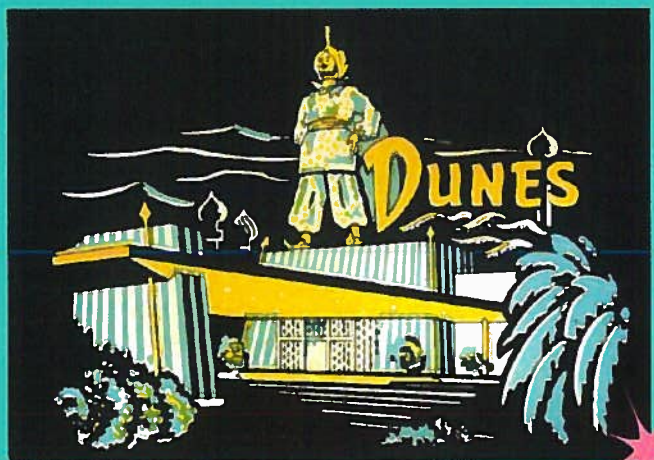




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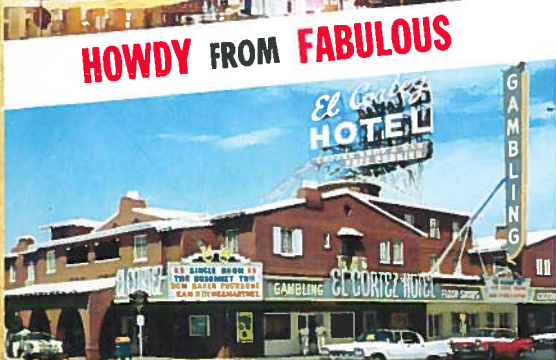
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Doug Smith
President

President's Letter

Fall 2016

The 2016 Convention has now come and gone and what a fabulous one it was.

Our convention chairs, Sheldon and Christine Smith put together another awesome show for us and I am extremely pleased to announce they will once again be bringing us another can't miss event in 2017 which will be our 25th !!!!!!!!!!!!!

As mentioned previously the 2017 and 2018 conventions will continue to be at the South Point but we will be moving into the Exhibit areas which will have even more to offer.

I hope everyone had as great of a time as I did at this years show. A big thank you goes out to our 2017 Banquet speaker Steve Cyr who was definitely one of the most entertaining and enjoyable speakers we have ever had.

Both the Auction and Raffles were huge successes and managed to raise nearly \$10,000 combined funds for the club. I can't thank the donors to both these fundraisers enough as well as all those that purchased raffle tickets or lots in the auction.

Congratulations to all the people who won awards this year including:

Steve Bedo and Neal Silverman for winning the Susong Award

Myrna Lighterman and Jim Follis for winning the

Presidents Award

LFB Enterprises for winning the Janice O'Neal Memorial Book Of the Year Award

Pam Goertler for winning the Harvey J Fuller Article Of the Year Award

Barry Hauptman for winning the annual Blackjack Tournament

John Sanders for winning the annual Poker Tournament

Jerry Birl for winning 1st place in the MOGH's Peoples Choice Awards

As always, I can't stress enough how much I and the rest of the BOD appreciates each and every one of our volunteers for all you do. You all deserve a HUGE THANK YOU !

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



Editor's Note

Steve Miller
Editor

Chris & Sheldon presented another great convention. Again I have met members to create new friends, always learning some new things, and most of all had fun. (Steve P's pledge)

I guess the magazine is doing ok, I did not hear any complains this year. In this issue we are able to start a Letters to the Editor column, thank you for the input. I was able to get an early viewing of the Greeno Collection at the Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas before it opened, thanks to Dennis Mc Bride.

So much for me, see you next year. Sit back and enjoy another issue of your favorite award winning magazine.

New Members

Last	First	City	State	Ref.	Pre	Memb #
Bloom	Joel	San Diego	CA	Club Web Site	R	8888
McKinney	Dennis	Riverside	CA	Club Web Site	R	8805
Cioffi	Dan	Bradenton	FL	Club Web Site	R	8804
Clarner	Steve	Pearland	TX	Doug Smith	R	8803
Barbato	Anthony	Las Vegas	NV	Club Web site	R	8802
Hamai	Michael K.	North Las Vegas	NV	Club Web Site	R	8801
Dakuras	Joseph	Las Vegas	NV	Curt Squires	R	8800
Goodrich	Scott	Peoria	AZ	Jerry Vergatos	R	8799
Mullen	Dale	Parachute	CO	convention	R	8798
Niver	Greg	Gardnerville	NV	Convention	R	8797
Saliba	Paul N.	Mesa	AZ	Convention	R	8794
Algazi	Joseph P.	Miami	FL	Convention	R	8793
Greene	David	Brooklyn	NY	Former Member	R	8792
Clem	Norman	Las Vegas	NV	Former Member	R	8791
Smith	Patty	Walnut Creek	CA	Richard Huber	R	8790
Capps	Ryan	Henderson	NV	Club Web Site	R	8789
Buechler	Todd	Henderson	NV	Former Member	R	8788
Siebert	Chad	Colorado Springs	CO	Club Web Site	R	8787
Glover	Carolyn	Dublin	OH	Former Member	R	8786-A
Glover	Larry	Dublin	OH	Former Member	R	8786
Frailey	Mark	Woodside	CA	Sheldon Smith	R	8785
Soto	Aimee	Ann Arbor	MI	James Conder	R	8784-A
Soto	Emilio	Ann Arbor	MI	James Conder	R	8784
Bills	Mark	Coweta	OK	Club Web Site	R	8783
Munich	Tony	Clarksville	IN	Club Web Site	R	8782
Dejon	Francois	Las Vegas	NV	Club Web Site	R	8781
Harris	Brandon	Las Vegas	NV	Club Web Site	R	8780
McDonald	Judy	Lavonia	GA	Richard Huber	R	8777-A
McDonald, Ltc. Ret.	R. Dee	Lavonia	GA	Richard Huber	R	8777

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

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

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

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

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

Michigan Chip Club; 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, 6 Sandpointe CT. Sacramento, CA 95831. Contact us about our next Get-together!

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

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

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

All the club information that was received at the time of the creation of the list. If you have information your club would like to add please contact the editors at Editor@ccgtcc.com.

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CC>CC Mentoring Program

Introduction

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

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

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

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

- Find out which price guides are available.
- Find out which price guides should and shouldn't be used.
- Be able to ask questions about casino chips and casino related collectibles and find the answers.
- Find resources online and offline through our resource pages..
- Find out the best ways to increase your collection.
- Discover the many different collecting areas of casino memorabilia.
- Learn from the pros, what's valuable and what's not!

The Program

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

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

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

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

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

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AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

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



CLUB MAGAZINE WINS ANOTHER 1ST PLACE AWARD FROM ANA

Congratulation to Steve Miller and Robb McPhearson on winning this year's ANA Outstanding Publications Award.

CC>CC President Douglas Smith received this official notification from the American Numismatic Association in mid-July:

Dear Douglas:

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that "Casino Collectible News" has been selected by a panel of judges to receive the first-place ANA Outstanding Club Publication Award in the "Specialty" category. We had a large number of submissions in each category, and your publication stood out from the rest!

The Outstanding Club Publications Awards will be presented at the ANA's World's Fair of Money® in Anaheim, during the ANA District Representative meeting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, August 13. Please plan to be at the Hilton Anaheim Hotel, Room Huntington A at that time. Winners will also be featured in the August 2016 issue of THE NUMISMATIST.

If you are not planning to attend the convention, you can name someone to accept the award on your behalf, or the award can be mailed to you following the close of the show.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Congratulations, and we look forward to seeing your submission next year!

Regards,
Darcie Graybill
Assistant Editor
THE NUMISMATIST

Mark and Myrna Lighterman Awarded ANA'S 2016 Farran Zerbe Memorial Award



Mark and Myrna Lighterman are the 2016 recipients of the American Numismatic Association's highest honor, the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award. The Association's most prestigious award is given in recognition of numerous years of outstanding, dedicated service to numismatics. The Lightermans will be honored at the Anaheim World's Fair of Money during the ANA awards banquet on Aug. 12.

Mark Lighterman

The discovery of a Buffalo Nickel from a vending machine propelled ANA life member Mark Lighterman on his numismatic journey. Like many others, Mark became interested in numismatics as a child; he began collecting coins at age 11 and has since become a noted error coins expert.

"As a longtime member and one who has attended a majority of ANA award banquets since the early eighties, I have seen many of my friends and mentors receive this award," said Mark. "It was an honor just to know them. When I was told that both my mother and myself were receiving the award, I was speechless, as I know now how humbling it must have been for them and how great an honor it really is. I now stand beside all those who came before and hope I can live up to this great honor."

Mark is an active leader in the numismatic community and was a founding member of the Combined Organizations of Numismatic Error Collectors of America (CONECA). In 2014 he was inducted into the CONECA Hall of Fame. As an author, he has written articles for *The Numismatist* and CONECA's bimonthly publication, *Errorscope*. Mark has served as an ANA national volunteer since 2003 and as national exhibit coordinator since 2008. He is a past president and current treasurer of the Tokens and Medals Society (TAMS) and has been a supporter and mentor to young numismatists for the last decade.

Mark has received many awards for his contributions to the hobby, some of which include the ANA's Presidential Award (1999, 2009), Glenn Smedley Award (2002), Medal of Merit (2011), and the Adna G. Wilde Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence (2015). Mark is also a recipient of the Numismatic Ambassador Award (2000), TAMS Medal of Merit (2007), and multiple first place and best-of-show exhibit awards. Mark is a Charter Member (CH-006) and Hall of Fame member of the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc.

Myrna Lighterman

For many years, Myrna Lighterman was a shining light for the ANA and the hobby. She worked tirelessly as a volunteer and was an integral part of the coin collecting community for over 40 years. With her son, Mark, she co-authored three books on the history of gambling in Florida. When not publishing numismatic periodicals, she was the mainstay as an ANA National Volunteer for the Kids Zone with ANA Educational Director Rod Gillis.

"There is one thing that is missing from this honor, and that is Myrna is not here for us to receive it together," Mark said. "I know she would have been just as honored to have been named on the award, but, very sadly, she passed away just a few weeks after the last ANA convention, doing the work she loved. I know she is looking down on us with her smile, and her spirit will be there when they present the award to us both."

In recognition of her assiduous work, Myrna received numerous awards for her dedicated service to the many coin clubs to which she belonged. Myrna received several awards from the ANA, including the President's Award (1999), Glenn Smedley Award (2008), and the Medal of Merit (2012). She was also the recipient of the Krause Publications Numismatic News Ambassador Award in 2008.

Myrna was a collector, exhibitor, speaker, coin club officer, author and numismatic researcher. Her work with numismatic youth has helped to ensure the hobby is passed on to future generations.

Myrna Lighterman passed away September 2, 2015, at the age of 85. Myrna was an early member of the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc. holding membership #R-0856

2016 CCGTCC Election Results

Eleven valid nomination forms were received. Two members received one nomination for Membership Officer, and one member received one nomination for Treasurer. Per the CCGTCC Constitution, a member must receive two nominations to be eligible to run for Office.

Jim Follis received a nomination and a second from current CCGTCC members for the Vice President position, but respectfully declined the nomination.

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

Vice President: Joe Pavlik and Jay Sands (Incumbent)
Treasurer: John Zoesch (Unopposed)
Membership Officer: Richard Huber (Unopposed)

A ballot vote was not required for the positions of Treasurer and Membership Officer since these positions were uncontested.

We, along with CCGTCC Members, Rick and Terri Lonski, counted the 2016 CCGTCC Election Ballots on June 16, 2016. The ballots received represent 13.4% of the total CCGTCC membership of 1,383 as of 5/23/16.

Total Ballots Received 186
Voided (2) [1 - No name; 1 - Expired membership]
Counted 184

Vice President:
Joe Pavlik 47
Jay Sands 125

Constitutional Amendment:
Yes 150
No 26

The CCGTCC Constitution requires 2/3 majority of valid ballots cast to approve an Amendment. Therefore, the following Amendment is approved with 85.2% "YES" votes.

Article 5: Membership

E. Life Members: members in good standing age 25 or older who apply, after completion of their third full year of membership for permanent membership status, and whose applications are accompanied by payment according to the following schedule. Life Members are relieved from paying further annual dues, but must pay any magazine mailing charges above bulk mail if the Life Member desires such mailing enhancement.

Age 25-39: then-current dues times 25
Age 40-55: then-current dues times 20
Age 55+: then-current dues times 15

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After 10 years of continuous completed membership the following rates would apply:

Age 56-75: then-current dues times 10

Age 76+: then-current dues times 5

The term for the Offices of Vice President, Treasurer and Membership Officer will be two years (2016 - 2018).

Vice President-Elect, Jay Sands and Treasurer-Elect, John Zoesch and Membership Officer-Elect, Richard Huber and the Constitutional Amendment were certified by a vote of the current CCGTCC Officers and Board of Directors at the CCGTCC Annual Meeting on June 25, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce & Mary Ann Massey
CCGTCC Election Co-Chairmen

Letter to the Editors

From the internet

Dear Editors,

I really enjoy the magazine! It's one of my favorite perks of the club!

What kind of articles are you looking for? I love reading about people's chip "harvesting" adventures. I think it would be great also to have some articles written by long time collectors on how they got in to the hobby. I have only been collecting since 2013 (well, technically 1996 when I got my first chip from the Barbary Coast when I was 10) and enjoy reading about how others have grown their collections over the years.

Did you know that the Clemson University football team has a custom "All-In" chip? I graduated in 2008 and they have been using them since. Each player is given some chips and before the team enters the stadium they are to go all in and out their chips in a bucket. I have thought about doing a small article about that. I don't know of people would find it interesting and I am not sure what the rules would be featuring a collegiate sports team. I guess I could call their office and ask permission.

Anyway, , I would love to all out in any way that I can. I work in the graphics/printing industry so let me know if you need any help there too.

Paul Schreiber, 2/8/2016

Ed: Thank you for the kind words. I 'm sure the All-In

chip would make an interesting story. The idea of members writing about how they started is a good idea. There is an article that could run every issue, so how about it members.

Dear Editors,

Congratulations on receiving such a prestigious publishing award. You both deserve such great recognition. I'm curious as to how much time you devote to putting together the club magazine. Do you do it by yourself or do you have a staff?

Thank You for all your great work

Jerry Vergatos LM-8083-241 7/10/16

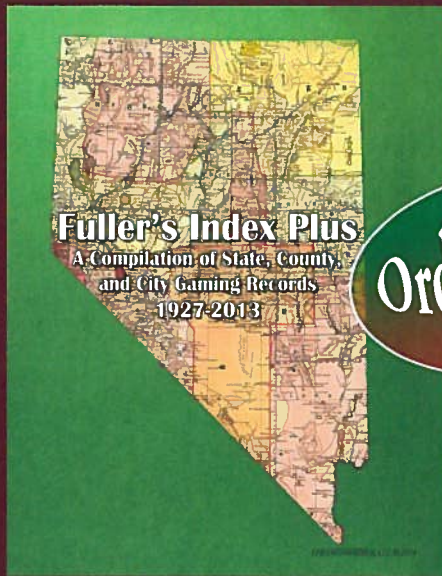
Ed: Again thank you for the kind words about the magazine. We do not have a staff per say, just members that contribute articles, a few copy editors that check for grammar, spelling, etc. and Allan Anderson, who takes care of getting the ads. I know it takes more time than I thought when I signed up .My wife would shoot me if I told you how much time I spend working on the magazine.

Hello Steve, an idea for the magazine could be a one page story how/why I started collecting and what I collect with a different member featured every issue. Maybe you could go first or pick someone with an interesting story..

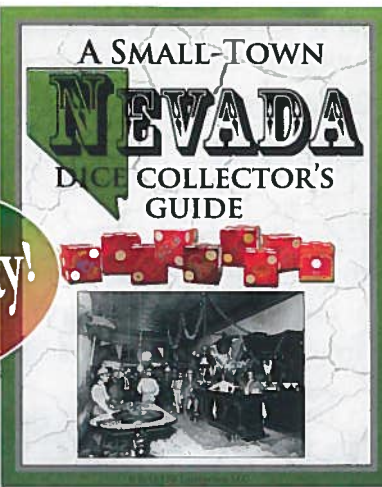
Regards Michael Nolton. 7/4/16

Ed: This sounds like a subject that needs to be looked at.

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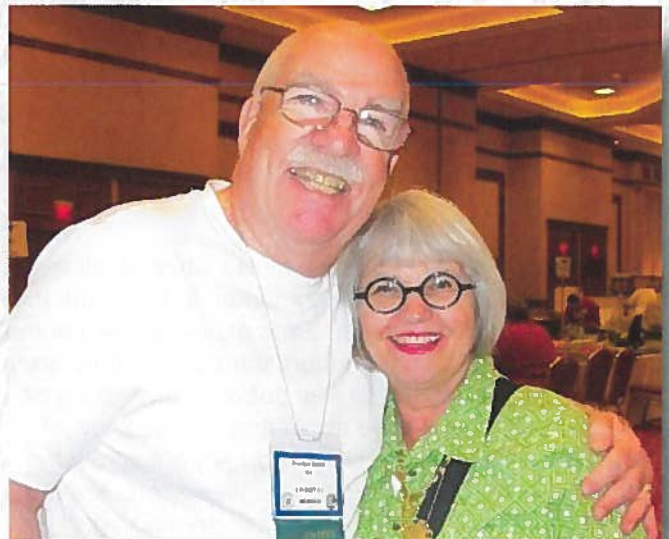
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Convention Round Up

The CC>CC Circus (a/k/a our Club's 24th Annual Convention) has left town! We had a busy, fun, and educational 24th Annual CC>CC Casino Collectibles Convention and hope all the Dealers, Volunteers and Attendees did, too! We believe that it really was, THE GREATEST (CASINO COLLECTIBLES) SHOW ON EARTH!

We thank EVERYONE who participated in this past Convention in big ways and in small. **THANKS** to all our Club Members, Dealers, Volunteers, and Attendees who joined our Circus, shopped along our Midway, supported our Dealers, our Purveyors of the Past, and our Club, attended our Educational Seminars, our Tournaments, our Trade Sessions, enjoyed our Banquet and our Exhibits and stayed at the South Point to help us meet our room block.

We offer **SPECIAL THANKS** to our Convention Staff and our Committee Chairs:

Todd Barrett -- As our Graphic Designer, Todd once again tapped his creativity and captured our theme for everything: the convention chips, tokens, scrip chips and medallions, the tee-shirts; the flyers, posters and duratrans throughout the hotel, and everything else that was "branded" for our 2016 Circus-themed Convention. THANKS, Todd, for making our Circus come alive in so many different ways!

George Dmitrevsky -- Along with his wife, Nina, George handled all of our Pre-Registration assuring that both the Members' and Dealers' packets were ready for pick-up. George also assured that each Registration packet had the proper inclusions and the many variables and options we offered required his unique organizational skills and attention to detail. George worked closely with Richard Huber, our Membership Officer, to assure that all those who wanted to pre-register could get their Club Memberships renewed and completed in time. THANKS, George, Nina and Richard! Your efforts gave more people an opportunity to be part of our Convention from the very start! Also, THANKS again to George for working so well with us!

Brenda Black -- With her always-conscientious and dependable crew at the Registration desk and her able husband and team-mate Archie, Brenda assured that our Members, Dealers and Day attendees received outstanding service! Her dedicated crew -- as usual -- once again made sure that Registration ran smoothly! MANY THANKS to Brenda and her outstanding and devoted crew!

Steve Palumbo and Alan Schuyler -- Our Club is blessed to have a dedicated group of members who, every year, come early and stay late to assure that the Dealer tables are set-up as ordered and torn-down to the South Point's specifications and Steve and Alan led the charge! Where they get their energy is a mystery to us! As Set-Up and Tear-Down Chairs, Steve and Alan and their steadfast crews managed to beat all previous records in getting the room ready for our Dealers' move-in! Despite not really having enough man/woman power to tear-down, they and their crew managed to get the room ready to release back to the South Point in ample time to make the Volunteers' Reception at 5 pm. Definitely Circus Magic! We THANK Steve and Alan and their crews for their work this past Convention and look forward to many more Conventions with them leading the set-up and tear-down!

Roy Nelson -- Roy is our Club's "best-kept secret weapon!" All year long, Roy watches over our Club merchandise and, at Convention time, organizes the move of this merchandise from storage units to the Showroom Floor -- and back! He is the "keeper" of all of our display cases, permanent signs, merchandise, registration materials, Club and Museum materials, etc., etc. -- and, amazingly, he knows where things are and . . . can find them! Roy has a stalwart crew who are dependable, experienced, knowledgeable and, above all, loyal! Although "the move" officially begins on the Tuesday before our Wednesday set-up and ends on Sunday, the day after Roy

has a stalwart crew who are dependable, experienced, knowledgeable and, above all, loyal! Although "the move" officially begins on the Tuesday before our Wednesday set-up and ends on Sunday, the day after the Convention closes, Roy organizes our storage lockers long before his team starts working and re-organizes the Club merchandise long after we all return home! In all those days in-between, Roy is on the Showroom Floor, arranging the Club merchandise to entice sales and keeping track of everything and all of his volunteers! Roy is the "go-to" person for ALL that the Club sells -- from our commemorative chips, medallions, tee-shirts and tote bags, shot glasses and travel mugs and everything in-between! With ALL that Roy does, we are in awe of him! THANK YOU to Roy and his crews.

NOTE TO ALL: We moved the Club's Promotions tables (ITEMS TO ASTOUND!) to the back of the Show Room this year and some of you may have missed seeing them; or, meant to go there but got "way-laid." If so, you can purchase Club merchandise throughout the year by going to the Club website (www.ccgfcc.com) and downloading a Club Merchandise Order Form. Also, for your convenience, that form is included in this Magazine. You can even see what is available for purchase elsewhere in this magazine!

Debbie and Dave Harber -- Although not able to be at the Convention in person because of a prior commitment, Debbie and Dave were there in spirit and their presence was widely "felt!" They spent many hours recruiting volunteers for the Convention and working with prospective volunteers to assure that all necessary "spots" were filled! Thanks for your many years of service to the Club in many different ways, Debbie and Dave.

Terri Loński and Gayle Pleau -- Terri and Gayle split their time between being Dealers and coordinating the Club's Youth Program and we couldn't be more thankful for their co-chairing that extremely important Committee! The Youth Program was a huge hit this year -- you could tell by the happy faces on the kids who participated! We watched

Terri and Gayle work to fill all the bags for the kids and couldn't help thinking that their organization would have made any "general" proud! Thanks, Terri and Gayle!

Jim Kruse -- Once again, Jim succeeded in getting the Club an outstanding Key Note Banquet speaker! This year, he used his amazing contacts to entice **Steve Cyr**, Las Vegas #1 "Super Host," to share his very interesting experiences with us! He gave the Banquet Attendees a lot to think about and offered his unique insight into what it takes

to be a "Super Host!" THANKS to Steve Cyr for spending time with us and for divulging some of his exploits as more fully discussed in his expose, "WHALE HUNT IN THE DESERT."

Jim also served double duty as our Club's Educational Director and arranged for four (4) fabulous speakers at our Educational Seminars. These speakers covered a wide-range of topics and we THANK them for sharing their knowledge and expertise with us and entertaining us while they educated us:

Tom Henderson, a collector of Gulf Coast ephemera and a soon-to-be-retired Library Director at Millsaps College in Jackson, MS enlightened the Thursday early risers about "Mississippi Illegals" and focused on Mississippi gambling and prohibition history.

Dick Bartley, a long-time radio broadcaster with numerous syndicated programs and an esteemed member of the National Radio Hall of Fame, regaled his Thursday afternoon audience with his experiences in "Playing Around With his Chips Again!"

Charles Kaplan, Vice-Chair of the Museum of Gaming History, Club Webmaster, Administrator of the ChipGuide and Vice-President of the Atlantic City Casino Collectibles Club educated his Friday morning group regarding "Secrets of the Chip Guide."

Jim Follis, long-time OTY Awards Chairman, Exhibit Chairman, past On-Line Communications Director, Planning Committee Chairman, active member of the Museum of Gaming History and current Secretary of the Southern Nevada Casino Collectibles Club, detailed various elements of what Gaming International's "Win Card Program" is all about!

We can't wait to see whom Jim Kruse gets us as Speakers in 2017! Thanks Jim!

Doug Smith – THANK YOU for helping us with the 2016 Showroom Floor Plan – we heard from a lot of people (dealers and attendees) that they really liked the layout this year! Thank you, also, for arranging for and handing out the Awards at the Banquet and at the Volunteer's Reception– you are always there to help and we appreciate you! Thanks for "lending us your ear" and for your active support not only before and during the Convention but, also, afterwards! Besides volunteering a LOT of his time during the year fulfilling his duties as President, Doug

volunteered to work at the Club and Raffle tables and also helped on our "Tear-Down" crew! For those of you who may not have noticed, Doug has earned every possible "ribbon" for his Convention badge except for one as an Exhibitor! Perhaps Doug will consider doing an Exhibit for 2017! Thanks, Doug!

Also, CONGRATULATIONS to Doug for his well-deserved honor of selection to the Club's HALL OF FAME! YAY for Doug!

Wayne Thompson – THANK YOU, Wayne, for once again being our Master of Ceremonies at our Banquet. Steve Cyr was a "hard act" to follow, but you did a great job!

David Spragg – THANK YOU, David, for being the @C>CC Webmaster and for arranging to have our South Point Room Block information on the website, for arranging for our convention commemorative chips, our tournament chips and for designing and making our Volunteer Thank You chips. Thank you, also, for getting everything to us as needed and for everything you do, including helping us figure out table formations, etc.

David Spragg and Jay Sands – As usual, David and Jay ran the Club Auction, with the assistance of Doug Smith and John Zoesch. This Auction is the Club's biggest fundraiser and provides a great opportunity to not only fund the Club but also for Club Members to find a treasure! On behalf of the entire Club, which greatly and directly benefits from their efforts, THANK YOU!

Tyrus Mulkey – THANK YOU, Tyrus, for volunteering to be the Club's Auctioneer and always making the Club's Auction entertaining!

Jim Follis – Jim literally and figuratively "wears many hats!" We THANK Jim for his always-outstanding work in running the "OTY" and "People's Choice" Awards as well as coordinating ALL of the Exhibits (Competitive and Non-Competitive). Jim deserves extra thanks as he also assisted Carey Burke in setting-up and tearing-down his Exhibit at the bottom of the escalator! That was not an easy job – but well-worth the effort!

Carey Burke – As the Club Historian and avid collector, Carey provided oral history lessons of Nevada gambling along with excellent tangible representations of what our hobby includes at his table and exhibits as he sat downstairs at the bottom of the escalator. THANK YOU, Carey, for sharing your knowledge and enthusiasm with one and all!

Jerry Vergatos – Once again, Jerry worked with the South Point personnel to bring our members the Club's Annual

Blackjack Tournament and Poker Challenge. These events offer a chance for Club players to “show their stuff” and pit their luck and expertise against other members. Even amidst the fierce competition, Jerry managed to make both events fun and fair! GREAT job, Jerry!

Quintin Kamm and Mark Lighterman – Thanks to Quintin and Mark for memorializing our Convention! Between them, they captured most of the Club activities and the happenings on the Showroom Floor. We expect that this and future editions of our magazine and the Club’s website will offer a “taste” of our Circus by including MANY of the photos taken! THANK YOU both for being our “eyes” at the Convention!

Dollie and John Ramsey – Along with **Raulin Mendonca**, Dollie and John organized the 50/50 Banquet Raffle, which resulted in prizes of \$245 each for the winner and the Club! THANK YOU! Let’s do it again next year!

Marion Engel – THANKS to Marion for again organizing the Ladies’ Luncheon and pampering all who attended and for the “Friendship Kits” she handed out to each attendee. Marion thanks Brenda Black for donating some prizes and also thanks all those who attended the Ladies Luncheon for making it a great success! For those women who didn’t attend, you missed a lovely and fun luncheon at the Buffet. According to Marion, everyone enjoyed the wonderful Buffet. It was a great opportunity to chat with all the Ladies we only see once a year at the Convention. Everyone attending got a FRIENDSHIP Kit and Marion provided door prizes to several happy winners! For next year, the plan is for all the ladies who want to participate, to bring a gift from the area where they live to raffle off at the luncheon (which will be June 23, 2017.) Marion asks that, because this will be the 25th Annual Convention, if anyone has ideas how the Ladies can make the next Ladies’ Luncheon a special celebration, please let Marion know (could be something as easy as wearing a silver outfit or shirt!) You can reach Marion at: tinymom@atlanticbb.net.

Allan Anderson – Thanks to Allan for once again, producing a colorful and user-friendly, and very much-appreciated Convention Program. We appreciate Allan’s courtesy and patience with us during the production process! THANK YOU, also, for being the Casino Collectible News Webmaster!

Steve Miller and Robb McPherson – THANKS to Steve and Robb for their tireless efforts in producing our American Numismatic Association (ANA) Award-Winning magazine and for their generosity in extending our deadlines this

past year! Magazines don’t “write” or produce themselves and Steve and Robb work all year long on the Club’s behalf – so, THANK YOU, Steve and Robb!

Although we aren’t able to mention every individual volunteer by name here, we want ALL to know that without our Club’s **WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS**, our Club couldn’t have this opportunity to share our collections, our interests and our camaraderie with our Members and the General Public. **THANK YOU TO ALL! And we mean YOU** --

Who helped Roy Nelson load and unload our storage units and then re-did the whole process in reverse post-Convention.

Who worked with Steve Palumbo and Alan Schuyler to set-up and tear-down and were so efficient you beat all past time records!

Who assisted Carey Burke at the downstairs’ display case, fielding questions, giving mini-history lessons and creating enthusiasm from passers-by.

Who monitored the Trade Sessions, assuring the integrity of the sessions.

Who conscientiously worked their volunteer assignments (at the Registration Desk, the Club and Museum Tables, the Auction Table and wherever you were needed) with smiles on your faces and “Customer Service” in your hearts.

Who helped out in more ways than we can articulate and worked with humor, good-will and enthusiasm. THANK YOU!

In addition to thanking our Volunteers, we owe THANKS, also, to our **Board of Directors** who supported and encouraged us, excused our mistakes and went with our “flow!” Kudos and thanks to the Board for a well-run Business meeting, which was ably overseen by our Club’s Counsel, **Eric Rosenblum**, an *ex officio* member of the Board.

THANKS to Neal Silverman and Charles Kaplan and their **Board** for their efforts on behalf of the **Museum of Gaming History (the MOGH)**! Although Neal wasn’t able to be at the Convention this year, he was well-represented by Charles and members of the **MoGH**, especially its **Board Members**. We also thank Charles for helping out with the audio-visual portions of our seminars.

We **THANK ALL of our Dealers**, without whom there wouldn’t be a Convention! We want and need more of

you! We hope you all had a fun and profitable Convention and will return next year!

Last, but certainly not least, we **THANK our Attendees**, who came and saw and, we hope, found that “treasure” for which they were searching or that “impulse buy” they just couldn’t pass up! We also send special **THANKS to all those who made their South Point room reservations under our room block!**

We are delighted to have been asked to repeat as Convention Co-Chairs next year and we really look forward to it. Plans are already underway for our Club’s **25th Annual Convention to be held June 22-24, 2017 at the South Point Hotel and casino exhibit hall!**

We want to have a spectacular celebration in honor of a **QUARTER CENTURY** of our Club members convening to share the love of our hobby, our collections, our interests, our camaraderie and our knowledge of – and, appreciation for – the past! We dare to say that we want to make next year’s Convention a “Silver Jubilee” of conventions and make it a real “**BLAST FROM THE PAST!**” We are still working on our exact theme and we will let you know what the 2017 theme will be as soon as possible!

If anyone has any souvenirs from the **FIRST CONVENTION**, held at the Aladdin in 1993, please let us know!

We hope everyone got home safe and sound with fond memories and a sense of a week well-spent! We hope, too, that you had a **GREAT** experience and we **STRONGLY** encourage everyone to take part in our Club’s **25th Annual Convention**, June 22-24, 2017!

DEALERS – please note: set-up will start on Wednesday, June 21st! We will send out the 2017 Dealer Contracts the end of October and we will include a map and full directions on how to access our awesome new space, which will be in Salon “D” of the South Point’s Exhibit Area. The new space will include a Concession Stand and Restrooms – very convenient!

Best Wishes and Many Thanks!

Sheldon & Christine Smith

Convention Co-Chairs

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C-70 years

D-40 years

E-50 years

F-60 years

G-85 years



2016 People's Choice Awards

By: Jim Follis, MoGH Exhibits Chairman

This year's Convention marked the transition of the Club's Educational Exhibits (People's Choice Awards) activity to the Museum of Gaming History (MoGH). While the Exhibits continue to be called the People's Choice Awards, the move to the MoGH is simply putting this element of the Club's educational efforts under the MoGH banner.

At the Convention this year, there were 8 Competitive Exhibits and 4 non-Competitive Exhibits, as follows:

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

Jerry Birl LM 0774-27

Title: "Don't Gamble – Advertise. A Unique Collection of Vintage Dice Advertising Paperweights"

James Kruse LM 0632-32

Title: "2016 Year of the Monkey Chips"

Dave Pawson R-8725

Title: "Betting on Patriotism"

Mike Quinlivan LM 3194-54

Title: "The Flamingo Capri Revisited... Again"

Jerry Vergatos LM 8093-241

Title: "Personal Players Club Cards"

Steve Palumbo LM 6711-249

Title: "Casino Satin"

Charles Kaplan LM 0115-148

Title: "A Selection of Caribbean Chips"

Charles Sandes LM 0222-239

Title: "Collectible Casino Cigarette Lighters"

NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

Examples of "Official CC>CC, Inc. Grade and Condition Descriptions"- Michael Knapp - CH-0007

Select Items from the Collection and Recollections of Carey Burke - Carey Burke - LM 1095-95

2015 OTY Nominees and Winners - Jim Follis - LM 3872-53

The CC>CC's Permanent Collection of All Past OTY Award Winners - Jim Follis - LM 3872-53

Competitive Exhibits were voted on by Club Members and Convention attendees alike, over the 3-day course of the Convention. Just before noon on the final day, all ballots were counted and the top 2 finishers were determined by this vote count.

This year's runner-up (2nd Place) was Jim Kruse, Life Member 0632-32 with his presentation of 2016 Year of the Monkey Chips. Congratulations to Jim!

1st place honors was awarded to Jerry Birl, Life Member 0774-27, for his Exhibit of dice encased, advertising paperweights. Congratulations Jerry!

The non-Competitive Exhibits were again honored to include a special offering by Club Co-Historian, Hall of Fame member and Life Member 1095-95, Carey Burke. Carey's Exhibit was located on the casino floor level and was strategically placed to attract passers by and perhaps get those people to visit the Convention floor. In doing so, Carey personally stays at that location to talk to the many passers-by for many hours, each day. While he was assisted by several volunteers to help staff this location, it remains that his efforts managed to re-direct many hotel/casino guests to the Convention floor. It is hoped that Carey and more volunteers will repeat this effort next year.

We also note the Non-Competitive Exhibit presented by Charter Member 0007, Hall of Fame member and Honorary Life Member, Michael Knapp. As the Chairman of the Standards and Archives Committee, Michael presents a recurring non-Competitive Exhibit that attempts to showcase examples of all the different grades and conditions of chips and tokens, as indicated in the Club's "Official CC>CC, Inc. Grade and Condition Descriptions". Please note that I said Michael's Exhibit "attempts" to showcase examples of all the different grades and conditions. This Exhibit is still in need of additional examples, as donations to this Project, from Club members.

Missing from the Exhibit are examples of the descriptions highlighted in yellow from the "Official CC>CC, Inc. Grade and Condition Descriptions" publication. We are requesting any Club member with an example of the missing item(s), that wishes to donate that example to this Exhibit, to contact Michael Knapp or myself at Exhibits@themogh.org.

Our thanks also to all of the Exhibitors and we encourage any Club member to consider doing an Exhibit at next year's Convention. Please contact me for details via email at: Exhibits@themogh.org or text/voice at: 520.971.7909.



Jim Kruse (R) 2nd Place finisher, People's Choice Award, accepting trophy from Jim Follis (L) MoGH Exhibits Chairman.



1st Place Winner of the People's Choice Award, Jerry Birl (C) with Jim Follis (L) MoGH Exhibits Chairman and Casey Focazio-Follis (R) Assistant to the MoGH Exhibits Chairman.



The 2016 Convention MoGH Competitive Exhibits. L-R Jim Follis (Exhibits Chairman) Participants: Steve Palumbo, Jerry Vergatos, Dave Pawson, Jerry Birl (1st Place) Jim Kruse (2nd Place) Mike Quinlivan. Casey Focazio-Follis Assistant to the Exhibits Chairman. Not shown: Charles Kaplan and Charles Sandes.

Imaged here is a copy of the CC>CC Official Conditions and Grades Descriptions, that has been highlighted in yellow, to show which examples are still needed to fill-out the Exhibit for future Conventions

II. CONDITION DESCRIPTIONS or STANDARDS are unnatural changes in chips and tokens as a result of other causes. Specimens in this "Condition" category may be graded in any of the five "Grading Descriptions." A cancelled, damaged or defective chip or token can be graded in any category from "NEW" to "POOR." However, a dirty, cracked or faded chip cannot be graded as NEW, even if it has not been played in a casino. It is not in the original grade as when it was made. The "Condition" category consists of the following terms that should be used as qualifiers to further accurately describe the five grades: (Examples: New/Clipped; Average/Warped)

1. CANCELED or MODIFIED (Either by the manufacturer, the casino, or by a third party)	A. Drilled B. Notched C. Overstamped D. Clipped	E. Bent F. Painted G. Plated
2. DAMAGE	A. Severe nicks or chunks B. Loose or missing inlay C. Cracked D. Broken E. Warped F. Permanent stain G. Severe fading H. Cigarette burn(s), fire damage I. Over-cleaning J. Severe scratching or gouging K. Shaved edge (example: to fit in a bezel) L. Water damage M. Burial damage N. Clouding of sterling silver tokens, a symptom of PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride) exposure	O. Corrosion P. Anodized for different colors Q. Plated R. Obliteration of details
3. MANUFACTURER DEFECTS OR MODIFICATIONS	A. Inlay or die strike off-center (slight, moderate, extreme) B. Some of the script or photo is missing from the inlay C. Some of the hot-stamp is missing D. Manufacturer modification (example: one side of chip includes manufacturer's advertising information, even though the other side uses the actual casino chip design) E. Ivory chips only - nerve holes (small, moderate, extreme, as a "see through") F. Foreign material struck into tokens	
4. MANUFACTURER ERRORS	A. Incorrect inlay or graphic (example: Inlay or graphic is supposed to be different on each side of chip, but it is the same; mismatched dies used for tokens) B. Wrong mold C. Double-strike (token) or of hot-stamp (chip) D. Mistake in color or number of edge inserts E. Strikes on metals other than standard (tokens) F. Railroad edge strikes G. Planchet clips (tokens) H. Strikes on wrong size planchets (tokens)	
5. PROOF or PROOF-LIKE	For tokens, pieces produced on highly polished planchets and double-struck to produce an exceptional image on a mirror-like surface.	

2016 Convention Blackjack and Poker Tournaments

By Jerry Vergatos, LM-8093-241 – Blackjack & Poker Tournament Director

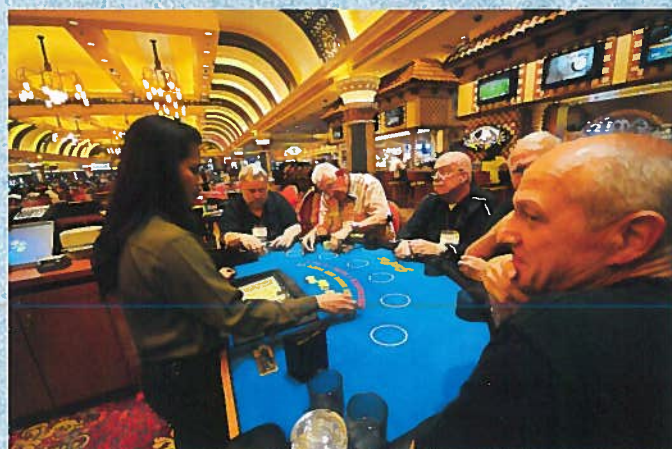
The CC>CC 2016 Convention sponsored the Blackjack and Poker Tournaments again this year at the South Point Hotel & Casino, our host hotel.

The 14th Annual Blackjack Tournament commenced on Wednesday, June 22th with a starting field of 15 players. We started with three tables of play and were down to the final table of the top two players from each of the preliminary tables. The final table included Barry Hauptman, Mike Skelton, Mike Nawrocki, Klaus Burger, John Ramsey and Fred Bergman. Players agreed to chop the prize fund to receive \$109 each in cash. Play continued for the Grand Prize Plaque. Barry Hauptman won the Grand Prize with Mike Skelton coming in 2nd, Mike Nawrocki coming in 3rd, Klaus Burger coming in 4th, John Ramsey coming in 5th, and Fred Bergman coming in 6th. The first player eliminated received a 750 ml bottle of Woodford Reserve engraved with the club logo and the 1st OUT moniker. That prize went to John Zoesch.

On Friday, June 24th the 18th Annual Poker Tournament took place at the South Point Casino Poker Room. The 61 player field was ripe with seasoned club members eager to win the cash. After many rounds of play with the blinds and antes going up, John Sander won the ultimate prize taking home \$1350. Stu Lovett took 2nd place for \$780, 3rd place went to Brian Watts for \$460, 4th place went to Mike Nawrocki for \$320, 5th place went to Dennis Garnier for \$210, 6th place went to Reggie Gummer for \$175, 7th place went to Steve Bedo for \$140, 8th place went to David Korn for \$115

Two engraved Woodford Reserve bottles with casino chip engravings were donated by me and offered as bounties for Doug Smith and Sheldon Smith. Both bottles were won by Steve Bedo. Nate Pincus won an additional engraved bottle for the High Hand of the tournament. With 4 Jacks with a King Kicker.

Mark Lighterman and Quintin Kamm were on hand to take photos of both tournaments and did a fantastic job.



Special Thanks to David Spragg and Tiny Treasures for once again doing a great job with the chips and the plaque awards.

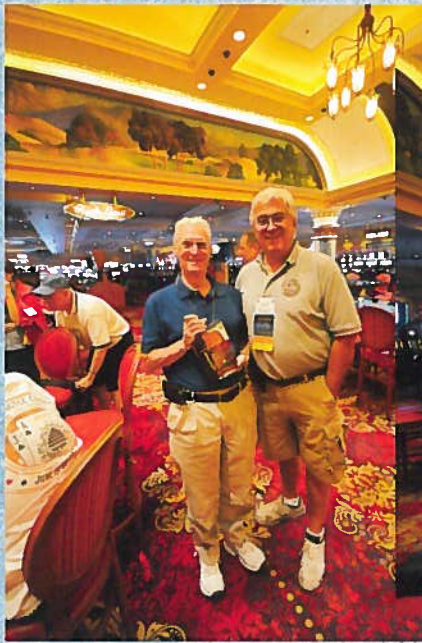
The staff at South Point Casino did an excellent job in running our tournaments with special appreciation to Shannon Lalisian, The Blackjack host and Steve Constantino our Poker tournament host.

Have a great year and see you at the 2016 tournaments !!!!!!!!!!!!!

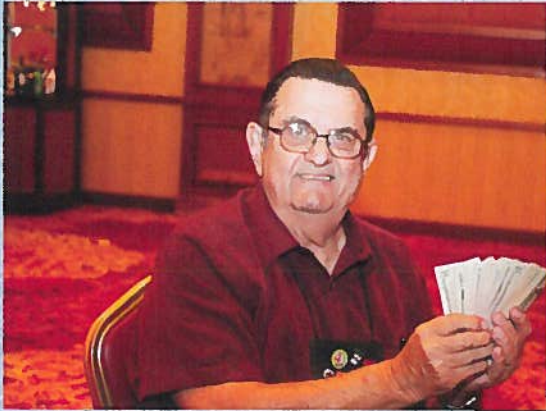
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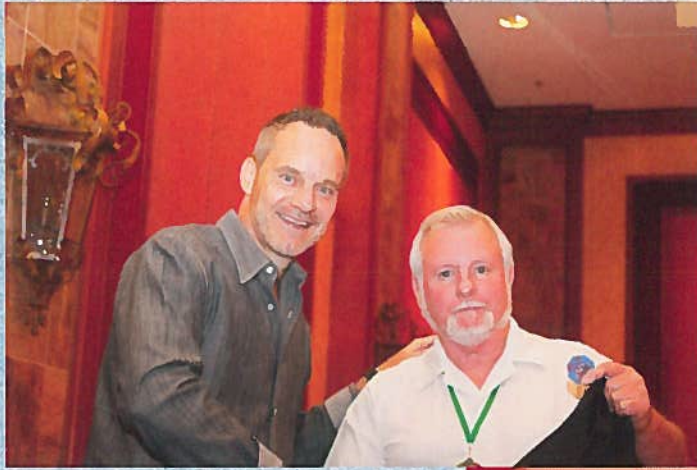
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Guest Speaker Steve Cyr & Jim Kruse

Hall of Fame members at the Dinner



Newest member of the Hall of Fame Doug Smith with Jim Steffner



President Awards recipients Myrna Lighterman accepted by her son Mark (above) and Jim Follis (left)



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Marion Engel Chairperson



"Marion did a great job. She collected door prizes for the luncheon, one of which was a homemade afghan. It was fun."
Brenda Black

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Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

Sioux City

by Allan Anderson



The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sioux City incorporates the historic, renovated Battery Building, formerly located at 323 Water Street downtown. This Romanesque structure was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2008 to serve as a reminder of Sioux City's past as a wholesale jobbing center for northwest Iowa. The building, whose clock tower has been long appreciated as a local landmark, also represents a well-preserved example of the warehouse style influenced by the Marshall Field Wholesale Store in Chicago, Illinois (1885 – 1887, H.H. Richardson, architect).

The Battery Building was originally constructed by the St. Louis-based creator of "Keen Kutter" tools, the Simmons Hardware Company, which was dissolved in April 1936 as a result of the Great Depression. In the years following, several other companies occupied the Simmons building. Kollman-Warner Company, which dealt in wholesale seeds, occupied the structure for three years beginning in 1939. Then, from 1944 to 1956, the Sioux City Battery Company occupied the structure. The company produced Ray-O-Vac batteries in the basement and first two floors of the leased warehouse building, which soon became locally known as the "Battery Building." In 1973, Bomgaars, took up residency in the structure that functioned as corporate offices, warehousing and distribution for over 47 years.



Construction of the 131,000 square-foot building took place from 1905 to 1906. The multitude of rail lines throughout the warehouse district in downtown Sioux City influenced oddly angled building shapes like the Simmons warehouse and its irregular pentagon shape necessitated division via a wide interior tunnel. The building location and angled site placement is the direct result of Perry Creek, which ran past the northwest corner of the main building at the time of construction. The Creek was then channeled under the northwest appendage through a brick barrel-vault tunnel.



Lobby

The Hard Rock Hotel Sioux City is a 54 room property. Upon entering the main entrance of the hotel, what was once a drop-off station for trains unloading cargo, guests will be greeted by a unique and welcoming environment in The Lobby Bar.

Before heading to the attached Hard Rock Casino for dining, entertainment and games, guests can settle into their rooms. Each room features an eclectic mix of historical architecture mingled with modern amenities and design elements. All hotel rooms host a window view of downtown Sioux City or the Missouri River.



World Tour Buffet

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sioux City is an award-winning gaming destination offering more than 835 slot machines and a wide variety of table games.

The property's Hard Rock Hotel is an AAA Four Diamond rated hotel, a distinction which only five percent of the more than 28,000 properties approved by AAA achieve. Complementing the Hotel and Casino are six restaurants and bars including the World Tour Buffet, Fuel American Grill, The Yards and Main + Abbey, the property's AAA Three Diamond rated restaurant.

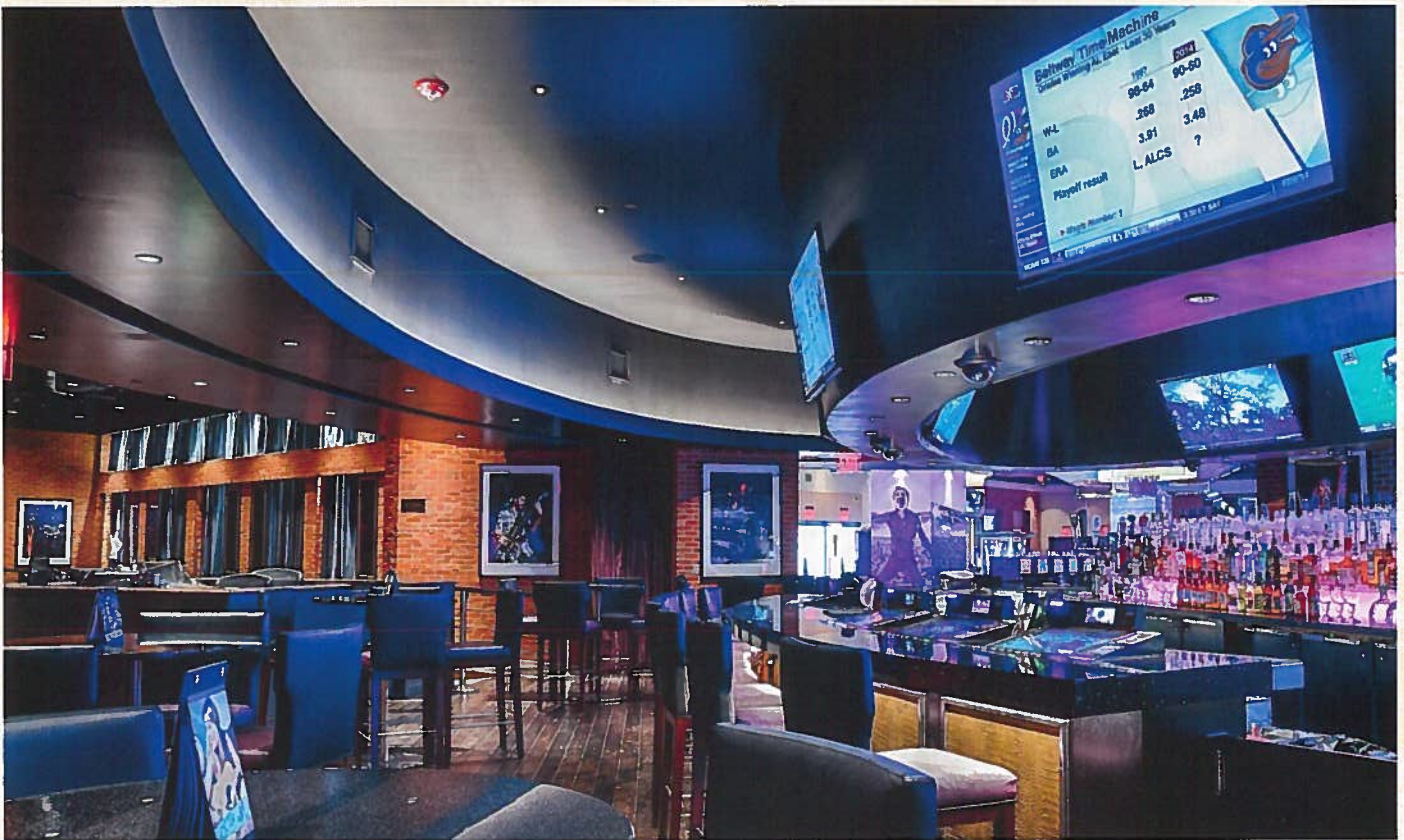




Main + Abbey



The Yards



Anthem Bar

Throughout the property, guests can experience the legends by viewing the vast Hard Rock memorabilia collection, with iconic pieces from SLASH to Johnny Cash.

The indoor live-entertainment venue, Anthem, hosts an impressive weekly lineup of concerts and performances from rock, pop, and country to comedy and blues. Battery Park, the outdoor entertainment venue with a festival-type atmosphere, hosts nationally touring performers during the summer months.



Battery Park



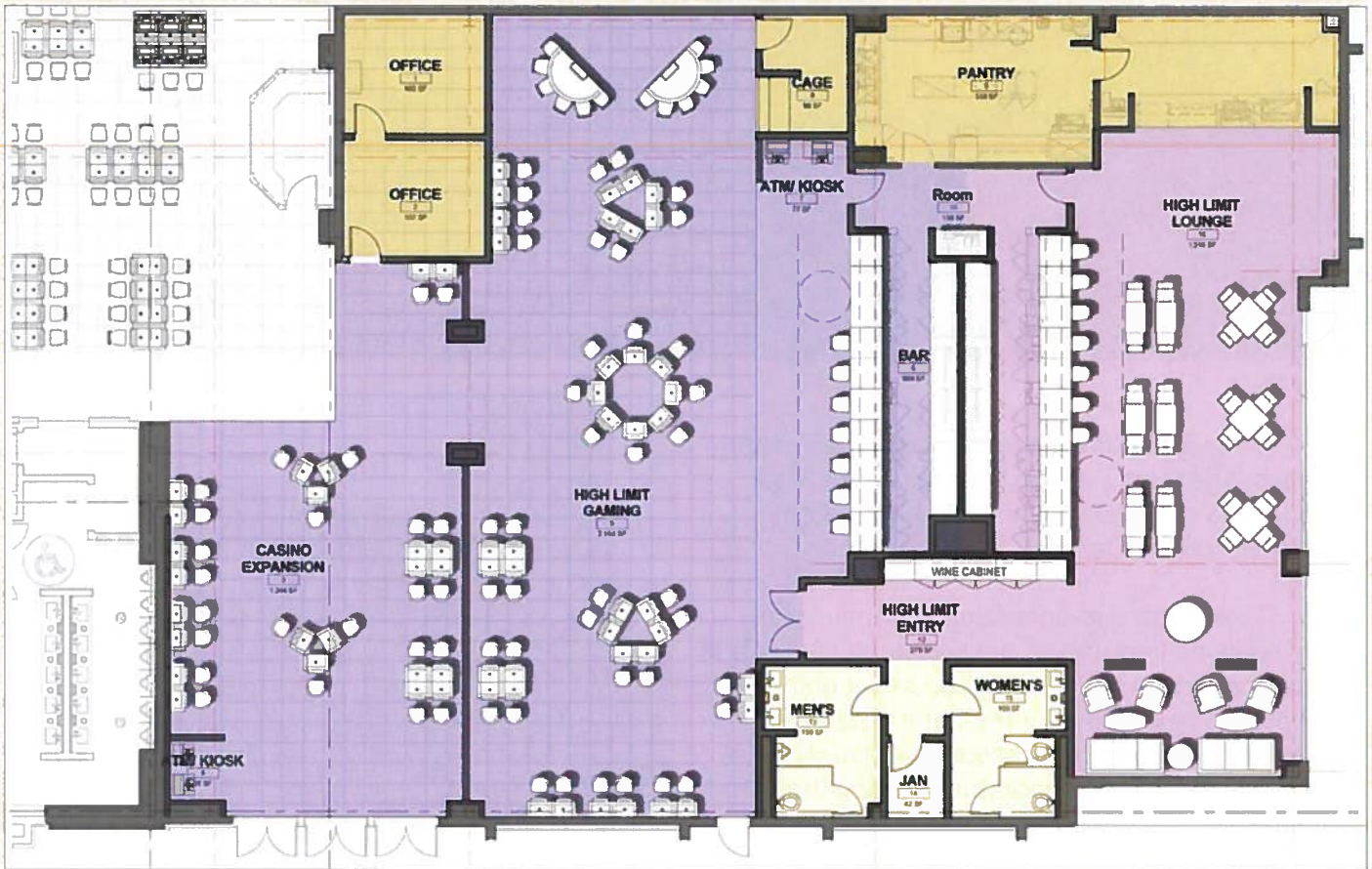
Expansion

On July 14, 2016, The Iowa Racing & Gaming Commission unanimously approved a \$6.5 million, 7,857 square foot expansion for Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sioux City.

Construction is scheduled to begin within the next 30 days and will not interrupt existing casino operations. The expansion should be completed in early 2017.



High Limit Area



“The expansion ideas truly came from our guests,” said Todd Moyer, General Manager of Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sioux City. “They told us they wanted an exclusive area to play, more blackjack tables and an elevated lounge experience. This new space accomplishes all of that in a very fun, creative way.”

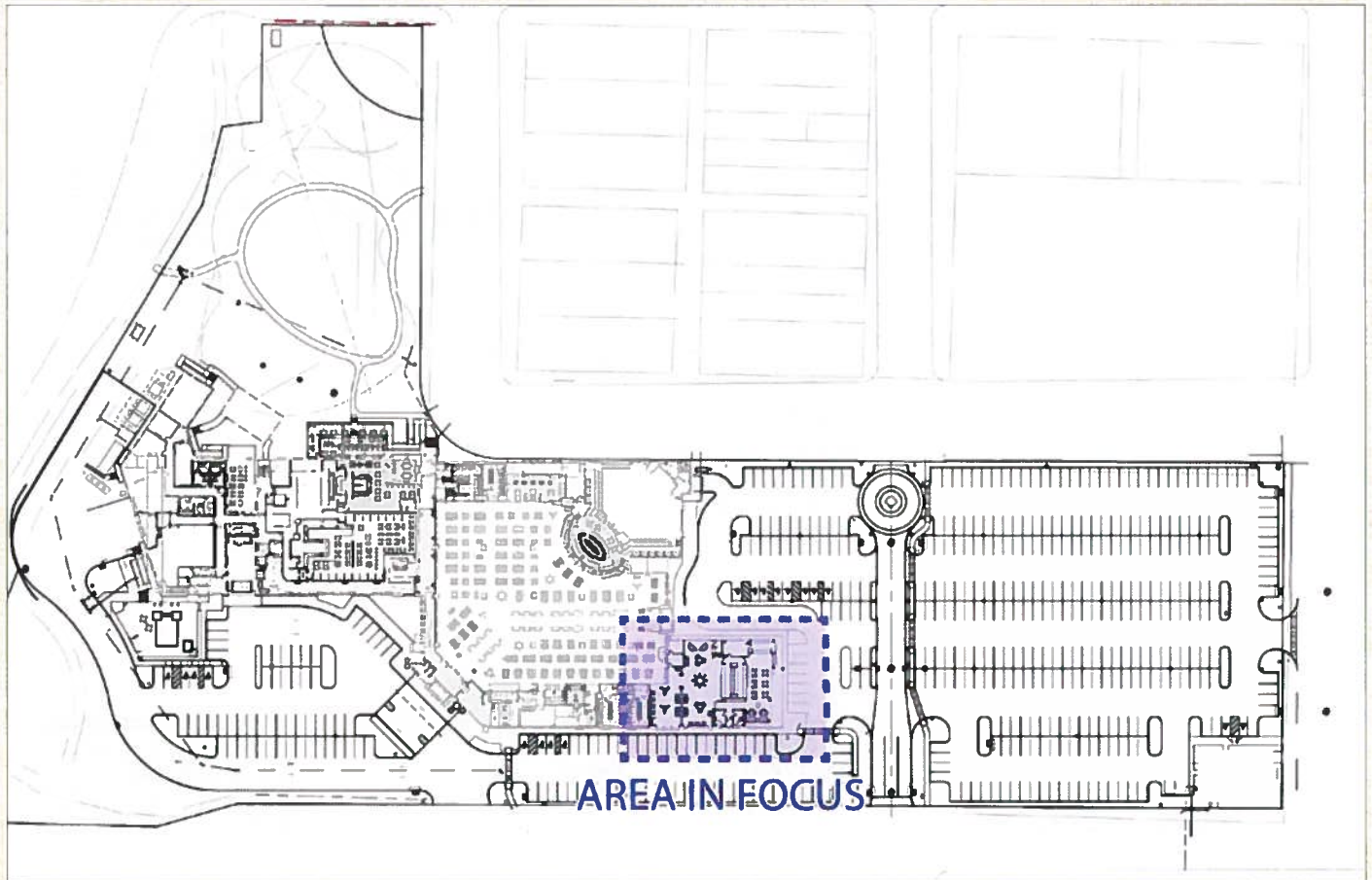
The centerpiece of the expansion will be a new wine bar featuring more than 125 different labels. The wine bar will offer more than 32 selections available by the glass.

The expansion includes 60 new slot machines and two new blackjack tables. Included in the expanded gaming area will be an area dedicated to high limit play featuring a new casino cage and expanded gaming options. A private lounge and dining area are also included in the new space.

Keeping with the rock and roll theme, the expanded area will feature a brand new collection of iconic music memorabilia.



High Limit Lounge





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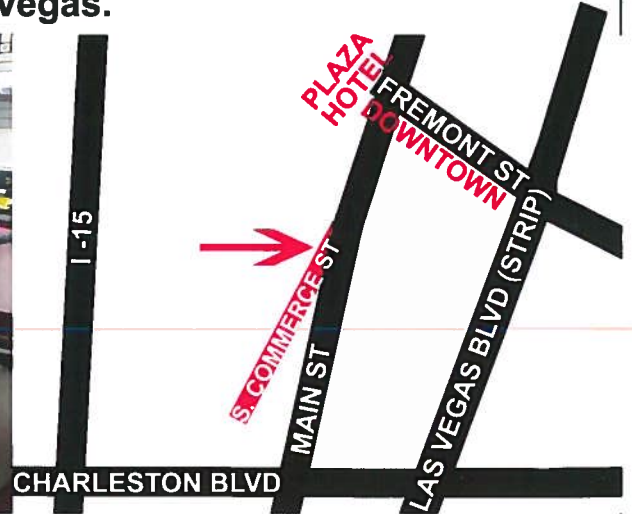
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Greetings to my fellow club members! Our 2016 convention was a rousing success! It was great to see and speak with all of you about my pet project, The Museum of Gaming History. I've had a few weeks to absorb and digest the comments that The MOGH received. I'd like to address those here.

First and foremost, The MOGH is challenged with the daunting task of raising enough capital to build a museum. The process is slow and arduous. Support from the CCG&TCC members have enabled The MOGH to amass the funds that are currently on deposit. Without them, The MOGH would just be an idea. But in order to bring the project to life, The MOGH needs much more in the way of funding. Here are just a few thoughts.

Corporate Sponsorship can bring in some of the capital we need and can offer some real benefits in terms of marketing directly to club members. For current members, the Corporate Level is \$100 per year. That amounts to about \$8/month for advertising on a busy website!

Upgrading to Life Memberships is an additional method to raise capital. The majority of the comments I received indicated that members did not want to donate without something tangible in return. While this is true, perhaps being a founder of a museum would outlast any trinket or t-shirt that The MOGH could give.

Club Members have many contacts. Perhaps some of you have business dealings with those in the casino industry and beyond. Use your power of persuasion to recruit businesses that can target our members to further their business. Any type of business is welcome; it can be restaurants, retail stores, bloggers, authors, the list goes on! Membership materials are a phone call or email away!

The MOGH Museum is the only project on the horizon that will outlast all of us as individuals. So, if you can, please re-consider your involvement to bring this dream to a reality.

Please feel free to contact me at vergatos@msn.com.

Thank you and best regards,

Jerry Vergatos
Membership Director – MOGH
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at the Museum of Gaming History

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

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

Members Corner

DAVID SOWELL R-8209

Jerry Vergatos LM 8093-241

Welcome fellow club members to another edition of Member's Corner. In this issue, I would like to introduce a relatively new member who I met with a couple of years ago at the convention. He was with another new member, Trey Warren who I featured two issues ago. David and Trey struck me in an awesome way. Here were two friends who were young in age and both had a passion for chip collecting. I spoke with them at this year's convention and was glad to see them still excited and passionate as ever. David has participated in quite a few functions at the convention, and I was pleased that he was so very well received. I'm glad that he agreed to be my next 'victim' for this edition. I present to you, David Sowell, R-8029.

Jerry: Where are you from and where do you currently live? Are you married? Children?

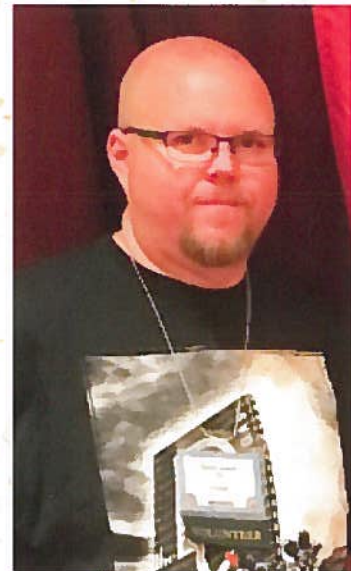
David: I was born and raised in Fort Worth Texas, currently living in a suburb called Watauga. I have been married for 15 years now to my lovely wife Leslie. We have one son named Dominick who is 13 and going into 8th grade in the fall.

Jerry: What is your career and how long have you been doing it?

David: I work for Fed-Ex currently and have been for 9 years now. It's not the Fed-Ex everyone knows. We were purchased by them 2 years ago. We have 4 warehouses in the Fort Worth area and 1 in Dallas. We are a 3rd party logistics company who deal with AT&T, Verizon, Tivo, Tomtom, and T-Mobile. I work in maintenance and do anything from building a chair to keeping the miles of conveyor running.

Jerry: How did you come to be a collector of casino memorabilia/chip collecting?

David: Me and my buddy Trey were in Vegas with our lovely wives in 2010 and we wanted to visit a gambling store. We stumbled upon the Gamblers General Store on South Main Street. While in the store Trey asked if they had specific casino items and the lady behind the counter said try the store behind them called Spinetti's. We did. Four and half hours later we walked out with a few chips, cards, and dice and to this day my wife will not let me live that one moment down. That also was the time when



my wife decided that I could go to Las Vegas without her. After that trip I jumped on eBay and the chip board and have been snatching up what I can. I was hooked like an out of control addiction. A good addiction of course!

Jerry: Are you involved in any other hobbies aside from Casino Memorabilia?

David: Not as crazy as my chip collecting, but I do own a Suzuki GSXR-750 sport bike and like to run up and down the freeways from time to time. I still enjoy video games and I can't bring myself to sell any of my old systems so I have 8 systems with every game I ever bought. I used to collect and restore old BMX bikes from the 80's but I stopped doing that. It was cutting into my chip collecting budget. Parts are tough to find and can be pricey. I kept my favorite one and I'm still trying to finish the complete build. I just recently bought me and my son some compound bows and we shoot a lot in the backyard and some day hunting will be in our future.

Jerry: I know you and Trey Warren are good friends. Have you connected with any other members?

David: Yes, we met Belinda Hixon first in 2011. She lives in our area and we had started a local DFW get together. It's been awhile since we have done that. I got an email from Quintin Kamm from Hawaii one day and he asked what I collect and I answered Jerry's Nugget. He sent me some he had for sale. He had the 5 dollar orange that I hadn't ever seen for sale yet and he sold it to me for book price. That was a fantastic purchase and one of

my favorite chips. A few others we have met Doug Saito, Nate Pincus, Jerry Birl, Jay Sands, and of course the well missed CT Rodgers. There are a ton more people but we always forget names which is sad because everyone wears name tags. We are working on that.



Jerry: In what direction would you like to see the club go?

David: I am happy with the current club as it is. I

have only been a member since 2010 so I'm still kind of new to it so it's tough to see what direction it needs to go. I have been asked in past shows since me and Trey are a younger demographic what should change. I always answer I'm not sure but I always wonder. If it isn't broke don't fix it. One thing I do miss that should return is the calendar.

Jerry: List the top things you like about our club.

David: The people in the club are number 1 in my book. The knowledge about chips, casino locations, stories. You can't buy that stuff. At the chip show, sometimes I sit down to look through binders and I end up talking to the dealer for 2 hours about Vegas stuff and I realize I only looked through one binder and he still has 18 more. I enjoy, the life experiences, and gambling wins and bad beats stories the most.

Jerry: How do you think we could attract more members, young and old to our club?

David: This is a tough question. I think opening a true history of gaming location would be a big boost for getting new members. I'm writing this after the June show and the set up on the back row of the floor that had the artist rendition of what the club wants to do was fantastic. We have seen the Plaza and El Cortez exhibits but never seen other people looking at it at the same time. Its funny when we ask a cage employee or dealers for a dollar or five dollar chip, the looks we get are hilarious because a lot of people think why do you want this? There are cards and dice in the gift shop. I just smile and say I'm crazy. A lot of people I know think I'm crazy for this hobby.

Jerry: Would you be interested in getting involved in the club as far as volunteering and committee work? What would you like to do?

David: I have volunteered twice now. In 2015, I was a trade show floor monitor. This year I helped in Wednesday morning set up and it was a blast. We got to see the inner bowels of South Point which was awesome for me. Riding in the loading elevators, stopping on the wrong floors seeing the kitchens at work and a giant rack of potatoes! It didn't take very long and everyone worked well and efficiently. It was well organized thanks to Sheldon and Christine Smith. I will volunteer every year if I can.

Jerry: Tell me something about yourself that no one knows.

David: There is only one thing no one knows, including Trey. The silver strikes from Four Queens with the clowns on them scare me. Frightening!

Your final words:

To wrap up the club is fantastic. I can't wait until June 2017. I want to use this time to say if you live in Texas or surrounding states I would like for us to meet at least once a year in Texas or maybe Bossier City for a get together, trade session, lunch or something to that effect. I will leave my email here and contact me anytime at dlsowell@verizon.net Thanks to Jerry Vergatos for letting me take this members corner questionnaire to the last minute and the generous pour at the show on Friday afternoon.

Jerry's Final Words:

In a time where our club members are shrinking, it's refreshing to

see the next generation carry on. David epitomizes the type of person who will take our club to the next level. It was a pleasure to speak to him and get to know him a little better through this article. I'm glad I reached out to the fine young man and I hope hear a lot about him in the near future. Jerry



ILLEGALS

Simple Chips Incredible Histories

I've been collecting illegals for twenty years now, and I never get tired of them.

The word "illegals," at least for us chippers, refers to chips from unlicensed gambling clubs. Most of these clubs date back to the 1930s and run through the 1960s, but there are numerous examples on either side of those dates.

Most collectors, even those with no interest in illegals, know something about the histories of these clubs and the people behind them. The founders of Las Vegas were almost all from illegal gambling backgrounds. Bugsy Siegel ran clubs in Los Angeles. Benny Binion was the gambling godfather of Dallas, Texas. Moe Dalitz, Lucky Luciano and Meyer Lansky all cut their teeth in illegal casinos from Cleveland to New York to Florida. The history of illegal gambling is a direct predecessor to everything we see today.

If the above names are all you know about illegals, then you are only seeing a tiny slice of the whole. Sure, the stories of these powerful and popular mobsters are interesting, but illegal gambling was literally everywhere. I'm continually amazed at some of the places where gambling took place. From large cities with hundreds of clubs to small towns where the number of chips ordered far outnumbered its residents. I've seen gambling raids in bars and restaurants, as well as laundromats and gas stations. There was even one bust of an organized game in the men's rest room of a California Greyhound bus station.

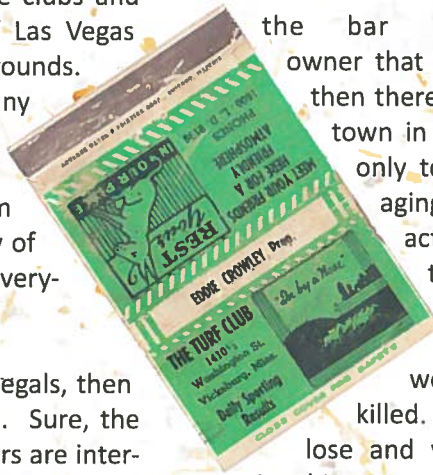
And therein lies the problem for researchers like me – where do you begin? To go diving into researching all illegal gambling activity is without focus and leads to lost time. Casino chips, however, serve as a great starting point for research. I am constantly amazed at what I turn up with nothing more than a name. These histories, completely untouched until now, are just waiting to be dug up.

Now I know I'm biased here, but I believe illegals are the best source of untapped research potential. Las Vegas chips are nice looking, sure, but there is not much more to learn about the famous casinos. Their histories, although interesting, have been told and retold many times over.

But what about the Southern Club in Pampa, Texas? I doubt most have even heard of the city of Pampa, let alone the feud between the sheriff and the bar



owner that ended in a deadly gun fight. And then there is Fred Strauss who built an entire town in Oklahoma so he could deal cards, only to be foiled by a shootout with an aging Old West sheriff turned Hollywood actor. I've uncovered gambling boats that motored between states, as well as, clubs built inside caves. I've found dozens of owners who were killers and many more who were killed. There were men with nothing to lose and women with everything to prove. Anything one could imagine, as well as the completely unimaginable, is just waiting to be found. I never get tired of being surprised.



Over the past few years, I have teamed up with Gene Trimble to post some of the histories online at www.thechipboard.com in what we call the "Illegal of the Day." If you are interested in ongoing research and some amazing stories, I encourage you to check them out.

In the following pages I've summarized just a fraction of the many illegal clubs I have researched with interesting stories. I hope you enjoy reading them as much as I enjoyed researching them.

McLaughlin's Tavern

Chicago, Illinois

Robert E. McLaughlin was no ordinary run-of-the-mill mobster. He was ambitious, smart and knew how to work the system. While others relied on muscle and guns, Robert used his intelligence and cunning. He preferred collusion to holdups and business infiltration to hijackings. That isn't to say he was against using violence if needed, but he had people to handle that – mainly his brother Eugene.

Robert's first big move into the high stakes rackets came in 1926 when he gained control of the presidency of the Checker Cab Company. With the help of his brother Eugene, Robert silenced all opposition, including the former president who turned up dead.



Robert's partnership in crime with his brother would prove short lived, however. In July 1930, Eugene's body was found in a drainage canal, two bullet wounds to the head. Suspects were numerous, but nobody was charged.

Soon after, in 1931 Robert McLaughlin hung up the presidency and purchased a tavern at 1958 North Avenue. From the start it was a success, earning enough revenue on Friday and Saturday to pay for all the week's expenses, leaving everything else to profit. To add to the booming liquor sales, the tavern also operated as a fully functioning casino.



(R)obert (M)cLaughlin cord mold chips from his estate

McLaughlin's Tavern was by no means a secret place for gambling. It was widely known and even occasionally raided. In February 1941, forty-eight people were reportedly arrested for gambling in the third floor of the tavern. In August 1942, eighty-eight patrons were chased out of a fully stocked casino in the basement of McLaughlin's building.

Robert's prosperity was starting to unravel as 1942 came to a close. In December, he took possession of \$20,000 worth of stolen liquor, followed that night by a mysterious fire that temporarily shut the tavern down.

Two weeks later, Robert McLaughlin, now 42, was found dead on the side of the road after being unceremoniously dumped from a passing car. There were plenty of theories as to why he was killed and a long list of those who might have pulled the trigger. Most, of course, were convinced McLaughlin was the victim of a gangland assassination for crimes going back a decade. Others thought it was the remnants of Capone's gang who were frustrated with McLaughlin's attempts to get into the bookie business. A third theory supposes it was nothing more than a common robbery.



Whatever the reason, it seems Robert McLaughlin met his fate the same way he had lived. Whether it was a premeditated mob hit or a robbery of opportunity, Robert McLaughlin would finally pay for a lifetime of violence and Chicago would lose another of its larger than life characters.

Bangor Cave Club

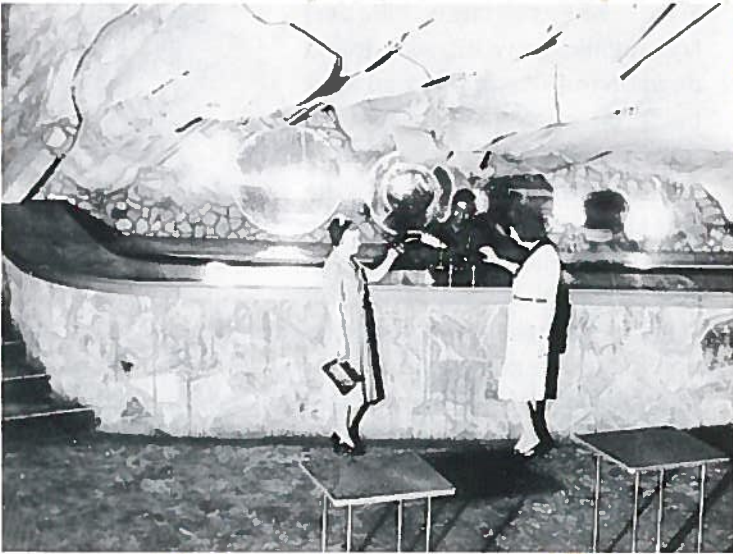
Birmingham, Alabama

In the early 1930s, the future site of the plush Bangor Cave Club was anything but luxurious. Known simply as Bangor Cave, it was a rough hole in the side of mountain, about thirty miles north of Birmingham, which attracted amateur spelunkers.

The cave, and the lands around it, had been owned by J. Musgrove's family for generations. Its potential as a real moneymaker, however would not be realized until he and four partners decided to invest \$70,000 into transforming it into an entertainment center.

Their plans were ambitious, and at times, must have seemed impossible. Natural cracks in the rock proved impossible to seal making seepage a constant problem. All attempts to stop the leaks failed and their solution was to build a roof on top of the mountain itself.

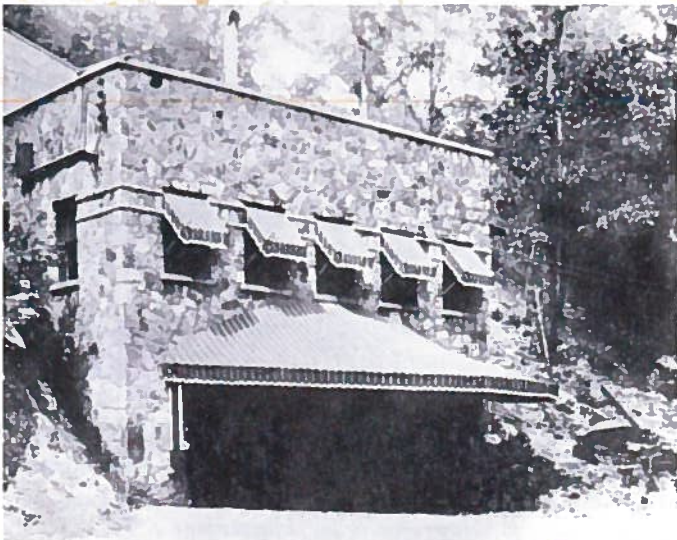
The floor was blasted smooth and covered in cement. The now cavernous first room was 300 feet by 57 feet and held a large dance floor in the middle with café tables aligning the walls. To one side was a large bar made of stone and above the dance floor was an excavated alcove for the band.



Large stone bar

A second room in the back was where the owners planned on housing their casino. It was smaller than the first, but they packed everything they could into it. There were multiple craps tables, black-jack, roulette and slot machines.

The last bit of work to be done was putting a façade in front of the rough gaping hole in the side of the mountain. The owners knew this was a gimmick, but they weren't about to have the wealthy patrons of Alabama think they were going to dance and gamble amongst a bunch of bats!



Entrance to the club in 1937

The grand opening came on the evening of June 5, 1937. Despite constant problems and engineering setbacks, it opened its doors only five days behind schedule to a huge crowd. Hundreds of people packed into the new Bangor Cave Club and danced and gambled the night away. It was an immediate success.

Two weeks later, the Alabama governor ordered the local sheriff to investigate and shut it down. He declared the club closed.

Soon, and much to the surprise of state, the operators of the Bangor Cave Club announced to their patrons that they would be having a grand re-opening in July. The governor sent an order down to the sheriff stating that the club would reopen at the cost of his job, to which the sheriff replied with his resignation. The restraints were off and the Bangor Cave Club was reopened.

Down, but not out, the state searched for, and found, a man it could trust who would stand firm against gambling. At the stroke of midnight, July 31, 1937, Ed Miller was sworn in as sheriff. Eight minutes later, he and his newly appointed deputies were on their way to the Bangor Cave Club.



Mason & Co chip delivered in 1937

As the raiders crashed through the dance room they were bombarded by seas of "boos" as they took control of the hidden gambling room. There were four dice tables, two blackjack tables, one roulette wheel and many cases of illegal liquor.

The patrons were ordered to disperse and the partners were arrested on the spot. What proceeded were countless witnesses and testimonies about the club and the action within.

With little recourse to fight it, each of the owners pled guilty and was given a \$500 fine – a mere slap on the wrist. The damage, however, was done. The spotlight was firmly on the cave and nothing would ever be the same.

The Bangor Cave reopened soon after and despite the notoriety, gambling was again openly displayed. This was enough for the sheriff, who raided it yet again and padlocked the doors. After only three months since their opening, Musgrove and his partners would never again operate the club.

In October 1937, the club was sold and reopened under new management who promised that the illegal booze

and gambling were a thing of the past. The response was a rousing yawn.

The new owners, however, weren't keeping their noses completely clean. The back room, now hidden and guarded, was back in business. Unlike the previous casino that

was open to all, you needed to be invited to play now. This more exclusive arrangement was easier to keep under wraps, at least for a while.

After a year of rumors and whispers about gambling, the sheriff had enough. On January 7, 1939, the final raid on the Bangor Cave Club was made and the club closed. There was talk of reopening, but that was silenced on the night of May 8th when billowing black smoke came pouring out of the cave's entrance. Although the rock structure was impervious to fire, the façade, furniture, electrical set-up and equipment were completely destroyed. Speculation about the fire swirled, but most pointed to law enforcement putting an exclamation point on the club.

Despite its short life of one and a half years, the Bangor Cave Club reportedly made its investors over one million dollars. Not bad for a \$70,000 investment!

Gurkin's Tavern

Selma, North Carolina

The history of Gurkin's Tavern is unusual in that most of this club's notoriety isn't from gambling, or anything illegal at all. Its claim to fame is the fact that it was ground zero for one of North Carolina's most unusual tragedies.

Thirty miles southeast of North Carolina's capital of Raleigh, the "Catch-Me-Eye" complex was located just south of Selma on Highway 301. It was little more than a blip on the map that offered traveling motorists a tavern, cabins, service station and a little poker. At the center of it all was Gurkin's Tavern, run by local Lloyd Gurkin.

In March 1942, a truckload of explosives heading for nearby Fort Bragg collided with a car and caught fire. Emergency personnel were able to evacuate most of the



nearby citizens, but the fire remained too dangerous to approach.

Despite the danger, some patrons of Gurkin's Tavern shrugged off the warning and continued their night of drinking and gambling.

Two hours after the accident, around 3 am, the heat from the fire finally proved too much for the truck's cargo. The ensuing explosion was heard over fifty miles away and broke virtually every window in downtown Selma. Locals assumed a German air raid had begun and headed for cover. It wouldn't be until the next morning that the true nature of the blast, and the extent of the damage, would be fully realized.

Where the army truck once sat was now a giant crater 50 foot across and 20 feet deep. All that remained of the large Talton Hotel, once located across the street from the Catch-Me-Eye complex, was a single chimney.

The dedicated patrons of Gurkin's Tavern were rewarded with flying glass and wooden splinters which caused many injuries, some severe. The building façade held together, barely, but the damage to the complex as a whole was devastating and complete. Buildings and cabins collapsed, making it a total loss.

Amazingly, only a few people were reported killed from the chaos two of them in a passing car that ignored all warnings and was caught in the blast.

The wounds eventually healed and the town moved on. The tavern would rebuild and operate again under Lloyd Gurkin's management until his passing years later. The Catch-Me-Eye would settle back into its quiet existence, although now



immortalized by its notorious and explosive fame.

Colonial Club

Near Hot Springs, Arkansas

Located about 15 miles northeast of Hot Springs on the Hot Springs Highway (today's Hwy 5), the Colonial Club was said to be just a few yards over the Saline County line. Obviously this was no mere coincidence as the law on the Garland County side was in the midst of the clean-up. However, if the owners of the Colonial Club thought the grass was greener on the other side of the county line, they were mistaken.

The night of January 17, 1948 was the grand opening for the Colonial Dinner Club and it proved to be a big one. The place was busy and everyone was enjoying the music, dancing and gambling until the sheriff arrived with a court order to close the place down. What started with a bang ended with a thud as everyone was ordered out and a padlock was fastened to the front door.



Taylor & Co. chips ordered eight days before the opening, and closing, day

From this first fateful night, the legal wrangling would go on for almost two years. A hearing was given and the owners of the club were ordered to come forward and answer the charges. Unfortunately for the courts, the only man they could find was a local of Hot Springs who in no way seemed like the club owner type. It was obvious he was the local front man to other, more seasoned, gamblers (typical scenario for illegal clubs).

The county judge didn't mix words when he handed down his ruling. Calling the club a "hell hole" and saying gambling was "one of the worst evils of our day," he ordered the Colonial Club to be permanently closed and the building and all within to be the property of Arkansas. Unfortunately for the state, the next day they would find

the club completely plundered of all equipment. Someone beat them to it.

Of course the judge was furious and ordered a special grand jury to investigate both the gambling and the "robbery."

Evidence was hard to come by initially, but finally names started to come out as being associated with the Colonial Club. It took eight months, but by January 1949, Saline County was ready to indict the five people they suspected were involved in the club.

However, they would find that getting names was one thing, finding the men was quite another. All the subpoenas went unserved and the county had no choice but to drop the case. Enough time and money had been lost already. The history of the shortest lived casino was done.

The chips would go on to live elsewhere. Within a year of being delivered, they were returned to Taylor & Co with only a single night's worth of wear. Taylor, later resold them where they found a new life in several casinos throughout Illinois and Louisiana.

Clint Murchison

Dallas, Texas

They say everything is bigger in Texas, and that includes chip histories – even those without an illegal gambling tie.

Clint W. Murchison, Senior, was born in 1895 in Tyler, Texas, to humble beginnings. Through years of hard work he went from selling raccoon skins to oil leases and eventually owning his own oil wells. By the age of 30 he sold his holdings for \$5 million and expanded into a conglomerate of different businesses including insurance, publishing, manufacturing and energy. The Southern Union pipeline company would be his largest, and exceedingly most profitable, venture.

By the time the below chips were ordered in 1933, Clint was a mover and shaker in the business world and was no stranger to hosting the rich and powerful in both industry and politics. It is fun to imagine who among his friends and associates might have used the chips in a friendly poker game. We tend to think of personal chips as something less than those used in clubs and casinos,

but these chips have the potential to represent enormous amounts of money. It boggles the mind to think what the non-denominational chips might have been worth in a game between the richest men in America.

More tantalizing, perhaps, is how these chips might have been associated with one of this country's most tragic events. Thirty years after the chips were ordered for Clint Murchison Sr., he would host a party at his Dallas mansion for some of this country's most powerful men – including Vice President Lyndon Johnson, J. Edgar Hoover and Richard Nixon. These men, as well as other conservative oil tycoons, met behind closed doors for part of the evening (did they maybe play some poker?). Among the guests that night was Madeleine Brown, self-proclaimed mistress to Lyndon Johnson. According to her, Johnson came out of the meeting and exclaimed, "After tomorrow, those goddamn Kennedys will never embarrass me again. That's no threat. That's a promise!" The next day, President Kennedy would be assassinated on the streets of Dallas.

As with so many JFK conspiracy details, this one is impossible to prove. The fact that it still continues to be cited does show that it is at least conceivable that Murchison could have hosted such a party.

As Clint Murchison moved into his 70s, his health declined rapidly and most of his business interests were handed down to his son, Clint Murchison, Junior.

Junior, unfortunately, was not the best businessman. He gambled on questionable deals and proceeded to lose his father's fortune. The Murchison bankruptcy case that followed was one of the country's largest.



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An Island Story

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This casino story happened many years ago - sometime in the early 1970's. The ethics of what happened is a topic for a different time. My wife and I were young and very unworldly - we were basically kids, married in 1968 at the ripe old age of 21.

I remember it was Thanksgiving week because on that week, I only had to take three vacation days from work to get a whole week. We decided to go to Aruba. We had seven nights at the Aruba Sheraton (now the Riu - I think.) We always liked to gamble a little, but we were not "gamblers" by any stretch of the imagination. We live in New Jersey and Atlantic City did not have gambling at the time. So if you were an East Coaster with a yen for gambling and looking for a week's vacation in the sun, it was always someplace in the Caribbean .

And what does one do after dinner in the evening? Gamble of course!

For the first six nights we gambled every evening at the Aruba Sheraton. We paced ourselves financially and remember, this was some 40 or 45 years ago and we're just casual gamblers. So, \$100 to \$200 dollars a night was basically our stake - actually a lot of money to us at the time. We were losers five out of six nights as I remember. I had read a couple of books on Blackjack including the classic "Beat The Dealer" so I knew basic strategy but never counted cards - just got a "feel" if the deck was rich or poor in 10s and aces and modified my bet by a whopping \$10 accordingly. I taught my wife Basic Strategy.

So on the last night, we decide to go to a different casino - the casino at the Holiday Inn (I think this was at a different location from where today's Holiday Inn stands.)

We are gambling together at the same table. We are

obviously a couple. I'm holding my own, but my wife is starting to win a little (I'm talking \$50-\$100 - just a little). The dealer announces he's going on break but will be back soon. I get up from the table to really take a breather and move on to some other table. My wife says out loud to the dealer "You're going on break, I'm going to take a break too." My wife walks around a little and eventually sees the dealer standing on the side and sipping a cup of coffee at the same time he spots her. He beckons her over. They chit-chat and before he has to return to the table, he tells my wife "when I have a ten or ace up I'll show you two fingers when I have a ten or a nine in the hole and one finger when I don't."



Evelyn & Bruce Kay in Aruba

My wife tells me later she is scared to death to have this information and envisions herself in an Aruba prison cell. None-the-less she returns to the table with the dealer and starts playing.

How does this one finger, two finger thing work? Back then, whenever the dealer got a ten or ace, he would take

a peek at his hole card to see if he had blackjack before he dealt out cards to the players. We all know that is not the practice today.

So as this dealer dealt cards around the table, he would kind of slam his open palm by your cards on the table. You wouldn't notice it if you weren't looking for it, but when he came to my wife's cards he'd either have one or two fingers extended. My wife tells me later she is so nervous that at first she doesn't even know what to do with the information - eventually she got it!

Meanwhile I'm wandering around the casino and eventually come back to the table where my wife is

playing. I of course do not know what is going on. As I'm watching I see my wife doing some odd things, like occasionally standing on 14s, 15s and 16s against a 10. Drawing to 17 against a 10 - definitely not following basic strategy. I say to her "what are you doing?" In no uncertain terms using a low but forceful voice she says "Get the (expletive deleted) out of here," which I do.

A little later (I am told) the dealer finally says "I'm off, good luck to everyone" and a new dealer takes his place. The new dealer says something to my wife like "my friend treated you okay?" And proceeds to do the same one finger, two finger thing.

Why do they do this?

My wife was (and still is) an attractive woman, but the dealer knew she was married and in the casino with her husband. My wife was not betting much and only slightly more when the one finger two finger thing started. He probably knew he wasn't getting a large gratuity or anything else from my wife. So, why? I can only come to the conclusion that this was done out of boredom and to have a little fun. My wife walked away with a couple hundred dollars in profit, but overall for the week we made a little donation to the economy of Aruba.



Bruce Kay in a casino in Aruba

Unfortunately, this story has a sad ending. While Bruce and I were communicating over the article, he notified me that he was in the hospital for some tests. The following Saturday, his son contacted me that Bruce passed away in the hospital on Thursday. The family requested I run the article as is. The CC>C expresses its deepest sympathy to the family of Bruce Kay.

A Collection of Collectors

By Larry Chabot *Marquette Monthly* with permission

People save weird things. Would you believe belly button lint? An Australian has mounds of it. Airline barf bags? You bet. Traffic cones? Toenail clippings? Yes, yes, really. You can look it up. While the Upper Peninsula has countless connoisseurs of collecting here are a few that are mainstream and fascinating.

Ante up

Take Ed Noel of Marquette, whose prime target is the casino chip—those little, round betting tokens. The United States has 1,500 casinos and Ed and his wife, Jan, have been in over 365 of them. All told, he owns 1,502 of their chips.

"Until the mid-1980's" Ed said, "you had to play table games and actually 'pocket' a chip and walk out with it. Casinos didn't want you taking them. But many collectors want higher denominations such as \$5, \$25, and \$100. When casinos finally realized that the missing chips weren't being played, but were saved uncashed, they replaced them with new ones and made a nice profit. Now you can go to a cashier and buy as many as you want."

Chip collecting began with people keeping them as souvenirs. In 1980's collector groups were formed, newsletters published and conventions held. Internet auction sites like eBay, where thousands of items are on sale, gave the hobby a big boost. Eventually an official grading system was developed to establish a chip's worth (which is different from face value.)

Ed Noel's collection began modestly.

"One of my first chips was a dollar chip, which I picked up as a souvenir in 1979 from the Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas where we were staying. I collect mostly dollar chips but I do have some smaller ones and a number of \$5 chips" Noel said.

As gambling devices, about 85 percent of Ed's collection is obsolete because the issuing casinos closed, went bankrupt, or replaced earlier chips with newer issues. But they do have value as collectibles. Ed continues to buy, sell, and trade, but now limits his buys to chips from casinos in the states which border one of the Great Lakes.

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Ed Noel at home with his Riviera chip

"Many times I go into a casino just to buy chips. We made many such trips over the past 25 years. Some of my Native American chips are from casinos that were way back on the reservations and hard to locate," Noel said. "I do have a \$5 chip from The President, the very first riverboat casino located in Davenport, Iowa. We paid \$10 to get aboard and were given a \$200 spending limit on a two hour cruise down the Mississippi. I also have a \$5 one with Donald Trump and his first wife on it, and a \$5 Debbie Reynolds chip. Both are hard to find today."

Ed joined the CCG&TC, which holds a yearly convention in Las Vegas.

"I go on their website every weekday to keep up and work trades. On the site www.chipguide.com there is a US map. Click on any state for a list of casinos in that state, past, and present, with a list of every chip and slot card issued since they opened," he said.

Of all the all the casinos they've seen, Ed considers those in Las Vegas as truly impressive with fine interiors, fountains, volcanoes and unique architecture.

He said some of the finest Native American casinos are in the state of Oklahoma.

"In the U.P., I would say that the Island Resort and Casino in Harris is best, and in the Lower Peninsula it would be Four Winds in New Buffalo. As for riverboat casinos, the few still running are very crowded and unimpressive. Many of them were converted to land-based casinos," he said.

Oh, by the way, Ed collects other things too. His little museum has hundreds of casino swizzle sticks, over 1200 slot machine cards, 300 slot bungee cords, and more than 400 coin buckets (seldom found today since casino switched from coins to paper credits.)

He has a final message for *MM* readers: "I'd be glad to hear from anyone who may have older chips they want to sell or wants more information on this hobby. They can call me at 226-7082."

SATIN JACKETS

STEVE PALUMBO

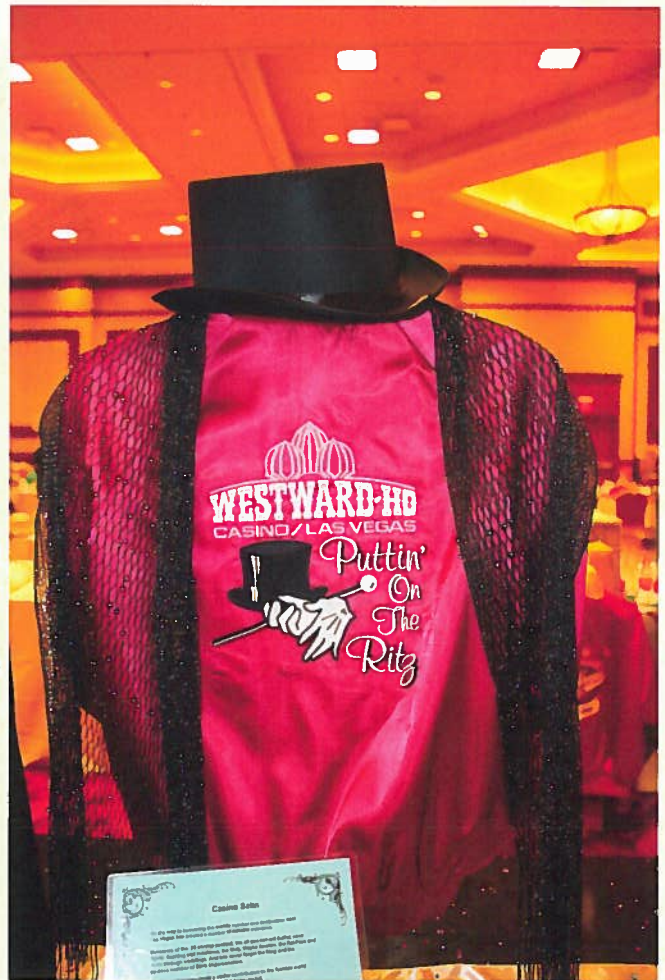


On it's way to becoming the world's number one destination spot, Las Vegas has created a number of notable memories.

Memories of the \$.99 shrimp cocktail, the all you can eat buffet, neon lights, flashing slot machines, the Mob, Wayne Newton, the Rat Pack and drive through weddings. And let's never forget the King and the endless number of Elvis impersonators.

Las Vegas has also made a stellar contribution to the fashion world in the form of the infamous Casino Satin Jacket.

Sporting a casino logo these shiny satin jackets are still a popular apparel item and can be seen adorning many a casino enthusiast. Easily obtained in gift shops, won with a jackpot, purchased with gaming points and sometimes just given away they are, well, everywhere. They can be found in black, red, gold, white, green, pink, turquoise and a rainbow of other colors. It is a rare casino regular who fails to have at least one in their wardrobe.



The casino satin jacket has transcended a number of decades and has joined the ranks of true vintage clothing. Shoppers cruise through thrift shops, Craigslist, garage sales, and eBay in search of their favorite casino logo and colors.

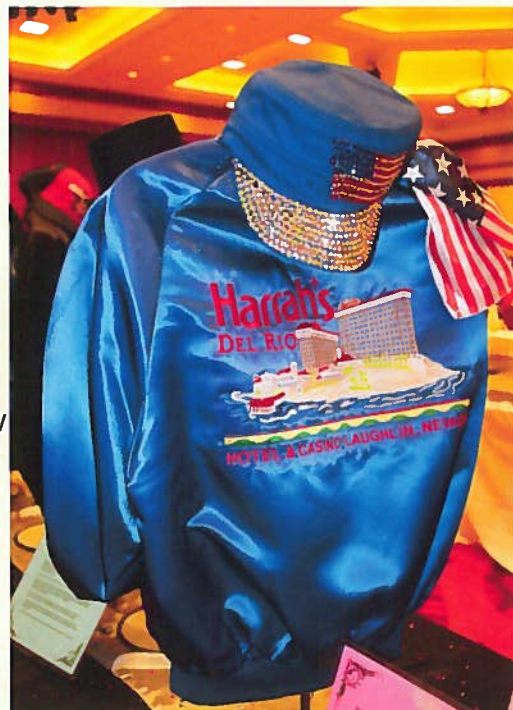
Like rock and roll, classic cars and neon lights they are still cool.

There's even a World Series of Casino Satin Jackets held at the Mob Family Picnic in October, at the D Las Vegas. The satin jackets are judged on age, condition, rarity, color and how well you rock them. No Denim Is Allowed!!!

Don't be afraid to wear your casino satin jacket proudly. Who cares if it seems to have gotten a little tighter over the years. Buffets happen....

So, put on your favorite satin jacket, get in your car, crank up some rock and roll and proudly cruise the Vegas Strip with your favorite Hunka, Hunka burnin love.

Now, if only drive-in movies and large back seats would make a comeback.





50 Favorites from the Chipco Collection

Dick Bartley [LM-5316-201]

When they first appeared in the late 80's Chipco casino chips were something of a revolution in the industry. Made of ceramic with the image printed directly into the surface of the chip (rather than onto an inlay), Chipcos offered casinos the opportunity to use the entire face of the chip to display their design and logo. Over the next 20+ years, Chipco manufactured hundreds of thousands (if not millions) of chips for casinos, companies and private customers around the world. Based on the number of different designs, the split between gaming and home game chip production was about 50/50.

Now this is not a Chipco corporate history – I'll leave that to someone far more knowledgeable about the subject. Rather, this is a celebration of a handful of fascinating Chipco chips that have come into my possession over the past year or two.

In the summer of 2013 and the winter of 2014 (following the company's dissolution), CC>CC members David Spragg and David Sarles jointly purchased the remaining Chipco sample inventory from several different sources – a total of approximately 30,000 chips.

Spragg & Sarles began offering these Chipco samples – both notched and unnotched – in giant bargain bins at the 2015 CC>CC Convention, the 2016 Super Bowl show, and again at the 2016 CC>CC Convention. I (and many other collectors) spent hours and hours sorting through these enormous tubs of Chipcos in search of additions to our collections. What follows is a personal presentation of two groups of Chipco favorites.

First, 25 classic \$1 Chipcos that were released by casinos all around the world during the 80's, 90's and 00's. These did not come from the bargain bins; I acquired them in the usual manner. They were picked up in person at the various casinos, or purchased from a chip dealer, or traded for. I make no claim that these are the greatest, or most beautiful, or most historically important Chipco chips – simply that I love the variety of colors and designs.

Casino Chipcos

Shooting Star, Minnesota - Queen of New Orleans - Alhambra, Aruba – Hard Rock, Tampa – Casino Royale, Nepal

Oregon Blackjack – Desert Inn, Las Vegas – B.B Cody's, Deadwood – Luxor, Las Vegas – Gold Mine, Colorado

Artichoke Joe's, California – Las Vegas Hilton – Full House, Montana – Ladbroke Nile Hilton, Egypt – Drift On Inn, Washington

Golden Horseshoe, Colorado - King's Casino, Russia – San Felipe, New Mexico – Casino Royale, Las Vegas – Silver Hawk, Colorado

Royal Dutch, Costa Rica – Dubuque Greyhound, Iowa – The Poker Club, Washington – Palace Casino, Canada – Shoshone Rose, Wyoming

The second group of 25 chips all came from the Spragg/Sarles Chipco sample bins at the last few chip shows I attended. They were originally created for small clubs, advertising campaigns, and private home game customers. There's nothing especially significant about the chips except this – each one displays a level of creativity, humor, color, graphic design and personality that makes them irresistible. They're listed as "miscellaneous" in my collection database, but I treasure them nonetheless.



Whatever you collect in this great casino memorabilia hobby – chips, tokens, silver strikes, cards, dice, matches, postcards, slot glass, plates, patches, uniforms, etc. – I hope you enjoy the color, the creativity, and the history behind each and every item.

Home Game Chipcos

Cut Throat Poker – Midnight Casino
 – Walker’s, Virginia Beach – Baghdad
 21, Iraq – Jackrabbit Jimmy’s

Deep Creek Fishing Club, Alaska
 – Montecito, Las Vegas – Chalet
 Christina, Switzerland – Penthouse at
 Fat Ed’s – Motor City Kitty’s, Michigan

Frontier Saloon – Austin, Texas –
 Warrior Club & Casino – Moody Island
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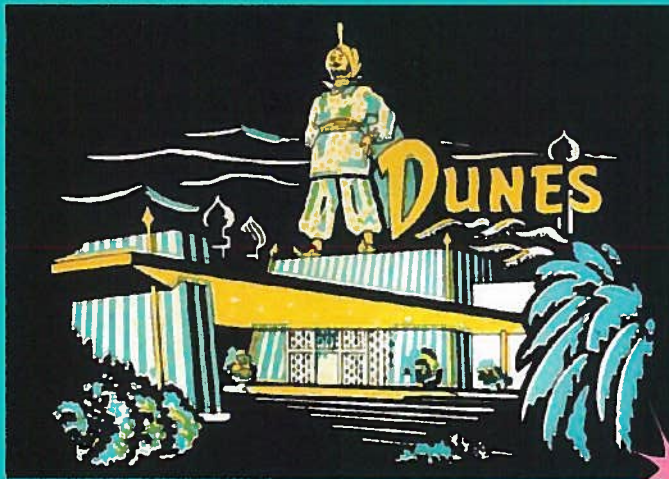
Boyer’s Casino & Tavern, Michigan
 – Alaska State Troopers – All In –
 Diamond Poker Room – Fat Bonus
 Casino

Poker at Ilya’s – Isle of Man motto, UK
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 New Jersey – Club Ship It!

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Branding Las Vegas, 1941 ★ 1958

Highlights from the Greeno Collection



by Steve Miller

While in Las Vegas for our convention, I was able to go with Steve Palumbo to see the Richard and Nancy Greeno Collection of Las Vegas memorabilia at the Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas. Friday morning Steve and I met with Dennis McBride, the Director and Curator for the museum. We got to see "Branding Las Vegas, 1941-1958: Highlights from the Greeno Collection" as it was being set up. The exhibit opens on July 8, 2016 and is scheduled to run through at least the end of September 2016.

Mr. McBride was using items from the collection to show how branding was important to the creation of Las Vegas as a casino mecca. Branding continues to be used by casinos for marketing differentiation even today. The exhibit shows how the 13 main casinos on the strip from 1941 through 1958, used different themes to distinguish each of the properties from other. Everything on the property was branded with the casinos' logo. It was expected back then, that people staying or playing at the property, would take home souvenirs, to be seen by neighbors, family, and friends. These logos were on everything in the casino: ashtrays, matches, dishware, letterhead, napkins, glassware, or anything else that could be taken home. Sound familiar?

Richard Greeno of Frankfort, Indiana, first came to Las Vegas in 1967, staying at the Fremont Hotel and Casino. He married his wife Nancy in 1971 and exposed her to Las Vegas in 1975. They fell in love with the weather, the lights, and the ambience. Richard even worked in Las Vegas as a magician at some of the properties, which allowed them to come out for both business and pleasure. Richard is also a member of the CC>C. They started with collecting matchbooks and postcards. As they expanded the collecting so did the methods, from casinos on their trips to Las Vegas, the internet, and flea markets. The donated collection has more than 8,000 pieces, that filled a Pod container for shipping. Mr. McBride took us into a back room at the museum, where he is still sorting through labeled boxes from the collection.

It is an excellent exhibit of photos, LP records, china, ashtrays, and many other items that came from casinos. There are even pieces from the famous El Rancho fire in June 1960. Las Vegas is still using the same marketing concepts today in branding of casinos, though there are fewer items to walk home with.



Richard Greeno's magician suit



LP Albums

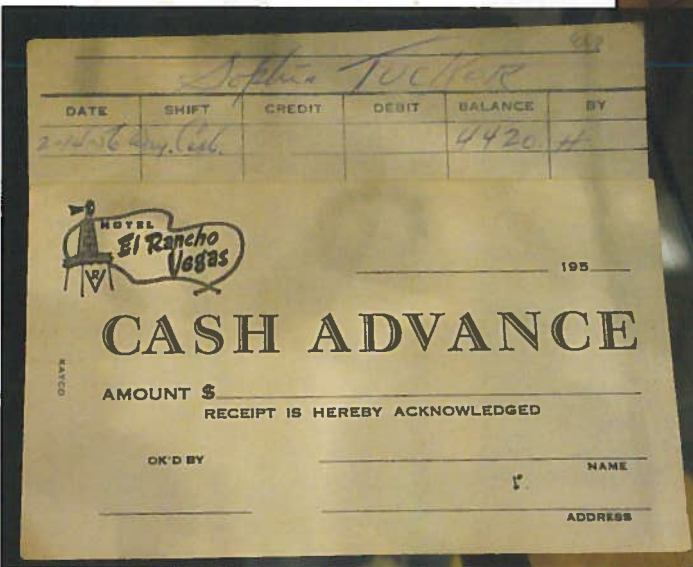
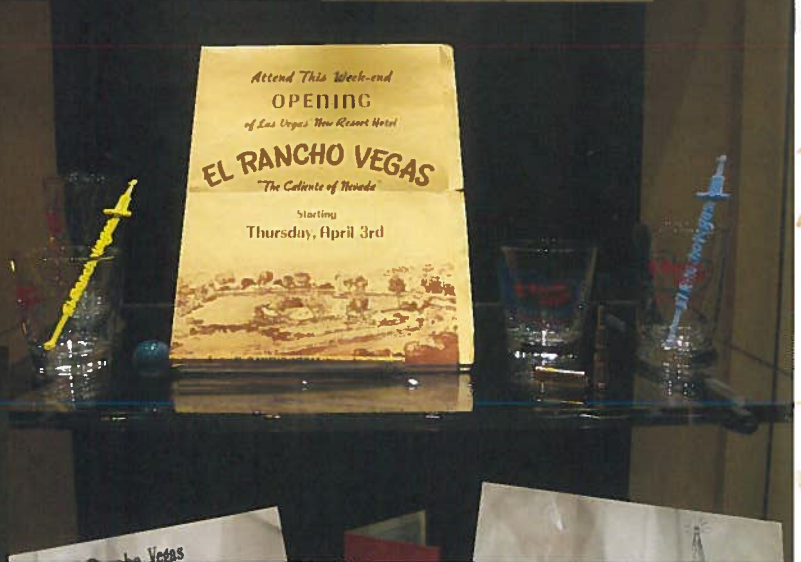


Items from the Stardust and the Aku Aku restaurant on the property

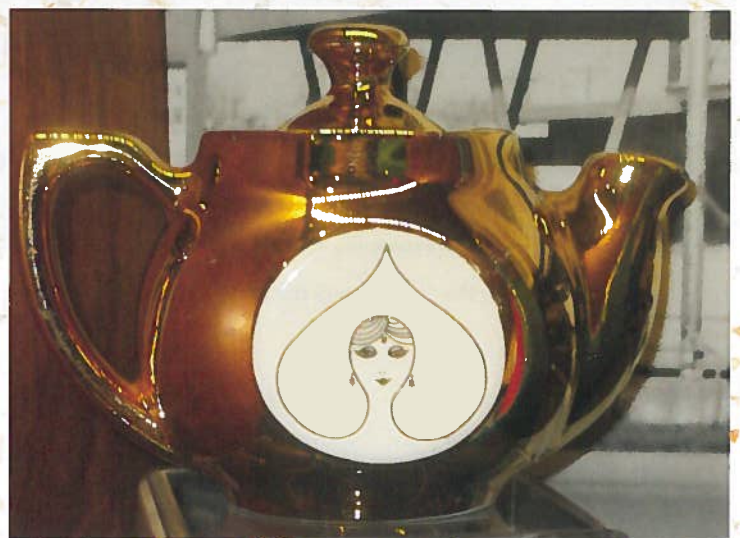




El Rancho items including a pay advance for Sophie Tucker



Sahara tea pot





Royal Nevada

The Wico Story

By John K. Kallman
LM112-112

Survival of the fittest not only applies to animals of the jungle, but to business as well. And in the end, Wico failed at that most basic law. But that is getting ahead of the story. So, we must begin at the start.....

During my most recent trip to Australia, and New Zealand, I had made careful plans as to which casinos I wanted to get to and the chips that I wanted to acquire along the way. There was still one casino left in both countries that I had not been to yet, and this was on the top on the agenda! My chip running partner for this trip was Matt Elliott who took the red eye in from Perth and was waiting my arrival when I got to Sydney. Also, Brian Roach, a collector of casino chips from Australia who lives in Sydney was there as well to provide transportation for the day.

Brian dropped us off at the hotel that we would be staying at, but it was far too early to check in, and after leaving our bags there, I soon found myself back in Brian's car taking a much needed nap after a long flight with far too little wiggle room back in the cattle carrier section as I was being shanghaied to places unknown for reasons unknown.

About 90 miles or so on the coast north of Sydney I met up with Jim Farnham, in a house whose back door lead to a slightly elevated view overlooking the 18th green on a golf course. His beautiful wife rustled up a very nice breakfast which I was happy to consume at the patio table with a very nice view of not only the course but a National coastline park on the other side of the fairway.

Jim had worked for Paulson Dice and Card Company before moving to Wico Gaming Supply Division a subsidiary of Conquest Industries, and stayed until they closed the doors. While with these two companies, he kept samples of the chips that were either offered for sale or put into production along with records of who, what, were and when. He had dice, cards, table layouts, odds and ends, a kit that he could use to show prospective customers how chips were made and how the inserts were fitted into the chip making process. And what few items that had not already been sold were offered as one lot – take it or leave it. I took it! But more about Wico.....

Before becoming a supplier of chips, checks, dice, felts and other casino related items, Wico, founded in Chicago by George Wixer, was primarily known as a pinball machine manufacture and aftermarket parts supplier. And when you think about it, pinball machines are not that far removed from more traditional forms of gambling such as slot machines. Instead of winning money, you could win a free game in most types of machines made, and sometimes, a friendly wager or two was made as to would could score the most points, play the longest, etc.

The pinball machines of yesterday quickly evolved into the electronic games of today, which forced Wico to change both focus as well as their basic mode of operations. The company acquired a billiards supply and other related companies, and moved to Las Vegas to seek out opportunities in the casino industry. This resulted in purchase of the Langworthy Company in 1994 and hired Jim Farham. Wico strived to be a one source supplier of most items a casino needed to operate, either it being from startup to complete make over. This included casino furniture, cards, dice, chips, layouts, etc. Felt layouts were under the care of Willie Santiago, and much of what you see today in the pits are a result of his work back then. Not just a plain green background with spots for the cards and bets, but full graphics and themed displays. Mary Scott was in charge of the dice division, which was acquired with the purchase of the Langworthy company.

Another addition to the company occurred when WICO acquired the dice division of Shuffle Master (SMI Dice) in 1995. In addition to the primary manufacturing and distribution center in Las Vegas, Blake Hewitt served as a full time sales representative for Atlantic City and Mississippi. Wico also served as a distributor for other company's products used by casinos such as Hoyle playing cards among others and chips made by Atlantic Standard, the successor to the Burt Company. The company was in the process of producing a full graphic style chip similar to what Chipco was producing and Don Laughlin's Riverside casino had ordered a full rack replacement of the new style chips when the doors to WICO closed unexpectedly.

The gaming portion was but one sector of the WICO company at this point, and at its heart and soul, it was still focused on the what they foresaw as to the next wave of pinball machines – electronic games. As such, they were developing a joy stick operator to be used for these type of games. While the chief source of revenue was the gaming division, the chief source of cash outlay was the development of these devices. To make a long story short, the devices were being made in China which demanded payment upfront, and sold in places that paid some sixty days after the sale. Not only did this make for a shortfall in capital, they were also competing against other companies that were likewise entering the market at the same time, such as the likes of Microsoft which had a much larger cash reserve! Conquest also acquired a local airline in the south at the same time and that was the death knoll on cash flow.

As is the case in many business, that outflow of money from one pocket overwhelmed the cash coming in the

other – and as an end result, the company was closed by bankruptcy. While some of the key players of the gaming division (Jim Farnham and Arnold Levitt) attempted to purchase the gaming division, but this was not to be. Vegas Security was able to purchase the layout and dice facilities.

Jim then soon retired to Australia and settle down to a more leisurely life of chasing a little white ball around green grass with little holes drilled into it a poles stick on with numbers atop which I think is called golf – or some other four letter word. But that is another story.....

Jim also had a short stint as General Manager of Indo Pacific Casino supplies and then ventured off, reinventing himself in other industries for 20 years. Finishing up and retiring after 7 years founding and running Technogym Australia as Managing Director.

Some Sample Chips from Wico showing different molds either made or distributed by Wico:



Horse Head



RTP



Fleur de Lis

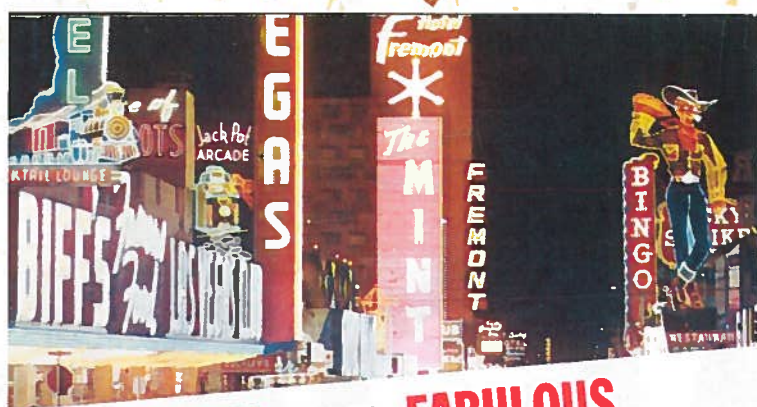


Silvex Chipco Style

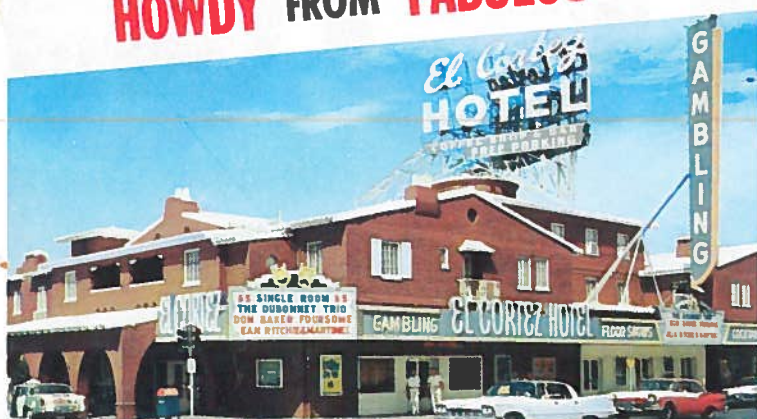
It Happened on Fremont Street

A Short History of Downtown, Las Vegas Continues with Part VII

By Pam Goertler #R-3432

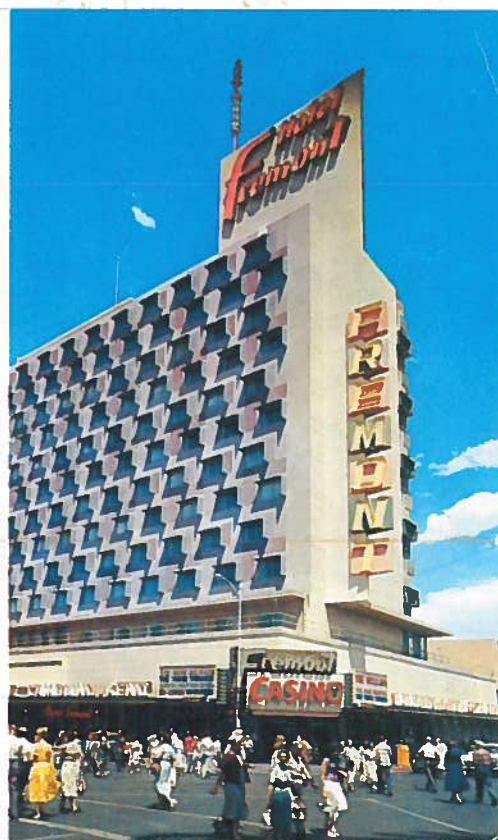


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On the north side of Fremont Street, between 2nd Street and 3rd Street....

200 Fremont

Fremont Hotel & Casino, 1956-present: When it opened in 1956, the multi-million dollar Fremont Hotel advertised itself as the tallest, newest and finest hotel in Las Vegas. The local ABC affiliate had their studios at the Fremont, and their transmitter was located on the roof. Bob Bailey, a local African American businessman and second-cousin to performer Pearl Bailey, was one of the announcers at the station.

Wayne Newton first appeared in a lounge at the Fremont, with his older brother Jerry, when he was only 15-16 years old. He couldn't walk in through the front door, let alone linger between or after his shows. There was a White Cross Drug Store across the street from the Fremont where, between shows, Wayne would go to sit and have a soda. The brothers started with a two-week contract, which was extended to 51 weeks.

In 1974, Allen Glick's Argent Corporation bought the Recrion Corporation, which owned the Fremont and the Stardust. The financing was obtained through the Teamsters Pension Fund. Argent also bought the Hacienda, and the casino in the Marina Hotel, on the Strip. Frank "Lefty" Rosenthal was supposed to be the casino manager at the Stardust, but he was unable to obtain a Nevada Gaming License, which the position required. Rosenthal was then moved to various other positions at the Stardust, which didn't require him to have a gaming license. During the time that Argent owned the casinos, it's estimated that between \$7 and \$15 million was skimmed and sent to organized crime members in Kansas City. Does all of this sound a bit familiar? It was the basis for the movie "Casino", with Robert De Niro playing the Rosenthal character.

In the late 1970's Argent was forced out of the casino business. Glick proclaimed his innocence, and he was never charged with a crime. He received immunity, because he cooperated in the prosecution of 15 individuals who had ties to various crime families

In 1983, local casino owner Sam Boyd bought the Fremont Hotel; this got rid of any lingering questions about the integrity of the Fremont. It is still part of the Boyd Group of hotels and casinos.



MARK 13 SPOTS				HIGH LOW TICKET, 12 SPOTS 3 Groups of 4				10-SPOT WAYS (Groups of 3)					
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7 Plays	1.50	3.00	4.50	3.1.1	4.00	6.00	12.00	30 Spots, 15 Ways	Cost	3.75	35 Spots, 21 Ways	Cost	5.25
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9 Plays	2.50	5.00	7.50	2.2.2	3.30	5.00	15.00	50 Spots, 45 Ways	Cost	11.25	60 Spots, 60 Ways	Cost	15.00
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24 Spots, 50 Ways	Cost	22.40
27 Spots, 64 Ways	Cost	33.60
30 Spots, 110 Ways	Cost	68.00
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36 Spots, 220 Ways	Cost	188.00
39 Spots, 286 Ways	Cost	288.00
42 Spots, 364 Ways	Cost	448.00
45 Spots, 455 Ways	Cost	684.00
48 Spots, 560 Ways	Cost	912.00
51 Spots, 680 Ways	Cost	1,144.00
54 Spots, 816 Ways	Cost	1,408.00
57 Spots, 969 Ways	Cost	1,808.00
60 Spots, 1,140 Ways	Cost	2,304.00

Hotel Fremont

KENO—LIMIT \$25,000.00

In Appropriate Portions Cash Payment

INSTRUCTIONS FOR KENO PLAYERS

Select any 10 numbers. If 5 or more player's numbers are called during game—**YOU WIN!** For example: If you play 10-Spot Ticket for \$1.20:

The pay-offs are as follows:

10 Numbers	25,000.00
9 Numbers	4,800.00
8 Numbers	1,320.00
7 Numbers	180.00
6 Numbers	24.00
5 Numbers	2.40

You may mark a ticket other than the 10 Spot. For additional information consult our dealers. They will be happy to answer any questions.

234 Fremont

Red Garter Casino, 1972-1975: Licensed for slots, 21, craps, big-6 and poker.

Previously the Melodie Lane Restaurant; an article in the February 18, 1972 edition of the Nevada State Journal, states that Anthony Antonacci was approved for 100% ownership of the Red Garter Casino. In 1973 Lonny P. Zarowitz was approved as a partner in the Red Garter.

The Red Garter closed in 1975, suffering the same fate that has befallen many of the smaller casinos over the years...the big casino on the block needed room to expand (in this case it was the Fremont).



Red Garter Casino

\$25.00
Coupon Value
FREE!!

234 E. FREMONT
DOWNTOWN
LAS VEGAS

One Coupon Per Person - Adults Only -
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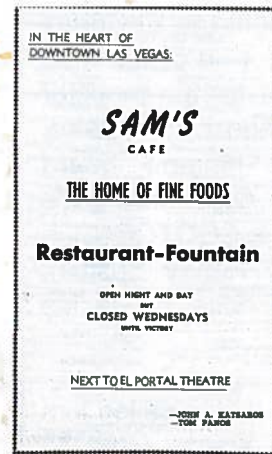
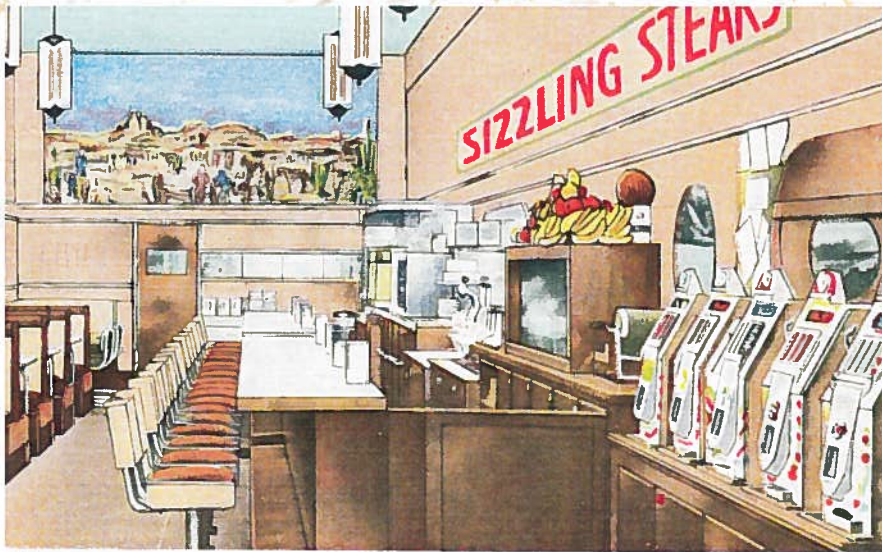
NEXT DOOR TO THE FREMONT HOTEL




Cross 3rd Street...

320 Fremont

Sam's Café, circa 1945: Many restaurants, grocery stores and other businesses in Las Vegas have slot machines. Sam's Café was one of them, as is seen on their post card. An ad for Sam's says "Open night and day, BUT Closed Wednesdays until victory".



CAFE

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

326 Fremont

Foxy Dog circa 1964-1989: The Foxy Dog was a small hot dog stand that was owned by the Abe Fox family. Since this was Las Vegas, “everyone” had slot machines! Not to be outdone, according to the April 14, 1964 Las Vegas Sun, Abe and his son Jerry applied for a license for 18 slot machines. The Grand Opening of the Foxy Dog was advertised in the July 17, 1964 Las Vegas Sun. As can be seen in the accompanying photo, by 1973 the signs on the marquee advertised Pinball, as well as “Famus Penny Slots” (that’s not a typo...it’s what the sign said!).

The 1964 gaming license was kept active through September 30, 1975. On October 1, 1975 a new license was issued to the Foxy Dog; this could indicate a change in ownership. The second license was active until June 30, 1989.



Original tourist photo taken June 1973 © Over50Vegas.com

Go a couple of blocks further...

600 Fremont

El Cortez Hotel & Casino, 1941-present: If you love the mega-resorts on the strip, and you love 5 star hotels and dining rooms with crystal and chandeliers, and you’re willing to pay the price, then the El Cortez probably won’t interest you. If you love the history of Las Vegas, the El Cortez has plenty!

The El Cortez was built by Marion Hicks, who later built the Thunderbird. J. Kell Houssels, Sr. and John Grayson were partnered with Hicks. In 1945 the club was sold to a group of new owners; Bugsy Siegal, Dave and Chickie Berman, Moe Sedway and Gus Greenbaum. About a year later, when Bugsy Siegel got interested in the Flamingo, the club was sold back to J. Kell Houssels and Ray Salmon, who sold it to Jackie Gaughan in 1963. In 2008 Gaughan sold the El Cortez to Ike Gaming; a group that includes Kenny Epstein and Mike Nolan, both long-time associates of Gaughans. Jackie Gaughan continued to live at the El Cortez, and play poker there almost daily, until he passed away on March 12, 2014.

When JK Houssels, a well-known name in Las Vegas history, bought the El Cortez in 1946 it got rid of the mob ties...except for the mobster in the penthouse, of course. What...you haven't heard that story? O.K...here goes (as told to a CCGTCC Club member by Kenny Epstein, in the presence of Jackie Gaughan):

Irish Green (some called him "Fat Irish" Green) used to hang around Ben "Bugsy" Siegel. At one point Siegel sold one of his race wire services, probably for about \$60-\$65 thousand dollars. He put the money in a satchel and handed it to Green with instructions to hold onto it, and don't tell anyone about it. None of Siegel's partners knew that Green had the money, and probably didn't know that Siegel had sold the race wire. On June 20, 1947 Bugsy Siegel was killed. Green contacted Greenbaum, Sedway, and Lansky and told them about the satchel, which he turned over to them. As a reward for his honesty they told him that he could stay at the El Cortez, rent free, for the rest of his life.

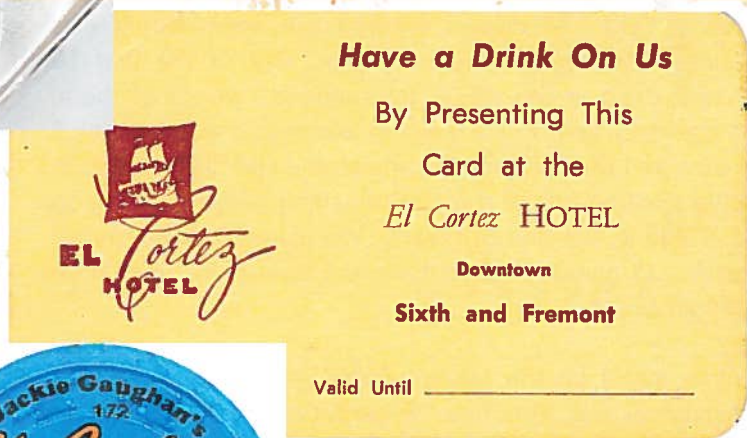
The group sold the El Cortez back to JK Houssels, and some 14-15 years later he sold it to Jackie Gaughan. About six months after he bought it, Jackie discovers Green living there rent-free. Jackie confronts Green and demands that he pay all of the back rent, or get tossed out into the street. Green tells Jackie that the old Siegel group and JK Houssels said he doesn't have to pay rent, and he isn't going to pay rent.

An annoyed Jackie Gaughan calls Houssels, who is involved with the Tropicana by then, and suggests that Green would be comfortable at the Trop. Houssels refuses, telling Gaughan that Green goes with the El Cortez...that's part of the deal. Gaughan still isn't thrilled about it, and he called Benny Binion and told him what



was going on. Binion tells Gaughan that Green likes to eat at the Horseshoe, so Binion will feed him, but Gaughan has to house him. And that's the way it happened.

The El Cortez has been remodeled and refurbished several times since it opened in 1941 but, if you look at an old postcard while you're looking at the building, you can still see much of the original building. Yep, the casino is smaller than the casinos that are built today, and it's darker and a bit dingy...it's also 65 years old! If the walls could talk, I'd love to listen.



Special thanks to Alan Schuyler for all of the research in the newspaper archives, lots of new facts have come to light... and thanks for noticing the Foxy Dog!

My usual disclaimer: A lot of different websites, books, and reference materials were used to research this article, and they don't all agree on the "facts". I've done my best to double check the information, but there could still be some errors. Hope you enjoyed the article!

CORRECTION: In part V of the article I made the following comment: "As was the Golden Slot Club, Cecil Lynch's Fortune Club was a slots only casino." Of course, the Golden Slot Club was not "slots only". I apologize for my error. Thank you to the reader who caught it and emailed me.

“The Road to a World Series of Poker Bracelet”

by Michael Moore - Big Store

\$5,000 Buy-In Limit Holdem

It all started on June 18. I was staying at the Fremont in downtown Las Vegas when I walked down to my favorite coffee shop for a latte. Rather than sit at a table and do nothing, I wandered across the street and sat down at a \$60 buy-in daily poker tournament. I won the \$520 first place and decided to go upstairs and play the No-Limit Holdem tournament in the Binions Poker Classic. I won that event for \$2,510. Because I planned to play the \$5,000 buy-in Limit Holdem event at the WSOP I wanted to get it over with and made a bad deal by giving away a lot of first place money. It was 4:00 in the morning and I wanted to be fresh for the opening day, the 20th.

I rested the remainder of the 19th and started fresh and ready. Only 170 players entered this event but it was almost all tough tournament pros. Out of the first 10 hands dealt in the WSOP tournament I won 5 of them. More than likely I was the chip leader at the first break 2 hours in. I ran good for the whole day and finished 18th in chip position out of the 103 remaining players to bag up \$37,900 at the end of level 5. We played 2 hour rounds with a 15 minute break after every level and a 60 minute dinner break.

From day 2 on the players would get a 90 minute dinner break and 20 minute break between levels. Day two started like day one and I was the first player to hit the \$100,000 mark. Because I was doing well I was able to take some chances. I was moved to a new table and the player to my right leaned over and said, “See the guy in the 9 seat? I have been playing with him for two days and all I have ever seen him play is aces.” Meaning his hole cards were ace-ace the best starting hand in Holdem.

When we were down to 22 players a short stack called from under the gun (UTG, first to open after the blinds) and everybody folded to me in the small blind. I had 6d, 5d, which is a good hand to see a cheap flop and called. Mr. only plays AA, Brent Wheeler, raised from the big blind. The UTG called and I called. The flop was 3d, 10s, Qh, and I checked, Brent bet \$4,000 and UTG raised all-in to \$5,500. Anyone in their right mind would have folded on the spot with my piece of cheese hand. But, sometimes I get a feeling and when it is strong it is never wrong. I asked the floorman if Wheeler could raise. I knew the

answer was no but it gave me some time and let Wheeler know I was weak. I called and Wheeler called the additional \$1,500.

This was my thinking, “I have \$175,000 and this amount would not hurt much. If a 7, 4, or 2 of diamonds hits I would have a straight flush draw. If it blanked out I would fold and no one would find out how bad I played the hand. But if I won, one player would be eliminated, the other would be on tilt, and everyone else would think I was a nut. Add that to the fact that I was sure I was going to win the hand, it seemed like the perfect play.

The turn card was the 2d. I checked and Wheeler bet \$8,000 and I called. The river card was the 10d and I bet out and Wheeler called. Mr. AA turned over two black aces and I turned over my two little diamonds for a runner-runner flush. The all-in player got up from the table and showed his QJ. I said, “Come to the Big Store!” And I scooped a \$72,000 pot. My table image looked really bad but the play did everything I wanted it to do and it vaulted me to the top of the leader board with about \$225,000.

There were now only 21 players remaining and the tournament paid 18 places. With the stack that I had I knew I would make the money, it was just a matter of how high would I finish? That is the thing about Limit Holdem, you are not likely to go broke in one hand against the wrong player with more chips. We finished another 13 hour day in the casino and ended with 12 players remaining. I was 3rd in chips with \$387,000. To top it all off, while bagging my chips I found a \$1,000 live chip on the floor. At first I thought it was a tournament chip and started to put it in the bag with my No Cash Value tournament chips but, it didn't look right. When I took a closer look it was a thousand dollars live chip. Now that is running good!

We started day 3 with two tables and had to get down to 9 players to begin the final table under the lights and the video cameras. It took two hours. David Tuckman, Matt Matros, and Justin Pechie were the announcers. The final table was a who's who of poker with Justin Bonomo a tournament monster, Greg Mueller the #2 Limit Holdem player in the world with 2 bracelets, Ben Yu #18 and a limit bracelet winner, Todd Whitteles #10 and a limit bracelet winner, Garbriel Nassif #27 in Limit Holdem, Ronnie Bardah another limit bracelet winner

at #46, and two limit cash game specialists Dom Denotaristefani and Brian Aleksa and me still in the top 100 at #88.

The announcers talked about everyone at the table accept me. It was to be expected since they were all around 30 years old and my day in the sun was before they were old enough to play. Basically I retired from the circuit in 1996 and many of my major tournament cashes got lost in the shuffle or given to one of the other Michael Moore poker players. I was living in Agar, South Dakota population 72 (down to 66 now) and not your poker mecca. So I was the unknown farmer factor.

Things didn't start off well for me at the final table as I ran into trip aces twice when I had two pair but with as many chips as I started with there was no need to panic yet. Bonomo was the first to be eliminated on hand #60 of the final table, followed by Greg Mueller in hand #79, and Ben Yu in the very next hand. Six handed play went on for quite a while as we all jockeyed for position. At one point I was down to \$39,000. Bardah raised to \$32,000 and I went all-in with an Ah, 4h on the button and both blinds folded. Ronnie called and turned over AJ. It didn't look good for The Big Store. The flop came 5h, 4d, and 2h. Not a bad flop for my hand. The turn was even better a 4c. Ronnie was playing for a non heart 3 for a chop. The river bricked out 10s. I won and now had a little room.

I was still in the lowest chip position when I picked up QQ in the small blind and doubled through Todd Whitteles and was up to \$208,000. From there I was never the chip leader nor did I get damaged again. Dom busted on hand #171 and we were down to five and then once again we had a bust out on the very next hand. Todd's 77 lost to Brian's KQ when a Queen spiked the turn.

All the while the announcers were saying I would probably be the next bust out because the pros would capitalize on my inexperience. Little did they know I may have won more tournaments than some of these pros had even played. Once during the Gold Coast Open I busted early and decided I was going to see how many tournaments I could play in one 24 hour period. Obviously they were small daily tournaments meant to be over quick but still it took a couple hours each and I managed to play 9, finished in the money in 5, and I won 3. If there is nothing going on I will play for the dollar bill blowing down the highway.

Brian was the next to fall on hand #181 when his J8 did not connect with the board. Now down to 3 players I was the low chip stack at \$690,000, Ronnie had \$820,000 and

Gabriel Nassif was in the lead with \$1,090,000 after being chip damaged all day. Once again I was picked to be the next to bust and Bardah was the favorite to win it all. I played a little tight and let Ronnie and Gabe battle it out. On hand #199 Gabriel's Kc, 3d, made a flush against Ronnie's K-9 and Ronnie Bardah was gone.

Heads up play started with Gabe having a 2-1 chip lead with \$1,680,000 to my \$870,000 and of course Nassif was going to win and my small town image as the lucky farmer had a snowballs chance somewhere to the south of ground level. But, I kept chipping away at his lead and by hand #269 I had the chip lead with \$1,600,000 to Gabe's \$950,000 and still they thought Nassif would make a comeback and defeat me. I did get a little lucky and made a couple of straights and sets. Gabe was not without a bit of mojo of his own as he was dealt pocket rockets 6 times at the final table. I had them once in 10 WSOP tournaments and still managed 3 cashes.

The hand where I knew I was going to win was an A-2 where I raised on the button and Gabe 3 bet. I called and the board came 2-3-7 and Gabe bet and I called. The turn was a 9 and Gabe bet again and I called. When the river came deuce, I was sure he couldn't think that was a card that helped me. Gabe checked and I bet, he raised, and I reraised. He leaned back and his hands went onto his head. He slumped down as if some one stuck a pin in him. He knew that somehow he was beat but he couldn't find a fold when the pot was \$470,000. He called and when I show my three of a kind he mucked his hand. Later on video I saw that he had a Q-9 and the turn made his bluff gold. He knew I did not have an over pair because I did not show strength on the turn. The two looked like a safe card, after all, "who plays a deuce?" He decided the only way to get anymore out of me was to check raise and hope I bluffed at a huge pot. But the innocent 2 gave me a monster.

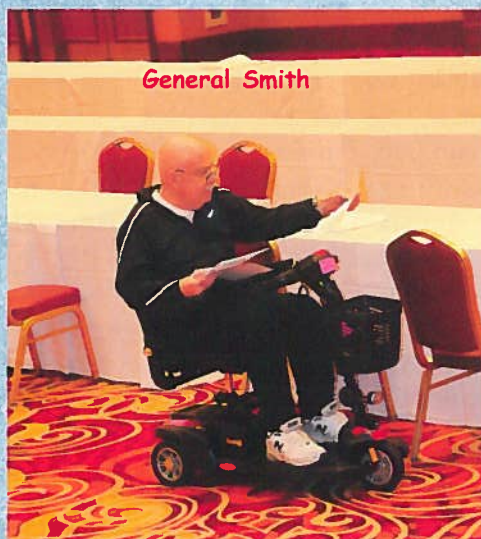
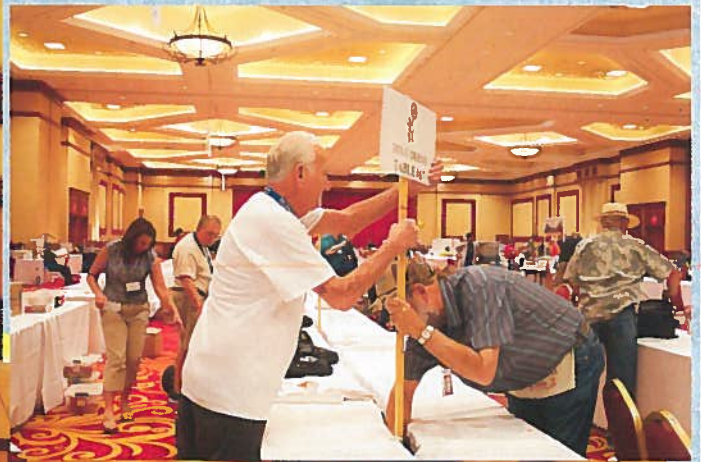
By hand #234 Gabriel was crippled, the blinds were \$50,000-\$100,000, and I was the button with a 10s-4c and called the \$50,000 and Gabe moved all-in for 35,000 more. I would have called with 2 gas station receipts at that point. It was a chance to win and I didn't want to let him have free chips to make a comeback. He tabled Q-J and the flop came 10 in the window and then a Jack and 8. It wasn't looking good until the dealer tabled the most beautiful 10 of diamonds I have ever seen. It wasn't over as he could have hit a 9 for a straight or a Jack for a bigger full house. The river blanked out a 2s and I yelled, "Yes, come to the Big Store."

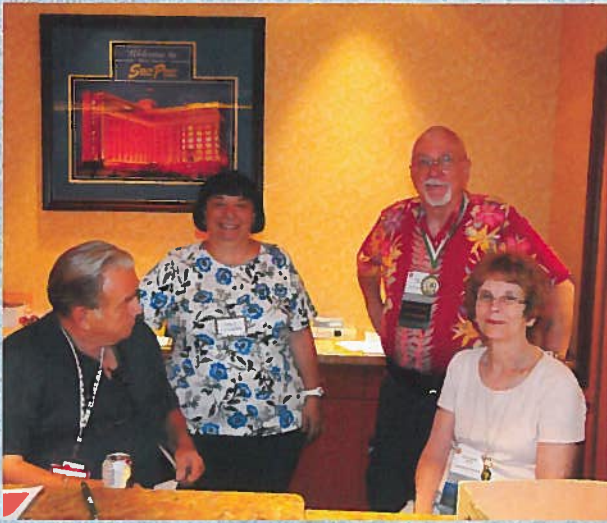
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I ran \$60 into \$215,000 with a six day streak of run good in which I won 3 tournaments in a row plus my first WSOP gold bracelet, \$211,743 and a \$1,000 chip found under my feet. It was 4:10 in the morning of the 23rd. I had enough energy for the interview afterward but that was about it. Because I planned on heading to my house in Ventura, California after, I did not have a room for the night. I ended up paying \$364 for a room I had to check out of at 11:00 AM and my brain wouldn't quiet down. The odd thing was, I was exhausted but I couldn't sleep. I took a shower and stole the soap, checked out, found a more reasonable room where I crashed, and didn't wake up for 16 hours.

Three years later the soap is still sitting in my shaving kit and I have a gold bracelet on my wrist that will forever remind me of the biggest poker week of my life.

Scenes from a Convention







Answers to Matching - 1,B; 2,C; 3,A; 4,E; 5,F; 6,C; 7,D



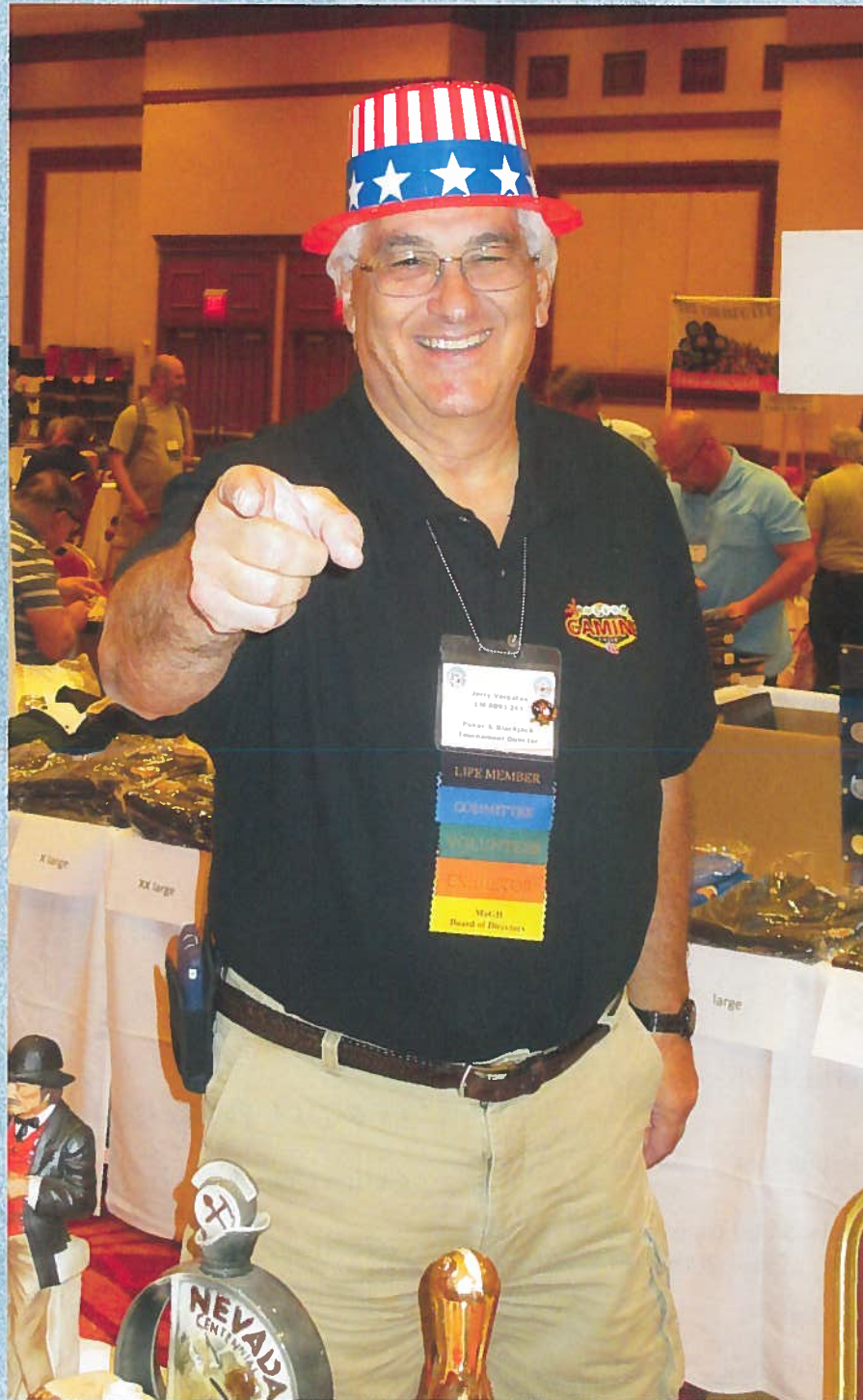


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Convention Chips – \$5.00 each
 Set of 11 (including 2016) – \$30.00
 Years Available –
 2001, 04, 07, 08, 09, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15



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**Poker/Blackjack
 Tournament Sets** – \$15.00
 (2 or more sets \$12.00 each)
 Years Available – 2004, 06, 07, 09, 10,
 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16



2016 Silver/Bronze Convention Medal Sets – \$60.00



Common back design



(Silver front and bronze back shown)

2015 Convention Pin – \$5.00 each
 Prior year pins
 (1997 - 2014) - \$3.00 each

Set of all 19 pins
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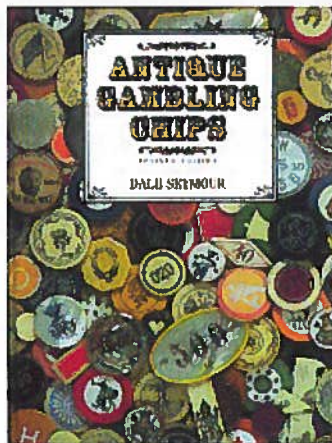
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Logo Usage Policy

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

- Only members in good standing may identify themselves as members of the Club
- Any member who identifies himself/herself as a member must affix or state their membership number so as not to confuse the public.
- “Identifies” includes advertising, announcements, business cards, internet websites, internet or live auctions, e-mails and any and all types of communication.
- Every member must make an effort not to confuse the public or lead the public to think that the member represents or speaks for the Club, other than those officers who actually do speak for the Club or those who have been authorized by the Board to speak for the Club.
- No event, show, auction or convention shall use the Club name, logo or symbol for any reason whatsoever unless it is an event, show, auction or convention run by the Club.
- The Board has approved a “Member’s Logo” which contains the member’s membership number. Only that logo may be used by members in their advertising, promotions, business cards, auctions, etc.
- Any other use of the Club name, logo or symbol must be submitted to the Board of Directors for their approval prior to such use.
- The entities formerly known as “Chapters” are prohibited from using the Club name, logo or symbol as representative of their organization

Example



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

CC>CC Claims Form

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

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

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

The process will work as follows:

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

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

*The form will be available on the Club website at www.ccgccc.com for you to download and print out. We are working on a program that will allow you to fill out the form online and send it electronically to the

Reward Fund

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

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

The Club will pay a reward as follows:

- If the retail value of the stolen property is less than \$5,000, the reward is \$260
- If \$5000 to \$20,000, the reward is \$500
- If greater than \$20,000, the reward is \$1000.

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

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