

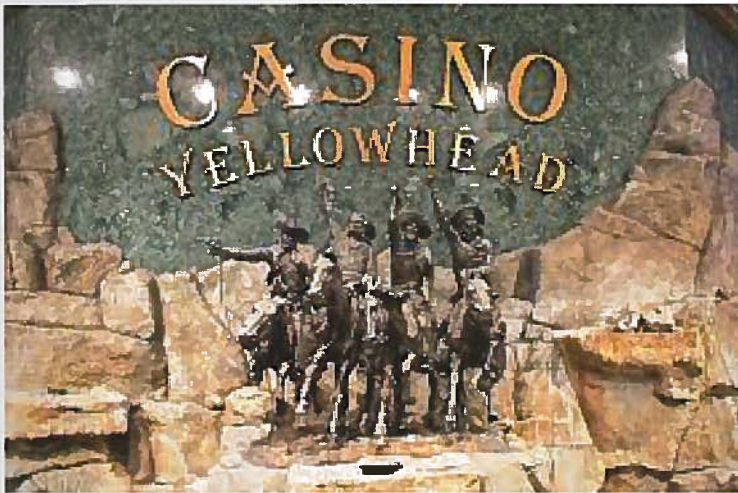
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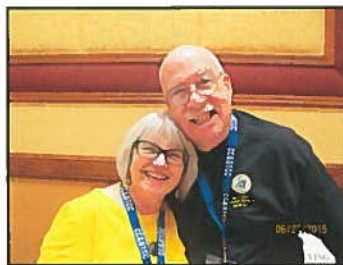
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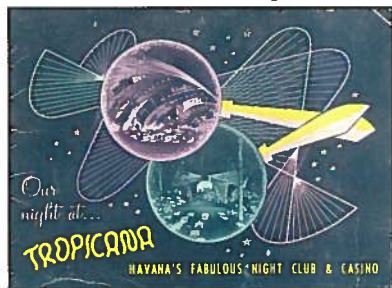
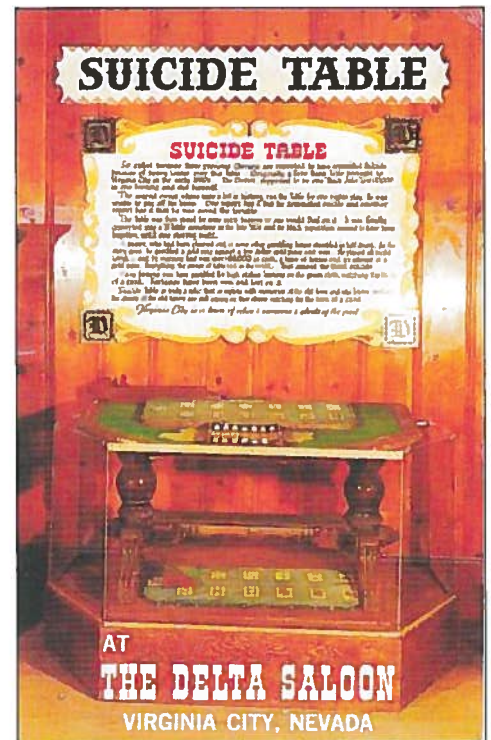
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Doug Smith  
President

## President's Letter

### Winter 2015

Hard to believe that it's nearly Christmas time and the past year has flown by.

Before we know it the 2016 convention will be here and preparations are already in full swing. This year's upcoming convention will be our 24th and we are looking forward to another fantastic show put on by our Chairs, Sheldon and Christine. The dates for the 2016 convention are June 22nd thru the 25th. You won't want to miss this very special annual event at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas

With 2016 being the final year on our current contract, the club BOD is working diligently to secure a spot for our future conventions. We will be looking at several new locations as well as working with the South Point in order to find the best opportunities for both dealers and attendees and ensure a successful show for years to come.

The new BOD of the MOGH are also working hard and we will see lots of great things happening soon. Under the direction of our current chairman, Neal Silverman, several new programs will be revealed soon and lots of excitement is sure to follow.

The biggest of the upcoming events will be a new exhibit downtown which is currently planned to open Super bowl weekend. Planning with the casino folks is ongoing so press releases will be made soon on an actual date. Tons of great artifacts are planned for the exhibit and you will definitely want to drop by and take part in the fanfare.

I also want to mention that it is once again time to gear up for the 2016 annual CC&GTCC raffle. Please look for the advertisement in this issue with more information and help by donating what you can. The raffle is one of the clubs biggest fundraisers of the year and it's because of people like yourselves and your generous donations that make this event so successful each and every year.

Thanks again to all our members and volunteers for your support.

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



## Editor's Note

Robb McPherson R-8583  
Co-Editor

I hope that you are receiving this issue before the Christmas break. It has been hard trying to get this finished with all the holiday festivities happening. I also had a vacation in Florida but was able to continue working on the magazine while enjoying the sunshine and warmth.

You will notice that this issue is a bit smaller. I have not received a lot of articles to fill the pages up. Usually the issue prior to and after the convention is more full of content with all the convention information. There is some important convention information in this issue with the registration form being added as an insert. There is also important information on dealer tables.

Your CCN relies on the articles written by members, so please if you could consider writing an article about your favorite collectible or a trip you may have taken that would help the editors out greatly.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years to all.





## New Members

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Last	First	State	City	Ref.	Pre	Memb #
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Petrucelly	Louis J.	NY	East Northport	Pete Volberg	R	8738
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By Archie A. Black HLM-001/ANA Club Rep



## Mark Lighterman Receives Memorial Award

### AWARDS

## Lighterman Honored for Excellence

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➤ THE ADNA G. WILDE JR. Memorial Award for Excellence honors ANA members who dedicate their time and resources to further the educational purposes of the Association and the hobby, and who set an example for others. Established in October 2008 in tribute to its namesake—an ANA past president, treasurer and parliamentarian—this year's award was presented to ANA life member Mark Lighterman of Sanford, Florida. He was recognized at an awards ceremony on Thursday, August 13, at the ANA World's Fair of Money<sup>SM</sup> in Chicago.



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LIGHTERMAN

Lighterman is an active leader in the nu-

numismatic community and was a founding member of the Combined Organizations of Numismatic Error Collectors of America (CONECA). Since 1982, he has served six terms on the organization's board of directors, two as Errorama coordinator and ANA liaison (2000-02), two as vice president (2007-10), and two as president (2011-14). In 2014 he was inducted into the CONECA Hall of Fame. Lighterman is a past president and current treasurer of the Token and Medal Society (TAMS), and president and chair of the Florida chapter of the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club.

An avid ANA promoter for many years, Lighterman has served as a national volunteer since 2003 and as national exhibit coordinator since 2008. He also was chair of the ANA Exhibit Committee (2005-09), and has been a supporter and mentor of young numismatists for the last decade. As an author, he has written articles for *The Numismatist* and CONECA's bimonthly publication *ErrorScope*. Previous awards include CONECA's Lyndon King Outstanding Member of the Year (2012), and the ANA's Medal of Merit (2011) and Glenn Smedley Memorial Award (2002).

## 1-YEAR FREE ANA MEMBERSHIP OFFER

Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club members have received an offer that is hard to turn down. I have received 12 vouchers from the American Numismatic Association (valued at up to \$28 each) for 12 CC&GTCC members who are not currently ANA members, or who have not been an ANA member in the past two years. These 12 vouchers, good for 1-year gold memberships in ANA will be distributed on a first come first served basis. If interested, send an email request to [ablack2@optonline.net](mailto:ablack2@optonline.net) or to Archie Black ANA Club Representative, P.O. Box 63, Brick, NJ 08723-0063. This ANA 1-year free membership offer must be redeemed by October 31, 2016, or until the limited supply of 12 vouchers have been distributed.

## ANA RECEIVES LARGE DONATION

During the 2015 convention in Chicago, at its final meeting before the old board of governors left office, ANA Treasurer Gerome Walton presented a check to the organization for \$163,000 designated for use to fund college scholarships.

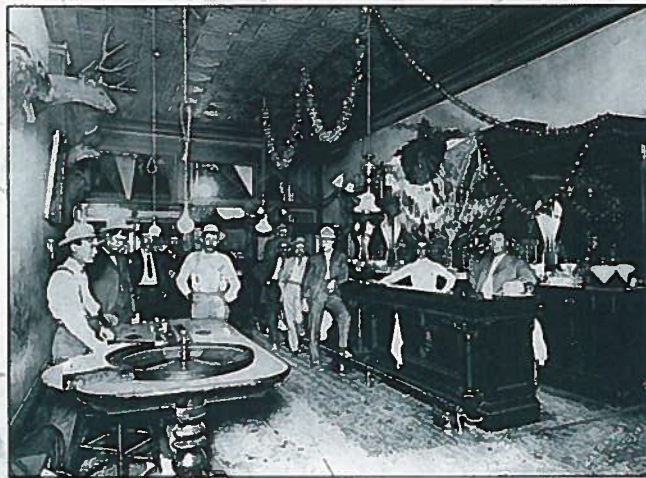
The generous donation came from the Colorado Springs, Colorado chapter of the modern Woodmen of America. The ANA agreed to continue funding the eight student currently getting funds.

Ostromeki noted that during his term of office, the ANA has received donations totaling \$563,000, more than any other presidential term.

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To say that things have been slow at your club library here of late would be an understatement! So much so, I even took down the "Please Be Quiet" sign.

While donations have always outpaced request for loans from the library, as I write this in early fall, there has only been a SINGLE request to borrow any items from the library this calendar year to date.

And as you may have noted in my last scribbling, donations have not been beating down the door either.

However, not all is lost. These books from Mark Gereb were donated as follows:

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And to encourage you to borrow a book or two:

In what seem to be the never ending cycle of running for public office; either by now you are feed up with the whole thing or are a political junkie and cannot get enough! If you are in the latter category then you might one to check out some of the books written by or about a candidate whose name has adorned the marquee of a casino or two.

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# Where are all those discarded Casino Chips...

Millions of casino chips have been taken out of Las Vegas resorts this year by tourists and local visitors. Hundreds of thousands more expire when a casino, [like the Las Vegas Club](#), closes.

But while the final destination of the casino chips in the hands of tourists is anybody's guess, the fate of expired chips, or ones from casinos on the way out, is more specific.

Casino chips are most often sent to their vendors and ground to pieces by large industrial machines, said Karl Bennison, chief of enforcement at the Nevada Gaming Control Board.

In the past, chips have also been thrown in the concrete foundations of other, newer casinos, Bennison said.

"It's covered in our regulations. The whole process goes by the Gaming Control Board," Bennison explained. "Under the chip destruction plan, casinos have to write a notice, in two papers, that they're going to discontinue or destroy them for redemption."

Gary Sanoff, vice president of table games at Aria, said he had no knowledge of expired chips being left in other casinos' foundations. Sanoff said the lifespan of a chip varies by casino.

Most casinos don't discontinue chips unless they're closing or facing the threat of fraud, Sanoff said. He referenced a [2010 robbery of the Bellagio](#), which led to the MGM property [nullifying hundreds of \\$25,000 chips](#) and ordering new chips with different designs.

In six years at Aria, Sanoff said the casino has sent only a small amount of worn chips back to their vendor, Gaming Partners International, to be destroyed.

"They wear down as we wash them on a regular basis," Sanoff said. "Eventually they just get thinner. But we have yet to discontinue the design of any our chips."

Sheldon Smith, 70, is the co-chair of the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club's annual Las Vegas convention. A 30-year collector of casino chips, Smith said he owns more than 1,500 distinct chips from casinos across Nevada.

As casinos close and chips are discontinued, Smith said many of his organization's roughly 4,000 members end up with collectors' items after forgetting to cash them in.

"Some people walk out of casinos with a pretty good amount of values in chips, and they sometimes end up with collectibles valued at more than what the chips were worth."

Smith, too, said he's sure thousands of old chips are buried in the foundation of other Strip casinos.

"Oh yeah, they're there," he said.

Las Vegas Journal article posted Oct. 22, 2015

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**Chicagoland Casino Collectibles Club;** [ikcarkop@comcast.net](mailto:ikcarkop@comcast.net); Riverboat Rick Pokracki; various locations in the tri-state area.

**Dallas Chip Club;** [txbel711@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

**Michigan Chip Club;** [albertscalzo@gmail.com](mailto:albertscalzo@gmail.com); Al Scalzo; 7229 Flamingo St. Clay, MI 48001; Elks Lodge #810, 2100 Scott Lake Rd. Waterford MI

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

**NY Metro Chip Club;** [qualpete@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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# Call for Hall of Fame Recommendations for 2016



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

Consideration is given to their contributions to the hobby as a whole, their contributions to the Club, their impact on the hobby and on the Club, and their exemplary integrity and adherence to the principles upon which the Club was founded. The names of the members of the Hall of Fame appear below.

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

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

The deadline for submissions is February 1, 2016, and the final selections, if any, will be announced at the Club's annual convention in Las Vegas. Only members recommended in the current year will be considered by the Committee. It is therefore important to recommend a member you believe to be deserving, even though you may have done so in the past.

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

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

Allan Anderson  
Archie A. Black  
Carey Burke  
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Howard Herz  
Belinda Hixon  
Phil Jensen  
Michael Knapp  
Jim Kruse

Bruce Landau (deceased)  
Mark Lighterman  
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Jim Steffner (Chairman)  
Greg Susong (deceased)  
Wayne Thompson  
Gene Trimble  
Ernie Wheelden

For biographies of the HoF members, please visit the Club website at [http://www.ccgfcc.com/hall\\_of\\_fame.html](http://www.ccgfcc.com/hall_of_fame.html)

Jim Steffner  
Hall of Fame Committee Chairman



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

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

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

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

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

Mentoring Program Director, Terry Shaffer R-5645  
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# The Member's Corner

## Trey Warren R-8280



Welcome back for my latest effort to acquaint everyone with members of our diverse club, new and old. In this edition I would like to introduce TREY WARREN R-8280. He is a relatively new member who I met at this year's convention. As soon as I started talking to him, I could see the gleam in his eyes when it comes to our hobby, so I decided

to get to know him a little better and get his insight into our club. He was very personable and fun to talk to for the short time that we had. After interviewing him for this article I'm glad I chose him and I think you will agree he will become a great asset to our club in the future. I sincerely hope our current membership will reach out to him and continue to welcome him into the fold.

**Jerry:** Trey, Please tell us why you joined the CC& GTCC club? What are your interests in collecting casino memorabilia?

**Trey:** I was fascinated with cards and casinos when I was very young. I used to play casino games on my Nintendo. When I was a teenager my Grandma used to go to Bossier City all the time. She would always say her favorite casino was the Isle of Capri. When I turned 21 that's the first casino I went into. I brought my first chip home from there by mistake. I actually started out collecting cards and dice with my buddy David on that same trip. It wasn't until my first trip to Las Vegas in 2006 that the chip collecting really took off. We also found Spinetti's on that trip. There were so many chips from different places it blew our minds. I think we spent 4 hours in there. To this day my wife will not set foot in there with me. I joined the club because it seemed like it could be fun and I thought it would help me learn more about the hobby. I will collect almost any casino memorabilia if I like it. I mostly collect chips now, with some silver strikes and a few dice. Shortly after I joined I decided it would be a good idea to "complete" a set and get every chip made from a casino. I chose O'Shea's because I'm part Irish and though it would be an easy task. I found out shortly after I was wrong. They closed it down for the first time. I have every chip in my collection except for 3 pot o' gold roulettes and the Bicycle error chip. When they reopened they were using the Quad chips on the roulette tables. I've been told it's an impossible task, but I'm not giving up yet. I post that I'm looking for them on the Chip Board every once in a while.

**Jerry:** How did you hear about us, how long have you been a member, was there anyone in the club that recruited you or recommended the club to you?

**Trey:** My buddy David Sowell found the club website online. He actually joined first and then I signed up right after he did. We really got into the hobby together. You could say we fueled each other's fever. We joined in 2011 and have attended 3 shows now.

**Jerry:** Please tell us about yourself, where do you live, your career, you're other hobbies or interests, are you married, have any children or for any of our younger members are you available?

**Trey:** I'm 36 and I live in Fort Worth, Texas. I was born here, but I did live in California from 89 to 95. I moved back to Texas right when it was time to start high school. I have a big family and we are split between both states. As for my career, I started out in pharmacy field. I did that for 12 years. Then our company was bought out. The first thing I was made to do was lay off a bunch of good folks. My heart wasn't in it after that, so I went looking for something new. Now, I'm a Financial Advisor. I run my own practice in downtown Fort Worth. It's not what I thought I would be led to, but I actually really enjoy it. Besides casino memorabilia and chips, I collect vintage comics and some vintage toys. One of my true passions is art. I wanted to be an animator or comic artist when "I grew up". I still paint and draw, just not as frequently. I'd love to have the chance to do something for the club one day. I also enjoy a good craft beer and just hanging out with family and friends. Every once in a great while I may play a video game or two. I'm was lucky enough to meet the love of my life Stephanie at our summer job 17 years ago. We got married on our first trip to Vegas in 2006 and that was the reason for our trip. We had such an awesome time, we have been back every year since. We were blessed with one little girl, Morgan in 2012 who recently turned 3. She isn't a full chipper yet, though she does play with a few chips and throws a mean pair of dice when I let her.



**Jerry:** What observations have you made about the club so far, in your opinion what would you like to see the direction of our club?

**Trey:** My first show was amazing! Dave and I were really impressed with how warm and welcoming everyone was. Several different people just gave things to us for free. Everyone was willing to answer any questions we had. We learned so much and heard a lot of great stories. I got my first "big chip" that trip. It was a \$1 4th issue Silver Slipper chip, the pink one with 2 slippers. I got it for a steal compared to any other one I have ever seen. I didn't have a lot of money to spend at that time. The dealer could tell I wanted it really bad. I think I went back to look at it 3 times. It's still in my top 3 in my collection. I will never forget that and will make sure to pay it forward to someone else. After being in the club for a few years now, I just want to see the hobby continue to grow. I want to promote the club and figure out what I can do to help keep it strong and bring in new recruits. There are a lot of fantastic people in this hobby, I make new friends and meet new people every year.



**Jerry:** What recommendations would you give to us to get the next generation/your generation more involved in our hobby. Do you ever see yourself participating/volunteering for any of our activities if so what would your interest be?

**Trey:** Well, I think a welcome package for new members would be cool. Maybe let them choose a region that they collect or would like to start collecting, and send them a few \$1s to get their collection jumpstarted, or maybe send them a club shirt and chip from the previous year's show. Also, I've noticed there is a lot of negative bickering happening on the Chip Board lately. If I was brand new and that was one of the first things I saw, it would immediately drive me away. As I said earlier, the kindness I experienced helped draw me into the hobby. I would encourage everyone to take these discussions off the Board as much as possible. I actually volunteered for the first time this year. I will be helping every year from now on. I just want to contribute so I am open to anything. I'm sure after a few times I will find something I would prefer to do.

**Jerry:** Have any of the club members reached out to you to give you any support or knowledge about the club and anything that you would be interested in collecting? We do have a mentoring program where you might be able to gain some additional knowledge.

**Trey:** Anytime I have had any questions someone has stepped up to help me. The Chip Board and Strike Point have been perfect for gaining knowledge and getting questions answered. I have had several trades and also had some pick-ups arranged. I didn't know about the mentor program until recently, but Dave and I have always had a little extra help from Belinda Hixon. She has been awesome!

**Jerry:** Give us your top 10 observations/comments that you noticed or observed at the last convention, starting from number 10 and heading up to number one.

**Trey:**

- 1: There was a drop in the number of dealers.
- 2: There were less tables offering items other than chips. I didn't see lot of silver strikes or dice this time.
- 3: We missed C.T. Rogers.
- 4: We attended our first live club auction. We need to go to some of the other events. It was fun.
- 5: There must have been some new finds. I saw a few chips frequently that were difficult for me to track down at one time. One was the Glass Crutch with the saxophone guy on it.
- 6: Sometimes you have to wait in line to dig through a bin or go through a binder.
- 7: I can pick up my preregistration packet with my old club card and then renew my membership inside.
- 8: A lot of people have personal chips to trade, ask everyone.
- 9: If you are looking for a certain chip that has a higher value, make sure you know what is fair. Prices can vary quite a bit among dealers.
- 10: It's a good idea to visit the club table early, for voting, raffle tickets, etc. I makes things easier and time can go faster than you think if you are browsing and visiting.

**Jerry:** We have quite an array of speakers and seminars that are conventions. What area would you like to see discussed?

**Trey:** This is a tough one to answer because I haven't attended any seminars yet and I don't know what has been discussed in the past. I would like to know more about chip records and the different methods of chip destruction. I have no clue what the rules are today. I have had quite a few last visits to certain casinos and did not realize it was my last visit. Also, I would like to hear about the origins and downfalls of historic casinos, similar to some of the articles in our magazine. It would be cool to be able to ask questions live.

**Jerry:** Tell us something about yourself that nobody knows.

**TREY:** Usually when people ask me this question I tell them that I collect casino chips. I don't know. Every now and again I think about writing and publishing a series of children's books. I've never really researched or pursued it but the idea pops up in my head from time to time. With all the negative things plaguing our youth today, it would be awesome to make a difference for kids even if it was in a small way.



### Trey's Final Words

One of the best things about collecting chips is meeting new friends. Hopefully, as the years go by I will get to know everyone in the club that came before me. I look forward to next year, shaking hands, trading chips, and listening to those great stories! I appreciate you taking the time to get to know me a little bit. Until next year!

I wish to thank Trey for allowing me to interview him. Even though this was done through emails I could sense his passion and desire in our club. I find him articulate and polished. He is the future of our club and we should embrace him as much. It happens all too often where new members feel isolated and we should all try to change that. You can reach out to Trey at his email: [link2179@juno.com](mailto:link2179@juno.com)



## **Bits and Pieces from around Vegas**

Eldorado Resorts completed its \$72.5 million acquisition of MGM Resorts International's holdings in downtown Reno in November. The transaction gave Eldorado ownership in Circus Circus Reno and the remaining half of the Silver Legacy. Eldorado, which already owned half of the Silver Legacy and the flagship Eldorado Resort, announced the deal with MGM in July. The company's three Reno properties comprise almost 32 percent of the hotel rooms in the market. The hotel-casinos are connected via above-ground covered walkways and company officials said the properties would be operated as a single entity.

Golden Gate majority owner Derek Stevens was approved early in November to acquire the remaining 35 percent of the downtown Las Vegas landmark from Mark Brandenburg, whose family founded the casino. Stevens and his brother acquired 50 percent in the Golden Gate in 2008 and raised the stake to 65 percent over the years. The Stevens brothers also own the D Las Vegas and acquired the closed Las Vegas Club in August.

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**Will start liquidating 18  
year collection state  
by state on e-bay start-  
ing October - 6,000+/-  
Chips.**

## **News from Southern California**

Authorities raided two card clubs on Wednesday and made arrests in seven states as they dismembered a massive illegal gambling operation that allegedly ran card games out of Southern California mansions, took bets from Canada to Mexico and laundered \$10 million through San Diego County card clubs and Las Vegas casinos. Hundreds of federal and local agents raided **Seven Mile Casino** in Chula Vista and the **Palomar Card Room** in San Diego and seized more than \$600,000 from player accounts and bank accounts, according to a statement from the U.S. attorney's office.

# MUSINGS from the MoGH

By Neal Silverman – Chairman

## Museum of Gaming History

A Project of The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc.



*Dedicated to the preservation and education of Gaming History*

This is the status of the Museum of Gaming History, 5 months into my tenure as Chairman. First, I would like to welcome Sheldon and Christine Smith to the Board of Directors. I feel they will be a perfect fit to help expand the MoGH and the MoGH's presence in Las Vegas. They have helped us add 3 influential members to our advisory board and will be also heading up the MoGH Lecture Series.

I would like to also thank my current board members for their efforts, they are all involved, they all have assignments and tasks and the fruits of their labor are starting to add to the overall big picture.

Every part of the MoGH is growing. These are our current endeavors:

- Two new exhibits are planned for 2016. In February, at the Plaza Hotel, and in June, at the Neon Museum.
- The El Cortez exhibit is now a permanent exhibit. We will start to swap out artifacts in the next few months. All those that have loaned us artifacts and want them returned will get them back as soon as possible
- We are in early conversations about 2 smaller displays.
- A new membership plan will be released shortly and will be available on the MoGH website for viewing.
- We are working on new funding programs.
- The ChipGuide and This Week in Gaming History are growing daily.
- Expansion of our Social Networking with Facebook and other social formats are happening. Take a few minutes and like the MoGH on Facebook and follow us on Twitter
- The MoGH website is currently going through a facelift. We are working on getting a museum quality look.

I am happy to say that a dedicated group of board members and volunteers have taken the MoGH in many new areas in a short amount of time. The ideas, the plans, the projects are all getting done.

Our website is our virtual museum. It is truly our only avenue to the outside world. This website is in many cases a person first experience with Gaming History, with our Hobby and with the Club. Being a webmaster for the MoGH is a full time job. We get it done with one volunteer and a number of administrators. We need help. I have asked numerous times on public forums for assistance. We cannot have too many skilled volunteers.

I took on this job and responsibility to deliver you a museum. We have grown past an idea. We need to keep the momentum moving. Hopefully we can continue to build from within, if not we need to start looking at outside resources.

Visit the MoGH online at [TheMoGH.org](http://TheMoGH.org).

# What's New on the ChipGuide

By Charles Kaplan, LM-115-48

The ChipGuide has been a work in progress since the beginning, there are always opportunities to expand and improve. Most of the ideas come from the ChipGuide administrators, who probably spend more time on it than anyone else. We also get a lot of requests from collectors. Some requests make sense and some don't, some are easy to implement and others might be difficult and complex. But we try to make accommodations for all requests that will expand and improve the ChipGuide. If you have an idea, let us know about it, help shape the future of the ChipGuide.

We have been busy processing your submissions and as this article is being written, we have over 155,000 items on the ChipGuide. When the ChipGuide was donated to the Museum of Gaming History by the Susong family there were about 16,500 chips. We continually add about 1,000 items per month. Besides expanding the catalog, we have also been making improvements to the catalog to make it easier to use and provide more function. Here are some of the recent improvements.

When viewing all the casinos in a state you would see the casino name, city, casino type, status and a link to the casinos website. If you clicked on the casino name, a new page would open showing all the items in the casino. A request was made to help those viewing the ChipGuide on small devices, like a smart phone. Instead of just being able to click on the casino name, could you make it so that you could click anywhere on the casino line, name – city – type – status and in between, to pull up the casino page. Good idea, easy to implement and it has been done.

The ChipGuide originally only had chips, but today's ChipGuide has over 40 categories of casino collectibles. One of the data items we catalog for chips is the manufacturer's mold. With the expansion of the ChipGuide to other types of casino collectibles, we started to use mold to indicate the manufacturer if the item was not a chip. A suggestion was made to change the name from "Mold" to "Mold/Mftr" to encompass both uses. An even better solution was implemented, if the item is a chip, then the title of this field is "Mold". But if the item is not a chip, then the title is changed to "Mftr".

This is a work in progress that should be in place by the time you read this article. The ChipGuide has a limitation of 2 images per item. For 99+% of the items on the ChipGuide this is not an issue, we can show an image of the front of the item and another of the reverse side, if it is different than the obverse. But there are times when more than 2 images are needed, for instance to show an edge rim or UV markings. An enhancement will be made to allow an unlimited number of images for each item on the ChipGuide. When viewing the item, the first two images will be shown as they are now shown with no change. Additional images will follow immediately below.

On the content side of the ChipGuide, the Museum of Gaming History received a large donation of Las Vegas casino ashtrays from Alex Cilento. The ashtrays were all photographed and cataloged and were added to the ChipGuide. I plan on creating an additional feature on the MoGH website (themogh.org) that displays the Museum's Collection, watch for it soon.

Remember, the ChipGuide grows in response to submissions and ideas from collectors. If you have an idea, please let me know about it. If you have a collectible that is not on the ChipGuide, please scan or photograph it and submit it to the ChipGuide on the Submission Form.

## A CALL for CONVENTION EXHIBITS

With the Convention just around the corner, we need more Exhibits for the People's Choice Awards at Convention time. If you are planning on going to the 2016 Convention, please think about doing an educational Exhibit.

Basically, to participate, just sign-up (an email to me), bring your stuff, and the Club will provide display cases and table space. Just remember, Exhibit set-up is Wednesday only, 9 – 1, if we follow last year's schedule.

Please contact me by email at: Exhibits@CCGTCC.com. I can also be contacted at: 520.971.7909.

The Club provided display cases are about 22 x 32 inches and are about 1 inch in high. A slightly deeper case is available for display of items with a little bit more height. (About 2.5 inches in height.)

I will need this information:

Exhibit content or theme,

Number of cases needed,

Your NAME,

Your CC&GTCC member number, and

Title of the Exhibit.

Exhibits must be casino related in some way, in keeping with the nature of our Club. If any of the exhibit will include slabbed chips, special permission must be received from President, Doug Smith. (You will be responsible for that permission process.)

In other news, the Exhibits activity of the Club (the People's Choice Awards), has been moved to be under the banner of the Club's Museum of Gaming History. This move will not change the way in which Exhibits are managed or presented, and the Exhibits Chairmanship remains the same.

Exhibits are part of the Club's overall mission of Education, so please consider doing an Exhibit to display a portion of your collection.

Jim Follis  
Exhibits Chairman



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Also, we intend to change our floor layout this year to add more aisles, which should result in more corner tables. So, for those who have wanted a corner table – now is your chance! If you know of anyone who may want to be a Dealer, please let us know! We will also be inviting coin dealers to join us – as members AND as convention dealers. Obviously, if you have COINS and haven't been selling them at our Convention – now is the time! Because the table fees are more AFFORDABLE this year, take advantage of the opportunity to increase your space for even more items and CURIOSITIES!

Dealer contracts for 2016, should be sent to us **no later than January 31, 2016** – so, if you are interested, please email us at either of the emails below or call us at the number listed below and we'll send a contract to you via email immediately! **FYI -- Set-up begins at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22nd and the Exhibit Floor opens on Thursday, June 23rd and runs through Saturday, June 25th -- times still to be determined!**

## COME JOIN THE FUN!

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### DIRECTOR FOR 2016 CONVENTION YOUTH PROGRAM

For questions regarding this position, please email Dave and Debbie Harber at [dave@lasvegas-chips.com](mailto:dave@lasvegas-chips.com).

If you can assist with this program for the 2016 Convention (June 23-25, 2016), please email Christine Smith at [christine1245@live.com](mailto:christine1245@live.com).

# **THE 2015 OTY AWARDS CONTEST OPENS SHORTLY!**

By: Jim Follis, OTY Awards Chairman

That's right! It's time to Nominate!

Inside this issue of the award winning Casino Collectibles News you will find an Official Nomination Form for the 2015 OTY Awards. Every Club member is encouraged to take a little time and reflect back on the fabulous array of chips, tokens, strikes and cards issues by casinos, worldwide, during the calendar year of 2015. If any of them stand out in your mind, or take center-place in your collection, then perhaps you might want to recognize them by nominating them as a candidate for the 2015 OTY Awards.

Only as a CC&GTCC member are you entitled to participate in the Club's annual Chip of the Year (COTY), Token of the Year (TOTY), Silver Strike of the Year (SSOTY) and Slot Card/Room Key of the Year (CKOTY) competitions, aka: The OTY's!

The 2015 Awards will be marking the Club's 27th year of COTY and TOTY competitions, our 17th year of the SSOTY competition and our 15th year for CKOTY honors. I am both honored and pleased to be serving as the COTY, TOTY, SSOTY and CKOTY Awards Competitions Chairman, along with my son, Casey, the Assistant OTY Chairman.

The rules for this year's competitions are pretty much the same as last year, and for our newer members (a very big Welcome to our newcomers) and as a refresher for our seasoned participants, I will go over the requirements once again.

Between January 1, 2016 and February 1, 2016 the Assistant OTY Chairman will be accepting nominations from any and all Club members in good standing. As a reminder to all Regular members, please be sure to make a copy (or copies) of the nomination form for the Associate Member(s) tied to your membership number, so that they too can participate.

Completed, original nomination forms were designed to be folded, taped (stapling is acceptable, but the Post Office prefers tape), affixed with 1st Class postage (.49 cents) and then mailed. Providing that the insert is printed correctly the mailing address will be pre-printed on the reverse of the form. However, completed forms (original forms or copies) may be sent in an envelope to the address that appears on the back of an original form. That address is also re-printed below for your convenience. As we did last year we will accept nominations via email to [OTY@CCGTCC.com](mailto:OTY@CCGTCC.com). However, if you take advantage of this method, you must format your submission into the same headings as the Nomination Form AND you must include all of your nominations at one time. Please do not make piece-meal submissions. If you do, then the most current submission form will replace, in total, any previously submitted form. Emailed submissions must be sent prior to midnight (PST) January 31, 2015.

Judging will be open to any and all CC&GTCC, Inc. members in good standing. The March-April-May issue of the Club's Award winning magazine may include a full-color presentation of all the Nominees, along with a mail-in ballot. These ballots must be returned via the postal system and must be postmarked on or before a date to-be-determined and announced later. However, voting may also be conducted via email, the details of which will be announced later on the Club's website: [www.ccgccc.com](http://www.ccgccc.com).

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All nominee candidates must have been issued, for use, for the first time, during the calendar year of 2015. Various members of the CC&GTCC may be called upon to verify these criteria for chips and tokens. The Officers of the Silver Striker's Club shall be called upon to verify these criteria for Silver Strikes. The Officers of the Slot Card and Room Key Club shall be called upon to verify these criteria for slot cards/room keys.

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Room Keys must be issued by an affiliated hotel/casino establishment. The key (looking like a plastic credit card) must be used to open a guest room.

Casey and I look forward to receiving your nominations shortly. We may be contacted via email: [OTY@CCGTCC.com](mailto:OTY@CCGTCC.com). Lastly, for those who are Internet connected, be sure to visit the Club's Museum of Gaming History's ChipGuide at [http://themogh.org/cg\\_home2.php](http://themogh.org/cg_home2.php). Once there, you can do a search of chips, tokens, strikes and cards/keys, issued during 2015, to view many of the items eligible for nomination. For additional details on how to do this search, please send me an email request.

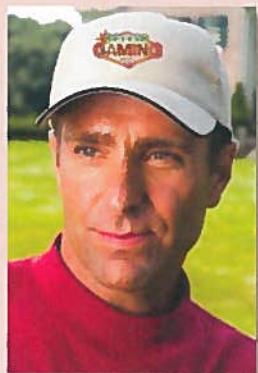
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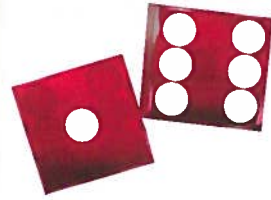
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# CUBAN CASINO CHIPS

By Dr. Luis A Alvarez and Frank Hinrichs

More and more people have discovered the passion and fun of collecting casino chips. Fifteen years ago, casino chip collectors in the United States numbered fewer than 25. Many of them were gamblers who slipped a chip into their pocket as a memento of the action. Today, there are approximately 2,500 active members in the nonprofit Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club (CC&GTCC), which is the largest specialty club within the American Numismatic Association. As interest and the number of collectors have grown, so have chip prices. Don't be surprised to see collectors, bidding at auctions of casino chip club conventions, amounts up to \$50,000 and more for casino chips.

How do you explain this unbelievable growth of a hobby that even long time collectors thought they were the only ones collecting these round pieces of clay and plastic stamped with the names of long-forgotten casino? Probably the main reason is not as romantic as the rest. The main reason is the internet and more specifically, ebay.com, which has provided collectors with a vehicle of communication. Other reasons are that collectors are drawn to the vivid history of towns like Las Vegas and Atlantic City, or love to own chips from casinos associated with gangsters and celebrities, such as Bugsy Siegel's Flamingo or Al Capone's Floridian Casino in Miami. Another reason is the more appealing quality and design of gambling chips in the last decades allowing manufacturers to produce chips with beautiful full-color designs and photographs.

With an estimated number of 12,000 legal and illegal casinos known to have operated worldwide in the last century, most collectors specialize on a specific region or theme. Top of the list are the chips from Las Vegas and other famous towns from Nevada, followed by Atlantic City, riverboats, Colorado, Indian reservations, cruise ships and non-U.S. casino. An extremely appealing niche within the non-U.S. casino segment is the area of Cuban casino chips. It was December 31, 1958, New Year's Eve, in Cuba. Thousands of partiers were gambling in the island's famous Havana casinos, including the Riviera, Tropicana, Hilton and Capri. The reveling ended, however, with word going around that Cuban President and Dictator Fulgencio Batista had fled the country, leaving it to revolutionaries led by Fidel Castro and Ernesto "Che" Guevara. With a new government poised to take control of the island in the coming days, Cuban peasants sacked the casinos that had long barred them from entering. Nearly 50 years later, the value of those chips has been restored many times over. It's not the value of Cuban chips, however, that attract the approximately 25 serious Cuban chip collectors around the world. Apart from their artwork and true beauty it's the fact that casino business is interwoven with the history of Cuba. Cuba is one of the few places around the globe where there was an immediate cessation of gambling, starting with the Revolution at midnight on December 31, 1958, and still in place today.



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Before the Revolution, especially in the late 1950's, Havana was a world boomtown of gambling, with a total of about 80 known legal and illegal casinos that existed in Cuba from 1840 to 1958. While some places like the Gran Casino Nacional, the Tropicana, and Sans Souci have a longer gambling history, the real boom began when Senator Kefauver started to shut down illegal gaming across the United States in the 1950's. Casino owners were only left with two nearby areas in which to relocate locally: Havana and Nevada. It was just logical that Cuba caught the Mafia's interest as well. Meyer Lansky, who bankrolled Bugsy Siegel's Flamingo, set up operations in both Las Vegas and Havana. He soon rose in the hierarchy and became the godfather of Havana and key mob player on an island, just 90 miles south of Florida, but free of U.S. legislation hindering their key activities (drugs, prostitution and gambling) to generate income. Enormous U.S. money was invested into new five star hotels with gambling palaces and world class shows of the highest international standards, where stars like Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra and other celebrities were flown in to entertain mainly wealthy U.S. tourists and Cubans.



The best known Cuban casinos and chips are either part of the traditional night clubs like "Tropicana", "Sans Souci", "Montmartre", "Gran Casino Nacional" or extend the offer of world class hotels like "Nacional de Cuba", "Havana Hilton", "Capri", "Riviera", "Sevilla Biltmore", "Comodoro", "Deauville", "Plaza" or "St. John's". Some collectible chips have even never seen a gaming table such as the chips from "Casino del Rio". The "Casino del Rio" was the latest large nightclub and gambling project practically finished and was supposed to be inaugurated in the presence of numerous U.S. celebrities, but Fidel Castro's advancing rebel troops were quicker, and the only living reminder of "Casino del Rio" are its obsolete casino chips. The involvement of the Mafia in Havana's hotel, show and gaming business was well known by U.S. government authorities. All key gaming operations were run by Americans with dubious track records and strong stakes in the U.S. gaming business such as Santo Traficante ("Sans Souci"), Lefty Clark alias William Gusto alias Frank Bischoff ("Tropicana" and "Sans Souci"), Meyer Lansky ("Riviera" and part of "Capri"), Wilbur Clark ("Casino International, Hotel Nacional"), Nicolas di Costanzo and Charles Turin ("Capri"), Jake Lansky brother of Meyer Lansky ("National Casino") and "Havana Hilton" formerly operated by Senator Kenneth Johnson of Nevada and Sidney Arce of New York.

Serious collectors believe that there must be at least 1,000 different obsolete chips from Cuban casinos. The "Tropicana" itself, with a longer track record, issued more than 70 chips between 1941 and 1958. For collectors, the most popular Cuban chips are the ones that have the word Havana, or in some cases, Habana, printed on them. Most Cuban chips currently sell in the range from \$20 to \$50, but some scarce ones, like the chips from the Havana Yacht Club (considered Havana's premier private social club with a small casino for members in the 1940s), could easily break the \$600 bar. Another chip that is prized in the same range is the extremely rare limited edition commemorative chip issued for a special event of the Capri Casino showing the portrait of its host, the actor of B-movies George Raft. The most expensive Cuban chip sold on ebay in the last two years was one of the scarce crest and seal type casino chips from former Havana Yacht Club that was sold for about \$800. Outside of ebay, among serious collectors, the value of chips can go much higher. Ivory chips from "Club Union" in Santiago de Cuba, with 50 and 100 denominations, easily go for \$1,500 to \$2,000. Other rare chips can go much higher than that. Also, private sets of chips made especially for VIPs in Cuba can go for many thousands of dollars, and these tend to be some of the most beautiful chips in the world.

Higher denomination chips are particularly valuable to collectors due to their rareness. Most gamblers have 'walked out' a \$1 chip, but how many would leave the casino with a \$100 chip in their pocket? Few Cuban chips are in the hands of collectors today, but many collectors believe that warehouses full of chips could come onto the market should Cuba be liberated and opened to the United States. This uncertainty about the real numbers of casino chips available from Cuba in the future has caused collectors to be very cautious when it comes to breaking certain price levels beyond \$500. On the other hand this potential liberation of Cuba bears an enormous potential for significant price increases. Cubans are notorious collectors. It has been part of the culture, but the 12 million Cubans living on the island currently cannot afford such a hobby and have more pressing day-to-day priorities. But, imagine a freed economy and income levels on the island rising! I am sure that the casino chips, and its link to Pre Castro times will catch their attention and the community of Cuban casino chip collectors will grow enormously.

In comparison to most countries, this small "third world country" island that we call Cuba, comes to its history and evolution, particularly when it comes to gaming, casinos and chips. Cuba's chips go back to the 1800s and possibly before. Ivory chips, Mother of Pearl chips, crest and seal chips are all chips from centuries ago; something found only in the most advanced countries. Also, in Cuba, you had games that originated in Cuba used initially in the "street corners", which were later incorporated into the actual casinos. Even before its closing, in the 50's, Tropicana had chips used for playing those native Cuban games. Of these "Monte y Dados" and "El tres," among others, were the most common ones. Also, of great interest was the amount of money that went through those casinos, even when compared to USA casinos. There are Ivories and MOP chips with denominations of 50, 100, and 500, these being from previous century. In this century, there are chips with denominations of up to \$1,000 pesos in numerous casinos. It is significant to note all the peso denominations were equivalent (1:1) to the US dollars during most of this time period. At the time that these casinos had these denominations, few casinos in the US had chips of such high denominations. Imagine the true acquisitive power of those high denomination chips over 100-150 years ago!!



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Independently from what the future brings for Cuban casino chips, today it's a fascinating hobby that gives many people a kick out of growing their collections and hunting the little obsolete treasures from Cuba's pre Castro gambling history.

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# Ebay vs. Delcampe...A collector's choice

by Robb McPherson

Are you tired of ebay's restrictions and policies? Good news, there are alternatives to ebay for buying and selling your casino collectables. There are many alternative online auction sites on the internet. I first heard of this company from Robert Baker, slot card collector and author of the Slot Card Guide.

Delcampe is the name of this European based website that started operations in 2000. I would say this is no fly by night company if they have been in operation for 15 years! Delcampe is described as a auction website specializing in collectibles. One of the bigger differences is that Delcampe only lists collectables and not your everyday household items. There is no cars, cell phones, computers, etc., just collectibles . By operating out of central Europe, Delcampe gives you more access to collectors from overseas. Their website gives you the option of using English or 5 other languages. The website is much more user friendly and easier to navigate. A big feature is there is no charge for listing items and there is no charge for alot of the extra selling features the ebay charges. The company only takes a fee from the final selling price when the item sells and even then it is not taken from the individual item, the fee is based on total dollar sales for the month. Bob mentioned another feature that he likes, he is able to continue listing all his slot cards on his own personal website and list them on Delcampe. If someone wants to buy a card from him from his website, he can remove the Delcampe listing if no bids have been submitted with no penalties or charges.

Some of the other features of Delcampe are:

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- Unsold items back on sale free of charge
- Multiple payment system

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Another interesting feature on Delcampe (among others) - If the seller enables the feature, a buyer can put together a group of your items and make you an offer on the group. The seller can have it setup to only accept group offers after an item relists a set number of times or for any and all items at any time, plus you can automatically reject offers below a certain percentage of the asking prices and more.

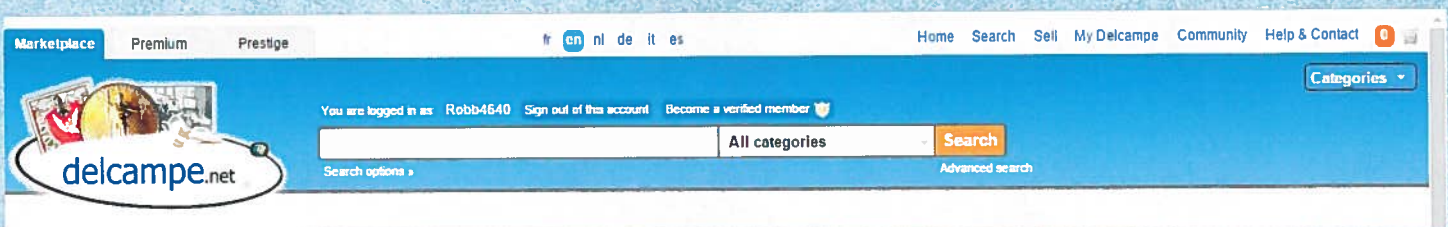
Robert Baker offered the following quote:

*"I sold over 30 items in the first week after no bids what so ever on eBay in three attempts over 2 or 3 months. Plus I'm getting rid of a lot of the misc stuff I couldn't sell or even give away in the US on ebay"*

In my research on this online auction company, it seems they have a steady increase of people joining the site. They welcomed their 1 millionth registered member this past June.

The site is truly a collectors site with forums, contests and articles written by members. The big difference from just selling on ebay is that everyone using this site is a collector.

I know I will be trying this site out myself so if you find you are fed up with ebay and all their rules and regulations for collectors, why not check out a viable alternative. Its free.



# Alberta Casinos

By Robb McPherson R-8583

My wife and I were able to head out to Edmonton Alberta this summer to visit my daughter and her family. This would be the first time I would get to see my Granddaughter in person since she was born. While in the Edmonton area, we wanted to visit as many casinos as we could during our 1 week stay. So we would venture out while my granddaughter was at daycare during the daytime.



Our first stop was the Casino Yellowhead. Casino Yellowhead is owned by Pure Gaming Inc. and is located on the Northwest side of Edmonton. I went to Casino Yellowhead to obtain my Pure Gaming Players card and to inquire about their reward card system.



They issue you a white Pure Gaming card. I inquired about the other cards that they originally had issued, a grey one for poker players. As usual I asked if there was any grey ones available but to no avail there was none available. I was informed that grey card was only used for a short time. The guest attendant informed me on how the card works. She said that the slot machines do not take the cards for slot play and that if you win a hand pay jackpot then you give the slot attendant your card and they will manually add points to your account. If you are playing table games they will also take your card and manually issue you points to you. Every time you come to this casino or any of the other 3 casinos they own in Alberta, you can swipe at the promotions kiosk and it will issue you more points to your card.

Apex Casino was the next casino to visit. This casino is in the northern suburb of Edmonton called St. Albert. This casino had more meaning for me on this trip. Prior to being the Apex casino it was the Gold Dust Casino and prior to that it was called the McPherson Casino which is also my last name. While I am not related to the owner, it was nice to be able to obtain many items from that casino. I already had managed to get 3 of the 4 chips they had used when it was called McPherson Casino. I was hoping to meet with the owner by chance when we were there. They were not available so I was able to get contact information for the owners wife by obtaining a business card for her. As per usual I obtained my rewards card from this casino. I found out again here that they also do not have the slot machines setup for tracking slot play. The only way to earn points was by slot jackpot hand-pays, daily swipes, restaurant purchases and table game play. At this point I found out that all of the casinos in Alberta do not use the slot card readers on the machines. I was able to obtain my TITO here and also inquired about the older tokens, but they do not even redeem them if anybody even brings them in. I noticed a rack with some flyers in it near one of the exit doors and took a quick look as it had "Unique Gaming Experience" on the front cover. One of the things they do at this casino is allow you to book private events in their banquet room and they issue "Apex Bucks" which is pretend money that is customized for your event. Another novel way for the casino to bring in money and at the same time create more collectibles!! As I was leaving, I noticed a sign mentioning that they sell playing cards for 50 cents. So needless to say, I left with 4 packs of cards(4 different colours) for \$2. When I looked at the name on them, they were for the old Gold Dust Casino. What a good score!



Next we were off to the Baccarat Casino which was right in the downtown core of Edmonton. It looked old and small but there was a huge construction project going on right beside it. After chatting with the casino greeter, he mentioned that this was their new casino that was being built next door and it would be much larger and newer than the current one. It is due to open in the summer of 2016. After our brief chat, we went to obtain our players cards. I noticed them giving out playing cards to others so I asked for a couple myself and was able to obtain two decks for no cost. We played a couple games to obtain the TITO slip and that was it for this location. This casino is part of the Gateway group of casino in Western Canada and shares a card with the Palace casino which is located in the famous West Edmonton Mall. The casino greeter let us know that the Palace casino was also expanding at the Mall, when a couple of neighboring tenants did not renew their leases the casino took them over for their expansion.



Being the tourists we are, we had to take a trip out to the famous West Edmonton Mall, one of the many features of the mall is that it has a casino. The Palace Casino owned by the same owners as the Baccarat Casino downtown, this casino is also expanding as I mentioned earlier but not only are they expanding, but also they just announced that they are also rebranding the casino. It will be called Starlight Casino Edmonton in the fall of 2016. We stopped at the guest services desk to see we could get another card even though it is the same card as the Baccarat casino. Once again, since the cards are not used in the machines they don't give you new card every time you don't show up with your old one. This will make the Alberta slot cards very hard to get as people don't like to give them up because you cannot get a new one next time you go. We only had a few minutes to spare before having to leave so we quickly played the new Batman machine so that I could get my usual TITO.



Casino Edmonton was the next stop today. This casino is owned by the Pure Gaming, the same company that owns Casino Yellowhead mentioned earlier. I tried to obtain another card but they are very stingy about reissuing cards and do not allow it since your card is not used in the machines. So if even if you were to say that you lost your card, they will not issue you another one and will just write your account on a piece of paper. My wife obtained her card here as she had not done so at the Yellowhead location earlier. I again inquired about the other cards they had issued and was able to obtain some more information although the attendant was reluctant to give me too much information. She did mention that there was another card, a grey card that was issued early on to poker players but was discontinued and all players whether slot or table games use the current white card. This will make the grey card very hard to obtain. The other information I was able to pry out was about the Black colored cards. The black cards are VIP High Roller cards and are only issued by higher casino management personal to individuals that fit that category of the high roller level. After getting that information it was the usual walkabout and play to get a TITO. I was not able to obtain anything else from here.



By John K. Kallman  
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**Disclaimer:** I am far from being an expert but have a basic knowledge of Chinese and recognize some symbols related to what I collect. These being characters such as top, bottom, right, left, obverse, reverse, gold, silver and other commonly used metals, along with the numbering system among others. I have taken course in both Korean and Japanese through the University of Maryland while living in those respective countries. While this in and of itself has little to do with Chinese, per se, both of these as well as other Asian countries use a large number of Chinese characters in printed books, newspapers and magazines.

**Introduction:** There are a fair number of casino chips listed on the Chip Guide that contain Chinese characters on them. But there are a far larger number of chips that have yet to be listed. This is in no small part due to the fact that the average collector cannot easily identify what the chips says or where it is from. And to say even getting which side is up is of itself part of the problem.

Most people who are unfamiliar with the characters shown on the chips think that the Chinese is a singular language, which is not the case! There are at least two different major languages or pronunciations used in China (Cantonese and Mandarin) along with at least three different ways of writing any single character! This is one of many reasons why if you ask ten different people who can read and write the language what anyone or group of characters means; you will more than likely come away with more than one answer! Just think of someone who lived 50 or more years in Boston suddenly relocation to a bayou in Louisiana and trying to carry on a conversation which someone his own age who lived there their entire live! To say that there would be a lack of effective communications I think would be an understatement!

Most, but not all chips with Chinese characters on them, are in most cases trying to convey a thought or an idea, and each individual character should not be taking into isolation. Just like any one word in a sentence can have more than one definition listed in a dictionary, it is the entire sentence and its structure that more accurately reflects the intended meaning. That some people try to read more (or less) into such items are usually either politicians or lawyers (and sometimes they are one and the same!). Who can forget that great answer uttered by one such person who proclaimed when asking to clarify his response to a question using the word "is"; he replied: "That depends on what your definition of is, is!"

And sometimes, it is something completely different! While there are some 7,000 or more Chinese characters, if you were able to learn 800 of these, you would know 85% of all the characters you would see in any given publication that uses them. But there are many things for which there is NO Chinese character present! These are usually things that are NOT Chinese to start with and were created after the language more or less became standardized. These would include name of places or products that originated outside of mainland China. To compensate for this, the Chinese then use characters whose sounds most closely represent the word that they are trying to emulate.

Finally, just because one character appears on a series of chips from one particular gaming establishment, this does not mean that if this same character appears on another that it was owned or operated by the same people. Rather, in most cases, when the characters are trying to express an idea, it is a common one among both operators and gamblers alike: win, profit, easy, etc.

**Examples:**

And now for some concert examples of both types of chips.



This is an example of a casino chip where the Chinese characters shown are being used to convey a thought as opposed to a sound. The two characters shown are Gum and Lee reading top to bottom (as most Chinese text is written). The meaning of these two characters equate to Golden Profit. The first, or top character can mean; Gold, Metal, or Money. The second or bottom character can mean; To Benefit, Profit, Interest, or Sharp. Thus taken together, we derive the meaning Golden Profit.

This chip was featured in an early column of mine under the heading of "Twice Told Tall Tales" and represents the second type of chip. For those of you who either do not have your back issues handy, or do not recall that story; I am repeating a portion of it here.....



The reverse of the chip is the easy part, as this comes out to be 10(¢)! It is the obverse that proves the hard part. At first, I thought that there were four different characters on this chip, but it turns out that there are only two, again, reading top to bottom. The top character translates to Nau while the bottom character translates to Yeuk.

Nau can be translated into Button, Knot, or Know while Yeuk can mean either Restrain, Appointment, Leases, or Approximate. Combining the two together comes out with a whole lot of nonsense!

However, when "sounding out" the two words "Nau Yeuk" equates to New York!

Additional Resources: While trying to decipher casino items with Chinese characters may seem like a daunting task, with a little bit of work, it does get easier! And so that if you should want to attempt this on your own, so that you are not completely alone in your efforts, there are two works that can help greatly.

The first is an excellent tome entitled Chinese-American Tokens from The Pacific Coast by Kerry F. Schimmel. While a large portion of the book deals with items from places that have no relation to gaming operations, there is a special section in the book JUST on these items, including Casino Chips and Keno Tickets. Each item is illustrated, usually in color, with both an explanation for the Chinese characters, how they are pronounced along with the meaning of the characters as well. This will help you not only indentifying a fair number of items that regularly shown up on the various auction sites, but also help with which way is up and other similar question that the person starting out needs to know. This book is currently in print and can be ordered from the author.

The other book that I can recommend is Read and Write Chinese – A Simplified Guide to the Chinese Characters by Rita Mei-Wah Chow. To the best of my knowledge, this book is currently out of print, but a quick internet search should reveal several sources to acquire a used item, which is how I managed to get my copy. This book will aid you with identification efforts for those items that do not appear in the above listed book.

And if in your quest, you come up with a different meaning to a Chinese chip, fear not as that does not mean your interpretation is any more wrong than mine!

# COME ONE! COME ALL TO THE GREATEST CASINO COLLECTIBLES SHOW ON EARTH! THE CC&GTCC 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION (A/K/A THE “CIRCUS”) WILL BE BACK IN

Come join us for our 24th Annual Convention in celebration of our Club's PRESERVATION OF THE PAST AND PROMOTION OF THE FUTURE at the South Point Hotel and Casino's Ballroom (the “BIG TOP”) from June 23-25, 2016 and feel the magic up close! Dealer set-up begins on Wednesday, June 22nd – along with the Club's Trade Sessions, Blackjack Tournament and Early Bird Banquet. The Show Room will be open from Thursday, June 23rd through Saturday, June 25th. There will be FUN FOR ALL along with WONDROUS SURPRISES for both new and old collectors!

In addition to our Exhibit Floor (the “MIDWAY”), we'll have many ATTRACTIONS including trade sessions, a delicious banquet, educational seminars, top-notch speakers, a ladies' luncheon, award ceremonies and our world-renowned auction (our “SIDE SHOWS”). For added THRILLS, come join us at our blackjack tournament and poker challenge (“GAMES OF CHANCE AND SKILL”)!

We thank all of the Committee Chairs and Coordinators (our “WINDJAMMERS”) who will be working with their volunteers to bring our TROUPE of members another successful and AMAZING Convention. We are proud to announce the 2016 Convention Staff as follows:

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We need volunteers for many jobs including: **"ROUSTABOUTS"** loading and unloading the merchandise truck before and after the show and helping with set-up and tear-down; **"GRINDERS"** working at registration and the promotions, membership and Museum of Gaming History tables; along with **"CASHIERS"** helping our Treasurer after the Auction with bidders' lots. With the exception of the first day when shifts may be longer, shifts are usually two hours each and no special training is necessary – just bring your enthusiasm and sense of responsibility! **We are currently in need of a Coordinator or a team of Coordinators for our Youth Program. Please call us if you are willing to undertake that function which encourages and educates the youth of our hobby.** If you have any questions about any of these jobs, or want to get your preferences in early, please contact Debbie or Dave Harber at [dave@lasvegas-chips.com](mailto:dave@lasvegas-chips.com).

As in years past, we have arranged discounted room rates for our members (\$70 for Sunday thru Thursday; \$108 for Friday and Saturday) and our room block is guaranteed until May 18, 2016. Paying less DUCATS is a good thing so be sure to reserve your rooms early – you won't want to miss out on the discounted rates as our room block will be a **VANISHING ACT** after that! As a member of our group, the \$14 resort fee will be waived and Wi-Fi will be complimentary in your guest room. The South Point also operates a free shuttle to the Town Center Mall and a shuttle (with a nominal fee) to various locations on the Strip.

Guests may call the South Point Reservations Department toll-free at 866/791-7626 or you can email the South Point at [reservations@southpointcasino.com](mailto:reservations@southpointcasino.com). To get the special group rate, guests must identify themselves as being with Casino Chip & Gaming Collectors – 2016 Convention. All rooms must be reserved on an individual basis.

To make a reservation online, the South Point has given us a link to use which will take you immediately to the reservations site and to our group number, which is **CAS0617**, and that is already on the site page for your convenience. Here is the link: <https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=11548&Chain=6903&arrive=6/15/2016&depart=6/16/2016&adult=1&child=0&group=CAS0617>

We know that many of you receive comped rooms at other casinos. However, to support our Club, it is very important that you strongly consider staying at the South Point!

Our **"RINGMASTER,"** Club President Doug Smith, has encouraged us to dream big and expand our tent. And, we are! Our Board of Directors (our **"TENTMASTERS"**) reduced Dealer table fees this year so that more of our members can participate as Dealers. We are also inviting coin dealers to join us – as members and as Convention Dealers.

We have sent out contracts to past Dealers -- our **"PURVEYORS OF PIECES OF THE PAST,"** OUR **"VENDORS OF VARIOUS VINTAGE ITEMS"** and our **"CONCESSIONAIRES OF CASINO CURIOSITIES"** -- but, the more, the merrier! If you or anyone you know is interested in being a dealer, please call us (702/255-6999) or send an email to us at: [sheldon655@hotmail.com](mailto:sheldon655@hotmail.com) or [christine1245@live.com](mailto:christine1245@live.com).

**NO CLOWNING AROUND!** All dealers and table helpers must be members of the CC&GTCC and all items to be offered for sale must be casino-related collectible materials or coins. We will have more convention information along with a Pre-Registration form in the next magazine. In the meantime, please save the dates **(June 22-25, 2016)** and plan to be with us for **THE GREATEST, THE LARGEST, THE GRANDEST, AND THE BEST CASINO COLLECTIBLES SHOW ON EARTH!**

Best wishes!  
Sheldon and Christine Smith  
Convention Co-Chairs (your **"PITCHMEN"**)

# CC&GTCC RAFFLE

The CC&GTCC will be conducting another raffle at the June 2015 convention at the South Point Hotel, Spa & Casino in Las Vegas. We are looking for all types of donations of items to be included as part of the raffle—chips, dice, slot cards, strikes, tokens, postcards, matchbooks, ashtrays, swizzle sticks—ANY type of casino memorabilia that is in good condition that you'd like to have in YOUR collection. Thanks to the GREAT participation in the past from our wonderful club members in the way of ticket & raffle item donations,

this has been a success over the past several years both for the club AND for the lucky winners. Ticket costs are a single raffle ticket for a donation of \$10 or three raffle tickets for a \$25 donation. You do NOT need to be present at the convention to win and those not attending will have their winnings shipped to them (at no additional cost to the winner) after the convention closes. Ticket donations can be made via mail by sending your ticket donations (payable to the CC&GTCC) to:



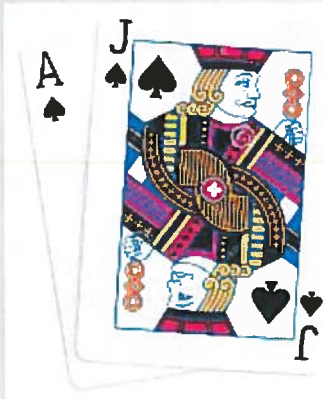
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This address above is also where you would send your donated items (chips, dice, slot cards, strikes, tokens, postcards, matchbooks, ashtrays, swizzle sticks—ANY type of casino memorabilia that is in good condition that you'd like to have in YOUR collection) for the raffle. Thanks for all of your past support and we look forward to your continuing support to once again make this year's raffle a SUCCESS!!

# 2016 CONVENTION BLACKJACK AND POKER TOURNAMENTS

## BLACK JACK TOURNAMENT AND POKER CHALLENGE:

As in the past, both the Black Jack Tournament and the Poker Challenge will be held at the South Point in their respective locations on the casino floor and poker room during the CC&GTCC Annual Convention. The Tournaments are open to current CC&GTCC regular, life and associate members only (age 21+). Daily Convention Membership does NOT qualify for entry in the tournaments. Both Tournaments require a minimum number of entries. Full tournament rules will be available at the Tournaments. Registration for both tournaments MUST be done on the Convention Registration Form and MUST be paid by check. The Registration form is included in the Club Magazine and will also be available on-line after January 15, 2016.



**The Black Jack Tournament will begin at 12 noon on Wednesday, June 22nd.** The entry fee is \$70 per player. Each player receives 3,000 in NCV tournament chips each round. The bet limits are: 25 minimum/3000 maximum. A maximum of 54 players will be accepted and we anticipate that there will be three (3) preliminary rounds, followed by one semi-final round, finishing with one final round. Players will be scheduled to play in one of the preliminary rounds (12:00 noon, 1:00 pm or 2:00 pm). If a player does not advance to the semi-final round, re-entries into a later initial round will be accepted (if space is available) at \$70 per re-entry. The 2:00 pm round may be cancelled, if warranted. Final round players win a portion of the net prize pool, which is dependent upon the number of players.

**The Poker Challenge will be held on Friday, June 24th starting at 6:00 pm.** The entry fee is \$90 per player. Each player receives 5,000 in NCV tournament chips. The format will be no limit Texas Hold'em. Blinds start at 25-25 and limits and antes increase each period of play. Minimum bet and raise increments are equal to the big blind, unless all-in. Tables and seats will be assigned prior to the start of the tournament. If seats for the Poker Challenge are still available, Players can sign up at the convention; but, as always, it's on a first-come, first-served basis. Tables will be consolidated periodically throughout the Tournament. Finalists will be paid in the order of finish, based on the number of players.



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. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT EITHER TOURNAMENT, please email Jerry at [vergatos@msn.com](mailto:vergatos@msn.com)

# It Happened on Fremont Street

## A Short History of Downtown, Las Vegas Part IV

By Pam Goertler #R-3432

On the South side of Fremont Street, East of 2nd Street...

### 202 Fremont:

**Four Queens, 1966-present:** The Four Queens is listed at 202 Fremont Street in Fuller's Index, in The Gaming Table, and in phone books. They all agree, so there's no problem...right? But 202 is an even number...on the odd numbered side of the street!? The White Cross Drug Store, which was at that location before the Four Queens, had the address of 201 Fremont Street. Only in Vegas?



In 1964, Ben Goffstein, formerly the president of the Riviera Hotel, announced that he would be building an 8-story, 100 room hotel and casino on the corner of Fremont and Second Streets. It would be named the Four Queens Hotel & Casino in honor of his four daughters Michele, Benita, Faith and Hope. Ben was assisted by Vice President Tommy Callahan, whose name appears on some early issue Four Queens dice.





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In 1966 the casino was 20,000 square feet. In 1976 the casino was expanded to 30,000 square feet. The next (but not the last) expansion took place in 1977 enlarging the casino to 40,000 square feet, which took up the entire block between Third Street and Casino Center. In the 1980's, the Four Queens had a Ripley's Believe it or Not! exhibit. I can still remember a huge ship that was on display, built entirely of matchsticks!



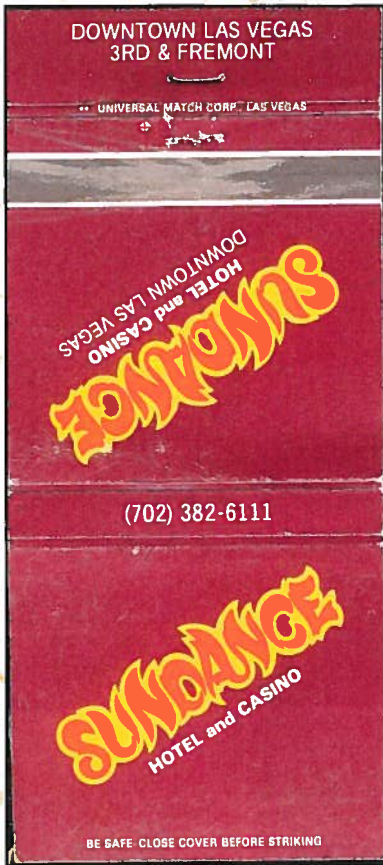
**301 Fremont:**

**Sundance Hotel & Casino. 1980-1988:**

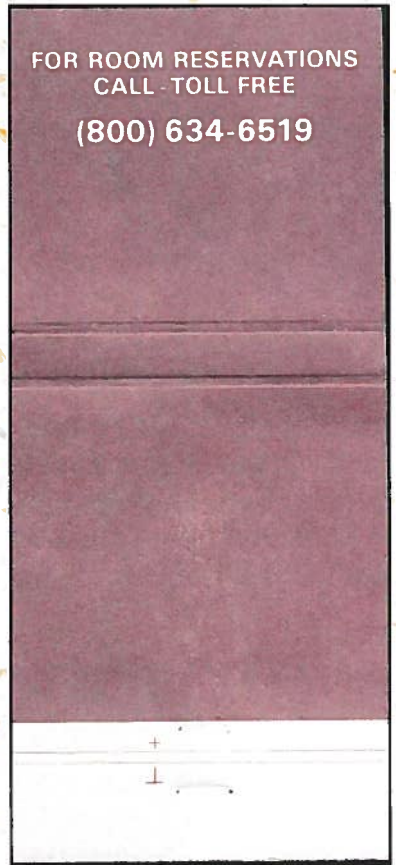


Licensed for slots, 21, craps, roulette, keno and poker. When it was built in 1980, the Sundance was the tallest building downtown. The Sundance was built on land that had long been leased to reputed mobster Moe Dalitz. The Nevada Gaming Commission was reluctant to license Dalitz, so the casino was run by his associates Al Sachs and Herb Tobman, who owned the Stardust and the Fremont Casinos.

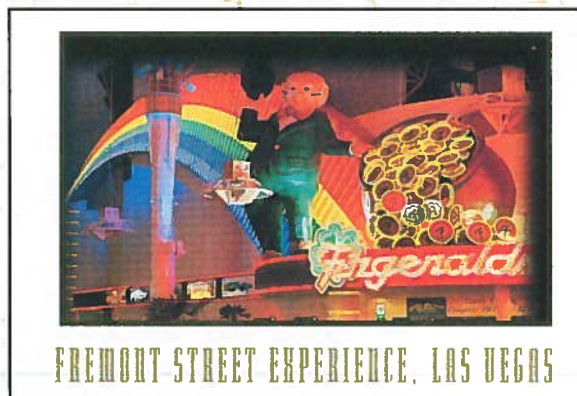
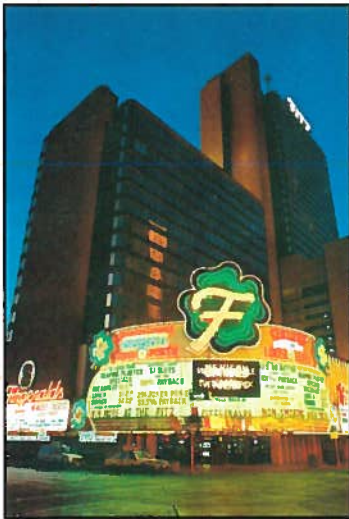




Amid allegations of skimming, which they vehemently denied for the rest of their lives, Sachs and Tobman surrendered their gaming licenses in mid-1984, paid a fine that was over \$3 million, and sold their interests in the Sundance, as well as selling the Stardust and Fremont Casinos. Again Dalitz attempted to get licensed to manage the Sundance; again the Gaming Commission balked. Finally in 1984, with the cooperation of Moe Dalitz, downtown mogul Jackie Gaughan agreed to take over management of the Sundance until it could be sold. In 1988 the Sundance was sold to Lincoln Management Group (a/k/a Fitzgerald's Gaming).



**Fitzgeralds, 1988-2012:** Lincoln Fitzgerald, and his wife Meta, came from a background of operating illegal games in Detroit, Michigan. In 1945 they moved to Reno, Nevada where they operated several casinos over the years including Fitzgeralds Casino-Hotel. In 1981 Fitzgerald was named to the Nevada Gambler's Hall of Fame. He passed away later that year.



After his death, Fitzgerald's casinos were sold to the Lincoln Management Company. Lincoln Management bought the Sundance and in 1988 they changed the name to Fitzgeralds.

Having financial problems, in 2001 Fitzgeralds Gaming sold the Las Vegas Fitzgeralds, along with Fitzgeralds casinos in Colorado and Mississippi, to Detroit businessman Don Barden for nearly \$150 million.

In October of 2011, five months after Barden's death from cancer, brothers Derek and Greg Stevens bought the Las Vegas Fitzgeralds from the Barden estate.



**The D, 2012-present:** : Derek and Greg Stevens didn't buy the Fitz name with the casino, choosing instead to rebrand the property as The D...paying homage to their hometown of Detroit, Derek's nickname, and Downtown.

Over the next year the property underwent a multi-million dollar renovation, giving it a more modern feel...except for the second-floor casino, which retains that "vintage Vegas" feeling. There's still an old Sigma Derby game there, as well as several machines that still use real coins.



On the north side of Fremont Street, starting at Main Street, across from the Golden Gate:

## 2 Fremont Street

**Chatterbox, c.1951-c.1961:**



In the early days of Las Vegas, the Overland Hotel building occupied a corner of Main and Fremont Streets. The Chatterbox was one of the businesses that operated in the building. A sign on the outside of the building advertised Slot Machines and Cocktails. For many years the former location of the Chatterbox was the corner entrance to the Las Vegas Club.

The Chatterbox was listed in the 1951 Las Vegas phone book, but not in 1950. It was also in the 1961 Las Vegas City Directory, but was not listed in the 1962 phone book. Perhaps it was a casualty of the 1961 buy-out by Jackie Gaughan and Mel Exber

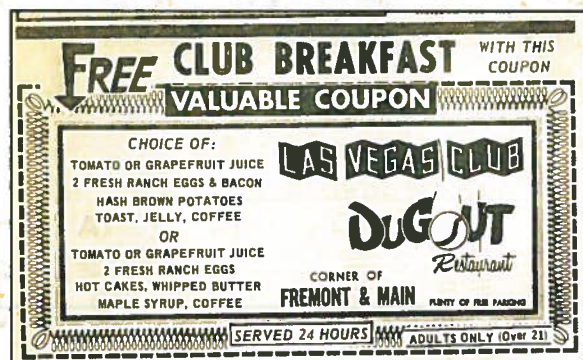


## 18 Fremont Street

**Las Vegas Club, 1949-2015:**

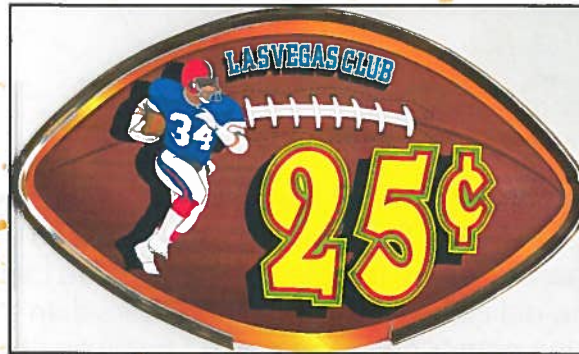


Originally opened in 1931, the Las Vegas Club has undergone several ownership changes over the years. In 1949 J. Kell Houssels moved the Las Vegas Club from the original location to 18 Fremont Street, on the ground floor of the Overland Hotel building. The Overland Hotel continued to occupy the second floor.

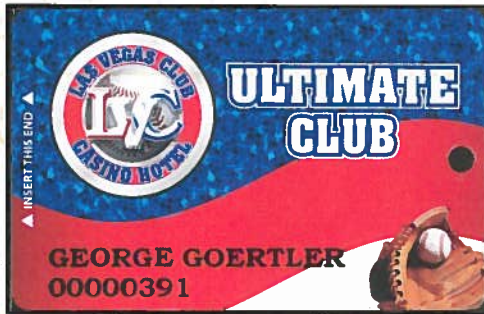




In 1961 Jackie Gaughan and Mel Exber bought the Las Vegas Club and the Overland Hotel. They turned the whole building into a sports-themed hotel-casino by adding a large collection of sports memorabilia, as well as other sports-theme items such as bleachers in the sports book and "spectator" murals on the walls.



In 1980 a new tower was added, with 224 rooms. In 1996 another tower was added; this one with 188 rooms, a new hotel lobby, two new restaurants, and an expanded casino...which advertised the most liberal blackjack in Las Vegas.

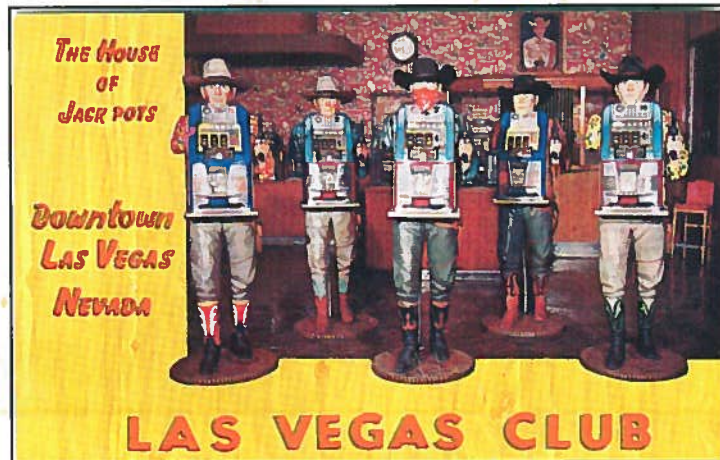


In 1996, for health reasons, Mel Exber ceased to be involved in the day-to-day operations of the Las Vegas Club. He passed away in May of 2002. In December of 2002 Jackie Gaughan announced that he'd sold the Las Vegas Club, and several of his other casinos, to Barrick Gaming. The sale closed in 2004. Barrick Gaming announced some grandiose plans for the properties they'd purchased from Gaughan. It wasn't long, however, before Barrick sold their share of the casinos to the Tamares Group, which had put up most of the financing for the original purchase. In 2013 the hotel rooms were closed.

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On August 14, 2015, it was announced that the Las Vegas Club had been sold to brothers Derek and Greg Stevens...owners of The D. The Las Vegas Club closed at midnight on August 19, 2015. There were no fireworks or parties, just a few die-hard fans of the Las Vegas Club who were there to say their final farewells to the old club. The Stevens brothers didn't buy the business or the name, so whatever comes next to the corner of Fremont and Main won't have the Las Vegas Club name. After more than eighty years, it will be strange to not have a Las Vegas Club on Fremont Street.



On a personal note, The Las Vegas Club is the first casino where I hit 2 royal flushes on the same day! And it was the day we got married! And they gave us a suite for the night...it was huge, had a Jacuzzi, and whatta' great view of the city! Back then (2000) if you hit the top jackpot on any machine they gave you a "gold" comp that covered dinner for two at the Great Moments Room. It included drinks, appetizers, dinner and dessert. We used one of the comps, but I saved the other as a wedding day memento. 😊



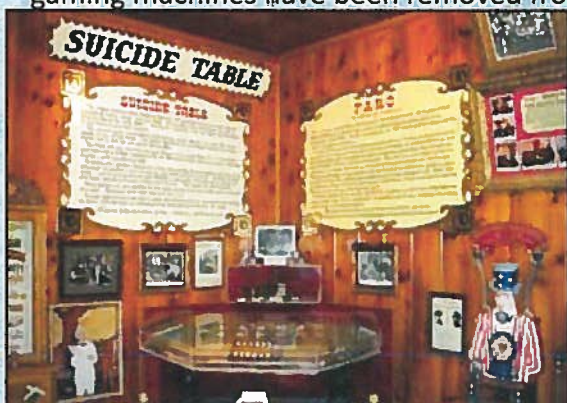
A few more collectibles from Pam's collection...



# Virginia City Saloons - Delta Saloon & Bonanza Casinos No More



How many collectibles do you have from these long running establishments? Gaming may be gone from two of the famous Virginia City saloons, but that does not mean the businesses are closing. The Delta and Bonanza will no longer be casinos because their new owner was unable to get a gaming license. The Bonanza is also currently closed for renovations to bring the building up to the current fire code regulations. All the gaming machines have been removed from both premises.



The Delta Saloon has a very storied history, its been around since the days of the Comstock Lode. It now holds one of Virginia City's most historical pieces of gaming history, The Suicide Table. Located at the back of the Delta Saloon, the table is a Faro (the popular gambling game of the day). Supposedly, Black Jake (former owner of the Delta) shot himself dead at the table back in the 1800s after losing a life savings one evening. Subsequent to Jake, two other owners purportedly killed themselves at this little "Gambling Gateway to Hell," for the same reason.

Lets have a look at some of the collectible items from the Delta Saloon you may want to look for now that all the gaming has been removed.

First we have chips from the late 50's



Since the table games were removed many years ago, the Delta Saloon has had many slot machines. Not only that, they were also part of the Silver Strike program and had many issued a few silver and non silver clad strikes. The silver strike machine was there until recently when all the machines were removed.



Lets have a look at some of the items from the Bonanza Club. They had table games into the 70's but also did away with the table games and just went to slot machines in later years. There was no Silver Strike machine here but they did issue a couple wooden tokens.



# 50 Things You Probably Didn't Know About Las Vegas

Las Vegas is more than just big buffets and bigger casinos. Take a look at these 50 facts to learn something new about the Sin City.

1. There's estimated to be at least 1,000 people living beneath Vegas in underground tunnels.
2. Michael Jackson had plans to build a 50 foot tall moon walking robot replica of himself to roam the Las Vegas desert. It was intended to be an advertisement for a planned 2005 comeback.
3. In 1980, a Las Vegas hospital had to suspend workers who were betting on when patients would die. One nurse was even accused of murdering a patient so she would win.
4. It would take 288 years for one person to spend one night in every hotel room in Las Vegas.
5. Contrary to popular belief, prostitution in Las Vegas is not legal.
6. Frederick W. Smith, the founder and CEO of FedEx, saved his company by gambling in Las Vegas. He took FedEx's last \$5,000 to Sin City and won \$27,000 while gambling on blackjack, paying for the company's \$24,000 fuel bill.
7. According to suppliers, Vegas Bingo players' favorite color ink daubers are purple.
8. Water structures in Las Vegas, like fountains and man-made lakes, use something called grey-water, which is recycled water from sinks, bathtubs and showers.
9. A man actually did suffer a heart attack while eating at Vegas' infamous Heart Attack Grill. I'm sure the restaurant's promise that any diner over 350 pounds eats for free didn't help their reputation.
10. The Las Vegas Strip is the brightest place on Earth when looked at from outer space.
11. Las Vegas is informally known as Hawaii's 9th island, due to the city's large community of Hawaiians.
12. The Bronze lion outside of the MGM Grand Hotel weighs 50 tons, making it the largest bronze sculpture in the country.
13. Approximately 34% of thefts and cheating in Las Vegas casinos are committed by staff.
14. Okay this is a long one, but bear with me. Wealthy business man and aviator Howard Hughes requested a bulk shipment (200 gallons) of Baskin-Robbins' Banana Nut ice cream while staying at Las Vegas' Desert Inn. A few days later, Hughes decided that he was tired of the ice cream and announced that he would only eat Chocolate Marshmallow ice cream.



15. After staying longer than his initial reservation (in which he had booked the inn's entire top two floors), Howard Hughes was also asked to leave the Desert Inn by the owner. Instead, he purchased the resort for around \$13 million.

16. A study conducted in 2013 showed that 15% of people come to Las Vegas primarily to gamble, but 71% gamble during their visit.

17. The Mirage Hotel's iconic golden windows actually got their coloring from real gold dust.



18. 15 of the world's top 25 hotels are located in Las Vegas.

19. The Silver Slipper was the first casino to hire female card dealers on The Strip.

20. There's a heavy equipment playground in Las Vegas where you can drive bulldozers for fun.

21. Despite what many may think, the Tangiers Casino used in Martin Scorsese's film, "Casino" never actually existed.

22. Las Vegas has a "black book," a list of people who are banned from setting foot in any casino in the city.

23. At 1,149 feet, the Stratosphere Las Vegas is the tallest freestanding observation tower in the nation.

24. Mobster Bugsy Siegel named his casino, The Flamingo, after his showgirl girlfriend, whose long legs garnered her the same name.

25. The largest sum won on the Las Vegas slots was at the Excalibur. After putting in \$100, a 25 year-old software engineer won \$39 million, beating the odds at the time for 1 in 16.7 million.

26. Music legend Elvis Presley performed 837 consecutive sold out shows at the Las Vegas Hilton (now known as LVH—Las Vegas Hotel and Casino).

27. The Luxor Las Vegas' Sphinx, a re-creation of the Great Sphinx of Giza, is 101 feet high and larger than the original.

28. The Palms Casino Resort Palms offers a Kingpin Suite that has two fully functional bowling lanes inside.

29. The shrimp consumption in Las Vegas is over 60,000 pounds per day, higher than the rest of the nation combined.

30. Las Vegas casinos never use dice with rounded corners.

31. When erected, the neon cowboy outside The Pioneer Club in Las Vegas was the largest mechanical sign in the world.

32. Ironically, just outside of Las Vegas is Boulder City, one of the only two cities in Nevada that prohibits gambling.

33. Even though Las Vegas seems like a larger than life city, it's located in the Mojave Desert, the smallest desert in America.

34. There's about one operating slot machine for every eight Las Vegas residents.

35. Las Vegas Boulevard, where The Strip is located, has had several names. It's been called 5th Street, Arrowhead Highway, Los Angeles Highway, Salt Lake Highway, US 91, US 93, US 466 and State Route 6.

36. There are about 15,000 miles of neon tubing in The Strip and downtown Las Vegas.

37. The white circles around the letters of the word 'welcome' on the Las Vegas sign are supposed to portray silver dollars. They were incorporated into the sign because Nevada is known as The Silver State.

38. Surprisingly, the design of the iconic Las Vegas sign was never copyrighted.

39. When it first opened, the Wynn Las Vegas was the most expensive hotel and casino in the world.

40. Las Vegas has a higher number of unlisted phone numbers than any other US city.

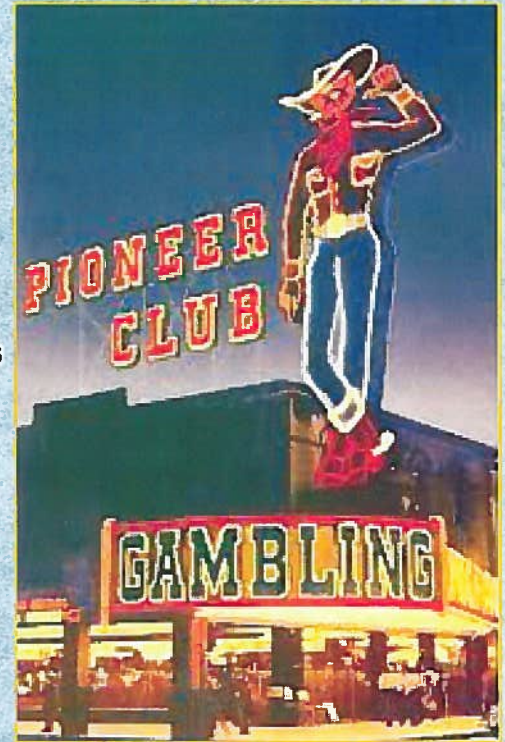
41. Today, an acre of prime land on The Strip sells for about \$3-6 million.

42. In the 1970s, Liberace played at the Hilton for a salary of \$300,000 a week.

43. By number of rooms, the MGM Grand Hotel & Casino is the largest hotel in the country and the 2nd largest in the world.



44. In some Asian cultures, the number 4 is thought be bad luck. For that reason, some hotels in Vegas have no floors that start with the number 4.





45. With 3,933 rooms, the Bellagio hotel has more rooms than the number of residents in Bellagio, Italy.

46. Las Vegas is translated to “the meadows” in Spanish.

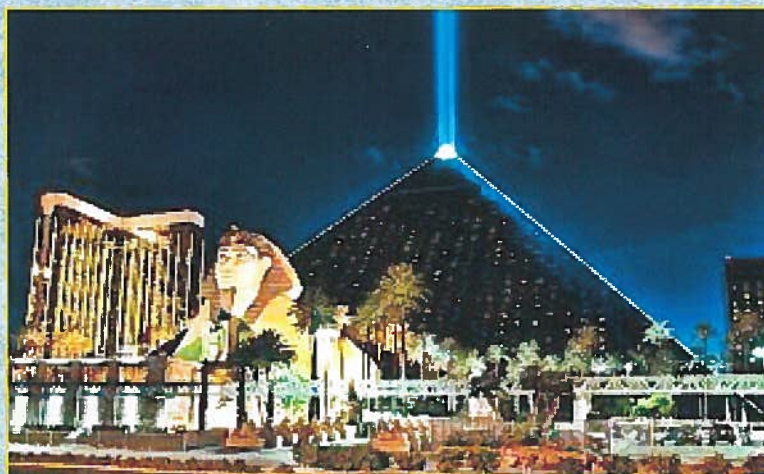
47. There are over 300 weddings per day in Las Vegas, making it the top wedding destination in the US and second only to Istanbul for most number of weddings in a single city.

48. In 1954 the most common questions from people who visited Las Vegas’ Golden Nugget hotel were, “How much does it weigh?” and “Where is it?” Many were surprised to learn that there was no actual nugget.



49. Most of the strip is technically outside of Las Vegas city limits.

50. The electric bill for the Luxor pyramid’s shining light is \$51 per hour.



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# What Can I Collect?

## SPOTLIGHT



## Memories

*Left - Brenda in the Thunderbird's pool  
Right - Brenda's mother at the Thunderbird's pool*

Chips, tokens, room keys and other collectibles are all wonderful things to remind us of past vacations but nothing is more precious than memories, especially if they include our families.

This time Brenda Riemer (R-7687) shares old photos and her memories of trips to Las Vegas with her parents.

My father was a grocery man. We lived in Los Angeles and he followed his father as manager of Daylite Market, which was located on La Cienega and 18th Street. Mom took care of my older sister and me, and ran the house. Dad worked six days a week, and always said that people worked for week-ends and vacations. He did not make a lot of money, but my folks always planned vacations for us every summer of at least a week. I should also mention that my parents drove to Las Vegas many times and were at many of the classic casinos soon after they opened. They were also at the MGM Grand two weeks before the fire.

I do not know the entire story, but the owners of the market knew a man who worked at the Thunderbird Hotel. His name was Monte Levin and after the Thunderbird, he worked at the Sands, possibly the Desert Inn, and at Caesar's Palace. As a matter of fact, if you watch old reruns of the show "Vega\$", every so often you could hear Monte Levin being paged in the background. Mr. Levin met my dad at Daylite and told him that everything at the Thunderbird would be comped for us (room, food, shows). Needless to say, my parents, who had been to Las Vegas many times, did not turn this down.

I think I was almost 8 years old the first time I went to Las Vegas, which would have been 1967. We drove, and although my memories are fading, here are my remembrances about my favorite Las Vegas hotel. First, we had a suite at the Thunderbird. I do not have memories of the room, but my parents loved it. Here is what I do remember:

#### **The casino area and the coffee shop.**

Many of us remember the old, classic coffee shops that were open 24 hours in the casinos. The service was never fast, and the lines were always long. I remember waiting in line for breakfast. The first host would tell you who to follow to your table, and you would have to locate the person at the far end of the restaurant waving the menus. One fast story that did not involve me: My parents were seated in the back room of the coffee shop and could not figure out why the service was slower than usual. The coffee shop was extremely busy as usual, and finally my dad was able to catch the eye of another waitress and ask her about the wait. It appears that it was their waitress' first day and she quit on the spot.

I also remember the upstairs restaurant that was a steak house. We usually ate there at least once a visit. My mom remembers the seafood restaurant on the casino level. My favorite place to eat was outside. As you left the building with the casino, the pool was straight ahead, and then a wing with rooms. Our room was always in that wing. After walking past the pool and before the entrance, there were a few tables that were shaded with an awning. I sat there many times for lunch. My favorite first meal in Las Vegas was the hot turkey sandwich, which I am pained to realize is not on many menus anymore. My favorite lunch menu item was the classic Monte Cristo sandwich.

#### **Lots to do**

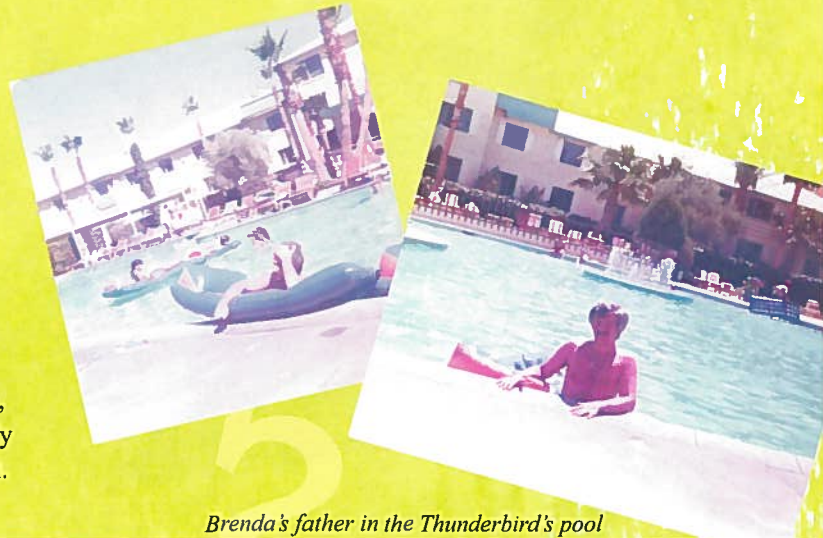
Ah, lunch. Then what? Then I would go back to the pool and we would look up at the tower of the Sahara. We could see the temperature and the time. My sister and I had to wait 30 minutes before getting back in the pool. The pool was wonderful. It was one of the largest on the strip at the time, and had a deep end. We would grab a raft/float and enjoy the water. One could actually swim in this pool. My mom still jokes about the, er, large men in dark suits who were near the pool area.

One reason why I love Las Vegas so much is that my parents made it more than gambling for us. We would have breakfast, and then we were by the pool all day. At night my parents took us to the shows. Looking back, I cannot believe the incredible entertainers that I saw in Las Vegas: Tony Martin & Cyd Charisse at the Thunderbird, Sammy Davis Jr, Totie Fields, Elvis, Siegfried and Roy (at the Frontier), Liberace, etc. Although I did not see Sinatra, I am happy to say that my parents did get to see him and he had been on their wish list.

#### **It was a different time**

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, the casinos must have been a bit "looser" in terms of children in them. My dad would play a slot machine near the walkway on the edge of a casino and I would gleefully pull the handle and/or sneak a nickel in the machine. One time when we were walking from the Riviera to the Thunderbird, I was holding a cup of nickels. I think I was playing with the coins a bit too much and spilled them on the sidewalk. I managed to pick them up, and then mom or dad took the cup from me until we were back in our room!

We went to the Thunderbird for many summers. Then we stayed at the original MGM, where I managed to get heat exhaustion at the pool. Old MGM/Bally's note: The walk from the elevators to the pool is longer than long. That is the distance my mom walked me to the room when I was overheated. We missed Tom Jones because of me, but this story is for another day. My parents stayed in many of the hotels over the years, but all of us have our fondest memories of the Thunderbird.



*Brenda's father in the Thunderbird's pool*

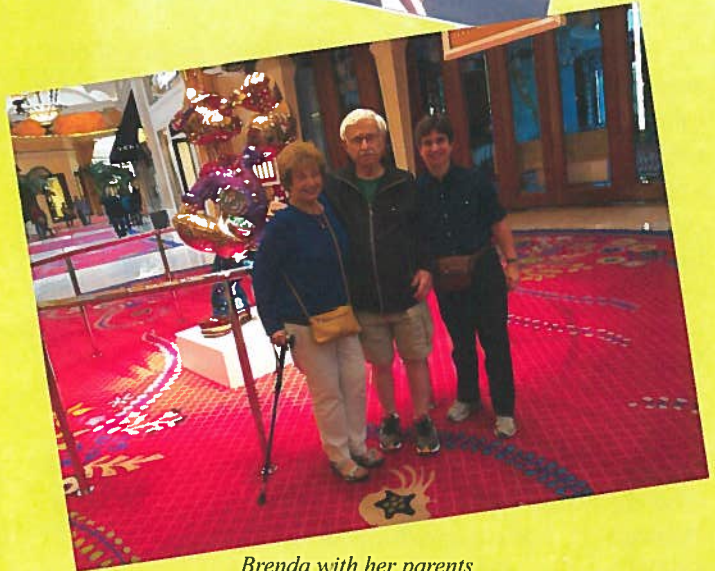
### Time passes

Over the years I left CA for graduate school and work. My visits to Las Vegas became less frequent when I was not in CA and I did not have PSA airlines to take me there. When I worked at Chico State for 4 years, I started going back to Las Vegas more often. Over the years I had started collecting a few chips, but I started collecting more when I was walking down the Strip one day and saw that the Frontier had just closed. For some reason that closing made me realize that most of my “childhood” hotels were closing. And that is when I started collecting chips from the era of my childhood. There is something about holding a chip and wondering if my folks played with that chip years ago.



### It's for the memories

In 1990, my parents were going to Las Vegas for Father's Day. My mom surprised my dad by flying my sister and me out and having a family trip. My sister came up from L.A. and I flew in from Lansing, MI. We were all staying at the Mirage. My dad was extremely surprised, but the best part of the trip was a few days later. I walked into the casino and my parents were playing Black Jack. There was one seat left at the table, so I sat down at the anchor seat. We were all playing, and on one hand I passed when I knew I should have hit. From across the table my dad's booming voice said, “You know better than that.” The dealer froze. Two pit bosses were walking over. My mom looked up at them and said, “That's her father.” Everyone started laughing. And that's why when people ask me why I collect, I say, quite simply, “It's for the memories.”



Brenda with her parents  
Top - Father's Day 1993  
Bottom - November 2014

### Our last trip

Dad passed away in January 2015. The best decision I made was to surprise my parents at Paris Las Vegas in November 2014. Somehow it seems appropriate that my last visit with Dad was in Las Vegas.



Thanks, Brenda!

Thank you for sharing your stories, your pictures and scans of your Thunderbird chips.

### 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?  
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Brenda's grandfather at the Nevada Club

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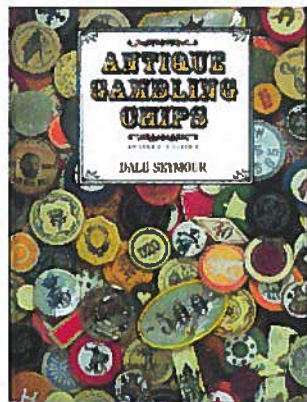
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Example



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# CC&GTCC Claims Form

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

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

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

The process will work as follows:

1. Fill out the form completely, sign and date it.
2. Forward it Vice-President Sheldon Smith.
3. V.P. Smith will make an initial determination on the Claim.
4. If further action or investigation is warranted, V.P. Smith will forward the form to the Claims Director to open a Claims Investigation.
5. The Claims Director will work to mutually resolve the matter between the parties or if that is not possible, make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for the appropriate action.
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IF you find it necessary to file a Claim against a fellow Club member, please help us to resolve the matter as quickly as possible by using the Claims Form.

\*The form will be available on the Club website at [www.ccgccc.com](http://www.ccgccc.com) for you to download and print out. We are working on a program that will allow you to fill out the form online and send it electronically to V.P. 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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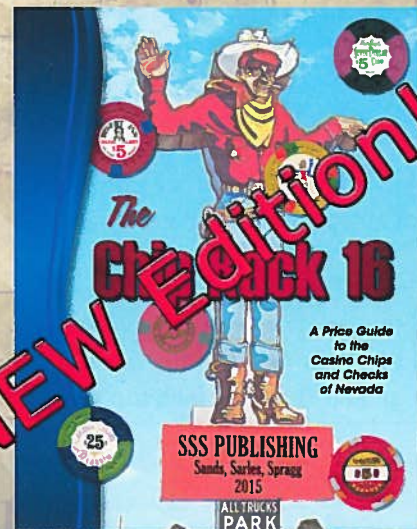
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