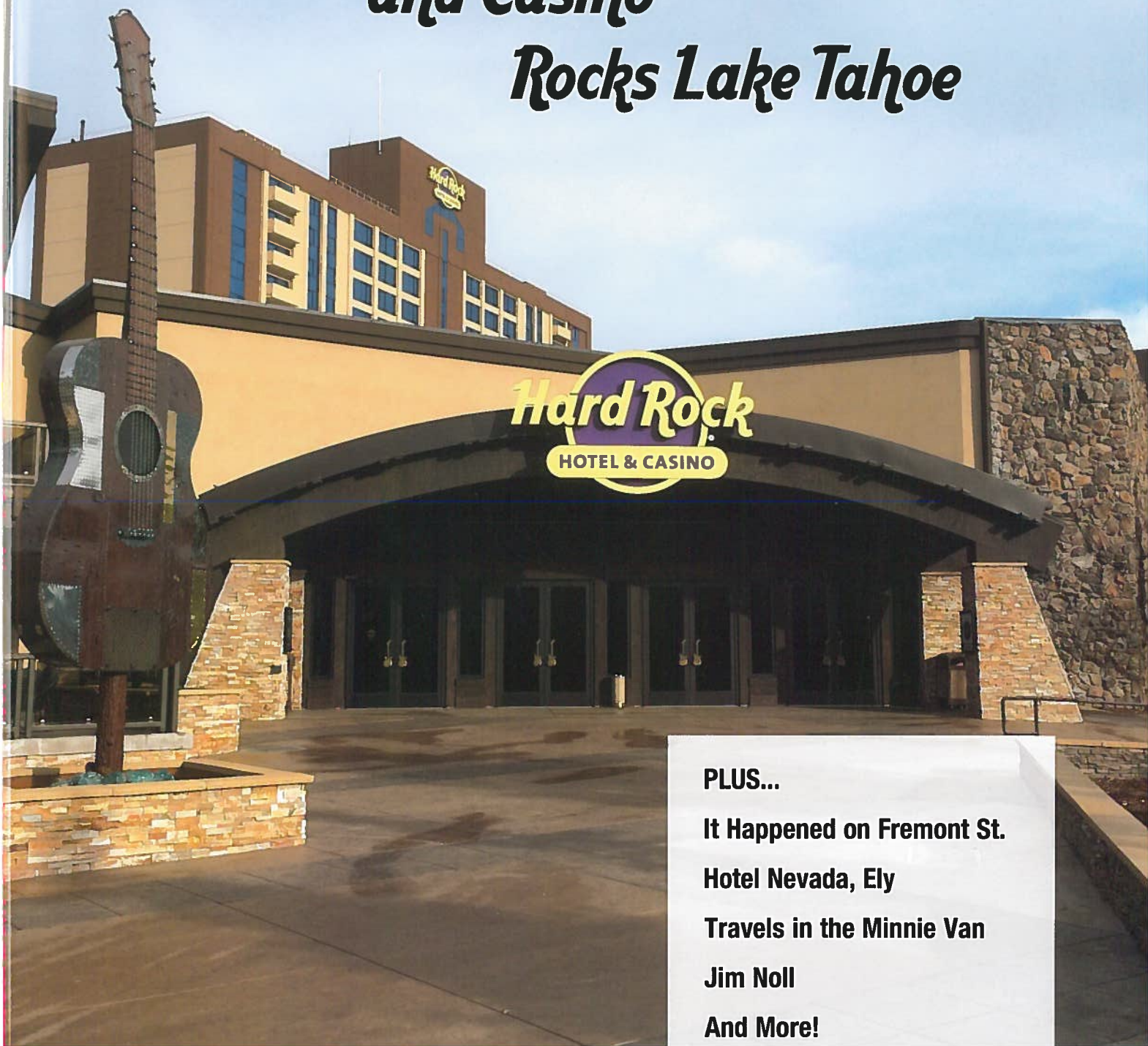
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- [2007 Buyer's Guide to Casino Collectibles](#) - Be an informed collector!
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- [Chip Conditions](#) - an official list of CC>CC sanctioned terminology used to describe chip condition.
- [Glossary](#) - an extensive list of the terminology used in our hobby - a "Chiptionary", if you will.
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- [Chipology 101](#) - a great intro-to-chipping seminar presented at the national convention.
- [Cleaning Chips](#) - a good primer on cleaning casino chips.
- [Mold Designs](#) - Robert Eisenstadt's mold design project.

- [2011 Club Auction](#) - Catalog, Terms and Conditions & Current High Bids.

Detailed Reference

- [Illegals & Manufacturer Records](#) - 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.
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- [Cancelled Chips](#) - Nevada Casino Chips Known To Exist Cancelled

Books, Magazine Articles, etc.

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- [Gaming In Atlantic City](#) - by Steve Piccolo
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- [Knapp on Books](#) - A series of book reviews by Michael Knapp
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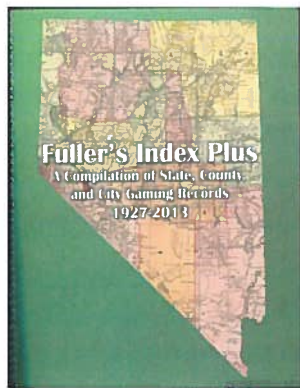


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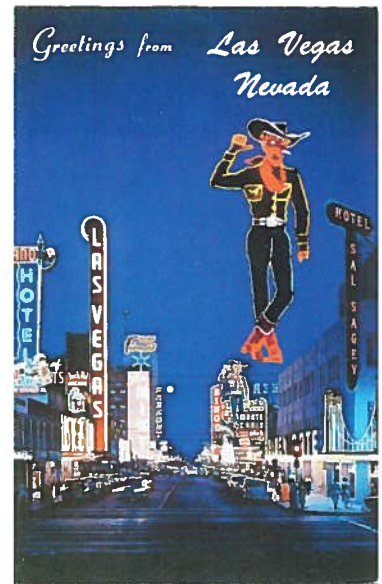
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Check out the Reference Center, where you will find useful information on the hobby of casino chip and gaming token collecting. There are articles for the beginning collector and detailed reference materials for the more experienced collector.

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Doug Smith
President

President's Letter

4th Quarter 2014

It seems like we just finished celebrating the holidays and the 2015 convention is around the corner.

Pre-registration is open as is the link for hotel bookings thru the club website. We are constantly looking for ways to give our pre-registration packages the best value so look out for some new benefits to pre-registration. Sheldon and Christine have done a fantastic job, and we are headed for one of the best conventions ever.

The BOD would like to thank Jim Kruse for offering to take on the position of Educational Director. In his short time in that role he has already scheduled all four convention seminars as well as a speaker for our Banquet.

The MOGH should have some more exciting news coming out shortly and things have been busy for the Museum Board. In addition there was a very generous donation to the MOGH recently by member Jim Noll who passed away last year. Please look for an article in this issue for more information on the donation. We wish we could let Jim know how honored we are that he thought of the club and the MOGH.

I wanted to take a moment and remind everyone of the 2015 Annual CC>CC Convention Raffle. The raffle is consistently one of the largest fundraisers for the club and it is an integral part of our budgeting each year. This year we already have some fantastic donations including a brand new in the box Ipad Air2 and some fantastic chips. Each package should have a \$500 minimum value and tickets are very reasonable. Please look for the advertisement in this issue of the magazine for more information on how to make donations to the raffle and purchase tickets. It's a GREAT way to support the club and remember donations are tax deductible as we are a registered 501c3.

Thanks again to our entire membership who make the CC>CC a truly special club.

Doug "Cigarman" Smith
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Proud President of the CC>CC

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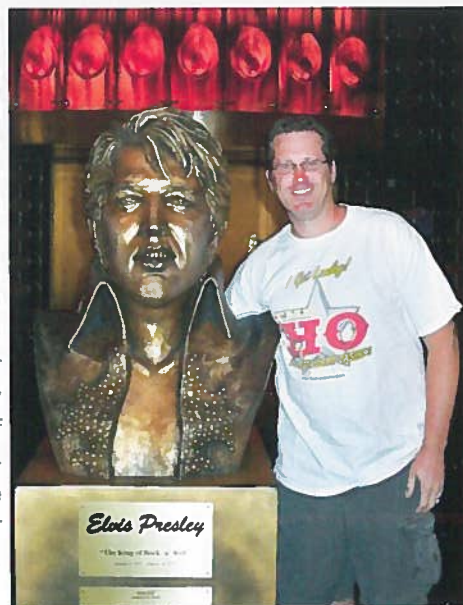
Steve Miller
Co-Editor

Thanks for a Terrific Job, Todd Barrett

As many of you might know, Todd has published his last issue of our magazine with the Winter 2014 issue. I asked him to say a few words about his time as Editor:

I joined the club in January of 2001 after my second trip to Las Vegas. I had a "winning" session at the Horseshoe downtown and decided to take a couple of \$1.00 chips home as a souvenir. Then during the same trip while playing blackjack at the new Venetian Hotel and Casino, a "First Anniversary" chip was included in my buy-in. I asked the dealer why that chip was different from the others. He said, "I don't know, I guess some people collect them." Being a "collector" at heart, I slipped it in my pocket and that got me started on this 14 year journey!

That continued until Steve took over for Allan last year. With the addition of Robb McPherson, who will be coming on to help Steve with Co-Editor duties, my last issue of the magazine was the December 2014 issue.



New Members

Last	First	State	City	Ref.	Pre	Memb #
Colet	Erich	CA	San Jose	CLUB WEBSITE	R	8680
Oswald	Tracey	SC	West Columbia	Archie Black	R	8679
Craig	Ronnie	AR	Paragould	CLUB WEBSITE	R	8678
Houston	Mark	MS	Madison	CLUB WEBSITE	R	8677
Beckerman	Perry	FL	Boynton Beach	CLUB WEB SITE	R	8676
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Berthod	James M.	CO	Fruita	CLUB WEBSITE	R	8675
Walker	Donald C.	FL	St. Petersburg	CLUB WEBSITE	R	8674
Nadeau	Doug	CT	Ellington	CLUB WEBSITE	R	8673

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on the club web site for your listing. It's FREE!

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Make sure it's updated!

Todd Barrett continued

After working on the convention program for a few years, I heard that Allan Anderson was going to be stepping down as Editor of the magazine. He had been doing it since 2001, and in 2008 I took over the Editor duties full time. In 2011, I was falling behind in my work, and had to ask for help with the magazine. Allan stepped back in "out of retirement" and we each worked on two issues a year.

While I had a great deal of fun working on the magazine, I need to concentrate on work and other family duties. I really learned a lot from working on the magazine, and I met a lot of great people inside and outside of the hobby that I hope to stay friends and colleagues with. I only collect Las Vegas chips, so it was a lot of fun and very informative to receive great articles from club members regarding other areas of collecting. The depth of knowledge of our club members is astounding. I look forward to helping the club in other areas of design or marketing work in the future.

Happy Chipping!
Todd Barrett
#5068-91
Ramona, CA

I want to personally thank Todd for all the help he gave me when I took over for Allan. I am looking forward to working with Robb in the future. I also want to especially thank Allan for stepping up again, filling in as Advertising Manager with the untimely passing of CT Rodgers.

Steve

2015 CCGTCC ELECTION NOMINATION RESULTS

The nominations for the 2015 CCGTCC Officers and Board of Directors have been submitted and tallied. Six valid nomination forms were received.

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

President: Doug Smith (Unopposed)
Secretary: David Spragg (Unopposed)

A ballot vote is not required since the above Board of Directors positions are uncontested. The above nominees are elected to the respective offices by acclamation. The term for the Office of President and Secretary will be two years (2015 - 2017).

At the annual CCGTCC business meeting on June 27, 2015, we, the Election Co-Chairmen, will report the results which will then be certified, at the meeting, by a vote of the current Officers and Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted,

BRUCE & MARY ANN MASSEY,
CCGTCC Election Co-Chairmen

Of Literary Note

by the Club Librarian
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David Spragg donated two copies each of the 2012 & 2013 *Chip Rack*.

Mike Awbrey donated the following items:

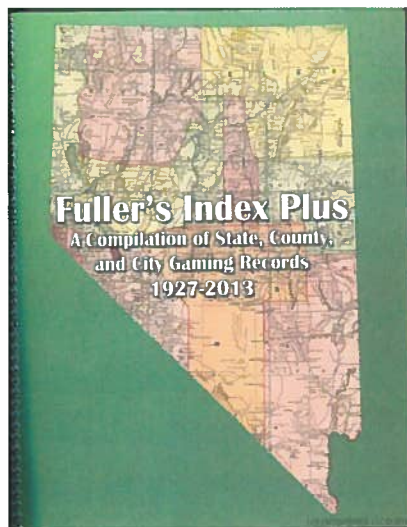
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Book of Tells by Mike Caro
Winning at Poker by John Archer
Killer Poker by John Vorhaus
The Secret to Winning Big in Tournament Poker by Ken Buntjer
Hoffa's Man by Joseph Franco
Goomgata – Rise & Fall of John Gotti by John Cummings & Ernest Volkman
Read 'Em and Weep by John Stravinsky
How to Get a Casino Job by Andrew McLean
Gamblers, Grifters and Good Old Boys by Bob Mason
Sports Betting by John Patrick
Gambling and the Law by I. Nelson Rose
Beat the Dealer by Edward Thorp
Boardwalk of Dreams by Bryant Simon
Casino Games for the Clueless by Darwin Ortiz
Born to the Mob by Frankie Saggio and Fred Rosen
Rumbling Wind Barrels by Bruno Buti
The Fall and Rise of Jimmy Hoffa by Walter Sheridan

KNAPP ON BOOKS

Michael Knapp

This is the 30th installment of "Knapp on Books."

If you're an author, let me know by sending me an e-mail at ChipProf@aol.com to arrange for a review copy of your book. 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.



**FULLER'S INDEX
PLUS: A Compilation of
State, County and City
Gaming Records 1927-
2013 (2014) by Howard
Herz, Editor**

the second section, an alphabetical listing of Nevada casinos resembling *The Gaming Table* style, and consisting of 541 pages of information!

Much of the information Howdy has managed to obtain is not found in any other publication. In addition to Fuller's original research, for this book Herz consulted Gaming Control Board records, Nevada Tax Commission records, records from County Sheriffs' offices, newspapers, phone books, city directories, and still more personal interviews.

The listings, by casino name, show addresses, owners' names, open and close dates, types of games licensed, and, uniquely, succession information as well. As casinos changed hands or as parts of their ownership were sold to other parties, separate listings appear so that it's possible to trace the history of the casino. To save the reader from having to calculate these successions himself, Herz has added a numerical notation as well, clearly showing the first, second, and subsequent ownerships and name or address changes.

Fuller's Index Plus reflects an amazing amount of research by two meticulous individuals, and adds incalculably to the literature of the hobby. It belongs in any serious collector's library. Copies can be obtained for \$55, postpaid, from Herz at chipsandtokens@yahoo.com.

Many of you know Harvey Fuller, or know of him. An ex-Los Angeles policeman, after his retirement, Fuller spent his time collecting chips and tokens and amassing information about the casinos that issued them. Most of the data Fuller collected over a period of twenty years was unknown to collectors. He infamously wrote his notes on keno tickets as he obtained them, largely based on individual conversations with old-timers now long gone. He also researched official records, where available.

Fuller's notes, however, were essentially inaccessible until Howard Herz painstakingly organized and "translated" the handwritten notes. Finally, 32 years ago, Howdy published *Harvey J. Fuller's Index of Nevada Gambling Establishments*.

That book essentially resulted in the induction of Harvey Fuller into the CC>CC Hall of Fame, based on his immense contribution to the literature and knowledge of the chip and token collecting hobby.

My original 1991 book, 110 pages in length, covered the first 50 years of licensed gambling in Nevada.

Now Herz (one of the three original inductees into the Hall of Fame) has updated and supplemented Fuller's original work, resulting in this book.

The original Fuller index is contained in *Fuller's Index Plus* – it appears as the first section of the book, and its original 110 pages have been compressed to 40 pages. Herz's additional research and information comprises

Local Casino Collectibles Clubs

Atlantic City Casino Collectibles Club; <http://gaming-chips.com/>; Charles Kaplan, 11 Calais Court, Rockville Centre, NY 11570; 5 meetings a year on Sunday's in AC; \$10.00 annual dues.

Chicagoland Casino Collectibles Club; ikcarkop@comcast.net; Riverboat Rick Pokracki; various locations in the tri-state area.

Dallas Chip Club; txbel711@aol.com; Belinda Hixon; various contact for next meeting

Florida Casino Chip & Token Collectors Club; Jerry Leonardo [561-445-4007](tel:561-445-4007) 6646 110th Place Sebastian FL 32958; jerryleonardo@bellsouth.net; Quarterly meetings at various locations Membership \$10.00 Yr

Houston Chip Club; Houston Chip Club on Facebook; Frank Chalfant; 1st Wednesday of the month starting at 7 PM

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Nor-Cal-Nev Casino Collectibles Club; Todd Dingley, sandpointe@sbcglobal.net, 6 Sandpointe CT. Sacramento, CA 95831. Contact us about our next Get-together!

NY Metro Chip Club; qualpete@aol.com; Pete Volberg, 516-322-3892; PO Box 3037, Farmingdale, NY 11735; Knights of Columbus Bethpage, NY; no membership dues.

Slot Card & Room Keys; Dave Johnston, 350 E Desert Inn Rd D-205, Las Vegas, NV 89109; 702-351-8573

Southern California Collectibles Club; georged@mindspring.com; George Dmitrevsky; 818-384-7357; 3rd Tuesday of every month locations vary 7-9 PM

Southern Nevada Collectibles Club; <http://snccc.weebly.com/>; Rich Klabacha; 1616 Gleneagles Court Boulder City, NV 89005-3653; monthly meetings; membership dues \$12.00

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INCOME	1/1/14-12/31/14
Membership Dues (Includes 1st class postage & Life Memberships)	30,612
Convention 2014:	
Table Fees	\$ 24,217.50
Registration	7,235
Banquet	4,770
Program Advertising	2,380
Poker & BJ Tournaments	0
Auction Proceeds (Includes Catalog)	8,209
Convention 2014 Total:	\$ 46,811.00
Promotion Sales	7,724
Museum Fund Sales/ Donations	1,396
Magazine Advertising	1,633
Nevada State sales tax (To be paid)	-701
Raffle Tickets	4,005
Calendar Sales (Costs Deducted)	2,117
Other Donations	841
Greg Susong Memorial Fund donations	
Sale of donated items	1,775
50/50 Raffle	
Interest Income/misc	<u>\$ 292.54</u>
Total Income :	<u>96,505</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Magazine	33,991
Convention (Includes Convention program)	41,373
Advertising	2,692
Promotion	3,364
Video Production (Convention/Seminars)	2,138
Storage (Occupancy)	4,113
Museum Fund Expenses / Promotional Items	10,206
BOD audit/meeting expense	3,616
Postage (Other than Magazine)	\$3,003
Bank Charges / Paypal Fees / Ebay Fees	841
Websites	700
Misc, Supplies (Includes Membership Pins/Cards)	1,071
Filing Fees	290
Printing	757
Telephone	80
Insurance	<u>1,637</u>
Total Expenditures :	<u>109,872</u>
Net Income - 01/01 to 12/31	-13,367
Beginning Equity Balance - 01/01/14	<u>334,616</u>
Net Income - 01/01 to 12/31	-13,367
Change In Inventory - 01/01 to 12/31	<u>2,678</u>
Ending Equity Balance - 12/31	<u>323,927</u>
Detail of Equity Balance - 12/31/14	
General Fund - Checking	\$ 16,602.28
General Fund - Money Market	\$ 110,125.78
Museum Fund (Formally Building Fund)	\$ 90,744.37
Life Membership Fund	\$ 63,276.90
Total Cash Available	280,749
Inventory	42,977
Advance (Promotions)	<u>200</u>
Ending Equity Balance - 12/31/14	<u>323,926</u>
Respectfully Submitted, John Zoesch - Treasurer	
January 10, 2015	



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REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE CC>CC

We have examined the Treasurer's Report of **THE CASINO CHIP AND GAMING TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB, INC.**, for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Our examination included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures, as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The Club's policy is to prepare its reports on the cash basis of accounting. Consequently, revenue and expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the income is earned or the expense was incurred. For this reason the Treasurer's Report is not intended to present results of operations on the accrual basis.

In our opinion, the Treasurer's Report referred to above, presents fairly the income and expenditures of **THE CASINO CHIP AND GAMING TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB, INC.**, for the year ended December 31, 2014, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting applied on a consistent basis.

DAVE HARBER

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January 31, 2015

Treasurer's Report

John Zoesch – Treasurer

The information contained in this report reflects costs and expenditures for the period of 1/1/2014 thru 12/31/2014

Highlights of the Third Quarter of 2014 (10/1/2014 – 12/31/2014):

- This quarter we had a net loss of \$4,832.
- The fourth quarter is always very quiet since the convention bills have already been paid and next years income and bills have not started yet.
- The clubs net equity went from \$328,759 to \$323,926 in the last quarter.
- This year we had a net loss of \$13,367 which is mainly from MOGH expenses of \$10,206.

Club Accounts

The current balances as of 12/31/14 in the CC>CC accounts are as follows:

General Fund Business Checking	\$ 16,602
Museum Fund Money Market	\$ 90,744
Life Membership Fund Money Market	\$ 63,277
General Fund Money Market	\$110,126
Total cash in all four accounts	\$280,749

The above totals do not reflect checks written in the amount of \$9811 that have not yet cleared.

As a method of comparison, in the December 2013 report we had a net cash position of \$294,117.

The Museum Fund

The total amount currently in the Museum Fund is now \$90,744. All expenses for setting up the displays at the Mob Museum and at the El Cortez Casino came out of the Museum Fund account as will the costs of any future displays.

Greg Susong Memorial Fund

The remaining balance of \$2089 that was donated by members will fund future awards. This amount will be kept track of separately until depleted.

Membership

This past quarter we took in \$5295 in membership payments. A good percentage of the members are taking advantage of the multi-year discounts and this will skew the numbers from year to year since their due dates are from one to five years out before renewal is due.

Quarterly Period Revenue

The following monies were collected during the period.

Membership Renewals	\$5295
Promotion Sales	\$ 639
Calendar Sales (income-expenses)	\$ 8
Interest Income and misc.	\$ 59
Total Period Revenue	\$6001

Period Expenses

The following expenses were paid during the period.

CCTN Magazine	\$8241
Convention	\$ 246
Storage	\$ 885
MOGH Expenses	\$3923
Misc. Postage (Membership/Promotions)	\$ 136
Paypal/Bank Fees	\$ 96
Misc. Supplies / printing / phone	\$ 106
Insurance	\$1122
Total Period Expenses	\$10,833

Period Account Balance Reconciliation

Total balance in all accounts as of 10/1/14	\$285,582
Revenue for the Period	\$ 6,001
Expenses for the Period	\$(10,833)
Gain or (loss) this period	\$ 4,832
Balance of all accounts as of 12/31/2014	\$280,749

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JIM NOLL

October 18, 1935 -- January 26, 2014
by Eric S. Rosenblum, Esq.

JAMES ELMER NOLL, known to us in the CC>CC, Inc., as Jim Noll, or “The TITO King,” has become a great benefactor to the club. More about Jim later, but for a moment I want to discuss the “benefactor” part. Ever since I became counsel to the CC>CC, Inc., I have encouraged people to remember the club in their wills. I have written articles for the club magazine and spoken to many people about making a bequest in their wills giving assets to the club -- either money or chips or other club-related items or all of the above. Jim did so, in a major way.



Jim scanned and processed over 3,000 TITOs to the MOGH, and then donated his entire TITO (Ticket In, Ticket Out) collection to the Museum Of Gaming History (MOGH) – several binders and several suitcases full of TITOs! Then, as part of his will, he gave a LARGE cash bequest to the CC>CC, Inc. How large? The *largest single donation the club has ever received*. For that, we will be eternally grateful.



Jim Noll loved paper. He collected uncashed postal money orders, stamps, first day and postal covers. He also had a large collection of Test Paper Money. His chips and tokens were given to his good friends Scott and Estelle Hartman to sell for him. Most of this information came from his good friend George Dmitrevsky, who was a neighbor of Jim’s in Southern California. A large amount of information also came from Charles Kaplan, our webmaster, Chip Guide Director and MOGH Vice-Chairman.

Jim lived in Escondido, California, and was also very active in the Southern California Chip Collecting Club. He managed their website and went to every meeting. Jim was a good friend to so many CC>CC, Inc. members and never had a bad thing to say of anyone. He was always a pleasure to talk with and will be missed by many in the club.

How important was Jim’s bequest? Hugely, on more than one level. First, it will benefit the club, and conversely, the MOGH, for years and years. Second, it serves as an example and an encouragement, to every other club member, how they can enjoy their hobby for as long as they wish and benefit the CC>CC, Inc. for many years after they are gone.

As club counsel, I would be happy to help you set up a bequest, or work with your attorney in doing so. Please take me up on the offer! The CC>CC, Inc. and the MOGH will be eternally grateful to you!



AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION NEWS



By Archie A. Black HLM-001/ANA Club Rep

ATTENTION ACTIVE ANA/CC>CC MEMBERS; YOU CAN HELP OUR CC>CC CLUB

If you will provide me with your name and current ANA membership number, the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc. will receive a \$5 credit towards our club's annual ANA dues payment for each name I submit to the American Numismatic Association Membership Department. A maximum of \$75 in dues credits is available for each ANA member club during the annual renewal period. Please email your information to me ablack2@optonline.net or send your information to my P.O. Box 63 Brick, NJ 08723-0063. Your help is much appreciated.

ANA Member Name _____ ANA # _____

Another way for our club to receive credits from ANA participation is while attending American Numismatic Association conventions. If you are planning to attend the "National Money Show" on March 5-7, 2015 at the Oregon Convention Center, Portland, Oregon ... or if attending the "World's Fair Of Money" convention at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont (Chicago), Illinois on August 11-15, 2015; just identify yourself and the club you are representing (CC>CC) when you register for either one of these upcoming ANA conventions. The ANA will credit \$3 to CC>CC toward its annual dues for each CC>CC club member who attends any ANA show, **PLUS**, ANA will continue to credit \$5 toward annual club dues for each active or new club member at time of renewal.

NATIONAL MONEY SHOW

March 5-7, 2015

Oregon Convention Center, Portland, Oregon

WORLD'S FAIR OF MONEY

August 11-15, 2015

Donald E. Stephens Convention Center

Rosemont (Chicago), Illinois

CONGRATULATIONS! The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society recently celebrated its 100th anniversary as a member club of the American Numismatic Association.

WPNS became an ANA member club during the summer of 1914 when its members applied for and received ANA Branch No. 6. The club is now recognized as Life Member 100006. The organization currently has a membership of 30 men and women.

ANA Elections: Nominations are currently being sought for the 2015 American Numismatic Association Board of Governors election. ANA bylaws require nominees to secure the physical signatures of 25 ANA members, 25 ANA-member clubs in good standing or a combination of the two in order to be placed on the ballot.

Members of the Board of Governors are elected for two-year terms. The ANA's Congressional Charter rests control of the association with the board members.

All nine member's terms are expiring this summer, and the new board will be installed at the World's Fair of Money in Chicago on Aug. 14, 2015.

Happy collecting,
Archie

The Member's Corner

Steve Passalacqua CLM-044

By Jerry Vergatos LM 8093-

Welcome to another edition of Member's Corner! This edition we feature the renowned Steve Passalacqua! Steve was the 25th member to enter the CC & GTCC Hall of Fame. He is also a dealer with a booth at the CC & GTCC Annual Convention. His personality and passion are a true credit to our club. I invite you to join me in getting to know him better.

Jerry: How long have you been in the club?

Steve: I have been with the club since the beginning. I am charter member CH- #44. I even placed an ad in the very first club newsletter from January-February 1988. I was happy that Archie Black was dedicating his time and talents to organize people that found chip collecting interesting and challenging. To this day every time I see Archie and his wife Brenda I rejoice in the fact that they were the engineers that supplied the glue to build the family of modern-day chip collectors.

Jerry: How did you become interested in the club?

Steve: Before Archie organized the club in 1988 and before e-mail, most chip collectors thought that they were one of the few or maybe the only chip collector. Finding a new collector that shared your passion for collecting gambling chips was a difficult and time-consuming task. I made up some red T-shirts with "I BUY OLD POKER CHIPS" in 1983 and we wore them to antique shows and street fairs. We went by the name T.D.S. ANTIQUE GAMBLING CHIPS, for Tegan, Drew & Steve.

Before Archie Black, Bruce Landau and Michael Knapp formed the club adding one new collector to your mailing or phone list was a triumph. In the early days of collecting most collectors sent their prized chips through the mail in a box. Many times the box was reused and sent with a label pasted over the old address. Twice I remember doing my best imitation of Sherlock Holmes and gently peeling off the old mailing label to see where the box had been before. I would then write to the old address explaining that I was a chip collector and wanted to know if they collected chips also. Both people replied with a yes and two more people were added to my prized list of chip collectors. From the very beginning I have been an enthusiastic supporter of our club and organized chip collecting.

Jerry: What are your particular interests in casino memorabilia?

Steve: My first memories of any type of gambling artifact was in 1961 (I was 11 years old) when my grandmother's 1880s antique ivory chips were passed down to my parents. As an 11-year-old I used them as building blocks to build small forts and houses. By the time I was in high school the ivory chips were used in our weekly Wednesday night poker games. If the Wednesday night game was not at my parent's house I would take the chips to the location of the game, no one wanted to play if we did not use grandma's set, everyone loved playing with these antique gambling chips. I've always enjoyed antiques and gambling so when I saw other chips at antique shows or flea markets they caught my attention. In the early days antique chips were around \$1 to \$5 each so they were easy to collect. In my first 10 years or so I did not collect casino chips, I thought to myself who would want to collect a chip that is only 20 or 30 years old? As an old chip collector I focused on Crest & Seals, DieCut monograms and engraved clay chips. As chip collecting gained momentum I gladly added casino chips to my want list with Lake Tahoe a high priority.

Jerry: What advice would you give any new members just joining our club?



Photo by Dick Covington

Steve: It is a great time to collect gambling chips. There is no better place to find gambling chips or get a chip education than our annual club convention in Las Vegas. You'll find hundreds of people sharing your interest in gambling artifacts and will have the opportunity to add one or thousands of gambling artifacts to your collection. Collecting is a passion that can be enjoyed at any level from the beginner to the advanced specialized collector. In the beginning of organized chip collecting most chip collectors I knew had a goal to get one of every chip made. It took a while but we all learned that getting one of each chip was unrealistic. It is a good idea to form some parameters for your collection. I still collect everything chip related if it is at a price I consider reasonable. Collect what you like and create your boundaries within that group. You could focus on five dollar chips, one dollar chips, Las Vegas, California card rooms; illegal clubs, Crest & Seals or any other group that holds your interest. Education is the best form of protection from paying too much or buying something that is not what you thought it was. Most new collectors make these mistakes, I certainly have. As a member of our club you'll have access to reliable collectors and dealers, plus club members offer valuable advice and are eager to share their years of experience. Remember you cannot take a chip to a grocery store and get a bag of groceries or to a gas station and get a gallon gas. I collect gambling chips for fun, profit is not my first concern, but buying something and selling it for more than you paid is also fun

Jerry: Tell me a little bit about your personal life (wife, kids, family?)

Steve: My wife, Cathy and I were married in 1973, we have two sons and four grandchildren. Drew, our oldest son has devoted his life to education. After serving as a teacher, dean, vice principal and principal he is working towards his goal of being a school superintendent. Drew and his wife Kristy have three of our fabulous grandchildren: Scout, Augusta and Enzo. Tegan, our youngest son has devoted his life to the wine industry. Tegan has worked worldwide doing a wine crush in New Zealand, Northern Rhône, and South Africa. He is currently the winemaker for Turley Wine Cellars in St. Helena California. Tegan and his wife Olivia have our fourth fabulous grandchild William. Tegan and Olivia have launched their own wine label Sandlands and currently produce Chenin Blanc, Syrah, Carignane and a Grenache. On December 4th 2015 Tegan was named Winemaker of the Year by the San Francisco Chronicle.

Jerry: Where do you live and how long have you been there?

Steve: I grew up in the beautiful Napa Valley. Cathy and I owned our first house a small Gothic Revival in downtown Napa when she was 20 and I was 22. We are self-taught tinkers and remodeled three older homes in downtown Napa before building our dream house. In 1980 I designed and drew the plans for our novel Victorian dream house. Family, friends, Cathy and I did 90% of the work. The only contractor we hired was for the roof. We still live there today and enjoy it as much as we ever did. Every part of the house has a story with warm fond memories.

Jerry: Tell us about your career?

Steve: I drove a cement truck for 33 years, and I am proud retired Teamster. I started in the ready mix truck business when I was 22. I had many trivial jobs before starting my driving career. My first real job was at 16 years old tearing down old buildings with a sledgehammer and crowbar in Napa for the recycling of building materials. At 22 I worked in the slot department of the Sahara Tahoe, had a fantastic time meeting Muhammad Ali and saw him fight Bob Foster. I still have the ticket stub and fight poster that Ali and Foster signed for me. When I left Lake Tahoe, Cathy married me and I started my driving career in ready mix.

Jerry: What would you like to see happen concerning the future of our club?

Steve: I would like members to sign up any relative as an associate member that might have an interest in collecting or sharing your passion. It could be your children, sisters, brothers, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces and neph-



ews. Yes, you can sign up any relative for five dollars each. All these people young and old will receive a membership card and be introduced to the joy of collecting. I've signed up my wife, two sons, two daughter-in-laws, four grandchildren and a sister.

Jerry: Tell me something that nobody in the club knows about you?

Steve: My great grandfather Anton~~e~~ Passalacqua arrived in California in the year 1864. My grandfather Louis Passalacqua was a veteran of the Spanish American War in 1898. My father was in World War 2 and Korea. In 1927, my mother was abandoned at the San Francisco Ferry Building when she was a few days old, we never knew her parents.

Jerry: What other hobbies are you interested in?

Steve: I love anything that the grandchildren are interested in. I really enjoy home video editing and photo design. I enjoy music and listen to it when I can. I like to play poker. And my favorite sport is baseball. This year our sons and daughter-in-laws bought Cathy and I tickets to game three of the 2014 World Series at AT&T Park in San Francisco, what a thrill! GO GIANTS!

Jerry: Give me your top things you want to say about the club?

#1- I want to thank every volunteer that has worked for our club, the convention and our magazine over the many years of production. Everyone has done an excellent job.

#2- The public and some members might not realize that our first rate organization is ran 100% by dedicated people who volunteer their time, talent and manpower to make everything happen. From the club officers to the people who volunteer one or two hours at the convention. These people work to furnish a habitat that the chip collecting community can share and enjoy.

#3- Education is key to any collectible. The most popular area for chip collecting is the state of Nevada. The best way to stay informed on Nevada chips is to own a copy of The Chip Rack. This guide makes the effort to list every known Nevada gambling chip. This publication has a wealth of information. Use it as a guide-price shop your purchases, prices rise and fall with new information.

#4- Do you want to have fun looking at chips and casino collectibles online? Well the best place for that is with the online "The Chip Guide." The homepage has a map of the United States with many links and other guides. It is a great research tool loaded with details and pictures. You can easily go back time after time and see things you never saw before.

#5- Try your best to participate in one of the Club's conventions in Las Vegas. It's a great feeling meeting new friends and seeing many old ones each year at the annual convention. You will develop lasting friendships with people that share a common passion.

#6- For many years this hobby and club has been a big joy in my life. I have had a table at all 22 conventions and Cathy has been to them all. We have had a fabulous time at every convention. For me the excitement starts building about three months before convention time. Please come by my table at convention, (Number 23) at the South Point Casino June 24th – 27th, 2015 and say hello. Having fun, Steve.

Jerry's Final Words

I wish to thank Steve for allowing me to interview him for this edition of the column. I find it very interesting to learn about some of the great people in our club. Steve is a Hall-of Famer and rightfully so. From the few times that I've met him, I found him to be interesting and engaging, a true asset to our club. He is also a dealer and has a booth at the convention and you would be totally remiss by not stopping by and introducing yourself. He has the perfect personality and demeanor and is definitely a presence to behold. If you'd like to reach Steve, you can contact him at napasteve@sbcglobal.net.

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.ccggtcc.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.

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MUSINGS from the MoGH

By Mike Quinlivan – Chairman

Museum of Gaming History

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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 <http://themogh.org>.

MoGH and ChipGuide Websites

The MoGH website received a makeover in mid-December. Besides having a nicer appearance, a new function was also added. The "Gaming Industry News" page used to show recent articles about casinos that were published by the Las Vegas Sun newspaper. Now you can select articles from not just the Las Vegas Sun, but from 13 other news sources, including: Google, N. Y. Times, Casino Journal, Casino Player, Global Gaming Business Magazine, Casino City Times, Tribal Government Gaming, International Casino News and CDC Gaming Reports.

To help support future MoGH exhibitions, a pop-up message has been added to the website explaining our financial needs and requesting a visit to our Donation page. The pop-up message is set to appear when first visiting the website and with every fourth webpage viewed thereafter.

You can check out the MoGH website at <http://themogh.org>.

The ChipGuide recently added its 140,000th item. You would think that we would be running out of new material by now, but the submissions just keep on coming in. ChipGuide administrators have now processed over 36,000 items submitted by collectors. What's hot and new? Harley-Davidson chips. These are souvenirs sold from Harley-Davidson retail stores; you can usually find a bowl of them on the counter by the cash register. Prices vary from \$1 to \$3 each, although they are \$5 at the store in NYC. We currently have more than 2,000 different Harley-Davidson chips from 400 locations on the ChipGuide.

Not much can be said right now, but the ChipGuide is working on something BIG. Hopefully, we will be able to make an announcement in the next few months. We'll keep you posted.

The MoGH "Blog" and "This Week in Gaming History" are getting a renewed emphasis and you should see some exciting articles and information added during the next few months. They can be found under the "News" pull down menu.

Current Exhibits (Downtown - Las Vegas)

Mob Museum - There is a display of some of the Meyer Lansky illegal gambling clubs located on the 3rd Floor Evidence Room and a display of Bugsy Siegel's Flamingo Hotel located on the 2nd Floor Open City.



El Cortez Hotel & Casino – In the Club Cortez area of the casino, there is an exhibit called “Jackie Gaughan’s Downtown As Seen Through Gaming Memorabilia.” It includes casino chips, tokens, dice and other artifacts from nine casinos Gaughan owned or had a stake in. Jackie died in March 2014 at the age of 93.

Future Exhibits (Downtown – Las Vegas)

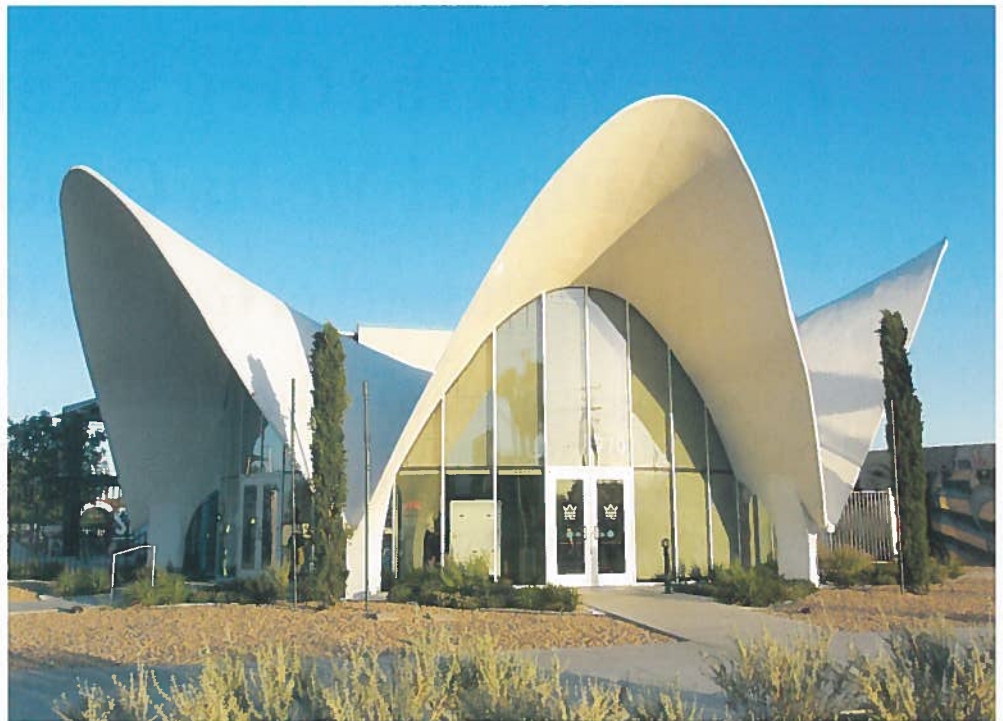
Plaza Hotel & Casino – We hopefully will have a signed an agreement with the Plaza by the time you read this. We are looking to open a display of Union Plaza, Jackie

Gaughan's Plaza and possibly Las Vegas Club artifacts in time for the 2015 CC>CC Convention in June.

Neon Museum – We are waiting on case dimensions and other particulars so that we can start on a MoGH presence in the lobby area. We are looking to have the display in place in time for the convention.

Mob Museum – We are waiting on the requirements for two new displays. These displays are expected to be in place in time for the convention as well.

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 (<http://themogh.org>) currently listed under “Contacts” on the “About Us” pull down menu. Please be sure to visit the MoGH website often!!



La Concha lobby is now the Visitors Office for the Neon Museum

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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.

Visit the Greg Susong Digital Media Center!

at the Museum of Gaming History

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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June 24-27, 2015



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Main Show Floor Times:

Thursday, June 25th, 10:30am - 6:00pm

Friday, June 26th, 10:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday, June 27th, 10:00am - 4:00pm

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Check in at the CC>CC Registration Desk prior to entry.



CC>CC 2015 CONVENTION



GREETINGS from your 2015 Convention Co-Chairs! We are pleased to announce that plans for our **June 24-27, 2015 Convention at the South Point Hotel and Casino** are **ROLLING** right along!

We want to thank all of the Committee Chairs who will be working with their volunteers to bring the membership another successful Convention. We are pleased to announce that **Jim Kruse** has agreed to serve as our Education Director, **Marion Engel** will coordinate the Ladies' Luncheon and **Jim Follis** is assuming the duties of Exhibit Chairman. For those who may have missed our announcement in the last magazine, we are proud to acknowledge the Committee Chairs for the 2015 Convention as follows:

- Pre-Registration Director: George Dmitrevsky
- On-site Registration/Badge Pick-up Director: Brenda Black
- Set-Up/Tear-Down Co-Chairmen: Steve Palumbo and Alan Schuyler
- Volunteer Coordinator: Belinda Hixon
- Graphics Designer: Todd Barrett
- Convention Program Editor: Allan Anderson
- Promotions and Property Director: Roy Nelson
- Advertising Director: Cale Guthmiller
- Bruce Landau Memorial Auction Co-Chairmen: David Spragg & Jay Sands
- Auctioneer: Tyrus Mulkey
- Black Jack and Poker Tournaments Director: Jerry Vergatos
- Banquet Master of Ceremonies: Wayne Thompson
- Banquet Speaker and Speaker Host: Jim Kruse
- Banquet Raffle Co-Chairs: Dollie and John Ramsey
- Banquet Decorations Coordinator: Sharrol Haglund
- Education/Seminar Director: Jim Kruse
- Photographers: Quintin Kamm, Dick Covington and Mark Lighterman
- "OTY" Chairman: Jim Follis
- Exhibits/"Peoples' Choice Awards" Chairman: Jim Follis
- Youth Program Directors: Debbie and Dave Harber
- Ladies' Luncheon Coordinator: Marion Engel
- Casino Collectible News Editor: Steve Miller
- Hall of Fame President: Jim Steffner



2015 CONVENTION SHOW HOURS:

Thursday, June 25th

PRE-REGISTRANTS ONLY: 9:30 am to 10:30 am

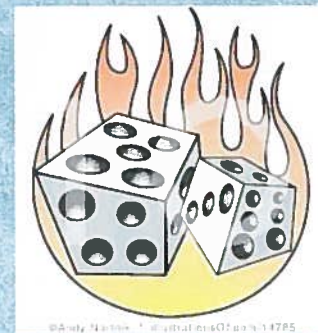
PRE-REGISTRANTS and GENERAL ADMISSION: 10:30 am to 6:00 pm

Friday, June 26th

PRE-REGISTRANTS and GENERAL ADMISSION: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, June 27th

PRE-REGISTRANTS and GENERAL ADMISSION: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm



2015 CONVENTION SHOW ENTRANCE FEES:

PRE-REGISTRATION: \$20 per person. This includes:

- 1 hour early admission on Thursday, June 25th.
- \$2.50 Scrip Octagon Chip.
- Raffle ticket for the \$25 Scrip Plaque.
- Coupon for either \$10 worth of any Club merchandise dated 2013 and earlier OR \$5 off any purchase of \$25 or more at the Club table.
- And other casino coupons, if available.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION:

Thursday, June 25th: **\$10 per person**

Friday, June 26th: **\$ 5 per person**

Saturday, June 27th: **FREE**



Admission for all children aged 18 and younger is FREE on Thursday and Friday when accompanied by a paying adult. Saturday admission is FREE for all attendees. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult on all days.

ROOM RESERVATIONS:

Once again, our Convention will be held at the **South Point Hotel and Casino, 9777 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89183**. For those who haven't been there before, the showroom floor is large and has easy access with wide aisles. Self-parking should be no problem because ComicCom's convention is the week before our convention this year. Also, the valet service at the South Point is very efficient. The South Point has excellent restaurants that are reasonably priced and there is a bowling alley, a movie theater and a very good selection of table games and slots. The South Point operates a free shuttle to the Town Center Mall and also has a nominal-fee shuttle to various Strip locations.

The South Point has set aside a room block for our attendees and those who stay at the South Point will receive "Fun Books" with discount coupons. **Our discounted room rates are \$66 for Sunday thru Thursday and \$99 for Friday and Saturday.** All rooms must be reserved on an individual basis. You may call the South Point toll-free at 866-791-7626. When you make your reservations, **PLEASE identify yourself as being with the Casino Chip & Gaming Collectors' -2015 Convention (room block group number CAS0619)** – that is the only way to get your complimentary guest room Wi-Fi and the \$14 per per day resort fees waived! You may also make reservations on-line. For your convenience, go to the Club website,

www.ccgcc.com and select the link on the left-hand side that says, "2015 Hotel Booking." This link will take you directly to the South Point On-Line Reservations page.

Whether you call or go on-line, please identify yourself as part of the **CAS0619 room block**. Our room block is only guaranteed until May 20, 2015! Although ComicCom will be gone, Electric Daisy Carnival will overlap with our Convention, so please make your reservations early to get the discounted room rates! When you make a room reservation under our room block, YOU directly benefit our Club and YOU help us in negotiating favorable contracts for future conventions. Please support the Club and stay at the South Point!



PRE-REGISTRATION (\$20 per person):

We have to give **George and Nina Dmitrevsky**, special THANKS as they are, literally, the entire Pre-Registration Committee! Pre-registration material is included in this Magazine – AND, on the Club website – so, let's make it easy for George and Nina by pre-registering as early as possible! George's address and email are on the registration form.

Payment by check or money order made out to CC>CC must accompany the form. No credit card transaction can be used with the mail-in form.

PLEASE NOTE: BECAUSE OF GAMING REGULATIONS, IF YOU ARE REGISTERING FOR THE BLACK JACK TOURNAMENT AND/OR THE POKER CHALLENGE, payment for the tournaments MUST be made by check and mailed in on the registration form.

For those who are not registering to participate in either the Black Jack Tournament or the Poker Challenge, you can pre-register on-line using the Club website, www.ccgcc.com BUT, ONLY IF you use PayPal. To register on-line, select the link on the left hand side that says, "On-Line Pre-Registration." Please be sure to follow all of the instructions in each step of the registration process. Do not close out until you are shown that you have completed the process. With either the mail-in form or the on-line process, you WILL receive a confirmation within 30 days – **PLEASE be sure to include your email**



or phone number. If you don't receive your confirmation, you are NOT registered. The postmark and on-line deadlines for Pre-Registration are the same as for the room-block reservations, May 20, 2015. No pre-registrations can be accepted after May 20th but people wishing to attend the Convention are always welcome as on-site registrants for GENERAL ADMISSION on Thursday, Friday or Saturday.



A special "**Junior Collector**" packet (without casino-related items) will be available for those children, aged 12 and under only, whose ages are listed on the Pre-Registration Form. Thanks to **Debbie and Dave Harber** who did a fabulous job working with the "Junior Collectors" last year. We are thrilled that they will

be doing it again this year. If you are bringing "Junior Collectors," please put their ages on the Registration form so we know how many to expect – thank you!

By building interest in our hobby early by including our youth, whether they are "Junior Collectors" (aged 12 and under) or "Future Collectors" (aged 13 -18), we are adhering to the educational purpose of our Club! Let's support our Youth Program!



Pre-registration packets can be picked up at the registration desk on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm **ONLY** and during regular registration desk hours on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Each pre-registrant must pick up his or her own packet using a photo ID with a current address. No packets will be mailed to non-attendees. Your pre-registration packet will contain your show badge, banquet tickets (if ordered), blackjack and poker confirmations (if participating) and any special coupons, freebies or give-a-ways that we can obtain.

Only pre-registrants will receive **EARLY ADMISSION** on Thursday, the discount coupon for club merchandise, the \$2.50 Scrip Octagon Chip and the raffle ticket for the \$25 Scrip Plaque so, get **“ROLLING”** and pre-register!

REGISTRATION and BADGE PICK-UP:

In addition to George and Nina Dmitrevsky, we also give large kudos and thanks to **Brenda Black** and her experienced volunteers at the pre-registration and registration desk and to **Archie Black** for his constant support of our Club (and, of Brenda!) and his willingness to share his hard-earned wisdom with not only the “newbies” but also those of us (not so “new”) who still have many questions! The Registration volunteers’ warm welcomes at the desk start our attendees off on their “most-excellent adventure” with smiles on their faces and hope in their hearts for the treasures just beyond the doors! Without Brenda and her crew, we couldn’t get our dealers and attendees in the door!

CONVENTION BANQUET AND RAFFLE:

Dollie and John Ramsey will be handling the **50/50 Raffle** at the banquet and, to make it easier for all the members to participate, we’ll have raffle tickets available during our cocktail hour starting at 5:00 pm. **Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 each or six (6) tickets for \$5.** The last time the Ramsey’s and their committee ran our raffle, the winner took home more than \$500! Come to the Banquet, buy a raffle ticket (or, more!) and you, too, could be hundreds of dollars ahead by the end of the evening!



Our Keynote Speaker for our **Banquet on Wednesday night, June 24th**, is **Mr. Don Marrandino**, chief operations officer of The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Lake Tahoe! We thank **Jim Kruse** once again! We look to

Wayne Thompson, as our Master of Ceremonies, to keep the evening **“ROLLING”** along!

COME ON BACK! Over the years, some of our members have opted out of the Banquet and missed a great opportunity to share the camaraderie of this “kick-off” event. Although the sit-down service and the quality of the plated food and the accompaniments will be excellent, our Club’s Banquet is so much more than that! Attending the Banquet is enjoying the whole experience of socializing with people we haven’t seen since the last convention, being there for the Speaker and the Awards and the Raffle and getting to spend time with people off the Convention floor, where everyone is either working behind the tables or busy “searching” through books and bins in front of the tables! This is our overture to everyone who, for a variety of reasons, hasn’t “broken bread” with our membership for a while – **COME JOIN US!** We’re on a **“ROLL”** and we want **YOU** to be with us!



TRADE SESSIONS:

Several Trade Sessions are planned during the Convention. For all Trade Sessions, registration badges are required for entry and NO selling of items is permitted. Infractions may result in being asked to leave the trade session.

Our **FIRST** Trade Session begins following the Banquet (usually around 8:00 pm) on Wednesday, June 24th. Therefore, if you plan on attending the Wednesday evening Trade Session, please be sure to get to the Registration Desk before it closes at 4:00 pm that day.

Although times may be subject to change, Trade Sessions are currently planned for Thursday, June 25th from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm; Friday, June 26th from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm; and, the “Last Dance” session on Saturday, June 27th from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm. This event will be the last chance for members to get together after the show floor closes to add that last “great find” to your collection! **Please check the show schedule for the exact times and locations for all trade sessions.**



OTY:

Nomination submissions are in for the four (4) OTY Award categories (chips, tokens, strikes and key/cards). Many thanks to **Charles Kaplan** for his work in revamping the method used to view most of the previous year’s new issues. For a full explanation, please see the 01/02/2015 posting on the www.ccgfcc.com Message Board by **Jim Follis**, our OTY Chairman; or, email Jim at Jim@GamingOre.com if you have any questions. Come to the Convention and be there when the winners are announced on **Friday, June 26th at 12 noon!**

EXHIBITS/“Peoples’ Choice Awards:”



This is one of the highlights of the convention! Members look forward to seeing what other members collect and all members are encouraged to show their collecting specialties and interests by entering an educational Exhibit. The Exhibits can be either competitive (i.e., eligible for a trophy) or non-competitive. In the past, Exhibits have included chips, tokens, silver strikes, ashtrays, dice, hotel histories, and, in sum, all-things casino-related. Please contact **Jim Follis**, Exhibit Chairman, at exhibits@ccgtcc.com to enter. The Club will provide the display cases at no cost for your Exhibit.

Come to the Convention and vote for your favorite Exhibit – that’s why we call them “**The Peoples’ Choice Awards!**” Winners will be announced on the Showroom Floor at **12 noon on Saturday, June 27th.**

EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS:

Jim Kruse, our new Education Director, has four (4) fabulous seminars planned for Thursday and Friday (June 25th and 26th). The seminars will be held at 8:00 am and 3:00 pm each day. We are starting the seminars at 8:00 am this year because many dealers have told us that they wanted to attend the seminars but were not able to do so as they had to get their tables ready for when the Showroom Floor opens. Because **DEALERS ARE ALSO MEMBERS**, we hope that this accommodation will enable them to take part in these very interesting and educational seminars (at least those in the morning sessions)! The seminars are as follows:

Thursday, June 25th:

At 8:00 am, **Howdy Herz** starts us out with a “History of the Burt Company and Chip Manufacturing.” This seminar will be over in plenty of time for those PRE-REGISTRANTS to get their EARLY admission to the Showroom Floor!

At 3:00 pm, **Special Agent Phillip Pedote** of the Nevada Gaming Commission will speak to us regarding the “Duties of the Enforcement Division.”

Friday, June 26th:

At 8:00 am, **Ed Hertel** will discuss “Illegal Chips.” This seminar will be over in plenty of time to allow for a cup of coffee or a quick breakfast prior to the opening of the Showroom Floor at 10:00 am.

At 3:00 pm, **James Campiglia** will discuss his experiences as a collector, dealer and author.

BRUCE LANDAU MEMORIAL AUCTION:

Once again, **David Spragg and Jay Sands** will organize this popular event, which will be held on **Thursday, June 25th at 7:00 pm**. This Auction not only produces revenue for the Club but also provides an interesting opportunity for all of us collectors to bid on an item we’ve been looking for or on one that just catches our fancy! Because all donated lots will start at just \$5, there may be lower to medium priced items available in addition to those extremely sought-after and rare items. Auctioneer **Tyrus Mulkey** always makes this event fun and contributes his “all” so that, even if you lose out on an auction item, you’re ready for the next lot to find your “treasure!” Please be sure to order your Auction catalog as they usually sell out by show time!

LADIES’ LUNCHEON:

With all due respect to our male members, we’re going to have a “Ladies’ Luncheon” on **Friday, June 26th at 12 noon** – but, no one will be turned away and ALL ARE WELCOME! We’ve arranged for reserved space in the South Point Buffet area for this function. There won’t be any formal “pay-in-advance” or pre-registration structure (everybody will pay their own entry to the buffet), but **Marion Engel** will need to know the number of attendees so enough space can be set aside for our group. If anyone is interested in taking an hour out for “Lunch with the Ladies,” please email Marion at tinymom@atlanticbb.net. She has some ideas to make the lunch fun and more than just “delicious!”



BLACKJACK AND POKER CHALLENGE:

As in the past, both the Blackjack Tournament and the Poker Challenge will be held at the South Point in their respective locations on the casino floor and poker room.

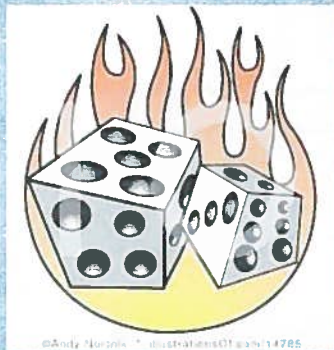
The Blackjack Tournament will begin at 12 noon on Wednesday, June 24th.

The Poker Challenge will be held on Friday, June 26th starting at 7:00 pm.

Registration for both tournaments MUST be done on the registration form and MUST be paid by check. If seats for the Poker Challenge are still available, Players can sign up at the convention; but, as always, it’s first-come, first-served. A special set of souvenir chips may be purchased at the tournaments from **Jerry Vergatos**, our Tournament Director, or at the Club Table during the Convention. Jerry will be working with South Point personnel to make sure that the tournaments go off as smoothly as usual!

VOLUNTEERS:

Belinda Hixon is once again coordinating the volunteers who make our Convention possible. Literally, without **VOLUNTEERS** our show could NOT go on! Belinda is still taking names of volunteers so, if you haven't already done so, please consider donating a few hours to help our Club. We still need people to work at promotions, the auction, membership, the Museum of Gaming History and, with set-up and, especially, with tear-down. There may be other areas where we'll need help and Belinda will make those known in her official call for help. You may reach Belinda at TXBel711@aol.com or by leaving a message at 817-494-3808.



We want to take this opportunity to give **Roy Nelson** a HUGE round of thanks for not only all that he does regarding our promotions and club merchandise table, but all that he does behind the scenes! Roy is responsible for our storage units where all of the Club property is stored. He keeps track of – and, can find - everything! PLUS, he leads the volunteers in unpacking the storage units for the convention; getting the truck packed up to bring our merchandise to the Convention; unpacking the truck again at South Point; and, then, doing it all in reverse at the end of the Convention! MANY THANKS to Roy, one of the hardest working and most-unheralded members

we know! Speaking of Roy, he will be ordering some new items for this year so definitely stop by the Club Merchandise table and see what's new!

We welcome **Steve Palumbo** and **Alan Schuyler** as the new Co-Chairs of the Set-up/Tear-down Committee and we give thanks to past chairs, **Barb and Paul Bender** and **MaryAnn and Bruce Massey** -- who generously offered their "know-how" from MANY years of setting up and tearing down to facilitate this year's transition. Set-up and tear-down are absolutely critical to our convention and our volunteers who participate in these functions make it possible not only to have our Exhibit Floor set-up and ready for our dealers and attendees but, also, especially at the end of the Convention, to tear everything down and return our merchandise to our storage areas and the Showroom Floor to the South Point in some semblance of order! Without our hard-working, dedicated crews, we could not have our convention!

Others who are working behind the scenes and also deserve our thanks are: **Allan Anderson**, who, among other functions, publishes the Convention Program, **Cale Guthmiller**, who will "prime the pump" with his Advertising campaign, **Sherrol Haglund**, who is working on Banquet decorations, **Steve Miller**, who has made sure that all the Convention information, including the all-important Pre-Registration Form made it into this magazine, and our Photographers, **Dick Covington, Quinton Kamm and Mark Lighterman** who will be coordinating their efforts to make sure our Convention activities are fully memorialized!

We want to give special recognition and MANY THANKS to **Todd Barrett**, who, graciously and, patiently dedicated his vast creative abilities to come up with this year's Chip and logo. Todd really captured the "LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL" theme for us and managed to translate his vision into the in-house advertising that will be up throughout the Hotel! All the credit and kudos go to Todd and anything that isn't a rave review or is a mistake goes to us – the "rookies!"

THANKS in advance to ALL of our members who have already or, who will volunteer their efforts to make our 2015 Convention happen!



VOLUNTEER BANQUET:

As a **TOKEN** of the Club's thanks to our Volunteers, we will hold our annual Volunteer Banquet Buffet on **Saturday, June 27th at 7:00 pm**. We are pleased to announce that the Speaker for this Banquet will be the "**Duke of Fremont Street**," a collector of casino items and all things silver, and a well-known Las Vegas local.

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!

No matter what part you play in our Annual Convention – attendee, dealer, speaker, consignor or volunteer, we are confident that you will enjoy the experience. Come and join us for a **GOOD TIME** and a wonderful "**ROLL!**" See you in June!



A Little Info on Don Marrandino COO

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Lake Tahoe

Don Marrandino is chief operations officer for the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Lake Tahoe, South Shore's newest resort casino which recently opened.

Marrandino has more than twenty-five years of experience in the gaming / hospitality industry serving in top-level leadership roles for such properties as Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Las Vegas, Caesars Entertainment, Station Casinos, and Wynn Las Vegas. He has widespread experience in several gaming and non-gaming jurisdictions in the US and abroad, including Las Vegas and Lake Tahoe, Nevada and Atlantic City, New Jersey; with primary involvement in operations, renovations, and rebranding of major resort casinos.

Credited with opening and branding several entertainment and food and beverage establishments, including 16 locations of Toby Keith's "I Love This Bar" and Sammy Hagar's "Cabo Wabo Cantinas." Marrandino is recognized innovative marketer and entertainment specialist. He is a graduate of West Chester State University in West Pennsylvania.



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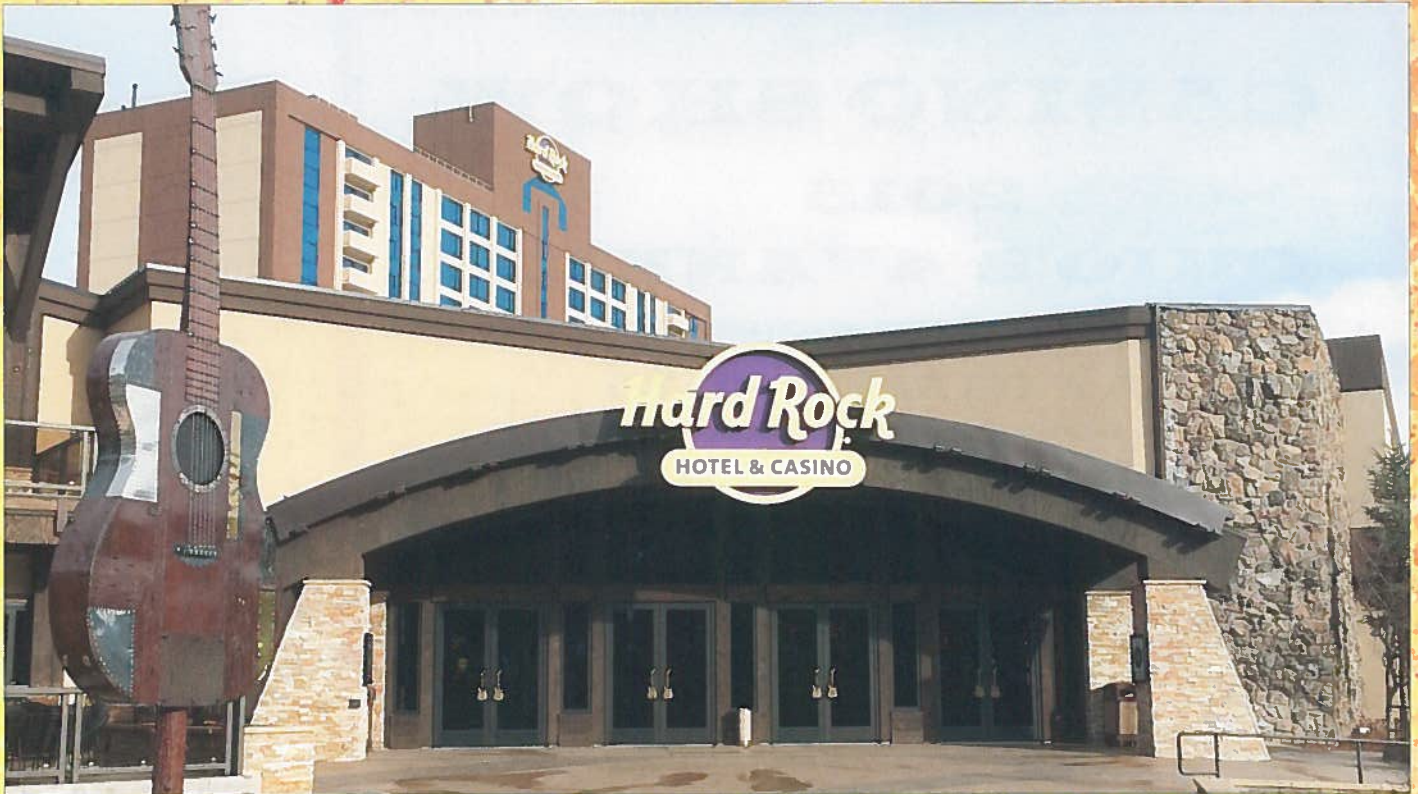
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Opening of SLS Casino, CC>C member right at the front. LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL website





Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Stateline, South Lake Tahoe, Nevada

by Allan Anderson

On January 28th, 2015, The Hard Rock Hotel and Casino opened on the former site of the Horizon Hotel. Initially, the casino opened in 1965 as Del Webb's Sahara Tahoe.

Owned by a subsidiary of the Park family -- who have more than a 100-year history in the region -- the new Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Lake Tahoe went through a \$60 million renovation and redesign. The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Lake Tahoe includes two renovated hotel towers with over 500 hotel rooms, several new restaurants and bars, and a 25,000 square foot casino.

In March 2014, the Park family acquired the property formerly known as The Horizon and announced a partnership with Warner Hospitality. A leader in gaming management, Warner Hospitality and its affiliated companies manage ten gaming and non-gaming properties throughout the United States, both in operation and under development. The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino project in Lake Tahoe marks the company's entry into the northern Nevada market.

The 25,000 square foot casino floor features more than 500 state-of-the-art video gaming machines and table games, including Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, Ultimate Texas Hold'em, Three Card Poker, Pai Gow and more.

With over 14,300 square feet of meeting and convention space, a wide-variety of corporate and social events can be seamlessly executed in any of the venues.



Jon and David Park with the guitar ice smash prior to the grand opening.



House Chip

Denomination: \$1
Color: White

Year: 2015
Mold: H&C

House Chip

Denomination: \$5
Color: Red

Year: 2015
Mold: H&C

House Chip

Denomination: \$25
Color: Green

Year: 2015
Mold: H&C



House Chip

Denomination: \$100
Color: Black

Year: 2015
Mold: H&C

House Chip

Denomination: \$500
Color: Purple

Year: 2015
Mold: H&C

House Chip

Denomination: \$1000
Color: Orange

Year: 2015
Mold: H&C



Born To Rock

Denomination: \$5
Color: Red

Year: 2015
Mold: H&C

Rock 'N' Roll

Denomination: \$125
Color: Green

Year: 2015
Mold: H&C

There are 2 roulette tables (A and B). The roulette chips come in the following colors: sky blue, canary yellow, light pink, bright orange, violet, mint and ivory



One Time Play

Denomination: NCV 25
Color: Dark Green

Year: 2015
Mold: H&C 43mm

One Time Play

Denomination: NCV 100
Color: Black

Year: 2015
Mold: H&C 43 mm



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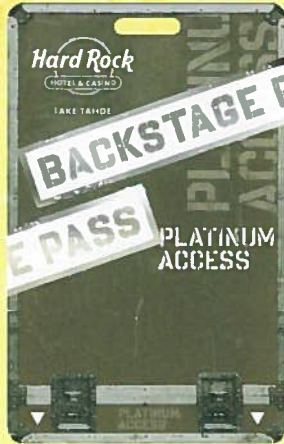
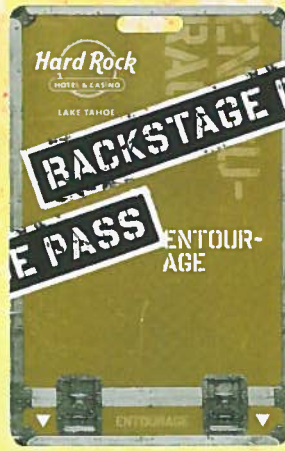
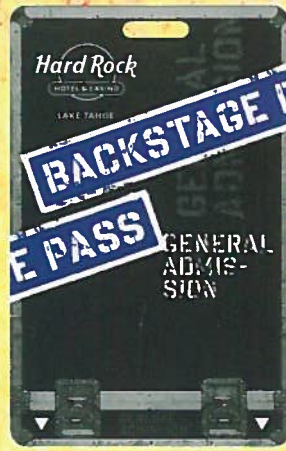
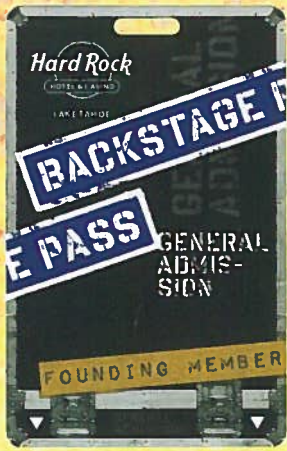
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Color: Lemon Green

Year: 2015
Mold: H&C 43mm

Play Until You Lose

Denomination: NCV 100
Color: Gray

Year: 2015
Mold: H&C 43mm



Tournament Chip

Denomination: NCV 25
Color: Dark Green

Year: 2015
Mold: Sunburst

Tournament Chip

Denomination: NCV 100
Color: Maroon

Year: 2015
Mold: Sunburst

Tournament Chip

Denomination: NCV 500
Color: Coral

Year: 2015
Mold: Sunburst



Tournament Chip

Denomination: NCV 1000
Color: Camel

Year: 2015
Mold: Sunburst

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Pool area and second hotel tower





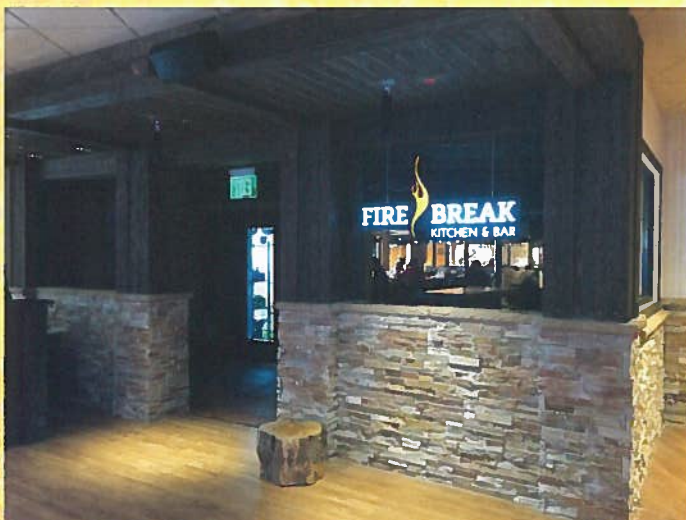
Vinyl

Located in the heart of the Hard Rock, Vinyl is an intimate venue that showcases singer/songwriters, local favorites and tribute bands, open mic nights, comedy routines and late night dancing, as well as national touring acts.

The William Hill Sports Book has 40 TV's, a high definition video wall, in-play wagering, a self service kiosk allowing you to place bets around the clock and a mobile sports betting app for your devices allowing you to place bets anywhere in Nevada.

The Center Bar is located in the heart of the casino. The bar features an intimate stage and large LED screen to watch concerts and videos.

The Fire Break Kitchen and Bar is named after the "Fire Break" out-of-bounds ski area of Heavenly Mountain Resort. The restaurant serves breakfast, lunch, brunch and dinner.



Fire Break



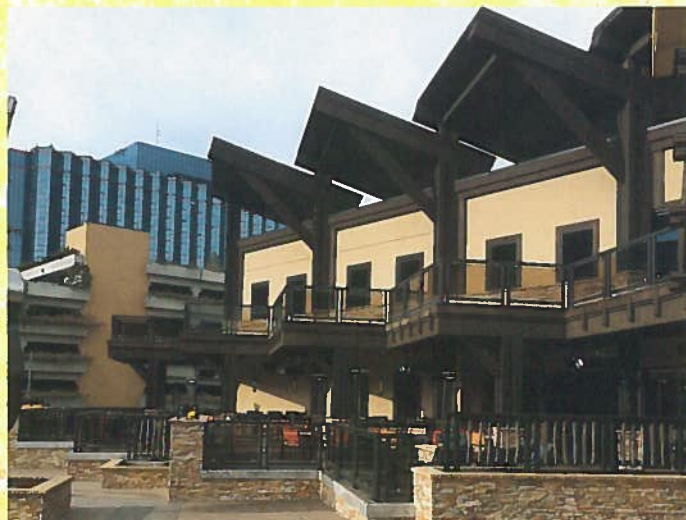
Park Prime Steakhouse

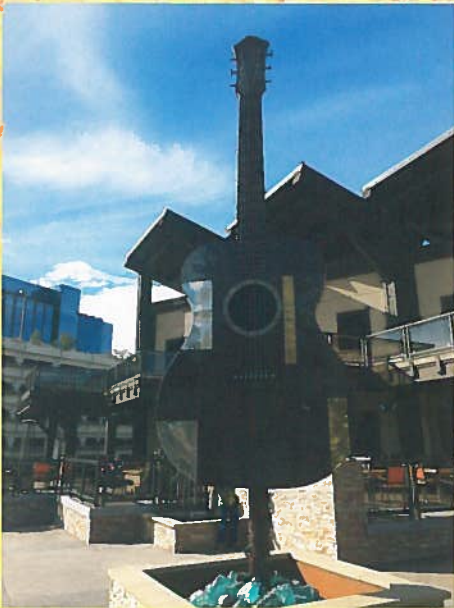
Park Prime Steakhouse is complete with a sophisticated bar, live music, stylish atmosphere and premium dishes. Inspired by the Park family, owners of the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Lake Tahoe, and cattle ranchers in northern Nevada.

The Park Prime menu features local grass-fed, free-range beef, premium seafood, and shareable appetizers.

The Oyster Bar is the first-ever raw seafood bar of its kind on Tahoe's South Shore and features fresh seasonal oysters on the half shell and oyster shooters. It is also has New Orleans favorites, including hearty gumbos, rich pan roasts and traditional jambalaya.

Fuel is the quick services eatery, with freshly prepped sandwiches, coffee, pastries, juice and energy drinks.





Terrence Martin of Jagged Edge Metal Art located in Sacramento, California, is the artist who created the Hard Rock guitar. The guitar weighs 2,150 pounds and stands 25 feet high. The guitar is made of several materials which were welded together to withstand the Lake Tahoe weather. The back side of the guitar has what looks like an outhouse door with an arrow through it.



Fuel



Fire Break



Oyster Bar



The hallway from the hotel tower

The hotel offers a variety of rooms state-of-the-art facilities and modern amenities against the backdrop of views of Lake Tahoe and the Sierra Nevada mountains. The rooms are available in king, double queen, suites and poolside terrace.

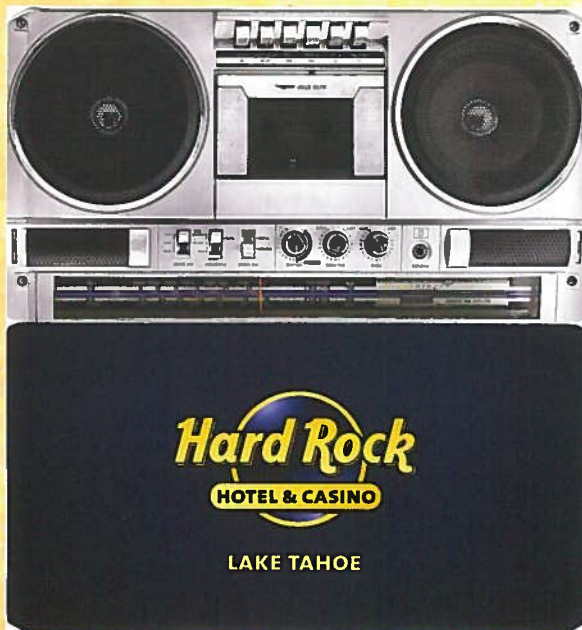
Mountain View room: 336-369 sq. ft. with a view of Heavenly Mountain. Lake View room: 336-369 sq.ft. with views of Lake Tahoe. Lake View room with balcony: 341-396 sq. ft. overlooking Lake Tahoe. Mountain View suites: 603-685 sq. ft. features a separate living room and bedroom and are located throughout the resort with a view of Heavenly Mountain. Poolside Terrace suites: 719-754 sq. ft featuring a separate bedroom overlooking the pool. Lake View suites: 1458--1497 sq. ft. featuring a separate living room and bedroom overlooking Lake Tahoe. Lake View suites with balcony: 1458--1497 sq. ft. featuring a separate living room and bedroom overlooking Lake Tahoe. Elvis suite: 1813 sq. ft. featuring separate living room and bedroom overlooking Lake Tahoe and the mountains.



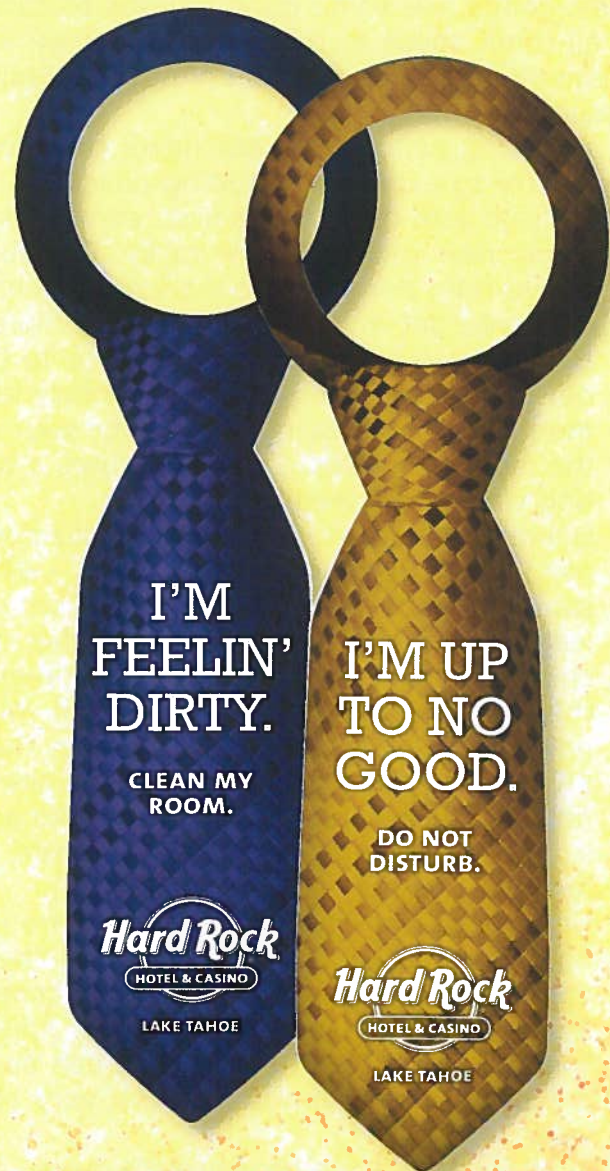
Typical room



Room key



Room key holder front and back



SUGGESTED TRADING CHIPS POLICY FROM A MEMBER

Richard "Reggie" Gummer R-7369

If you read the chip bulletin boards, you may have seen some of the comments that are being posted about the lack of chips being traded. I know from experience trading can be a little overwhelming to some people and especially to new chip collectors. A couple months ago Richard "Reggie" Gummer posted "rules" for trading with other collectors. Hopefully following Reggie's suggestions, and some of the activities that are currently being posted on the Chip Board, will stimulate trading among collectors.

Reggie's points are some good policies to carry into the arena of trading with other collectors. If we all think about to these guidelines we will hopefully be Happy Chippers. If you have any questions Reggie said to email him. With Reggie's permission, I am including the guidelines in this issue:

- A trading policy is usually never the same with any two chip collectors, having said that I will try to explain my trading policy.
- Let's go with the obvious first: commons for commons, current table chips for current table chips, new racks for new racks. Of course, there are always an exception or two to the above rule: For instance if there is a charge to get into the facility, or it is a member only club, you get my drift. I may want more than a common for a chip like a "Greenbriar" or a "Delaware Sport Lounge" (if I was to trade these chips at all.) A second exception would be; if you keep your trading inventory lean and mean...and you just ran out of a new common chip that is being offered for your older obsolete chip, and you have two or three of the older obsoletes. This constitutes a trade of equal value, because both parties are getting what they need/want.
- Denominations often throw new collectors a curve. Many cannot understand why they cannot trade a common \$5 chip for 5 - \$1 chips. There are several reasons that this is not something that some collector/dealers do not want to do. One is the ratio of \$1 chip collectors to collectors that collect higher denominations. Mostly, in order to acquire the five chips, (from the example above) it takes five times the effort, gas, and expense as it takes the one \$5 chip. And yes, the actual value is the same, but not really. Also, invariably the new or novice collector will stray into the higher valued or obsolete chips when picking the \$5 that he feels he deserves for the one \$5 chip. Some people are ok with this, when you find chippers like that, try not to take advantage of them. I lean on the side of not doing it, but possibly in part of a large trade, if the higher denomination is a chip I really want for my collection.
- Next there is a group of chips that are made available by dealer/investors that eventually flood the market, actually lowering the value of the chip below its face value; in some cases it is hard to give them away once you have been unlucky enough to acquire them. Examples of this are: Aces Casino, Jok-Erz Casino, Hard Rock Albuquerque, NM, Sonoma Joes, California Bell, etc. These can be mixed in with the commons in most cases. There are some in this group that are very slowly being meted out in order to maintain some value.
- Let's try and tackle the obsolete group...these have to be traded based on the Guides valuation. And/or the asking price. There are numerous guides, most people are aware of the

- *TCR (The Chip Rack)* which covers Nevada. There are also separate guides for AC, CA, WA, MT, and CO. There are also guides that such as the *Official U.S. Casino Chip Price Guide*, this guide covers NV, CO, SD (Deadwood), Riverboat States (IL, IN, IA, LA, MS & MO), and Atlantic City. There is one more guide that covers multiple states: *A Guide to the Casino Chips of MI, MN, ND SD and WA*, and many guides are available on the internet. I will try to help you hook up with the sellers of any of these guides should you be interested. One last thought on obsolete chips: It is always up to the two people that own the two chips that want to trade to be satisfied with the trade.
- If it is a lopsided trade where additional p/h is required, throw in a couple of extra chips (i.e. tokens always weigh more.)
- Always let the trading partner know when you receive your chips.
- Try not to send severely nicked, damaged, or extremely dirty chips.
- Some traders require a photo image preceding the actual trades, accommodate them unless you do not have scan capabilities.
- Try to be an equal partner in the trade, do not make one party of the trade do all the work.
- I prefer to trade with CC>CC members because of the honesty of this group is very high. However I have made trades with non-members.
- One type of trading I try to avoid is a lateral trading. This is when Trader A is getting a chip(s) that they need for their collection and Trader B receives a chip(s) in return that they already have. This trade becomes a wash for Trader B, they receive no additional value. I may do this if this collector/trader is a highly valued club member and customer, or a newbie to encourage their entering the hobby.

This is a work in progress, Reggie will be adding bullets as he thinks of them or suggestions from you are provided.

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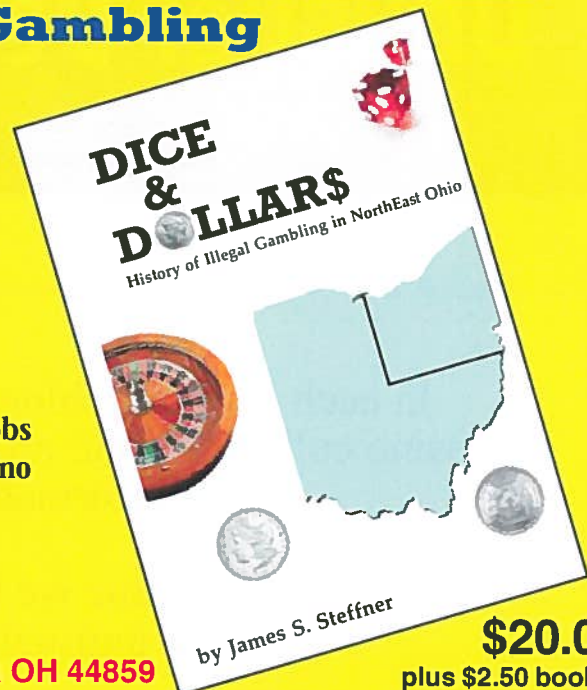
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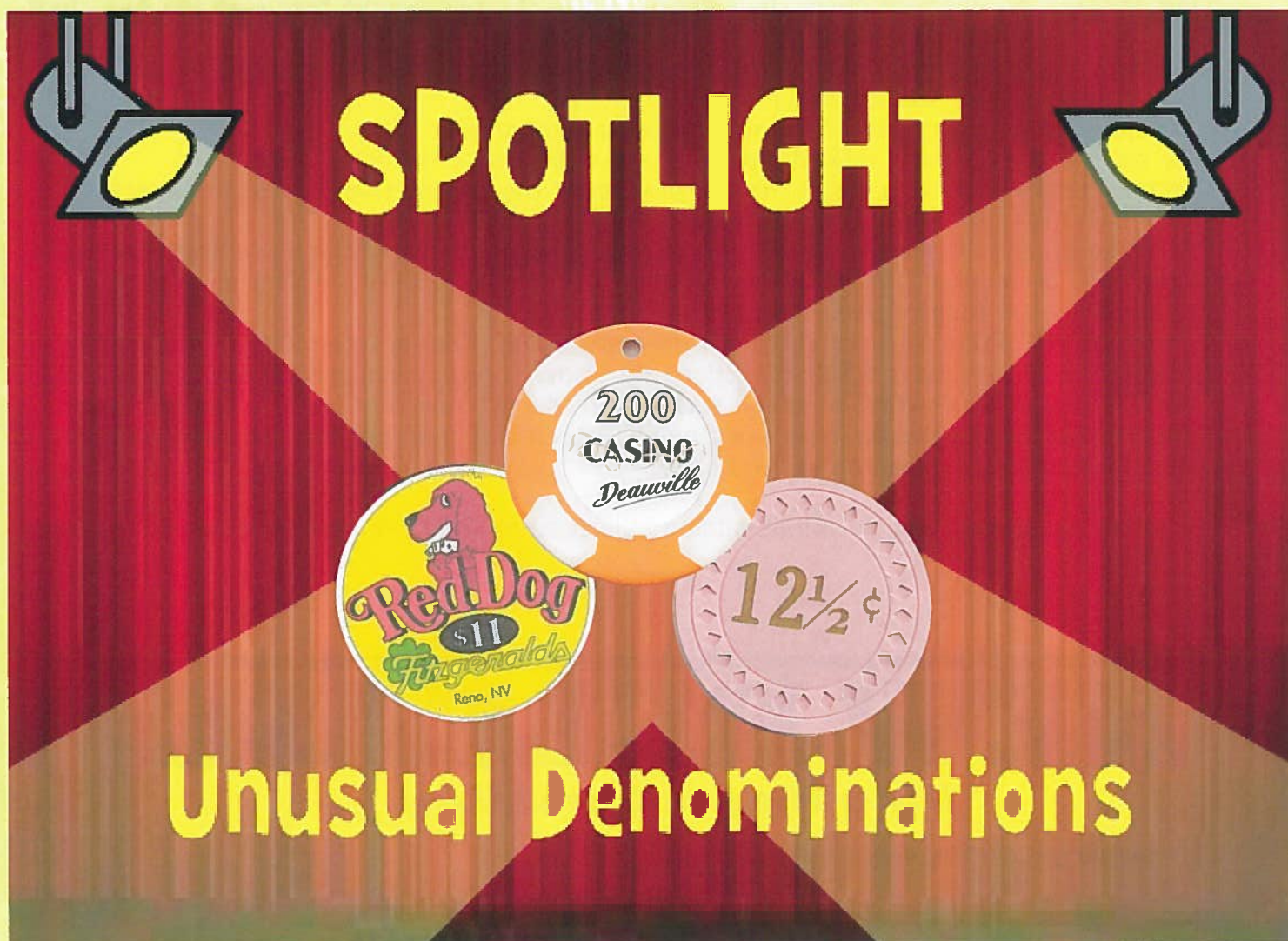
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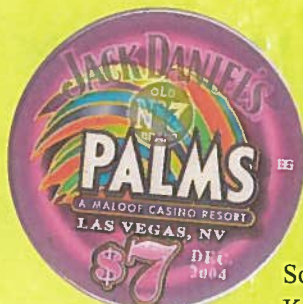
In this issue we look at casino chips with unusual denominations.

Casinos have chips other than the “normal” denominations (25¢, 50¢, \$1, \$2.50, \$5, \$25, etc.). Some denominations (\$2, \$8, \$10, \$20) are more common than others (\$3, \$4, \$50).

And then there are the very unusual denominations include fractional monetary units, whole units, whole & fractional units and even fractions of fractionals.

\$7 & \$11 chips

A \$7 Silver Strike is fairly common, but not chips. The Palms Casino in Las Vegas issued four different \$7 NASCAR advertisement chips with the No. 7 Jack Daniel's car.



The \$11 chip from Fitzgerald's in Reno, NV on the article cover page was used to pay an 11 to 1 bet in a game called Red Dog. This bet was paid if the same valued card (i.e., a Queen) was dealt from the deck three times in a row.



Some unusual fractional denominations

KENO

Some Nevada chips were used to purchase Keno tickets. There are three known denominations: 60¢, 70¢ and \$3.60. Sometimes you can find the 60¢ and 70¢ chips for sale on eBay but not even the MOGH-Chip Guide website has a picture of the \$3.60 chip!



40¢ chips

This denomination is very unusual. CC>CC member Matt Elliot (R-8311) knows of five 40¢ chips all from his native Australia (Tazmania.)



Others?

With a little bit of luck you can find casino chips with unusual denominations of \$200 and \$250 and if you want unusual denominations between \$1,000-\$10,000 from Nevada there are a few \$2,000 and \$3,000. Chips and plaques with denominations over \$100,000 also exist in small quantities.

There are home sets, lammers, personalized and fantasy chips that have unusual denominations. You can find Mother of Pearl chips/plaques on eBay with unusual denominations (mostly greater than \$1,000.)

Whole Unit + Fractional

Closed California card room Paul Cummins Roaring 20's used both \$1.25 and \$1.50 chips and the Top of the Vine used \$1.50 and \$3.50 chips. At least seven casinos have used \$7.50 chips to pay blackjack on a \$5 bet. Chips with 12.50 denominations have been used in Europe and Africa.

These unusual denominations and others just waiting for you to find.

Unusually Fun!

Collecting unusual denominations can be challenging and making a new discovery can be very exciting. If you ever find a \$6 or \$9 chip, let me know!

Got a Spotlight Idea?

Do you specialize in one area of casino memorabilia? Would you like to see a particular collectible in a future issue? Please let me know and I will work with you and make it happen!



Chips with a whole unit + a fraction



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ONE OF NEVADA'S HISTORIC HOTEL CASINO

THE HOTEL NEVADA, ELY

In the state responsible for modern day gambling, the landmarked Hotel Nevada in Ely, is a rare gem. I referred to staying there before last year's convention in my article in issue 27-3, "Travels in the Minnie Van." The Hotel Nevada celebrated its 85th Anniversary last July 3rd. The hotel opened in 1929 during Prohibition and a mining boom in the area. The Hotel was ahead of its time- there was always gaming and alcohol available even before either was legal. The six story hotel was the tallest building in state well into the 1940's. The hotel contains 67 rooms and suites to stay in.

Just before I stayed there the ownership changed. It is now owned by John Gaughan and Paul Kellogg, and is managed by Gaughan Gaming. The previous management had started to refurbish the hotel before the sale. In the guest rooms the furnishings have all been updated, new flat screen TVs installed, and Wi-Fi service is available throughout the building with a strong signal. The Hotel Nevada has installed the latest technology for

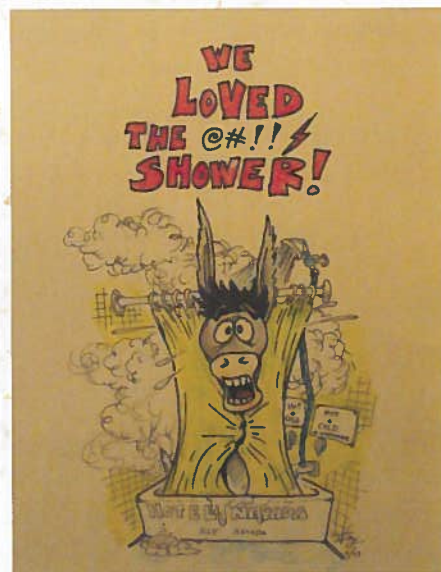


room access. Sorry to those of you who collect room keys- they give you a white credit card sized envelope marked with the room number, inside was a plain white electronic card about an eighth of an inch thick. You just wave it around the door handle, and voila the door is unlocked! The room I had was small but it much nicer than the casino hotel I had stayed in the night before. During the updating the hotel has kept its most famous trait: the water in the bathroom. The Hotel Nevada even makes fun of it, by having a warning and a cartoon about the consistency of the water temperature in the shower. Being that the plumbing and boiler are 85 years old there is a problem

with water temperature regulation. It goes from comfortable to ice cold to steaming hot to whatever without any notice so be prepared.



The Hotel Nevada has been "the place to stay" when in Ely or the surrounding areas. Over the years there have been many famous visitors who stayed there. The list includes Ingrid Bergman, Mickey Rooney, Gary Cooper, Lyndon Johnson, Wayne Newton, Vicky Carr, Jimmy Stewart, Hoot Gibson, and many other well known entertainers and politicians. The rooms that were occupied by this illustrious group have a plaque on the door that include information of who stayed in it, why they where famous and if their stay was related to Ely. Inside these rooms, I have been told, includes memorabilia of the particular celebrity that stayed there. Several sources claim that the hotel is haunted, I was unable to find information to verify any specific visits. I know I was undisturbed in my room,





but I did hear a voice coming from the bar saying it was money that Doug Saito left there.

Along with being a historic building, the walls throughout the building are lined with historical photos, newspaper clippings and assorted antique curios placed in every nook and cranny. A visitor could spend the better part

of a day looking at the collection. The casino is small but has all the latest slot machines. The pit for table games opens at 11 am and stays open till the last



player leaves. It has three blackjack tables and one craps table. The poker table started at 6 pm with a whiteboard to use as a signup sheet. As I was playing at the BJ table an older woman was trying to get me to join the poker players so there would be a new player at the table. While I was at table they were training a young lady to be a BJ dealer. In the morning when



I came down to the restaurant for breakfast she was there bus-
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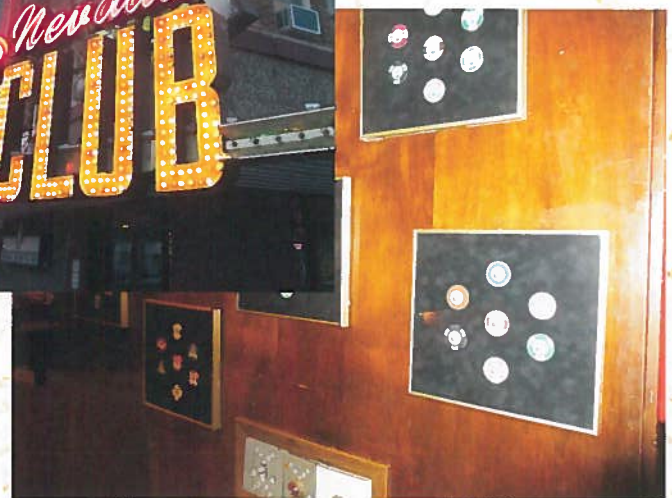
As for meals, I had both dinner and breakfast in the Cafe, which is open 24 hours. The decor was family friendly with no pretenses and the food was good. The Cafe has a full menu with daily specials to make anyone happy. The waitress was helpful with dealing with my dietary restrictions. The room was also filled with assorted Nevada memorabilia like the rest of the building, including several framed collections of Borland reproduction chips.

Overall the Hotel Nevada was the highlight of the hotels I stayed at during my road to trip to the convention and home. Friendly staff, nice clean rooms, interesting decor, and good prices- I am looking forward to stopping there again.



All photos from the Miller Collection

Borland Fantasies



For the Love of a Hobby

Running a Casino and Gambling Memorabilia Show

By Paul Huff with Mark Britton

With the opening of casinos in new jurisdictions, like Ohio, there is an opportunity to expand the hobby to people in these regions, with similar interests to ours. Olmsted Township, Ohio resident and club member, Mark Britton has gambled that casino memorabilia collectors will come to his Gambling Memorabilia Show to bring home some chips. He is currently organizing his 4th Ohio Annual Casino and Gambling Memorabilia Show at the Double Tree Hotel in Westlake, Ohio. These shows allow collectors to throw their money down on chips, dice, cards, silver strikes, matchbooks, ash trays and table felts from casinos from across the country. These shows are helpful to promote the hobby and the CC&TCC in areas new to gaming.



Tammi & Mark



Some folks get hooked on gambling. Mark got hooked on the casino's themselves. He says, "I love walking around a casino, just having fun,

listening to the excitement ...just the whole atmosphere..." He's made seven trips to Las Vegas in the past several years and has been collecting for just about the same amount of time. He picked up his first chips while at the Casino Royale in Las Vegas with his wife, Tammi. "We were playing roulette, having a good time, and I wanted to keep a little souvenir. So I took one of my roulette chips and one of her roulette chips and put them in my pocket..." Unknown to Britton, at the time, he had chosen the one kind of chip that could get you into trouble. Criminals use the non-denominational chip to try scamming casinos, getting \$100 for a chip they paid only \$1.00 for. Later he found out that it was called "harvesting, very much frowned upon. If a casino catches you doing it, you will be thrown out of the casino

for life. Luckily his souvenir did not get him into trouble and jinx his interest.

As we all know that there are plenty of chips to collect legally, of varying denominations, design, time periods and casinos. Some of us collect *illegal chips* from the casinos in jurisdictions that gaming was not legal. They are those places you knocked on the door twice and you told a big thug that Joe sent you and he would open the door leading to a hidden back room of a bar or restaurant where illegal gambling was going on. Other people collect *wet chips*, chips from just cruise lines, others focus on chips from Cuba, Nevada, or Las Vegas. Mark's wife Tammi collects chips with palm trees on them. She's goes with the tropical theme."

Mark collects items from the casinos he has visited personally. Along with Las Vegas, he's been to

Harrah's New Orleans, casinos in Gulfport Mississippi that were wiped out by hurricane Katrina and some in Indiana. Of course there's the Cleveland's Horseshoe Casino and Northfield's Hard Rock Rocksino. "If I'm close to a casino," Mark says, "my poor wife knows we're stopping in for a couple of chips, dice, a deck of cards and a player's card, and then we'll be out." How many of us know about that?



Jean Sanger

As we all know, if you have caught the disease, chips are just one form of collectibles. Mark includes other casino collectibles, dice, ash trays, matchbooks, slot cards, room keys, silver strikes, menus, uniforms, security patches, slot machines, slot machine glass, table felt, drink stirrers, napkins, bus sign advertisements, for his

shows. If it's not bolted down to the casino some of collectors will find a way to carry it out...collectors are crazy. Mark tells a story of a gentleman he knows...who was at the South Point Casino in Las Vegas, and he's into collecting a little bit of everything...he talked to the maintenance people and...he got a *clean* urinal screen that says South Point Casino.

Britton attended his first "chip" show in Battle Creek, Michigan six years ago after reading about it on the web-site The Chipboard. He attended the show, met some very nice people and formed a great friendship with Albert and Pam Scalzo the show organizers. Over the next several months they exchanged emails and spoke several times about creating his Ohio show.

Mark saw an opportunity. His Ohio show would be one of the few casino shows held outside of Las Vegas. Mark feels it is important to include all kinds of gaming memorabilia. With more casinos opening up in Ohio and across the country, he sees more things to collect and more people interested in collecting them. As many of us have found out, like Mark, that this hobby, is one our wives (husbands) are into, as well. There are a lot of couples who collect together. It's not like a doll show where you see mostly woman or a military show where you see mostly men. He has met a lot of great couples through the hobby.



Mark's shows have had dealers coming from Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Kentucky, and Ohio. Every year the attendance numbers through the door increased. The dealers' tables are sold out for the fourth consecutive year and he has other dealers on a waiting list."

Britton said, "The City of North Olmsted has welcomed me with open arms. Mayor Kennedy said "if you collect gambling or casino memorabilia

this is the place to be!" Mark plans to sponsor his show for many years to come and is already working on plans to celebrate his 5th annual Ohio show.

In no particular order, Mark has supplied a list of things to consider if you should decide to try to have a show in a different venue:

- I have been on both sides of the table over the last 47 years, I have bought and sold antique's since I was 5 years old. I did a lot of thinking and talking to Albert before I went on the Chip Board about the "Ohio Show". I wanted to put a show on to promote the hobby of chip and casino gambling memorabilia. So plan, plan, plan, and find someone to talk to that has experience with organizing a show.
- Important considerations, you have to pick a venue that you can afford in your budget, you have to get dealers and you have to advertise
 - Venue: spend a lot of time on the phone and visit a lot of hotels, some are winners and some are not. I learned fast the vendors want to have the show in the same place that they are staying at. Roll out of bed and down to the show. Some hotels had great rooms but would not work due to loading and unloading of slot machines and other big items. Other are perfect but out of the budget. You must make sure that the location is in a safe place for all attending the show from the vendors to the general public. I looked at about 45 different place before I picked the one for the first show.
 - Vendors: are pretty easy to get, the first stop is the Chip Board. Then talk to other collectors and people in the area about selling slot machines and other related items. At the show you can sell anything that are related to casino's or gambling. I do not allow other merchandise.

- Advertising: this is a major challenge to do. The first show, I advertised in the following areas: news print, radio, flyers and the internet. I would say that flyers are a great way to promote the show. If there is a community bulletin board in any type of store event I put a show flyer up. I have them in antique store, grocery stores, book stores, restaurants, hardware stores and ANY other place I can put one up at. I do post the show on the Chip Board and other internet sites.

- The two things you have no control over is the following: The weather is a major one. The second one is the general public attending the show.
- I do this for the love of the hobby!!!! I do not do it for a profit. The first year I lost a lot of money and was told by my wife "you just had a very nice party for you casino friends." She told me that if the second show did not just brake even there would not be a third. I am just breaking even having the show, we need to grow this hobby. This is my number two hobby not my first. You must keep in mind that the whole show is funded by myself and only myself and a very understanding WIFE " Thank you Tammi ".
- If we do not support the shows and clubs in the hobby, the hobby will not exist! I have collectors and dealers from across the USA to attend the show, but yet there are closer collectors that do not attend and I can't figure it out why

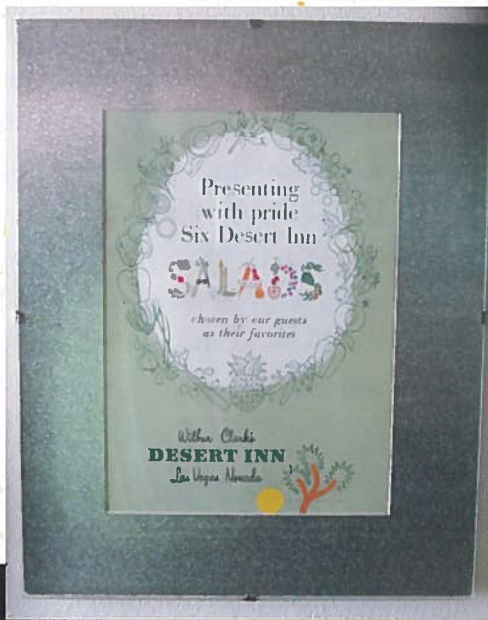
For more information about my show or starting one call 440-759-2982 or e-mail ccgms@earthlink.net.



The Sanger Collection

By Steve Miller

Jean and Ted Sanger are very good friends of mine, who I stay with for Mark's show. They have been living in the Akron area for over twenty-five years. We have a lot in common including the love of casino memorabilia. Our haunts include flea markets, estate sales, garage sales, and antique stores, looking for additions. We both get a table at Mark's show each year. The following photos below display some of their collection.



Photos for these articles were supplied by Mark Britton and the Miller Collection

Adventures in



Minnie

the Minnie Van

D-10 & D-20 Edition

By Steve Miller

we had to stop at a few to check them out. At the end of this story I am including a list of casinos along the route. There are several communities that have Indian casinos along I-10 in California and Arizona. Due to the late start out of LA, we made our first stop in Palm Springs. There was two casinos in Palm Springs, the Spa Resort Casino is downtown and the Agua Caliente Casino right off I-10. Both casinos are owned by the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians.



The Spa Resort Casino

I was up early. Tina was not feeling well, so I headed out on my own around 8 am. The Spa Resort was my first stop. The Spa Resort hotel is located across the street from the casino. The casino is a nice size and nicely decorated. They have the normal assortment table games spread over 40 tables and a high roller's

Last year my wife Tina, my dog Minnie, and I traveled from NJ to Pasadena, CA for the Rose Parade. If you remember, it was a tough winter, with a lot of freezing rain and snow throughout the middle of the country during the holidays. My original route was to go cross country on I-40, but Mother Nature made other plans for me. So plan B was to go down I-95 to South Carolina to pick up I-20 and go west. We took five days to get to East Shore RV Park, in San Dimas, CA arriving on December 27th. We had a package with the Winnebago Club, which took care of all our arrangements for the parade. It included five days of touring around Los Angeles area along with the parade. As Murphy's Law would have it, when I was having the van winterized to go back home, they found the inside rear duellie tire was bad and needed to be replaced, delaying our start back home.

Now the chipping part begins. On my way out to California, I had seen several signs and marquees for casinos in Mississippi, Louisiana, Arizona, and California near the highways. So on our return trip

pit. The Paradise Rewards Club counter was open, so I signed up for a card. Alejandra who signed me in, was amazed at the length of my driver's license, NJ has 14 digits. She gave me a choice of two \$5 octagonal NCV chips or \$10 slot credit. Of course I took the chips, used one *Elvis' honeymoon house address* and kept the other. I found the casino to be a very friendly casino to play in, and I can't wait to get back there.



Before going over to the Aqua Caliente Casino, I took a drive up into the mountains to find Elvis and Pricilla's honeymoon house. Then I headed to downtown Palm Springs to look at local architecture, 1950s meets adobe. In the middle of town is a giant statue of Marilyn Monroe wearing the dress from "Seven Year Itch". Heading back to the hotel to pick up Tina, I stopped at the Aqua Caliente, which is a few miles away from the Spa, by the exit off of I-10. The Aqua Caliente has a smaller pit with 20 tables, plus a high roller's area, and a non-smoking poker room. Aqua has a showroom, lounge, and a piano bar. Both casinos use the same players card. On to Phoenix to visit friends.

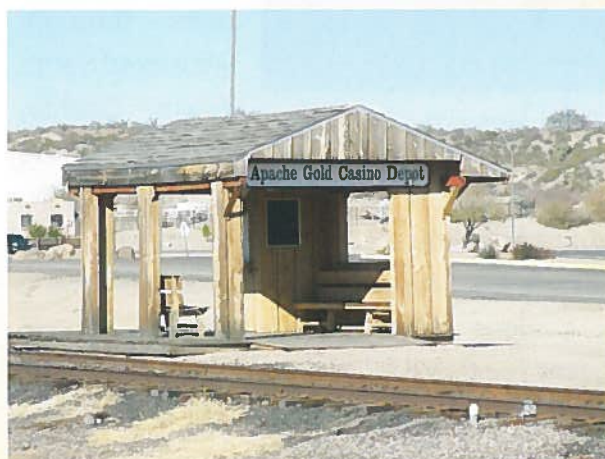


On our way on I-10 to Phoenix, still in California, there were three casinos in Indigo, and Coachella right off the highway. The next grouping of casinos is in the Phoenix area. Scottsdale is a happening place in January, with a number of collectible auto auctions, including one at the Ft. McDowell Casino. After spending two days with friends, we headed off to El Paso to our next hotel. On the way



there, we made our only casino stop in Arizona at the Apache Gold Casino Resort for lunch and a break. The Apache Gold is on US-70 in San Carlos, Arizona. We used US-60 / 70 as a scenic short cut around Tucson it goes through Globe and San Carlos. Apache Gold is a small casino in the middle of nowhere. They had a

small pit, which which did not open till 4 pm during the week, surrounded by the slot machines. I signed up for their slot program at their cashier / club booth. While I was there I asked about obtaining some chips. A staff member was nice enough to open the chip cage, which only operates when the table





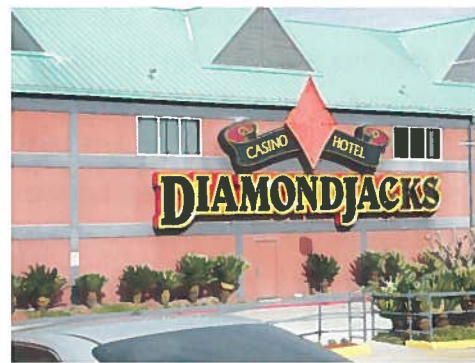
Margaritaville Resort Casino - Bossier City, La

games are in action, in order to sell me some chips. Tina and I then checked out the buffet / coffee shop for lunch. The buffet had a limited choice of items, but the food was nicely prepared. It was time to walk Minnie and get back on the road. On to Texas the land of no casinos. We reached El Paso that night, and

Fort Worth the next. From Ft. Worth we headed to Vicksburg, Mississippi to our next hotel. We stopped in Shreveport / Bossier City, Louisiana, which is the next casino grouping we pass through. We picked Sam's Town Casino, Shreveport to stop for a while.

This was the first time we had a problem with parking the Minnie Van. All the parking I could find were in casino garages without enough clearance for the van. The only open parking lot was a block away from the casino and not the nicest area. I checked with the Valet if there was another option. He sent me to man-

ager to see if I could park where the shuttle buses parked in front of the building entrance, which she gladly approved. We had a nice early dinner in the buffet and then off to the casino. You have to walk through a hall and pass security to get to the casino, which is on the water, and laid out on several levels. We had a fun time playing with a dealer who's accent was so thick I could not understand half of what he was saying. He was complaining about the cold, which was in the low forties. Everything is relative. I would be more than glad to have low forties in New Jersey, where we live in the winter. After cashing in at the cage, we headed out to get our van back from the Valet. I gave both the



Diamond Jack's in Vicksburg, MS

manager and the gentleman that helped me \$5.00 each. You would have thought I gave them the world.

We headed on to Vicksburg,

for the night and to plan our next day. Vicksburg, located on the Mississippi River, is a fascinating community to visit with many activities besides casinos.



Vicksburg is important in history for several reasons mainly, The Siege of Vicksburg, one of the final major battles in the War Between the States. There is the Vicksburg National Military Park, which includes

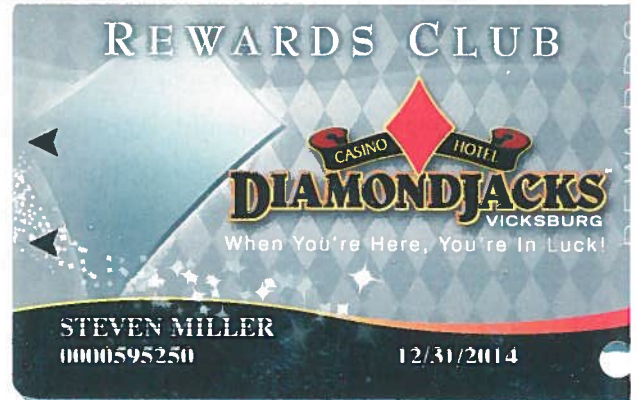
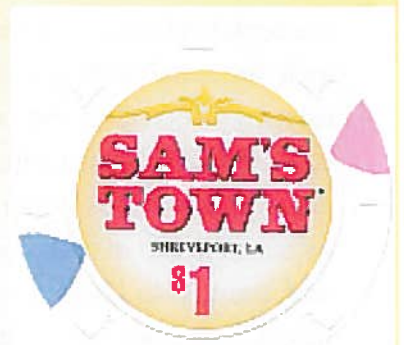
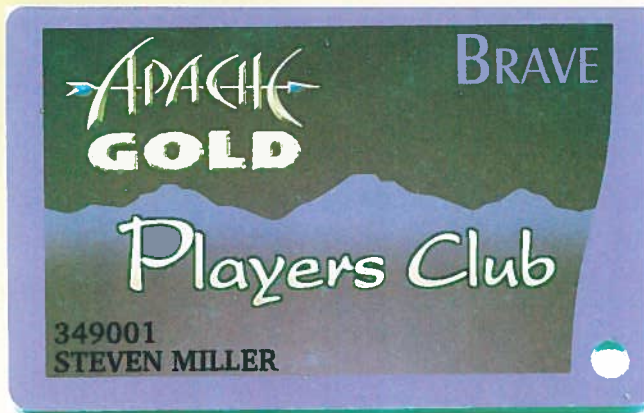
monuments, a restored Union Gunboat, and a military cemetery along its 16 mile pathway. Another historic site, is the



Biedenharn Coca Cola Museum. This museum to put includes early bottling equipment, a early soda fountain, and Coca Cola memorabilia. Joseph Biedenharn is important to Coca Cola history because, he was the first bottler of Coke. Prior to this Coke was only sold as syrup to sell at soda fountains. Joseph Biedenharn was the first to convince Asa Candler, who was running Coca Cola, at the time, to sell him the bottling rights for the area around Vicksburg. At that time Chandler did not want up the capital that would be needed for being able to bottle Coke, believing that it was not a good investment. Another place to visit is The Army Corp of Engineer compound, which has the Lower Mississippi River Museum located on the boat with has exhibits on the history of the Mississippi River.

Vicksburg currently has four open casinos, which are a combination of land based and riverboat casinos. In the last few years, several casinos have closed in this area, as gaming has expanded throughout the country. Harrah's Vicksburg was one of them. All of the casinos are at the same exit as you cross the Mississippi River from the west. Two are just north of I-20 along the river and the other two are south of I-20. I only had time to stop at two of them. Diamond Jack's which is a riverboat casino with a land based hotel, and the Riverwalk Casino which is entirely land based. I started around 10 am. Neither casino was very busy. Both had friendly staffs in the small casinos. There was only two pits, and a nice variety of slots available to play in Diamond Jack's. The Riverwalk was a little smaller but newer than Diamond Jack's. The other casinos in town are the Lady Luck and Ameristar. Vicksburg was the last casino stop on the way home, which would take another two days. I did pass more casinos on I-95 in Maryland and Delaware on the way home, but that will be another story.





Footnote to Travels in the Minnie Van

Unfortunately, Minnie past away of old age in early November. She was at least fifteen years old, and we were lucky to have had 14 of those years. Minnie a terrier mix had lots of personality and traveled everywhere with us. She saw more of the US than the average American. After a period of mourning and my loss of structure and company, we adopted Mia a six month old small hound mix. I have already started breaking her in with short trips in the van in the neighborhood to get her ready for traveling.

Good travels Minnie, my captain, my captain.

Casinos along the route home from San Dimas		
I-10		
Morongo Casino Resort	Cabazon, CA	Hotel, full casino
Spa Resort Casino	Palm Springs, CA	Hotel, full casino
Aqua Caliente Casino	Palm Springs, CA	Hotel, full casino
Fantasy Springs Resort Casino	Indigo, CA	Hotel, full casino
Spotlight 29 Casino	Coachella, CA	Hotel, full casino
Augustine Casino	Coachella, CA	Casino
Ft McDowell Casino	Fountain Hills	Hotel, full casino
Casino Arizona Talking Stick	Scottsdale, AZ	Casino
Casino Arizona 101 & McKellps	Scottsdale, AZ	Casino
Vee Quiva Casino	Laveen Village, AZ	Casino
Gila River Lone Butte	Chandler, AZ	Hotel, full casino
Wild Horse Pass Casino	Chandler, AZ	Hotel, full casino
Lone Butte Casino	Chandler, AZ	Casino
Casino of the Sun	Tucson, AZ	Casino
Del Sol Casino	Tucson, AZ	Hotel, full casino
Sunland Park Casino	Sunland Park, NM	Casino
US 70		
Apache Gold Casino Resort	San Carlos AZ	Hotel, full casino
I-20		
Harrah's Casino	Bossier, Louisiana	Casino & Track
Boomtown Casino	Bossier City, Louisiana	Hotel, full casino
Diamond Jacks Casino	Bossier City, Louisiana	Hotel, full casino
Horseshoe Casino	Bossier City, Louisiana	Hotel, full casino
Eldorado Casino	Shreveport, Louisiana	Hotel, full casino
Sam's Town Casino	Shreveport, Louisiana	Hotel, full casino
Ameristar Casino	Vicksburg, Mississippi	Hotel, full casino
Diamond Jacks Casino	Vicksburg, Mississippi	Hotel, full casino
Lady Luck	Vicksburg, Mississippi	Hotel, full casino
Riverwalk Casino	Vicksburg, Mississippi	Hotel, full casino

Introducing Miss Mia, my new traveling companion. We adopted her in late November when she was six months old. Mia is a Fox Hound mix from Virginia. She is already enjoying riding in the Minnie Van.





CHIP CLIPS



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.

GOLDEN BUBBLE GARDNERVILLE, NV



The Golden Bubble was located in Gardnerville where Sharkey's is now. The front door was on the corner at a 45° angle to the street. Immediately upon entering was the 21 table. Other games were along the wall. I remember the 21 game had several bonus hands posted on the wall. Hands such as 7-7-7 and 6-7-8 of the same suit paid the contents of a small box that the dealer periodically

contributed to. Also there was a Keno game with only a \$500 limit. There was also a buffet there which I thought was unusual for such a small place. The chips were pretty worn as the place had been in business for sometime. Operators Al Johnson and Mr. Zeigler were long time casino operators in the Carson Valley.



RAY & RUTH'S STARDUST JACKPOT, NV



Although I was able to enter the Stardust after it had closed, around 1969. These chips came from another source. I remember rummaging around the place, there was a big hole in one of the walls. There was keno tickets, napkins, a bathmat and other items that bore the name Stardust. I was hoping to find a stray chip, but no such luck. I did obtain these chips a few years later from Jay Nady,

a gentleman who ran a chip and token service. He would go around to the casinos of Nevada buying their "foreign" chips for a discount and taking them back to the appropriate casino. Anyway, he got stuck with these and after some coaxing on my part, gave them to me. Ray and Ruth's last name was Fezler but I was never able to locate them.

SILVER CLUB LAS VEGAS, NV



The Silver Club was a Fremont Street joint that closed ten years before I got to town.* I was fortunate though to work with one of the owners, Jimmy Young, at the Union Plaza in the early 1970's. We spent many hours talking about Vegas' old days and he told me many stories, mostly about dealing Faro to Nick The Greek at the Monte Carlo, another club that he owned. He also had his hand in

a few other clubs including The Boulder Club and the Zanzibar in North Las Vegas. Jimmy was a great source of information. I wish he was still around, I have a lot more questions.

*Jimmy told me the Silver Club was connected to the Golden Camel Bar but separated by a partition, apparently this was an early practice. I remember the old A-1 in Wendover was the same way.

PUSSYCAT A GO-GO LAS VEGAS, NV



The Pussycat A Go-Go was an after hours hang out located on the strip where the Wynn is now. If you went there before midnight there wasn't much business. However, after 12:00 am, the place was often packed, and the music was extremely loud. I remember two or three twenty-one tables and a few slots. I remember an old dealer

telling me that the dealers there often dealt seconds.

The \$5.00 pink chip with the green inserts I got around 1970. The other hot stamped \$5.00 chip came from an antique shop in town.

It Happened on Fremont Street

A Short History of Downtown, Las Vegas

By Pam Goertler #R-3432

This is an updated article published previously in CCN. Most of the photos provided are from Pam's vast collection of Las Vegas memorabilia. I have found her collection to be amazing in depth and variety and I hope you do also.

Before there was a Fremont Street...Helen Stewart: On April 6, 1873 Archibald Stewart and Helen J. Wisner were married in Stockton, California. Stewart was a successful businessman and rancher and shortly after the wedding the couple moved to an area near Pioche, NV. In 1879 Octavius D. Gass put up his isolated Las Vegas Ranch as collateral, and borrowed \$5000 in gold from Stewart. By 1881 Gass had defaulted on the loan and Stewart foreclosed.

In 1882 Stewart decided to move his family to the Las Vegas Ranch. He operated the ranch at a profit, selling beef, fruit and vegetables, and wine to mining camps in the area. He also used the ranch as a way station to serve travelers.

On July 13, 1884, Helen Stewart received a note from Conrad Kiel, the owner of a nearby ranch; "Mrs. Sturd send a team and take Mr. Sturd away he is dead." Helen rode to the Kiel ranch as quickly as she could. When she arrived Kiel and Hank Parrish lifted a blanket to show her the lifeless body of her husband, bloody from gunshots to the head and chest. Once she got the body home she had

Helen Stewart late 1800's



her ranch hands use doors from the ranch house to construct a coffin, as there was no other source of lumber. She read the burial service over her husband's grave and had the body buried on the ranch.

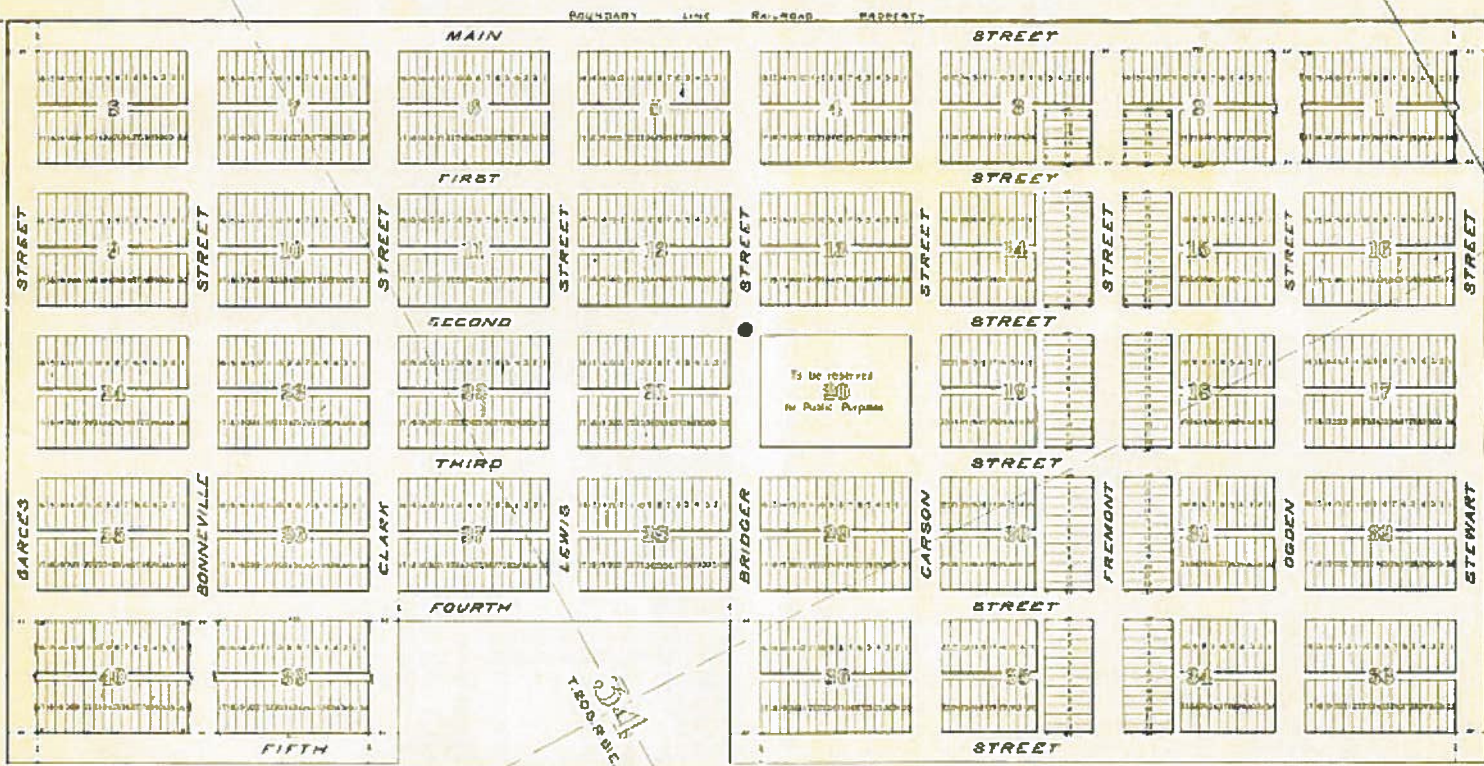
Helen believed that Conrad Kiel, Hank Parrish and Schyler Henry (a former ranch hand for the Stewarts) had murdered her husband. Parrish had disappeared after the murder, but Kiel and Henry

went before a grand jury. Because there were no witnesses, there was no indictment. Helen believed that it was actually Parrish who had instigated the murder. In 1891 she made a note in her journal that Hank Parrish had been hanged in Ely, Nevada, who was finally brought to justice after a string of murder accusations.

Pregnant with her fifth child, Helen J. Stewart suddenly found herself with a ranch to run. She learned to manage the business ventures that her husband had run, and they continued to be successful. In addition, she had the foresight to realize that the Las Vegas Valley would become an important place as the growth of the West continued. With that thought, she bought acres of land around her ranch. By 1890 she was the largest landowner in Lincoln County.

In 1902, Helen Stewart sold the majority of her land to the San Pedro, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake Railroad, which was owned by copper magnate and Montana State Senator William Clark. Clark paid Mrs. Stewart \$55,000 for 1,800 acres, which included the ranch house and the water rights to the Las Vegas Springs, the ranch's water supply. He also bought the Kiel Ranch, which was in the area now known as North Las Vegas. (Conrad Kiel died from natural causes in 1894; his sons Ed and William both died of gunshot wounds in 1900. Originally it was thought to be a murder/suicide, but the bodies were exhumed in 1975 and modern forensics proved that neither of the fatal shots could have been self-inflicted. Now ruled a double murder, it remains unsolved.) After selling the ranch, Mrs. Stewart had a new house built nearby and was a prominent member of the Las Vegas community until her death on March 6, 1926.

The auction: William Clark wanted Las Vegas to be a hub for his railroad, as well as other short-line railroads in the area. He intended to build a large train station, a repair shop and a staging area, as well as using it as a place to store train equipment. In 1900 only about 30 people lived in the Las Vegas Valley, including Helen Stewart, her ranch hands, and a few members of the Southern Paiute tribe. In



Land plots for auction establish the community of Las Vegas

order for his plans to succeed, Clark needed to have people move to the Valley.

Clark's railroad drew a map for a town site on 110 acres of the land that he bought from Helen Stewart, and posted copies of the map in Salt Lake City and Los Angeles. The railroad offered special round-trip fares of \$16 from Los Angeles, and \$20 from Salt Lake City, and promised to refund the fare to anyone who bought one of the 1,200 lots that were offered for sale.

The land auction was held on May 15, 1905. It warmed up to 110-degrees, and more than 1,000 people crowded around the canvas-shaded wooden platform where the auction was held. The site was near the present-day location of the Plaza Hotel & Casino. At 10:00 a.m. auctioneer Ben E. Rhoades started the bidding, which continued until 3:00 p.m. By that time 176 lots had been sold for a total of \$79,566. Sales resumed the next day and by the end of the sale over 600 lots had been sold, yielding over \$265,000 for Clark.

By 1909 Clark had enlarged the rail yards and repair shop and was employing over 400 people. In that same year legislators voted to create a new county and named it after Clark. (Previously Las Vegas had been a part of Lincoln County.)

When his senate term ended in 1907, Clark left Montana for New York, where he built a lavish mansion in Manhattan. In

the early 1920's he sold his share of the railroad to the Union Pacific. William Clark died in 1925.

1 Fremont Street

Hotel Nevada: John F. Miller was born on August 1, 1864. He married Rosa Marchetti and they had seven children; Helen, Opal, Abe P., Jack, Frank, Dan, and Harry.



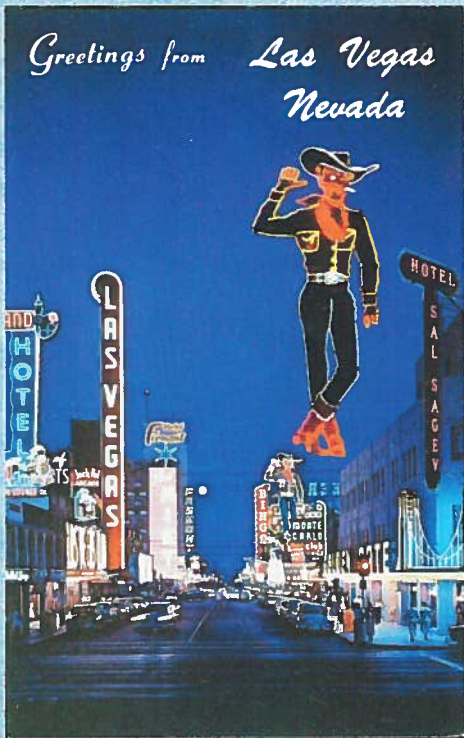
John arrived in Las Vegas on the first passenger train reaching Las Vegas after the railroad was completed in 1905. He attended the land auction and bought three lots on the southeast corner of Main and Fremont, across from the railroad station, for \$1750. Miller built a two-story, 35-room hotel that he opened in 1906 as the Hotel Nevada.

It was the first hotel in Las Vegas to be built from concrete. It was \$1 a night to stay in one of the luxurious 10'x10' rooms, which had electric lighting and steam radiators. In 1907 the first telephone in Las Vegas was installed in a cigar store that was in the lobby of the Hotel Nevada; the phone number was 1. For many years the Nevada Hotel was known for serving the best food in Las Vegas.

Sal Sagev: In 1931, the same year that gambling was legalized in Nevada, construction began on Boulder Dam. Two more floors were added to the Hotel Nevada and the name was changed to "Sal Sagev" (Las Vegas, spelled backwards.) No one knows for sure if a gambling license was ever issued to the Sal Sagev Casino; in the early days they didn't always keep good records and many of the early Las Vegas records were stored at the White Horse Hotel in Carson City, which was destroyed by fire in 1960.

Several years ago club member Gene Trimble researched gambling at the Sal Sagev. He was able to confirm that the Sal Sagev had at least

Vegas enterprises." Abe's brothers all lived in Arizona at the time. Abe's sister, Helen (Mrs. Sherman E. Nugent), also worked at the hotel.



roulette and blackjack in the early 1930's. In 1934 the casino was closed and the Albert Pick roulette wheel, along with five colors of roulette chips were wrapped in Los Angeles Examiner newspapers, and then wrapped in a tarp, and the bundle was stored at the Sal Sagev. Eye-witnesses told Gene that there was a poker table at the Sal Sagev from the late 1940's through the early 1950's.

Though John had seven children, it would appear that his son Abe, who graduated with honors from high school in the spring of 1930, was the one that was most involved in the casino business with him. A 1957 article about John Miller's death mentions that his son Abe



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Golden Gate: The Golden Gate Club was one of eleven gaming license applications that were recommended for approval at the first meeting of the newly-formed Nevada Gaming Control Board on July 27, 1955. The approved license holders, as listed in the Reno Evening Gazette, were Alfred Durante, Leo Massaro, Italo Ghelfi, Robert Picardo, Fred Detore, Bernard F. Perata, A.A. Harris, Remi Gacherieu, and Abe Miller. The casino would be located on the ground floor of the Sal Sagev Hotel. It was noted that Abe was the owner of the hotel and would be paid \$2300 a month rent, plus 5% of the net gambling profits. Each of the other eight men would own 12½% of the casino.

The casino opened on October 7, 1955. Symbols of San Francisco, such as the Golden Gate Bridge and trolley cars, were pictured on chips, dice, matchbooks and many other items used in the casino. Some of the early items,

including chips, coin cups, and ashtrays, used the name "**Golden Gate Club.**" The casino was smaller than it is now, as there were other businesses located within the building.

Gene relates that sometime after the Golden Gate casino opened Abe Miller told one of the men that he had something for him "a souvenir of the early days of the Sal Sagev", and presented him with a wrapped bundle. The man took the bundle home, where he and his wife unwrapped it; it was the roulette wheel and chips that had been stored in the Sal Sagev since 1934. They had the legs cut down and turned it into a coffee table. In 1999 Gene saw the table and the 681 chips that were still on it. The chips Gene saw were: five brown, 200 white, 162 yellow, 162 blue and 157 green. He was told that the chips were not for sale.



Sal Sagev



A few years later the family that owns the table and chips sold 225 chips into the hobby, the rest were kept with the table. An additional nine brown chips had been found in the tarp that had wrapped the table. The roulette chips that were released into the hobby were: 14 brown, 42 white, 64 yellow, 28 blue, and 30 green. In addition the family had some red chips that weren't kept with the roulette table and chips because Abe's notes said they were used as \$5 chips. Forty seven of the red chips were released to the hobby with the roulette chips.

In 1959, The Golden Gate served their first shrimp cocktail (at a price of 25¢ each.) On September 26, 1991 they celebrated the sale of 25 million shrimp cocktails! The Golden Gate is still open and still selling shrimp cocktails. According to 2014 online information, they've sold over 40 million of them!

Ghelfi's stepson, Mark Brandenburg began working at the Golden Gate when he was 13 years old. In spite of the family connection he started at the bottom- mopping floors, bussing tables and parking cars. By 1990 he bought out the other partners. In 2008 he added partners Derek and Greg Stevens, brothers who would also purchase Fitzgerald's and transform it into The D. In 2012 the Golden Gate underwent a major renovation, including the addition of a new tower that contains 16 suites.



There have been other changes too: there's no longer a deli in the back of the Golden Gate, the shrimp cocktail has gone from 99¢, which was held for many years, to \$3.99 and it's sold in DuPar's Restaurant...

which replaced the Bay City Diner. The dealers are also dancers and there's a bar on the sidewalk.



Sal Sagev Tavern: Phone books list the Sal Sagev Tavern at 1 Fremont Street; Sid Martin was the proprietor and was famous for his sloe gin fizzes.

3 Fremont Street

Sal Sagev Hotel: In the 1953 Las Vegas City Directory.

5 Fremont Street

Sal Sagev Hotel: In a 1945 business directory.

Sal Sagev Restaurant: In the 1946 phone book & 1953 LV City Directory.

7 Fremont Street

Sal Sagev Barber Shop

9 Fremont Street

Louis Wiener Company: A tailor, listed in a 1945 business directory and in the 1946 phone book.

Wesray Sport Shop: In the 1953 LV City Directory.

11 Fremont Street

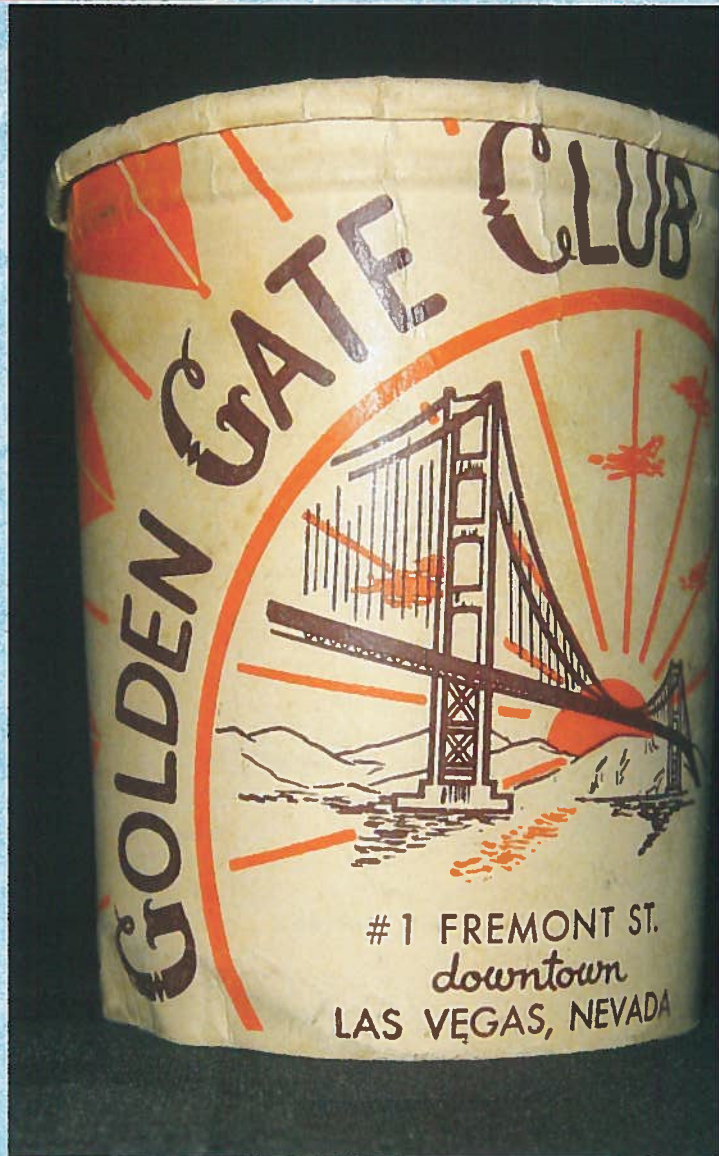
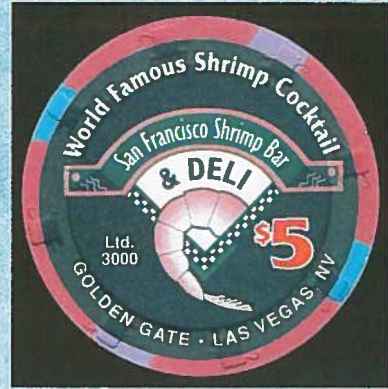
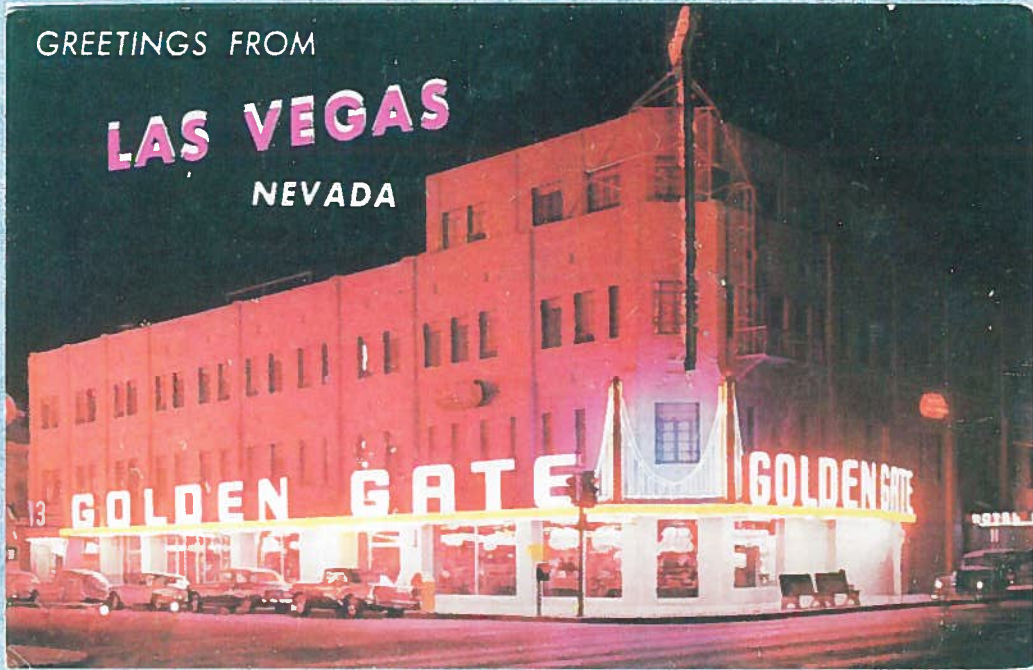
Burlington Trailways Bus Depot: In the 1939 phone book.

Charles E. Steel: Bail Bond Broker, in a 1945 business directory.

Steel's Jewelry: In a 1945 business directory and in the 1946 phone book.

Steele Jewelry: In the 1953 LV City Directory





13 Fremont Street

13 Fremont Street was in the Sal Sagev Hotel Building, at the east end of the building, next to the alley that runs between 13 Fremont and 15 Fremont. Of course the Golden Gate Casino has now taken over the entire ground floor of the building.

Trail Café: Circa 1944-1945. Can't tell you much about the Trail Café except that it opened after the 1939 telephone book was issued and before the 1944 phone book was issued. It was listed in the 1944 and 1945 phone books, but closed before January 6, 1946 when an article in the Nevada State Journal shows John F. Miller getting a tavern license for the former site of the Trail Café. Did the Trail Café have any gambling? That's

a good question, and I don't have an answer to it. Since the Trail Café and Sam's Café share a matchbook, and Sam's Café had slot machines, it's possible that the Trail Café had slot machines as well.

Lanrep Bar: In the 1946 phone book.

Keyhole Bar, c. 1950-1955: I'm not aware of any gambling at the Keyhole Bar, but a bar...in Las Vegas...on Fremont Street...in the 1950's...should have had at least a slot machine or two, right? I don't know, but we have a cool book of matches to share, so I decided to include the Keyhole Bar here. I don't have the exact dates of operation, but it was listed in Las Vegas phone books from 1950-1955. As you can see on the matchbook, and in the photo, the door was a normal rectangular shape, but the doorway was in the shape of a keyhole...a unique little architectural detail!

Lucky 13 Club, 1955-1957: This small club, located in the Sal Sagev Hotel building, was licensed for slot machines and 21. As far as I know, no chips or ashtrays have shown up from this club, but there are some very cool feature matches. There are also Lucky 13 Club keychains,

personalized with the customer's initials, similar to other keychains that were given to customers back in the day. I was able to buy one of those keychains on eBay several years ago...the only one I've ever seen. Unfortunately, the keychain never arrived...just a plain white envelope that was tattered and torn. The seller refunded my money, but I'm still sad that the keychain was lost. The Golden Gate



Casino has expanded into the Lucky 13 Club's space. Next time you go into the Golden Gate, use the Fremont Street entrance that's next to the alley on the east end of the building and you'll be walking into the space that was occupied by the Lucky 13 Club.

15 Fremont Street

The Stocker family: Oscar Stocker and Mayme Clifton were married in Reading, Pennsylvania on December 26, 1891. They had three sons; Lester was born on November 16, 1892, Clarence on April 10, 1894, and Harold on March 8, 1900. In 1904 the family left Reading. Oscar worked for the railroad, which necessitated several more moves before the family settled in Las Vegas in 1910.

Just months after arriving in Las Vegas, Mayme got word that one of her two sisters, both of whom lived in Butte, Montana, was very ill. Taking young Harold with her, Mayme left Las Vegas to be with her sister. Both of Mayme's sisters were married to saloon owners, so Harold spent some time observing some of the ins-and-outs of running a bar.

One summer, when Harold was 17, he went to work as a dealer in Tijuana. He started as a chip-stacker at the rou

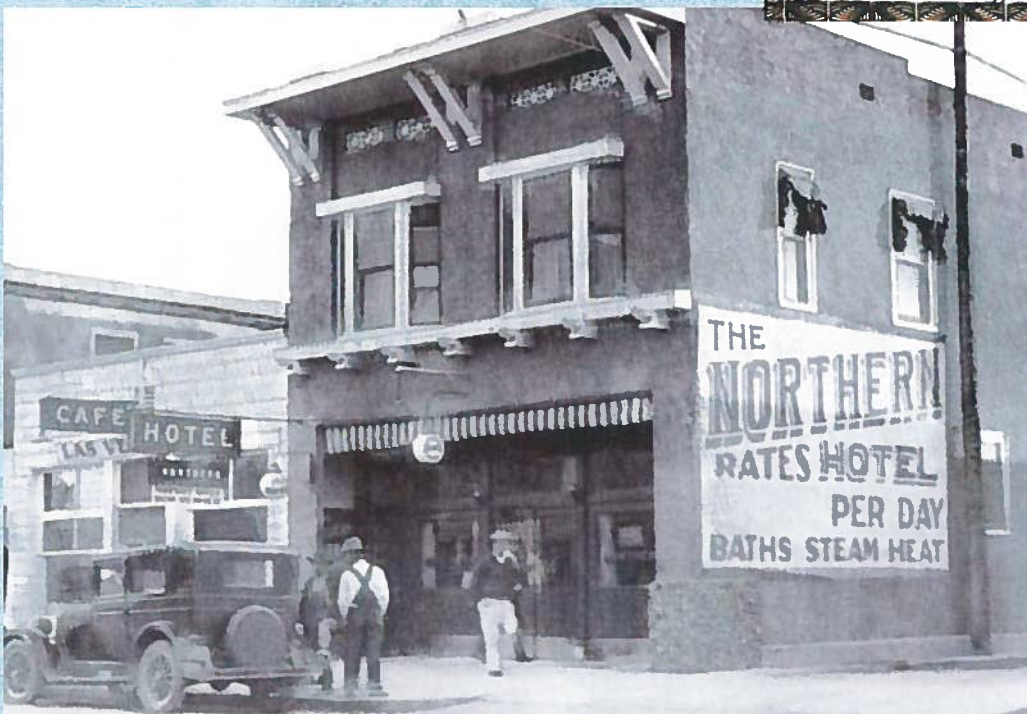
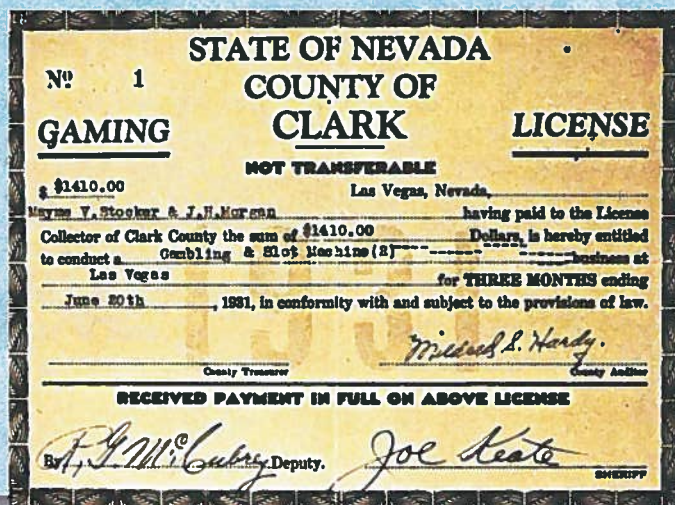
lette wheel...the game that got the most play in those days, along with '21'. Harold met a movie producer who was in Tijuana for the summer; the man staked him \$500 to play blackjack. Harold worked out a system and by the end of the summer Harold's share of the winnings was \$6000.

Northern Club, 1920-1943: In 1920 Mayme Stocker opened the Northern Club, a rather classy bar and card-room. She was the owner of record, instead of her husband, because the railroad frowned on employees being involved in drinking and gambling. While we usually think of 1931 as being the year that gambling was legalized in Nevada, there were five games that were legal in the 1920's; lowball, draw, and stud poker, '500', and bridge. There were few experienced dealers in Las Vegas in the 1920's, but of course Mayme had Harold.

Prohibition had very little effect on drinking in Las Vegas. Sam Gay, the local sheriff, felt that the prohibition laws were federal laws...and it was up to the feds to enforce it, not him. Police Chief Percy Nash didn't feel the same way. He knew that Harold Stocker kept a single pint of whiskey in the bar, and that was in his pocket. One day he threatened to jump over the bar and confiscate it. Harold told Nash that if he tried it, he'd put a slug from a .45 in Nash's belly. Nash, Stocker explained, was there to enforce city laws; federal laws were none of his business.

Stocker, Las Vegas was pretty small potatoes in those days...the feds had all they could handle in the bigger cities like Chicago.

According to a 1981 interview with Harold Stocker, his older brother Lester was a professional gambler. Lester tried unsuccessfully in 1925, 1927, and 1929 to get wide-open gambling legalized. In 1930 he called a meeting at a back table in the Northern Club. Harold reports that the meeting was attended by club owners, a high-ranking state official, a city councilman, a local businessman-booster, and two assemblymen. One club owner said "If I had some money



to spread around I could probably get it on." Most of the \$10,000 that was raised came from the Stockers and their business partners—primarily from Lester. Harold didn't know who the money went to, if anyone, but the bill was introduced by Phil Tobin, the legislator from Winnemucca. Phil Tobin always said that he never received any money for introducing the bill...he did it because he thought it would be good for the state.

When gambling was legalized on March 19, 1931, The Northern Club received the first Clark County gaming license, which allowed The Stockers, with their partner

To protect the Northern Club from any nosy federal agents, they served only mixed drinks. That meant that to prove the Northern was breaking the law, the drinks would have to be analyzed for alcohol. That was a lot of trouble and expense for a \$200 fine...so they just didn't bother. According to

Joe H. Morgan, to operate a gambling and slot machine business; they were allowed 2 slot machines.

The Northern Club closed in 1943. Lester Stocker died in 1934, Oscar Stocker died in 1941, Clarence Stocker in 1951, Mayme Stocker in 1972, and Harold Stocker in 1983.

Turf Club & Bar, 1943-1944: The 1944 phone book shows Dave and Sam Stearns as the proprietors. Conflicting information says that Wilbur Clark opened the Turf Club in 1943, before changing the name to Monte Carlo Club in 1945. The Northern Hotel continued to operate on the second floor.

Club 15, c.1944?-c.1945?: Reference guides show that a "Club 15" was located at this address in the 1940's, but no specific years are listed. I've not found it in any of our books about Las Vegas, or in our phone books. I've listed it here, because there's a possible gap in the timeline. However, if the club was only open for a short period (a few weeks or a few months), it could fit in elsewhere.

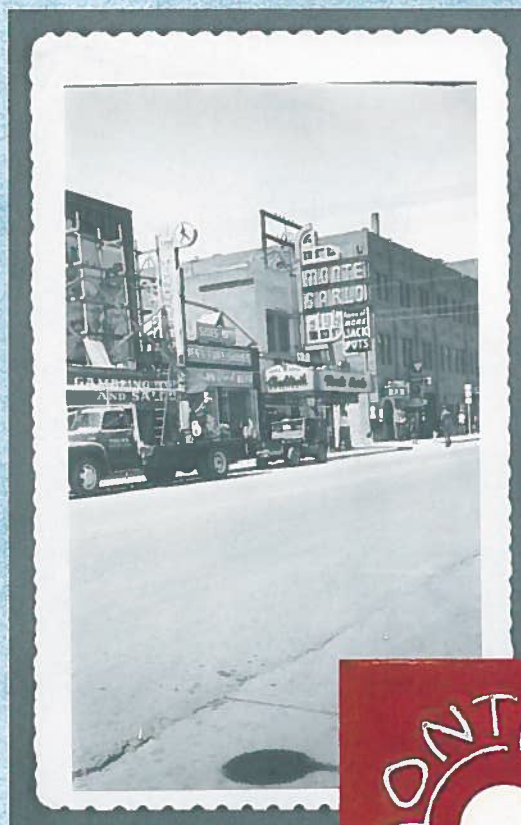
Monte Carlo Club, 1945-c.1956: Wilbur Clark moved to Las Vegas, from Reno, in 1945 and opened the Monte Carlo Club as his first Las Vegas venture. With the profits he got from the sale of the Monte Carlo Club he began building the Desert Inn. Though ownership changed a couple of times, the Monte Carlo operated at this location until c.1956 (different sources have different closing dates; Monte Carlo is listed in the 1956 phone book, it's not in 1962, and we don't have the ones between.)

Pioneer Pawn Shop 1960-1965: Owned by Mr. Robert Powell (this information comes from the Pioneer Pawn website; the 1962 Las Vegas phone book does not confirm it).

Denny's Restaurant: circa 1967

Sam's Roast Beef: per the 1969 Las Vegas phone book

We will start with the Coin Castle in next look at **It Happened on Fremont Street**



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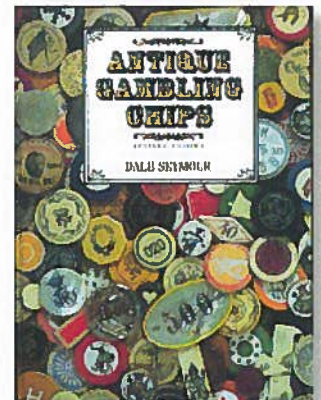
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- No event, show, auction or convention shall use the Club name, logo or symbol for any reason whatsoever unless it is an event, show, auction or convention run by the Club.
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- Any other use of the 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

Example



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.
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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.ccggtcc.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.

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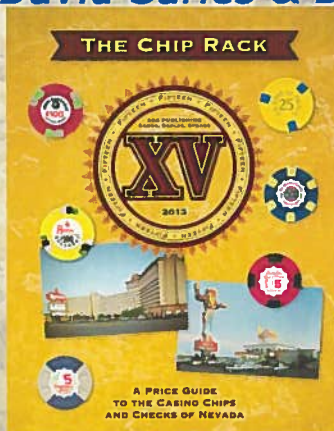
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