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Doug Smith
President

President's Letter

Winter 2016

Preparations for our 2017 convention are already in full swing.

We are excited about our 25th anniversary Convention and chairs Sheldon and Christine Smith have some really awesome things in store for us. While the banquet speaker has not been announced, Jim Kruse has someone very special in mind that will help make this one of the best conventions ever.

Since the last issue of the magazine we have had several new announcements regarding club positions. I would like to welcome the following people and thank them immensely for volunteering to help the club in these very important roles.

Eric Rosenblum – HOF Chair
Wendy Schultz – Librarian
Sheldon Smith – Publicity Director
Chip Rosenblum – Social Media Director
Howard Edelman – Volunteer Coordinator
Jerry Vergatos and Steve Palumbo -
2018 Convention Chairs

I would also like to take a moment and thank all the outgoing chairs who previously held these positions including Jim Steffner, John Kallman, Cale Guthmiller, Dave & Debbie Harber, and especially Christine & Sheldon Smith.

The CC>CC is always looking for volunteers to fill a variety of existing and future positions and relies on our membership to fill those voids. I urge anyone who has considered jointing the ranks in a club position to email me or any other BOD member. Whether it be a BOD position, A committee chair or a convention volunteer, we can find a way for you to help out and are excited to hear from you.

This magazine issue is the official kickoff of the 2017 annual CCC>CC Raffle. The raffle is one of the biggest fundraisers of the year for the club and we can really use your help with either donations or ticket purchases. Please look for the advertisement elsewhere in this issue for more information about supporting this great fundraiser.

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. THANK YOU !

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



Editor's Note

Robb McPherson
Editor

Well another year has come to an end and very exciting New Year is about to begin. The year 2017 is a milestone for the club with its silver anniversary convention being held at the South Point hotel in June. Many details are available all ready and are published in this issue. It is great that we have so many volunteers helping out to make this convention a convention to remember. This issue is a bit later than I had hoped, my initial goal was to have it out at the beginning of December but it seems to take a lot longer than I anticipated. Also I had to search out stuff to try to fill the magazine but you will notice it is still a few pages less than the normal 80 pages. That means we need articles, your editors can only find so much to put in an issue. Steve and I would like more input also for the Letters to the Editor section that we have started. Even if you could send us your thoughts and concerns would be helpful.

In this issue I have also included some articles on the newly opened casino in Las Vegas. A one of kind casino for the area. There is also information about some new casinos opening up in the New York state area. One has opened within the last few days while others will be opening in February and one later in the year, possibly early 2018. I figure it is not just advertising for the casinos but to let collectors know what other items may be coming out that they will need to acquire for their collections.

The Tioga Downs casino is a good example as it just opened and there is nothing new yet as of this writing on the ChipGuide yet. So hopefully with this information, I will spark some interest in some road trips for people to go out and investigate these new places.
I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Robb McPherson - R8583 - Co-Editor

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Malchioni	Michael	IN	Evansville	Club Web Site	R	8820
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Montero	Ronnie	NV	Las Vegas	Richard Burgel	R	8818
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Burgel	Richard	NV	Las Vegas	Richard Huber	R	8816
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Phillips	Allen	MA	West Boylston	Club Web Site	R	8813
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Noreen	Christopher	NJ	Bridgewater	Doug Smith	R	8811
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McCormick	Wayne	TX	Abilene	Doug Smith	R	8809
Snider	Sherry	FL	Port Charlotte	Don Nesbitt	R	8808
West	Robert	WA	Port Orchard	Club Web Site	R	8807
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Local Casino Collectibles Clubs

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

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

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

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

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

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!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

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



Exhibitors Honored at ANA's World's Fair of Money

The American Numismatic Association presented 47 competitive exhibit awards at the 2016 World's Fair of Money convention in Anaheim, California. Winners were announced at the exhibit awards presentation and reception on August 12th and at the awards banquet that evening.

Thirty-three exhibitors of all experience levels showing 63 exhibits competed in this year's program. There were also two non-competitive exhibitors showing four additional exhibits.

Michael T. Shutterly received the Howland Wood Memorial Award for Best-In-Show for his exhibit titled; "In The Beginning ... When Man Created Coins". The Bradford Stearns Memorial Award for Excellence in Exhibiting, presented to the first and second runners-up, was awarded respectively to Michael T. Shutterly for "Heavenly Gold" and to John Wilson for "Ecuador Specimen Set Series of 1928."

Unfortunately there were NO exhibits entered in Class 6 this year; "Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens." I would strongly encourage ANA members who collect chips and/or tokens to consider exhibiting at future ANA conventions. This is one way we promote our hobby and to encourage other collectors to consider collecting our specialty. "If we don't blow our own horn, nobody will notice our car." The 2017 ANA Convention will be held August 1-5 at the Colorado Convention Center, Denver, Colorado. How 'bout it some of you west coast ANA members putting in a few exhibits?

FULJENZ SPONSORS ANA'S ZERBE AWARD

Mike Fuljenz of Universal Coin & Bullion has agreed to extend his sponsorship of the American Numismatic Association's top award, the Faran Zerbe Memorial Award, through 2018. He has sponsored it since 2012. *"Our renewed commitment for annual \$10,000 contributions is a sound investment in the future of a great organization and hobby",* said Fuljenz.

Of particular local interest, CC>CC members; Mark and Myrna Lighterman were the recipients of ANA'S 2016 Faran Zerbe Memorial Award during the recently concluded 2016 ANA Convention in Anaheim, California this past August.



DONATION TO ANA HONORS EUGENE GARDNER \$50,000

Reprinted From *Numismatic News*

Longtime collector, Eugene H. Gardner, who died on July 16, was being honored by Heritage Auctions with an additional donation of \$50,000 to the American Numismatic Association.

The funds will go to the Eugene H. Gardner ANA Young Numismatist Scholarship Fund, which was created in 2014 with a \$7,500 donation from Heritage.

"The Eugene H. Gardner Scholarship Fund provides two Young Numismatists scholarships each year. The scholarships are awarded to the YN Auction Head, one for each week of the two annual summer Seminar sessions on the campus of Colorado Springs College, site of the ANA Headquarters and Museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado" said ANA Executive Director Kim Klick.

"Gene Gardner was one of the most beloved collectors of our time. But he was not 'just' a collector. He was a dedicated numismatist and among the finest gentlemen in numismatics," said Heritage Auctions President Greg Rohan.

He told me two years ago he was graciously honored when the scholarship was established in his name, and now this fund will be a continuing legacy to his devotion to numismatic education," Rohan said.

Heritage sold Gardner's collection of over 3,000 coins in a series of auctions in 2014 and 2015. During each of the annual Summer Seminar Sessions a young numismatist is selected as Auction Head to actively assist and help manage the YN auction, one of the highlights of each session. The YN Auction Heads who will receive the scholarships ensure each auction is successfully organized and produced at the Summer Seminar, according to Susan McMillan, ANA Seminar Director.

ATLANTIC CITY MAYOR PRESENTED WITH ANA RECOGNITION CERTIFICATE



Atlantic City Mayor, Donald Guardian, was presented with an American Numismatic Association Award at the September meeting of the Atlantic City Casino Collectibles Club at Bally's Hotel Casino. The award was presented to the mayor by Archie Black, ANA Club Representative.

Letter to the Editors

Jim Steffner HLM-1508 **Date:** 9/5/16 10:24 am

Check the latest issue of the club magazine, Page 71.

If you are wondering about the bottom two photos, wonder no more.

First picture (second from bottom) shows past CC>CC Convention Chairs. Back row left to right - Ann Skelton, Sandi Steffner, Jim Steffner, Mary Ann Massey Archie Black, Wayne Thompson, and Sheldon Smith.

First row - Michael Knapp, Mike Skelton, Christene Smith, Belinda Hixon, and Mike Quinliven.

Bottom photo shows past CC>CC Presidents. Left to right - Doug Smith, Mike Skelton, Jim Steffner, Archie Black, David Sarles, Wayne Thompson, and Nate Pincus.

Jim, thank you for providing that information. Unfortunately for as long as I have been a member, I still only know a few members by face. In the future, I would like to have names on all pictures I put in the magazine.

Steve

Dear Editors,

I'd like to commend the 2016 Convention Chairs, Sheldon and Christine Smith, as well as the Board of Directors on another wonderful convention. The hard work and dedication of the chairs was evident as the event ran very smoothly.

The Board did a great job of making sure we'd be at South Point for the next few years as well and I'm excited about the new location nearer the arena.

Thank you volunteers, those who work all year as well as those who give a few hours during the show to make sure that everyone has a great experience.

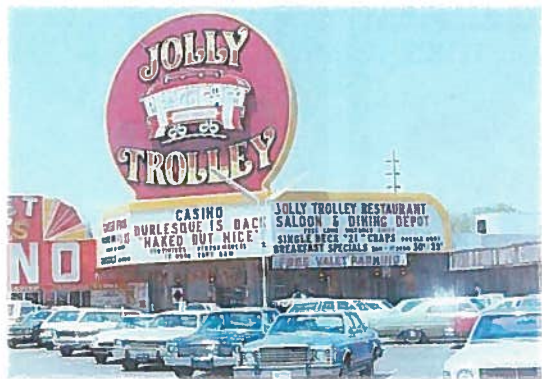
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Belinda Hixon
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Brenda, thanks for your letter. It is the volunteers of the club executive and the convention committee that make us a great team.

Robb

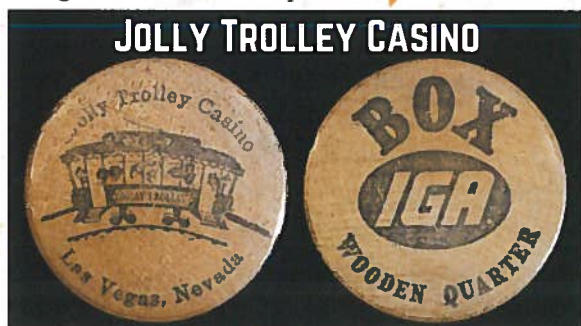
Jolly Trolley Casino Woods

By KevinDay-Thorburn



Local coin clubs are easily one of the best places for obtaining material for your collection; on top of the items you collect, you're bound to find obscure stuff you had no idea existed. I was recently given a few woods by a Saint John Coin Club member and two of them were from the Jolly Trolley Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada. Here's the lesson: use these unknown pieces as a chance to broaden your knowledge of the world - not just the numismatic world either.

Without a huge interest in casino related material, I almost dismissed these two, but my curiosity got the better of me because of the reverse of one of them. The two woods have the same obverse, but while one reverse is blank, the other has a familiar logo from IGA grocery stores, with BOX in large letters above and Wooden Quarter below (I guess I can't refer to this as a wooden nickel). Why would a grocery store chain's logo be on a casino promotion?



I also learned a little about the Jolly Trolley Casino. The building that housed the casino began as a shopping centre sometime in the 1950s on the Las Vegas strip. With the rise in automobile use, strip malls, with their large parking lots and convenient to access stores were all the rage.

In 1963 the first casino opened in part of the mall - Honest John's. Next to Honest John's two different casinos operated from 1971 to 1977, and it was then that the Jolly Trolley took over. On one of their billboard they announced, "Burlesque is Back - Naked but Nice."

Around 1981 the casino closed its doors and the Bonanza Gift Shop, which is still there today, opened with their trade marked slogan, The World's Largest Gift Shop and with one reassuring sign reading, "If it's in stock, we have it."

IGA grocery stores began life in 1926 as Independent Grocers Alliance in the United States and the logo on the wood is unmistakably the same as this company's logo. I did wonder if that meant there was a grocery store in the same strip mall as the Jolly Trolley Casino, which would make the most sense, but I could find no record of that being the case either in print or through photographs.

Robb McPherson, through chipguide.com, found a possible answer with a fellow member commenting that IGA stands for International Grocers Association who, "held a convention here in Las Vegas and these \$0.25 Wooden Nickel were used to help promote a visit to the casino." That would make sense as a promotion and "International" may actually be "Independent."

With the short life of the casino, I don't know if I'll ever know. I did find one more wood in John K. Kallman's book, Casino Woods - it featured the same obverse, but the print on the reverse reads, \$50.00 / on your next visit / Fun Book.

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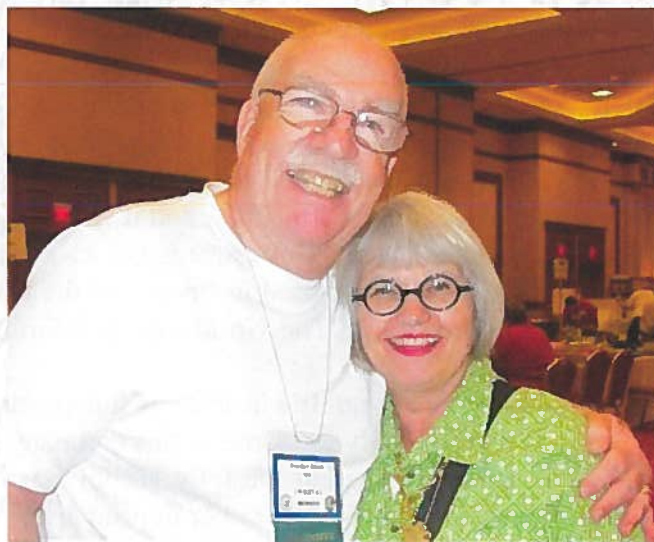
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This year marks an historic celebration of our hobby – 25 years of members, their families and friends and the general public convening to share collections, interests, knowledge and enthusiasm of and for all things related to gambling and the history of gaming! To start this next QUARTER CENTURY, we'll bring our traditional Convention activities, along with the fun, camaraderie, amazing exhibits, displays and awesome offerings we've come to expect and enjoy at the past 24 conventions. In addition to our Show Room, we'll have trade sessions, a delicious banquet, educational seminars, top-notch speakers, a ladies' luncheon, award ceremonies and our world-renowned auction. As in years past, you can test your skills and luck at our blackjack tournament and poker challenge!



As always, our Dealers will have plenty to offer both new and experienced collectors! Dealer set-up begins on Wednesday, June 21ST – along with the Club's Trade Sessions, Blackjack Tournament and Early Bird Banquet. The Show Room will be open to the public (via Pre-Registration and General Admission) from Thursday, June 22nd through Saturday, June 24th. Exact show hours are still to be determined and will be announced in a later magazine and on www.chipboard.com.

This year, we are moving the Show from the Ballroom area to the Exhibit Hall Area, Hall D. Pre-Registration Packets and General Admission registration will be available at the Box Office across the hallway from the Exhibit Halls. This is in the same area and on the same level as the South Point's Arena and Pavilion. You are going to love the new space – it has Restrooms and a Concession Stand in the room!

Once again, we thank all of the Committee Chairs, Directors and Coordinators who will be working with their volunteers to bring our members another successful Convention. We are pleased to announce that Harold Edelman and Chip Rosenblum have joined our Convention Staff this year – Howard as the Volunteer Coordinator and Chip as the Social Media Director – WELCOME to them and THANKS, also, to ALL of our 2017 Convention Staff, as follows:

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As always, we need volunteers for many jobs including: loading and unloading the merchandise truck before and after the show and helping with Set-up and (ESPECIALLY) Tear-down; working at Registration and the Promotions, Membership, Auction and Museum of Gaming History tables. We also need volunteers to help our Treasurer after the Auction with bidders' lots. With the exception of the first day when shifts may be longer, shifts are usually two hours each and no special training is necessary – just bring your enthusiasm and sense of responsibility! We will have Howard's contact information in the next magazine – but, you can always call us at the number listed below.

As in years past, we have arranged discounted room rates for our members (\$65 for Sunday thru Thursday nights and \$105 for Friday and Saturday nights) BUT our room block is ONLY guaranteed until May 28, 2017. So, please be sure to reserve your rooms early – you won't want to miss out on the discounted rates!

To get the special group rate, which is available from Sunday, June 18, 2017 thru Sunday, June 25, 2017, guests must identify themselves as being with the CC & GTC Collectors 2017 Convention. All rooms must be reserved on an individual basis. As a member of our group, the \$14 resort fee will be waived and Wi-Fi will be complimentary in your guest room.

Guests may call the South Point Reservations Department toll-free at 866/791-7626 or you can email the South Point at reservations@southpointcasino.com. To make a reservation online, the South Point has given us a link to use which will take you immediately to the reservations site and to our group number, which is CAS0618, and that is already on the South Point's reservation page for your convenience. Here is the link:

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We know that many of you receive comped rooms at other casinos. However, to support our Club, it is very important that you strongly consider staying at the South Point! The South Point operates a free shuttle to the Town Center Mall and a shuttle (with a nominal fee) to various locations on the Strip.

This magazine includes the letter we sent to past Dealers along with a Dealer Contract that can be taken out and sent to us by anyone interested in becoming a Dealer for this 25th Annual Convention. If you or anyone you know is interested in being a dealer – the more, the merrier! If you have any questions or need more information, please contact us! REMINDER -- All dealers and table helpers must be members of the CC>CC and all items to be offered for sale must be casino-related collectible materials or coins.

We will have more convention information along with a Pre-Registration form in the next magazine. In the meantime, please save the dates (June 22-24, 2017) and plan to be with us for our Club's 25 Annual Convention!

Best wishes!

Sheldon and Christine Smith
Convention Co-Chairs
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2017 Convention

Blackjack Tournament And Poker Challenge

As in the past, both the Black Jack Tournament and the Poker Challenge will be held at the South Point in their respective locations on the casino floor and poker room during the CC>CC Annual Convention. The Tournaments are open to current CC>CC regular, life and associate members only (age 21+). Daily Convention Membership does NOT qualify for entry in the tournaments. Both Tournaments require a minimum number of entries. Full tournament rules will be available at the Tournaments. **Registration for both tournaments MUST be done on the Convention Registration Form, which will be included in the next magazine and MUST be paid by check.** The Registration form will also be available on-line after January 15, 2017.

The Black Jack Tournament will begin at 12 noon on Wednesday, June 21st. The entry fee is \$70 per player. Each player receives 3,000 in NCV tournament chips each round. The bet limits are: 25 minimum/3000 maximum. A maximum of 54 players will be accepted and we anticipate that there will be three (3) preliminary rounds, followed by one semi-final round, finishing with one final round. Players will be scheduled to play in one of the preliminary rounds (12:00 noon, 1:00 pm or 2:00 pm). If a player does not advance to the semi-final round, re-entries into a later initial round will be accepted (if space is available) at \$70 per re-entry. The 2:00 pm round may be cancelled, if warranted. Final round players win a portion of the net prize pool, which is dependent upon the number of players.

The Poker Challenge will be held on Friday, June 23rd starting at 6:00 pm. The entry fee is \$90 per player. Each player receives 5,000 in NCV tournament chips. The format will be no limit Texas Hold'em. Blinds start at 25-25 and limits and antes increase each period of play. Minimum bet and raise increments are equal to the big blind, unless all-in. Tables and seats will be assigned prior to the start of the tournament. If seats for the Poker Challenge are still available, Players can sign up at the convention; but, as always, it's on a first-come, first-served basis. Tables will be consolidated periodically throughout the Tournament. Finalists will be paid in the order of finish, based on the number of players.

A special set of souvenir chips may be purchased at the tournaments from **Jerry Vergatos**, our Tournament Director, or at the Club Table during the Convention. **IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT EITHER TOURNAMENT,** please email Jerry at vergatos@msn.com.



HELLO TO ALL! Summer has gone by quickly and our Greatest Show on Earth (a/k/a the CC>CC 24th Annual Convention) seems like it was just yesterday! This year will be our Club's 25th Annual Convention – our celebration of a QUARTER CENTURY of Conventions -- of members convening to celebrate our hobby and our individual fascination with all things related to GAMING HISTORY, casinos, card rooms (legal and illegal) and gaming paraphernalia and exumenia!

This is a major milestone -- 25 years of Annual Conventions is AWESOME! For those who may not know, our Club officially started in 1988 (five years earlier than our 1st Convention in 1993) with an organizational meeting as part of the American Numismatic Association (ANA)'s Convention. Little did those first Convention Planners (Archie Black and Michael Knapp) realize what they would start! Or, maybe they did!

The CC>CC's 25th Annual Convention will be June 22-24, 2017 at the South Point Hotel and Casino. THIS YEAR, we will be moving from the Ballroom Area to exhibit hall D in the Exhibit Hall Area. You are going to love the new space – it has Restrooms and a Concession Stand in the room!

Dealer Set-up begins at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21st and the Exhibit Floor opens to the public on Thursday, June 22nd through Saturday, June 24th. show hours are still to be determined and we will keep you informed!

We are very pleased to announce that our Club President, Doug Smith, and the Board of Directors have agreed to offer last year's reduced table fees again for 2017! Single tables will be \$275 and corner tables will be \$475. For our returning Dealers' information, IF you take the same number of tables you took in 2016, your fee will remain exactly the same in 2017!

Because of our new space in Exhibit Hall D, we need to change our floor layout this year and this will result in more corner tables becoming available. So, for those who have wanted a corner table – now is your chance!

We emailed Dealer contracts to past dealers in October. In case you didn't receive one, we have included the Dealer contract in this magazine, which you can tear out and return it to us at your earliest convenience but no later than January 31, 2017. Or, you can email us and we will send you a contract.

We will be sending out explicit directions to Exhibit Hall D and Parking Access to our Dealers along with confirmation of our receipt of their Dealer's fee. **Once again, we will provide Dealers an opportunity to pick up their packets at the back door to Exhibit Hall D OR at the Box Office across from the Exhibit Halls.** **There is space on the contract to note where Dealers will pick up their packets.**

Many things have changed through the years but not our members' interests in getting together and sharing our enthusiasm, knowledge and wares! We could not have a Convention without Dealers – YOU! If you know of anyone who may want to be a Dealer, please let us know! We look forward to this coming year when our membership convenes to make all things "old," "new" again! And, we encourage you to be part of our Club's 25th Annual Convention!

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CC>CC RAFFLE

The CC>CC will be conducting another raffle at the June 2017 convention at the South Point Hotel, Spa & Casino in Las Vegas. We are looking for all types of donations of items to be included as part of the raffle—chips, dice, slot cards, strikes, tokens, postcards, matchbooks, ashtrays, swizzle sticks—ANY type of casino memorabilia that is in good condition that you'd like to have in YOUR collection. Thanks to the GREAT participation in the past from our wonderful club members in the way of ticket & raffle item

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

Ticket donations can be made via mail by sending your ticket donations (payable to the CC>CC) to:



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

Casino owner altered surfaces of coins to stem exodus as souvenirs.

Sandblasted Morgan dollars from Reno

By Paul Gilkes , Coin World



This 1889-O Morgan dollar was one of many that had its surfaces sandblasted to make it no longer desirable to a collector wanting to remove it from a Nevada casino.

Images courtesy of Rusty Goe, Southgate Coins.

In the early 1960s, the owner of Harrah's casino in Reno, Nev., attempted to render silver dollars uncollectible by having their surfaces sandblasted, to keep them in casino circulation.

William Harrah believed that by altering the surfaces of the coins, he could stem the exodus of silver dollars leaving in the pockets of collectors and tourists wanting souvenirs.

Harrah was dead wrong. The public still removed the coins from the casino regardless of their condition.

Collector and Coin World reader James Hollowell was in the United States Air Force stationed from November 1961 to February 1965 at Travis Air Force Base, 60 miles east of San Francisco. Hollowell recalls hearing a news report one evening during that period about a casino owner in Reno who was having the dates of silver dollars removed with a grinder to negate their collectibility.

While Hollowell got the general sense of the story correct, coin expert Rusty Goe from Southgate Coins in Reno added the specifics. Goe also provided images of some of the coins that Harrah's Casino had sandblasted.

The sandblasted 1889-O Morgan dollar illustrated with this article was brought to Goe's coin shop a number of years ago, he said, by a former employee in Harrah's Casino who claimed to be part of the sandblasting crew.

"The old silver dollars played an integral role in the casinos' Western-themed persona," Goe said. "The clanging of them dropping into the slot machines' troughs, and the ringing and tingling sound they made when blackjack and craps dealers stacked them and paid them out to players, created an ambience that patrons loved."

Circa 1964, Harrah became dismayed at the thousands of silver dollars being drained from the casino by the souvenir-crazy public exchanging large sums of paper for the pre-1936 cartwheels. Goe said this exchange was around the time when several casinos in Reno had ordered 1.5 million silver dollars from the Treasury Department at face value.

Goe said this was the final such order before Treasury dispersals of the coins were ended.

"Bill Harrah, in a desperate move to stem the outflow of silver dollars from his casinos, commissioned his maintenance department to sandblast them," Goe said. "He thought that by defacing them they would retain their hefty feel and clanking sound but look so hideous that patrons would not want them for souvenirs. The plan proved ineffective and silver dollars continued to disappear at a swift pace, spurred even more so by the rising price of bullion."

Not long after the cessation of silver dollar sales by the Treasury Department, casino owners began contracting with the Franklin Mint and other private mints to manufacture base-metal tokens as silver dollar substitutes.

"I still have rolls of the sandblasted silver dollars that I bought from casino workers over the years," Goe said. "They make good visual aids when I lecture about the story I've just told you here. I wasn't even tempted to sell the sandblasted dollars when the price of silver rose to lofty levels in 2011.

"They are irreplaceable — with their hideous look and all."

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Spink's November stock and bonds auction has a current events link

Lots include casino-hotel shares of a particular presidential candidate

By Arthur L. Friedberg, Special to Coin World

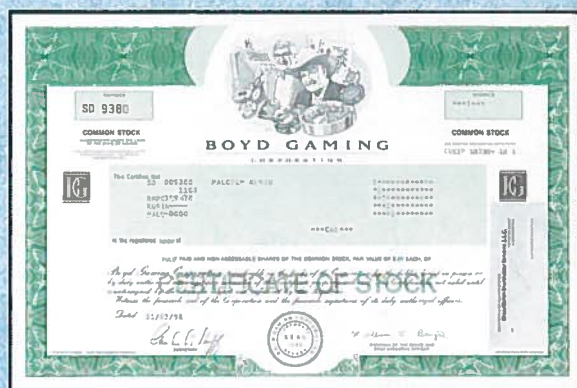


An April 24, 1998, certificate for one share of Trump International Hotels & Casino Resorts Inc. is among the lots offered by Spink Nov. 10.

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Bonds and stock certificates do not usually have the cachet of paper money, nor do they command the same prices. For artistry, history and topical interest, however, they can often rise to equal status.

On Nov. 10 in London, as part of a larger auction of bonds and stock shares, Spink will offer what it is labeling "The Casino Collection." More formally, it is the Helmut-Stahl Collection, described as the world's biggest collection of casino shares. It comprises almost 300 items from over 20 countries, issued between 1830 and recent times.



The shares offer a history of the business of gambling. The first true casino opened in Spa, Belgium, in 1763, and included in the sale is a 25-franc share from the Cercle International de Spa, dated April 30, 1894. Certificates from the famous spa towns of Baden-Baden and Bad-Homburg reflect the growth of gambling in 19th century Germany, where the game of roulette was employed to make the Bad-Homburg resort the leading gaming venue in Europe.

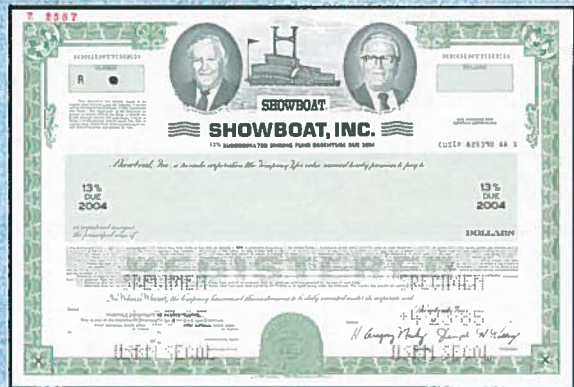


The legendary casino in Monaco is not forgotten and is represented by one of that institution's oldest shares — an unissued mid-19th century 500 franc certificate for the Bains de Mer et du Cercle des Etrangers à Monaco. At the bottom of the certificate is an image of the casino looking much as it looks today. Somewhat jarring, however, is that, instead of being surrounded by today's buildings and luxury cars parked bumper to bumper, there is bucolic scenery and a reflecting pool.

The Monte Carlo casino had a long-time near monopoly on gambling in Europe after the closing of all German casinos in 1872 and was a profitable economic engine of the principality for years.

Not all the stocks and bonds being offered tell the same story of success. Among the otherwise worthless shares being offered to collectors as part of a large lot is an April 24, 1998, certificate for one share of Trump International Hotels & Casino Resorts Inc. According to financial reporting services, in bankruptcy, each share was worth 88 cents in a cash distribution and one-thousandth of a share in a new company. It will probably be worth more as a collectible because of current events.

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Casino Stock Certificates

Spink's Bonds and Share Certificates of the World

By Robb McPherson

This article is a follow up to the Coin World article on the previous pages.

Who ever thought of casino stock certificates. I know that I had never even thought about them as a collectible before now.

It all started back in October of this year. I received an email from a friend and fellow coin collector William Waychison. William(Bill) sent me a link in that email about a Coin World article that he figured would be of interest to me in my field of collecting. Bill collects some mining stock certificates so the auction sale was of interest to both of us. I was quick to contact the managing editor at Coin World for permission to reprint the article. I received that permission and was ready to go with it but I wanted to wait until the auction had finished so that I could do this follow up article.

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On Thurs. November 17th. and Friday November 18th Spink held their Bonds and Share Certificates of the World Auction in London, UK.

Lot #1 was listed as follows:

A Worldwide Collection of Casino certificates, offered as one lot, described in detail in the following 189 lots. If the collection sells then the following 189 will be withdrawn and we will go directly to lot 190. Estimate £36,000 to £42,000.

The following excerpt was listed in the auction catalogue regarding the collection that was on the auction block.

November 17 and 18, 2016 - LONDON

HELMUT STAHL COLLECTION

The following collection of Casino Bonds & Shares is probably one of the most comprehensive thematic collections of its kind. It contains more than 200 items from 15 countries and has taken 30 years to acquire. Most of the items are from Europe. This is the epitome of modern Casino companies, Monaco and the cradle of modern roulette in the town of Baden-Baden, Bad Homburg and Wiesbaden. The collection contains many certificates from these companies, even several founders shares.

During a visit to the Paris Stock Exchange it was pure chance that Helmut Stahl passed a small shop where he found a share of a French casino company. The stockbroker who accompanied him had the spontaneous idea to buy the certificate for his friend as a present. The foundation was thus laid for a lifelong interest in Bonds and Shares.

Helmut Stahl did not seek publicity and in addition his free time was limited as he was directing his successful business. He was therefore represented at most auctions by his agent or a colleague.

Following his premature death, his collection was taken on by his daughter who continued to acquire additional pieces making the collection unique. Due to age, the collection is now being offered to the market in the hope that enthusiasts will continue the process and give these pieces a good home.

Of the 189 lots of stock certificates from all over the world. Lot 188 was the only the lot that contained USA based stock certificates. Here is how lot 188 read in the auction catalogue.

Lot: 188

Collection of 17 US-Casino stocks. (17) Boyd Gaming Corporation. Common Stock, Nevada, unissued. UNC. Caesars World, Inc. 200 Shares Common Stock, Florida 2.4.1982, #CWJ76806. Founded in 1958. Today one of the biggest manager of Casinos and Hotels worldwide. EF. Caesars World, Inc. 12½% Senior Subordinated Sinking Fund Debenture, Florida, Specimen. UNC. Casino America, Inc. One Share Common Stock, Delaware 31.8.1998, #A-11850. EF. Casino Magic Corporation. One Share Common Stock, Minnesota 31.8.1998, #9889. EF. Circus Circus Enterprises, Inc. One Share Common Stock \$ 0.01 2/3, Nevada 9.11.1998, #N45904. Founded in 1974. EF. Circus Circus Enterprises, Inc. 10 5/8% Senior Subordinated Note, Nevada, unissued. UNC. Grand Casinos, Inc. One Share Common Stock \$0.01, Minnesota 13.8.1998, #GC 20226. The company has taken over by Hilton Hotels in 1998. EF. Grete Bay Casino Corporation. Common Stock \$0.01, Delaware, Specimen, UNC. Harveys Casino Resorts. One Share Common Stock \$0.01, Nevada 7.8.1998, #HC 6175. EF. Harveys Casino Resorts. Common Stock \$0.01, Nevada, unissued. UNC. Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc. One Share Common Stock \$0.01, Delaware 26.1.1999, #A-13045. EF. Rio Hotel & Casino, Inc. One Share Common Stock \$0.01, Nevada 5.11.1998, #RIO1445. EF. Showboat, Inc. 13% Subordinated Sinking Fund Debenture, Nevada, unissued. UNC. Station Casinos. One Share Common Stock \$0.01, Nevada, #SCC15343. EF. Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts, Inc. One Share Common Stock, Delaware 24.4.1998, #TRC-22118. Company of the well-known property Tycoon, Donald Trump. EF.

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Take a guess before reading on at what this lot sold for. As I had mentioned earlier on, they were going to try to auction the whole collection off as one Lot #1. They had no bids for Lot #1 so all the lots were auctioned off individually. Well believe it or not, only 19 lots sold. Therefore, 170 lots did not sell!! You will be wondering what the US lot sold for, well it sold for a whopping £600!! That works out to approx. \$750 USD plus buyers premium and other taxes and duties. The next couple pages will be pics from the catalogue of the US stock certificates in Lot #188.

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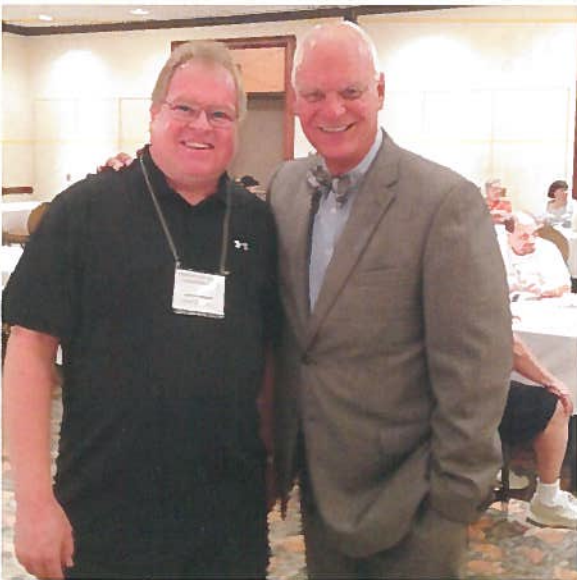
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News from the Atlantic City Collectibles Club

On Sunday September 18th The Atlantic City Collectibles Club met at Bally's. We were honored by a visit from the Mayor Don Guardian. He gave a talk on the present and future of the City. We had our usual trading session and meeting.



Images courtesy of Steve Miller



The Atlantic City Collectibles Club has joined the internet age this year and on March 10, Marc Maahs created the A.C.C.C.'s facebook page. Social media has become one of the mainstream ways for individuals and clubs to get their message out to everyone. So if your a facebook user, please join the other 140 + people that have joined them on facebook and ask to join their page.

The A.C.C.C. also have a regular website page that can be found at www.gaming-chips.com



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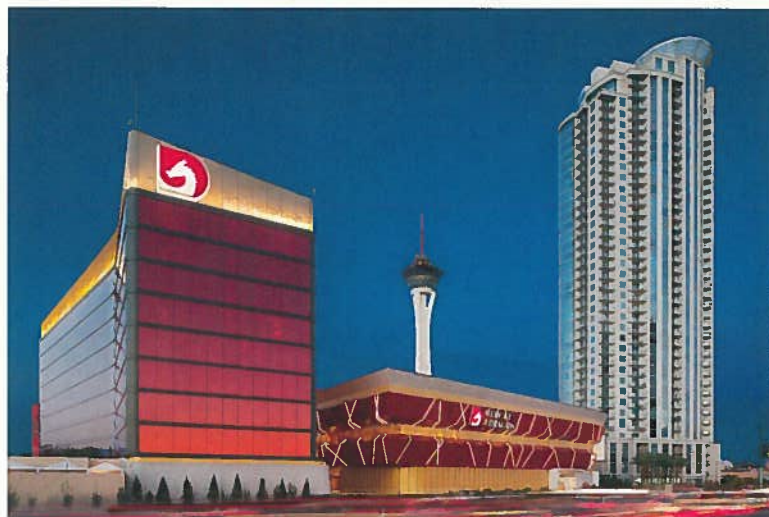
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Lucky Dragon Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas Opens its Doors to The World with Grand Opening Celebration on Saturday Dec. 3, 2016



LAS VEGAS – The highly anticipated Lucky Dragon Hotel & Casino, the first in Las Vegas to offer an authentic Asian gaming, dining and lifestyle experience, is now open to the public. The property commemorated the milestone with a Grand Opening Celebration held on Saturday, Dec. 3.

The celebration began at 2:30 p.m. PT as the booming sound of taiko drummers called Lucky Dragon guests out to the porte-cochere where the festivities took place. After a half-hour demonstration, the executive team from Lucky Dragon joined the celebration for the traditional dragon and lion eye-opening ceremony and dragon and lion dances. President and Chief Executive Officer Andrew Fonfa, Managing Principal James Weidner, Chief Operating Officer Dave Jacoby, General Manager Matt Harkness, Vice President of Marketing Jordan Seager and Executive Chef Phuoc Luu were all present to make traditional red envelope offerings to the Lions, symbolizing good fortune to come. After an official ribbon cutting, an explosive Chinese firecracker display followed and wowed the packed crowd of onlookers.

Heads of lettuce, suspended by red string over the entrance to Lucky Dragon's casino, were consumed by the dancing lions before entering the property. A variation on the phonetic pronunciation of the word for "lettuce" in Chinese translates to "to get rich." The tradition of lions eating the lettuce is said to bring wealth and prosperity to the property. The dragon and lions proceeded into the casino and continued their celebration for several hours, as guests were treated to complimentary Tsing Tao beer and traditional GongFu service of Qinba Wuhao tea – one of more than 50 teas that will be offered at Lucky Dragon.

At 10:30 p.m., guests and executives alike raised their glasses in a champagne and cognac toast, officially signaling the opening of Las Vegas' first new hotel and casino property in 6 years.

"This project was such a tremendous undertaking and, from the very beginning, we wanted to be sure that every aspect of the hotel and casino was not only culturally accurate and respectful, but approachable and accessible to all," said Dave Jacoby, chief operating officer of Lucky Dragon Hotel & Casino. "Seeing it all come together, knowing that everyone involved absolutely nailed each and every detail, has been exciting. Now we look forward to operating, and growing, Las Vegas' premier cultural epicenter."

Lucky Dragon is situated on the Las Vegas Strip's burgeoning northern corridor, just west of Las Vegas Boulevard at 300 W. Sahara Avenue. The first ground-up construction of a hotel and casino property in Las Vegas since 2010, Lucky Dragon will feature a unique and authentic Asian experience unlike any other in The United States.



The authenticity of the property goes far beyond the style of cuisine and multilingual staff. From taxi stands to restaurants, signage will be in Chinese first and English second. VIP areas are elevated, signifying a heightened status for those who enter. Teas normally reserved for dignitaries on official Chinese state visits will be available at Lucky Dragon for the first time in the United States. Careful consideration was put into the design, from conceptualization through to its actualization.

“Our design team, executives and partners aggregated a multitude of influences from around the world to create a truly world class resort,” said Lucky Dragon President and Chief Executive Officer Andrew Fonfa. “From our exclusive list of 50 Chinese teas, to our authentic Cantonese and pan-Asian culinary portfolio, there is inarguably nothing else like this in Las Vegas.”

Here are the chips:



A First Look at Lucky Dragon Hotel & Casino

The Accommodations

Lucky Dragon will feature 203 guest rooms, including 22 suites. Standard rooms (400 square feet) blend modern luxury with Asian flair rich in culture, while contemporary amenities ensure guests from all over the world feel at home. Lucky Dragon will offer the most Chinese programming of any TV package available on the Las Vegas Strip. Each room will feature tea brewing equipment and a complimentary offering of Lucky Dragon's imported house tea selections.

Standard suites (625 square feet) will feature an additional spacious seating area and larger bathroom; many will feature a Las Vegas Strip view. The top floor of Lucky Dragon will house The Penthouse Suite (1,300 square feet), reserved for Lucky Dragon's most exclusive clientele. The penthouse will span the entire width of the hotel tower and offer panoramic views of the Las Vegas Strip as well as the beautiful mountain sunset. The penthouse will feature a grand foyer entryway, a guest powder room, a luxurious living room, a soaking tub and a formal dining space suitable for catered meals and events, as well as butler service.

The Dining

At the heart of Lucky Dragon's authenticity lies its food and beverage program. From the variety offered by the property's five restaurant concepts, to the extensive collection of Chinese teas, Lucky Dragon will be the city's center for Asian cuisine. Willy Ng, of renowned Bay Area restaurants Koi Palace and Dragon Beaux, consulted with Lucky Dragon on the resort's culinary program. Ng's Koi Palace is widely regarded as one of the best dim sum restaurants in the Bay Area, and product from Ng's own dim sum facility in San Francisco will be shipped in daily to Lucky Dragon.

Dragon's Alley, inspired by the vibrant night markets dotting the streets throughout Taipei and landmarks such as Ghost Street in Beijing, will introduce Las Vegas to the best street food offerings of China, Taiwan and broader Asia. The Hutong brick that lines portions of Dragon's Alley was sourced directly from Beijing's toppled government housing. The alleys of state-sponsored residencies that often flanked similar night markets were torn down as Beijing's economy began to thrive.

Bao Now, serving quick and easy dishes meant to be consumed on the go, will feature simple dim sum, soups, rice, noodles, congee and Boba Tea, as well as a diverse offering of teas and coffees. Due to its proximity to the casino floor, guests will have easy access to food and drink before, after or even during play, as Lucky Dragon guests will be permitted to dine at gaming tables.

Pearl Ocean will set a new standard for dim sum in Las Vegas. The large aquatic-themed dining room feature the city's best dim sum service, as well as a live seafood room where guests can select live exotic seafood, flown in daily, to be prepared in both traditional and modern culinary styles.

Phoenix, Lucky Dragon's 60-seat fine dining restaurant, will boast a menu of cutting-edge culinary trends found throughout modern China. Kurobuta pork, deer tendon, abalone and countless other rare, expertly prepared delicacies will punctuate the world-class service for Las Vegas' most discerning palates. Phoenix will also boast a private balcony and finely curated wine list.

Cha Garden, adjacent to the hotel lobby, blends seamlessly with the pool area to create an indoor-outdoor tea garden and lounge. Led by Las Vegas' only tea sommelier, Cha Garden will feature an extensive list of 50 unique teas sourced directly from generations-old tea farms throughout Asia. Guests will be able to select teas knowing Cha Garden will also serve yum cha (light snacks akin to Chinese tapas) in a casual or formal service atmosphere. While tea will be the focus of the Cha Garden experience, the venue will also feature a full bar, beer, wine and cocktail program for guests seeking to engage in a more traditional Las Vegas nightlife experience.

Jewel Kitchen will be the heartbeat of Lucky Dragon's dining scene. Encapsulated by windows offering casino guests a panoramic view of the culinary masters in action, it will be Las Vegas' only show kitchen that extends directly onto the casino floor.

The Bars

Two main bars will serve the hotel & casino. The first-floor Pagoda Bar, at the heart of Lucky Dragon's casino gaming floor, will offer full bar service as well as a selection of teas and other non-alcoholic beverages. Video poker machines line each side of the bar's architecturally inspired octagonal perimeter. Upstairs, the Atrium Bar will serve as the center of Lucky Dragon's growing mixology program. A chameleonic menu of specialty cocktails will be accompanied by traditional Asian beverage options and modern libations influenced by Asian culture and recipes.

The Casino

Pivoting around the casino's first-floor Pagoda Bar, the 27,500-square casino floor will contain 37 tables and 287 slot machines. The majority of table games will focus on table games popular in Asia offering primarily Baccarat and Pai Gow, though Roulette, Black Jack, Three-Card Poker and Ultimate Texas Hold'em will also be available.

Overlooking the casino floor, and suspended above Pagoda Bar, a 1.25-ton glass and crystal dragon chandelier will cast luck and good fortune upon all below. Crafted in the renowned Crystal Valley glass blowing region of The Czech Republic, the 23-foot dragon spans nearly two-and-a-half stories.



Two high-end gaming areas – The Emerald Room high-limit gaming area on the ground floor and the ultra-luxurious, second-story VIP Gaming Lounge – will serve the casino's major players, offering gaming in an intimate environment surrounded by high-end décor, designed to bring luck and good fortune.

The Pool

Lucky Dragon's pool area, an extension of the main lobby and Cha Garden, will offer guests an oasis garden escape. The shoreline infinity-edge pool and shady oak trees provide an atmosphere reminiscent of a natural pond, while the tiled mural wall and fountains adorn a modern atmosphere that includes lounge seating and luxury cabanas.

About Lucky Dragon Hotel & Casino

Lucky Dragon Hotel & Casino is Las Vegas' first casino resort designed from the ground up to create an authentic Asian cultural and gaming experience. The resort is located at the north end of the Las Vegas Strip at 300 W. Sahara Ave. Features of the property include a nine-story hotel with 203 rooms, of which 22 are suites; 27,500 square feet of casino space with an emphasis on table games including Baccarat and Pai Gow as well as slots, a high limit gaming area known as the Emerald Room and a luxurious VIP gaming parlor; a pool designed to create an oasis garden escape for hotel guests; a spa with four treatment rooms including reflexology; an indoor-outdoor Tea Garden featuring an extensive list of tea curated by Las Vegas' only tea sommelier; five Asian-inspired restaurant concepts; and staff and signage to accommodate guests from throughout Asia as well as English-speaking guests. For more information, visit LuckyDragonLV.com. Follow Lucky Dragon Hotel & Casino on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for the latest news and updates.

Press release from Graham McMurry Dec. 7, 2016.

Chip images courtesy of the ChipGuide

MUSINGS from the MoGH

THE MoGH NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

The following listings of requested items have already been emailed to a number of Chipboard readers already. It has also been posted on the Chipboard. I am posting here for those that may have missed my emails, the Chipboard post and for those that I have not reached out to yet.

PLEASE READ the entire listing so that you do not overlook something that you might be able to help with. 😊

The Mob Museum is now focused on the museum renovation project, which involves substantial new exhibit work on the first floor and basement level. On the basement level, they are planning to create a speakeasy exhibit and a bootlegging exhibit. So the time period that they are focused on is Prohibition: 1920-1933.

It seems like we might be able to help if anyone collects objects from the speakeasy culture. They are looking for a few objects, especially from some of the better-known speakeasies, such as the Stork Club, Cotton Club, 300 Club and Club 21 in New York City. Other cities to consider would be Chicago, Detroit and New Orleans.

Also:

Any kind of whiskey flasks disguised as something else.

Some kind of marketing piece for Coca-Cola that includes its slogan from that era: "The Drink That Cheers But Does Not Inebriate."

Anything related to bootlegger George Remus of Cincinnati.

Anything related to the Canadian bootlegger Samuel Bronfman.

Anything related to Seattle bootlegger/rum-runner Roy Olmstead.

Objects related to Eliot Ness' busting of breweries operated by Al Capone.

On a different note, they are interested in tracking down some unique/interesting items related to Benny Binion and Binion's Horseshoe Club in Las Vegas. They are particularly interested in items related to Binion's gambling days in Dallas/Fort Worth in the 1930s and 1940s. Hopefully we have a collector or two that have the market cornered on these items!

They are also looking for items related to the numbers racket, which was the primary form of gambling in urban African American neighborhoods from the 1920s to 1950s.

Here are some other topics and exhibits that are being discussed:

Riviera Hotel during mob era – 1955-70 – especially anything related to Gus Greenbaum

Moulin Rouge – 1955 – its first and most famous incarnation

Frank Sinatra's Cal-Neva Lodge at Lake Tahoe – late 1950s, early 1960s

Distilleries of Prohibition era – this is pretty far off the track for our group - but you never know.

Please let me know if you have any of the above items that you could loan to the MoGH. If you do, please send scans of the items directly to me at the email address below. If you don't have any of these items but you can think of others that might be able to help, please provide their names and email addresses.

Thank you **ALL** for your time and assistance in this matter.

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MOGH – MEMBERSHIP

Jerry Vergatos, Membership Director

Greetings fellow club members! I have great news to report in this issue! The recent donation by the Southern Nevada Chip Collector's Club (SNCCC) has greatly advanced our ability to get display cases and items for our upcoming exhibits. Their generosity and foresight is a great thing for all to see.

NEW MEMBERS & UPGRADES

Gold Level	Barry Hauptman	0001
Life Member	Jerry Vergatos	0001
	Malcolm McNeil	0002
	Robert Pardue	0003
Corporate Member	Ricky Pushkin	0001

CHALLENGE

The Board of Directors would like to offer a challenge to the rest of the local clubs to consider making a donation as well as help fund future exhibits. Each exhibit costs between \$500 and \$1,500. Any donation would be much appreciated and your club would be acknowledged in the exhibit. The Southern Nevada Chip Collector's Club has set the bar to which we hope all other clubs can match.

HELP

We need corporate membership recruiting help. If every member could recruit just one corporate member, it would go a long way in achieving our goal. The benefits can be enormous for corporate members- exposure to our vast membership, web links, marketing, and a very professional web appearance. I will be glad to forward a membership brochure to assist in your recruiting. Please consider helping us in this worthy endeavor.

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

Thank you and best regards,

Jerry Vergatos

Membership Director – MOGH

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Thank You!

Thank You!

I am pleased to announce that the Southern Nevada Casino Collectibles Club (the SNCCC) has donated \$500 to the Museum of Gaming History (the MoGH) to go towards the future purchase of display cases. At the August club meeting, pursuant to my solicitation on behalf of the MoGH, Sandy Herman, a member of the SNCCC, made a Motion to approve funds for a donation to the MoGH and SNCCC President, Sheldon Smith, endorsed the Motion, stating that the MoGH was an endeavor worthy of the SNCCC's support. Those members present at that meeting agreed to vote on the Motion at the September meeting, at which time Sandy Herman modified her original Motion to reflect the sum of \$500; and, this donation was unanimously approved. The MoGH informed the SNCCC that it will acknowledge the donation by some attribution on the display case/s.

The SNCCC currently has more than 100 paid members and is one of the largest casino collectible clubs in the country. Monthly SNCCC meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Gold Coast Casino. Although the meetings start at 7 pm, members and guests meet beforehand in the assigned meeting room for sales, trades and general camaraderie. Anyone interested in our hobby is welcome to attend!

Jerry Vergatos
MoGH Board Member

Visit The Museum of Gaming History LogoWear Shop!



From casual polos to fashionable long sleeve button down shirts, all items are offered in approved colors and styles, as well as decorated with the Museum's logo. The Museum of Gaming History invites you to browse the store and we hope you enjoy your shopping experience. All proceeds from the sale of these garments goes to the Museum of Gaming History.

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

Jim Follis LM3872-53

Jerry Vergatos LM 8093-241

Welcome to another edition of Member's Corner. My goal in writing these articles is to inform the membership of the interesting and diverse collection of members. In my search, I try to showcase people who I've met and that have made an impression on me. Some of the members that I have interviewed have been well known, some have not, some are controversial, and some very popular. I believe that above all, the thing that binds us is our passion for collecting. This edition features Jim Follis LM3872-53. Over that past few months, I've gotten to know him and am impressed with his friendliness, availability to always help out whether it is club duties or personal endeavors. I introduce to you now, Jim Follis LM3872-53

Jerry: Tell us Jim, where are you from and where are you currently living, married, children, grandchildren?

Jim: Well Jer, you don't mind if I call you Jer, do you? I was born in the Land of Lincoln. Dead center in the middle of the State, Springfield, Illinois. In the Summer of '52, they tell me. When I was about 12 or 13, we moved to Southern California and I tend to think that the San Fernando Valley had the biggest influence over my upbringing.

Growing up, my family was big on playing games, especially card games. Board games like Monopoly, and Risk were favorites, but it was a deck of cards that was central to after dinner play. My step-father was a gambler, unfortunately in the extreme sense, but he kept 3 kids fed and with a roof over our heads, and the occasional trips to Las Vegas! We would always stay Downtown, typically at the Four Queens, and as a minor, I took to collecting match books. Not covers mind you, but full books of matches! Regrettably, for not knowing better, I glued each book into a scrap book. And to make matters worse, when I took to smoking, I used those match books! But the point is, from early on, I learned of playing cards (including poker), going to Las Vegas and collecting casino souvenirs!

So it's no small wonder, that after getting married in Las Vegas (Little Chapel of the Flowers in 1977, and the place is still there, only not "Little" any more) to the love of my life, and we now live in Vegas, Baby!



Me, holding a pair of Sahara door pulls from the sale at the Sahara.

We are there, along with our son Casey, who helps me out on various volunteering activities for the Club. As for our daughter, Angela, now living in Bellevue, WA, has blessed us with four grandkids!

Jerry: Are you retired or currently working?

Jim: Yes, both! I am retired and working every day. As they say, you become busier after retiring! I laughed at that comment, but now I am living it!!! Since 1972, when I enlisted into the US Army, and got a Security Clearance, my entire work life (some 42 years) has been given to protecting the National Defense of the United States. I am very proud of my Service (5 years in the US Army) and my time in the aerospace industry as a Security Specialist. But with that behind me, I can devote greater time to family and of course to my collecting interest.



Pam Focazio and I shortly after getting married in Las Vegas, April of 1977.

Jerry: How long have you been in the club? What are your interests in Casino Memorabilia? What got you started?

Jim: That's a pretty good segue there Jer. My Membership Number is 3872, and I joined the Club at the 1998 Convention at The Orleans Hotel and Casino, which was the Club's 6th Convention. While not fully familiar with the Club, it was an odd coincidence that I even happened to be at The Orleans. At the time, my wife and I (Pam) were living in Tucson, AZ. Some months earlier, while visiting Pam's mother, who lived in Las Vegas at that time, we attended a Time Share presentation. While we refused to buy into the property, our prize was a 'voucher' for a cruise aboard a Carnival Cruise ship out of Los Angeles, CA. After months of dealing with the shady Travel Agency out of Florida that had issued the 'voucher', we were mailed tickets for the cruise and traveled to Los Angeles for a Saturday departure.

Well, it turned out that even with the tickets in-hand, the Travel Agency withdrew the funding and we could not board the ship. Since we had already made arrangements for a baby sitter for our two kids, I suggested that we should just escape to Vegas! Little did I know that we would end up at The Orleans, or that the Club was having it's 6th Convention there! I was a new collector and didn't even know about the Club! But I learned quickly. The Convention was in mid-August and by September 12th of that same year, I made my very posting on TheChipBoard.com. And my first reply was from the venerable Gene Trimble, Welcoming me to the hobby!

So Jer, that was how I got into the Club. But getting into the hobby happened perhaps a year earlier, and again, it had something to do with a cruise. Pam and I like to cruise for our vacations. Primarily because we pack once, visit different locations, and we don't have to make restaurant decisions based on cost or travel distance. Pam and I also have a history of frequenting casinos. We met in High School and became very good friends. Her family background also had a card playing focus and we would spend hours playing cards with Pam's parents, into the wee hours. As I said, we were friends back then, and after Pam's date(s) would bring her home and left, we would play cards or go out for coffee.

I went through many of her boyfriends back then, just waiting for her to realize I was The One! We were in High School and would occasionally slip away to Las Vegas for a weekend, when either or both of us could scrape together \$50. While I got kicked out of every casino Downtown, her Cher look-alike appearance was never challenged for being a minor.

Sorry to get side-tracked there Jer, but Pam and I have a big Vegas connection in our youth. Heck, my gambler step-father even got us comped tickets to Elvis at the International! But after I became of age, I played low-stakes blackjack. And I always lost my seed money. No matter how much I had, I always left the table with nothing! And I knew how to count cards, even in 1971, but never had the stakes to make it work. In 1987, we were visiting Pam's mom in Las Vegas for a few days in advance of a cruise out of Florida to the Caribbean. While at a blackjack table, at a casino I can't even recall right now, I managed to get my stake down to a single, \$1 chip.

It was not enough to make a bet, so I decided to keep that \$1 chip. In doing so, I consciously told myself, the casino was NOT going to get my last dollar! However, in reality, they already had my last dollar and all I had was their chip. But that one chip has now grown into many, many more chips!

In taking that chip home with me, I had a sense that I was taking something that I should not. Like someone else's property, but I convinced myself that it was OK, because they (the casinos) had no compunction about taking my money! So we were even! But later that evening, I said to myself, this is an interesting feeling I am experiencing (taking a chip) and it was exciting. I think I will do it again, and at every casino I play in. I may lose my stake, but they won't get my last dollar (chip)!



Me holding the Travelling Greg Susong chip as we visited the Pima Air and Space Museum, Tucson, AZ.

So from there, we went to Florida. I played at several Indian casinos in Florida, keeping a \$1 chip from the tables. And also the same thing on the Carnival Cruise ship we sailed upon, as well as the few casinos we visited on the Caribbean cruise. When we got back to Tucson, AZ (this was before Arizona had casinos) I had all of 5 or 6 chips. A month later, while visiting Pam's mother in Vegas, I was very surprised to see a "starter" chip collecting set being sold by Sam's Club, that's right, Sam's Club, not Sam's Town, but Sam's Club. The "starter" set included 5 or 6 chips (from the Mirage Springs Casino, Desert Hot Springs, California) and a several page (20 pockets) binder. I was gifted this set up by my Mother In Law, and when I got back to Tucson, I remember how I would repeatedly rotate the Mirage Springs chips and my personally acquired chips into different sorting patterns based on State, or denomination, or color, or hot-stamp vs. inlay, and all this over about a dozen chips. But it was the start of my collecting bug, both in advance of the Club and TheChipBoard.

Jerry: What volunteer positions are you doing for the club, both nationally and locally?

Jim: Wow Jer, I guess I've been with the Club for some 18 years now, and from almost the beginning, I knew that I wanted to be an active participant. Over time, I have held a multiple of volunteer positions, which began with assisting the Club's Founder, Archie Black as the Assistant OTY Awards Chairman. That was in 2000 and in 2002 I took over as the OTY Awards Chairman and have been the Chairman ever since. In 2004, I brought my son, Casey Focazio-Follis into the volunteer ranks as the Assistant OTY Chairman.

For those who may not know, "OTY" stands for "of the Year" and it pertains to the Club's annual contest of the best Chip of the Year (COTY), Token of the Year (TOTY) (which is on a hiatus until more tokens are minted), Silver Strike of the Year (SSOTY) (which is in danger of going on hiatus) and Slot Card/Room Key of the Year (CKOTY). Nominations for OTY Awards are made by Club Members and voted upon by Club Members as well. At each year's Convention, we (Casey and I) announce the previous year's OTY winners and

maintain a display of the top 10 contenders in each category, as well as a display of all the prior year winners.



Casey Focazio-Follis and me, holding "The Trophy", from the Dig at Nevada Landing for Chips from Pop's Oasis.

Presently, I am also the Museum of Gaming History's (MoGH) Exhibits Awards Chairman and I run the annual People's Choice Awards at the Convention, and I also maintain several MoGH Exhibits here in Las Vegas. Those being the El Cortez Tribute to Jackie Gaughan and The Plaza – Then and Now Exhibits. Additionally, I am a Co-Chair along with Hall of Fame Member, Mr. Carey Burke, as Club Historians. And lastly, I am the Secretary to the Southern Nevada Casino Collectibles Club.

Jerry: What are some of the things you like about our club?

Jim: While this magazine is simply FABULOUS, and the Conventions are well worth it, what I like most is the camaraderie and developed friendships I've made through the Club. There are some very, very nice people in the CC&CTCC and they are what I like most about the Club, even you Jer.

Jerry: Tell me something that nobody knows about you.

Jim: Wowzers Jer! That's a tough one...

I'm pretty much an open book, but I don't talk politics, sex and religion, so I suspect that this is probably a bit passé. I mentioned how back in High School, I spent much of my time away from the class rooms as I possibly could. The only exception was PE (this was back when they had Physical Education in High School) which was like 100% perfect attendance. This was because of 2 things. Number 1, I liked sports, especially Dodge Ball on rainy days, and, perhaps more importantly, it was impossible to cut PE and get away with it. The PE Instructors were like cops and they would investigate every absence. Even calling your home during the period! So I simply had to be there. While they may do things differently now days, but back then they had Picture Day. During your PE class, on Picture Day, you had to fill-out the yearbook picture form and stand in line to have your picture taken for the yearbook. Well I was bored and decided to go through the line twice! While going through the second time, I used a different last name, but alphabetically, it was real close to my name.

A classmate of mine saw what I was doing and he got inline with me and together, we smiled for the camera a second time. But within moments, the PE teacher recognized that he had already gone through the line and for his misbehavior, he was given detention and only had the one picture in the yearbook. As for me, I had 2 pictures in the yearbook, wearing the same smile and same clothes, but sporting a different last name, just 7 or 8 pictures away on the same page. The following year was my Senior year, so I could not brag about my feat, as the same PE teachers would make my life insufferable and for nearly all these years, I've barely told a soul about my yearbook prank.

Jerry: What other hobbies and interests do you have?

Jim: When I was a kid (11 – 13) I collected stamps, but I had a passion for astronomy and dinosaurs. I mention these, because they all required a great deal of research to learn more and I became an avid reader. If only the Internet was available then. But the point is, it was never enough to just collect stuff, it was important to know what it was you had.

In 1965 we moved from Chicago, IL to Southern California. What a cultural change that was! My mother introduced me to sleight of hand magic and I became pretty good at handling cards. She also introduced me to poker, as well as a multitude of other card games. But sleight of hand tricks with cards was a great thing. And my interest in magic was so strong that a friend and I created a Magic Club at our Jr. High School. While he went on to fame as a magician, performer and TV actor, Harry Anderson and I shared a common interest in magic way back in Middle School in Northridge, CA.

For me, High School was a letdown, and while I met my future wife there, I spent my time more away from campus than on-campus. While not graduating High School, but not dropping-out, I just continued on to Jr. College, where I studied Astronomy and my new found love of writing. I joined the journalism depart and became a Reporter for the Pierce Jr. College Newspaper, The Round Up. While there, I had a chance meeting with a student that told me tales of going to Las Vegas to play blackjack using a special system that involved counting cards. I interviewed him and wrote an article, but the article was not acceptable for the Round Up's focus, so I instead submitted the story to a local "Thrifty Nickel" type paper that ran a contest for articles of interest. I won 2nd place and received a check for \$50, which was a great sum back then. In rereading that article recently, it turns out that the person I interviewed (but was not allowed to identify) was a participant of the now well known MIT blackjack card counting teams.

So my youth pointed me to Las Vegas, and from the age of 17 until now, I spent as much time in Las Vegas that I could. In High School, my future wife was my best friend and we often went to Las Vegas just for the weekend. We would pretend to be married and in 1977, we visited and actually did get married. And now, we live there! Along the way, Pam has gifted me with Life Membership status (#53) for which I am very proud to me a Life Member of the Club, and I thank her for that.

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

Jim: I believe that the Club needs to embrace the digital age and seek our growth amid the Internet. At the same time, I very much support the direction

that the MoGH is taking in setting up fixed Exhibits at various casinos. Be these on a interim basis, long term or indefinite, these mini-museums are the flagships of the Club's future.

Jerry: In your opinion, what do you think we would need to do to attract new members to the club?

Jim: While I have not proposed the concept to the CC>CC, Inc. Board of Directors, or the Membership at large, I believe that we need to establish a new position, perhaps even create it as a new Board Member position, as the Club's Chief Information Technology Officer or CITO.

The Internet is where our future lies for membership recruitment, research of information, documentation of history and records, as well as a myriad of other pertinent elements for our hobby. We have tried to keep current with the possibilities and opportunities of Internet, but having a Webmaster is not enough. Having a Social media Director is not enough and having a Message Board is not enough. While the MoGH's Chip Guide is a fabulous tool of research and kudos are certainly due for Charles Kaplan, as well as David Spragg, as the Club's Webmaster, I believe we need all of these on-line elements under the management and direction of a single Information Technology specialist to develop, direct, and administer an all inclusive Information Technology leadership plan for the Club.

The Club's future is linked to the Internet and we can gain so much by having an integrated presence there, under the leadership of an individual who knows the technology and will work as part of the CC>CC, Inc.'s Board of Directors.



Mark Hall-Patton (The Beard of Knowledge) and me at Pawn Stars store, Las Vegas, NV.

Jim's final words:

Well Jer. I think I'd like to say a few things about the Museum of Gaming History, aka: The MoGH. Jer, you're a Board Member of the MoGH and I thank you for your volunteerism and your active participation. Your principal responsibility has been to formulate and put forth a MoGH Membership Plan and in-principle I support that project. But beyond that, you recently coordinated a \$500 donation to the MoGH from the Southern Nevada Casino Collectibles Club (SNCCC) and I applaud you for that achievement. And thank the SNCCC for their check.

Moreover, I know that you plan to challenge the other "local" Clubs around the country to do what the SNCCC has done. Well I would like to support that and hereby Challenge, The Atlantic City Casino Collectibles Club, to meet or exceed the donation of the SNCCC to the MoGH. But if they can only muster but a portion of what the SNCCC has donated, then that will be fully acceptable, providing they in turn carry on this Challenge to another "local" Club.

I believe that the future of the hobby rests in the comprehensiveness of our collective collections and the MoGH is positioning the hobby to be an archival resource of all things casino collectible, both on-line and in the establishment of physical Exhibits. The MoGH needs the continued support of the CC>CC, Inc., as well as the support of local Clubs and all CC>CC, Inc. members.

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Jerry's final words:

I'm happy that I've gotten to know Jim better after this interview. His passion for both collecting and the club is very evident. He carries himself with pride and passion that is not often seen. His knowledge of whatever he undertakes is amazing to say the least. He recently won the well deserved President's award. He is very approachable and is a fountain of information. I highly recommend him to any new member looking for guidance and direction. He can be reached at Jim@GamingOre.com

Silver Striker News

September 21, 2016

Per Sunshine Mint - The El Cortez Casino has taken delivery of 3 different colorized \$10.00 clad strikes that will be put in play this weekend for the Life Is Beautiful event in downtown Las Vegas, The \$10.00 strikes will be in blue cases and only 300 of each were minted.

Warren Schaefer, SS-185
Publicity & Promotions Chair



October 26, 2016

The 2016 Halloween strikes from the Four Queens were released for everyone to start winning out of the machines. Only 500 Red caps and 500 Blue caps were made along with 148 of the \$300 strikes.



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FOUR QUEENS
HOTEL & CASINO

December 2, 2016

The Four Queens has released the approvals for the Silver Strikes for the upcoming January tournament. The January tournament strikes feature Marilyn Monroe for the theme. All the information for the tournament is on the previous page for those interested in attending. Below are the approvals from the Silver Strikers website.

Blue Caps
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WILLSTON: BOOMTOWN BUST!

John K. Kallman LM112-112

It is quite amazing what the passage of time and a significant drop in oil prices will do to an area! About two years or so ago, I decided to take several days in exploring cities in North Dakota a little farther from home. This included an overnight stay in Minot, a hoped for overnight stay in Williston with a fallback position of Dickinson should I not be able to find reasonable accommodations there.

On my first trip, I arrived in Williston late enough in the date that I hoped at least some table games would be open, but soon enough that I could still make it to Dickinson with time to run the casinos there.

As it turned out, that was good planning, as not only were there no tables yet open in Williston, but the cheapest room I could find was at the Motel 6 at over \$100 a night, but they were sold out, not that I was willing to spend that kind of money for a room like that.

But that was back when they had more jobs than able body workers, more workers than the infrastructure would support, and oil was over \$100 a barrel!

While I had only been home from my nearly 4,000-mile roundtrip excursion to the club's annual convention, I was raring to go. With a Transportation Token show in Rapid City South Dakota scheduled for a Friday, this would get me into Williston on a Saturday night when ALL the table games would be open! Checking the prices of the hotel rooms, I found a brand new Ramada Inn for just under \$60 a night! A tad bit of the hotel food chain that a Motel 6 to say the least.

Of course, with any such plan, there is always something that does not go quite as you plan. And now that I am a tad bit older than what I act, or would like to be, the first mistake was trying to drive to Rapid City in a single day. Door to door it was almost 500 miles! Just a bit too far for this old goat. But I did sleep good that evening. Thankfully, I DID allot two days for the trip home.

While the pickings were slim at the transportation show, I did come away with one casino related item, a token good for one ride from the New York New York casino!



The trip to Williston proved quite interesting, but not in the good sort of way. It was a county highway that more or less headed due North, one lane in each direction. This was about a week before the annual motorcycle rally in Sturgis and there was a fair number of those vehicles on the road trying to make an early arrival for the festival. One poor soul, I am sad to say, probably did not make it there in time! I saw him doing a pancake on the pavement shortly after a car passed him. I don't know if the car clipped him, pulled back into his lane too quickly, or if he just hit a slick spot, or what. But the motorcycle headed for the ditch while he did a couple of somersaults before coming to a sore rest. Thankfully, there was not another vehicle directly behind him, or else he would have fared far worse than what he did.

I off course pulled over, helped him to the side of the road, called for an ambulance, waited till they got there, had him taken care of and provided them with my contact information. While this did put a dent into my schedule, it was the right thing to do!

While I did not have that much time to spend in Williston during my last trip, I did manage to see a good bit more of the town this time around. One of the first stops was at the visitor's center which was very helpful in telling me both which places on my list had table games and which only had pull tabs, as well as to highlight on a map about where in town they were located.

The next order of business was to find my hotel so I could find it later that evening once my chip run had run its course. Between my first visit and this one, a LOT of things have changed. The infrastructure is much improved, particularly when it comes to traffic! Most notable was the bypass road that was built so that all the big rigs did not have to travel through the center of town. However, these were few and far between. Last time, as I recall, there was a traffic jam in the late afternoon of 18 wheelers several miles long trying to navigate the main drag of downtown Williston. Not only were these trucks gone from there, but most everywhere else! In fact, if you are looking to purchase a used vehicle of any make, model, color or year, be it a car, truck, RV, trailer, boat, or big rig, they are sitting all over the place, mostly collecting rust!

Many store fronts were either empty or had for sale signs on them and many other buildings that were in the process of being built were just sitting there half done. Few if any new wells were being drilled, and many more were sitting idle. Equipment used in the oil industry, like the cars were likewise scattered about, likewise collecting dust. Many of the "man camps", prefabricated trailers that could house up to 10 people per trailer, that had been stacked 3 high, often ten rows across and equal number in each row now sat behind chain link fences with strands of barb wire at the top, and a pad lock gate on one end.

My first stop at an actual location only reinforced my earlier impressions. Here it was, 6pm on a Saturday night. A restaurant / bar was at the front with the table games in the back. A single employee was busy on the phone talking to someone, and not a single person was waiting to play the game. Gone were the bouncers that normally met you at the door and were close by just in case things got out of hand! After waiting a good 15 minutes or more, when he got off the phone, he recognized me from an early chip run in a different town. Not only was he more than happy to sell me what I wanted, but provided me with directions of how to get to my next intended stop, revised my planned stops as needed and provided much valuable information for the rest of the stops!

Williston State College Foundation



The 50c chip is a left over from when this charity was using H&C chips that included a \$1 chip in two different varieties – one with only \$1 on the reverse and the other with the denomination as \$1.00.

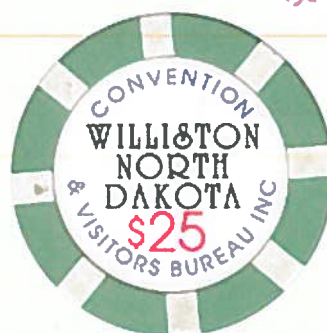
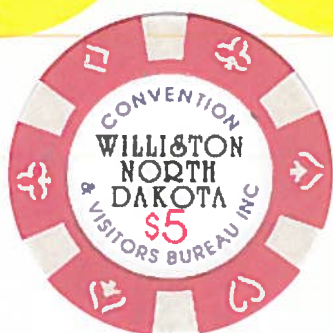


There is probably a \$2 chip in this earlier series and perhaps a \$5 chip as well. But I have never seen either to date. Most, but not all of the charities were dealing in several locations, and while the person who was manning the tables at the first stop indicated that each charity only used the same rack at all of their locations, being one to always want to double check – I did. Sadly, he was correct!



Williston Convention & Visitors Bureau Inc.

While not my second stop of the evening, this was the second one where I found chips that were NOT at the first stop. Having said that, there was nothing "new" on the tables, but I was lacking both the \$5 and the \$25 chip!



Development Home Incorporated

If anything told the story of the decline in the economy of Williston, it was the two bars that this charity was dealing at. Both of the bars were located on the main street, handy by the train station. Right next to each other! And both of them used to be strip bars, where the girls danced for tips – and tips alone. Once the rough necks left town, so did the girls! And counting all of the employees AND patrons in BOTH bars, you would not have been able to come up with nine people total to field one side of a baseball game – on a Saturday night! Even sadder, other than the \$25 chip, all the rest were on the tables back when I started chasing North Dakota Charity Casino chips some 15 years ago. Being Hot Stamped Hat & Cane, after so much used, they resembled nothing more than colorful pieces of clay. Thus, I left empty handed!

American Legion Post 37

While this was my last scheduled stop for the evening in Williston, thankfully, it was not the last of the places where I was able to pick up my chips on the trip! Of all the charities in town, this was the only one that only had a single location. As noted, Development Home had two and the rest had a least four each. While there were other charities in town, they only sold pull tabs and had no table games.



Having got all the chips, it was time to find something to eat! Having taken care of that, it was time to retire for the evening, or at least head back to my hotel room. While relieving my hunger, I did have a chance to read a real estate brochure that was left at the restaurant. Rents had come down greatly as there was now a housing glut on the market – with a 2-bedroom armament going for under \$55 a month, utilities included! Homes and acreage however was still quite high as if you bought the house, the land it was sitting on game with mineral rights, and when oil prices do recover, that could prove to be a very valuable investment.

From the people that I did meet during this all too brief stay appeared to be those who had lived there before the oil boom occurred and they saw no good reason to leave just because of the market downturn. Of course, it is hard to say what will be coming of the rest of the town – the block long Harley Davidson dealer, the numerous hotels, and motels that had sprung up along with most everything else that were more empty than full.

Meet Wally Walleye!

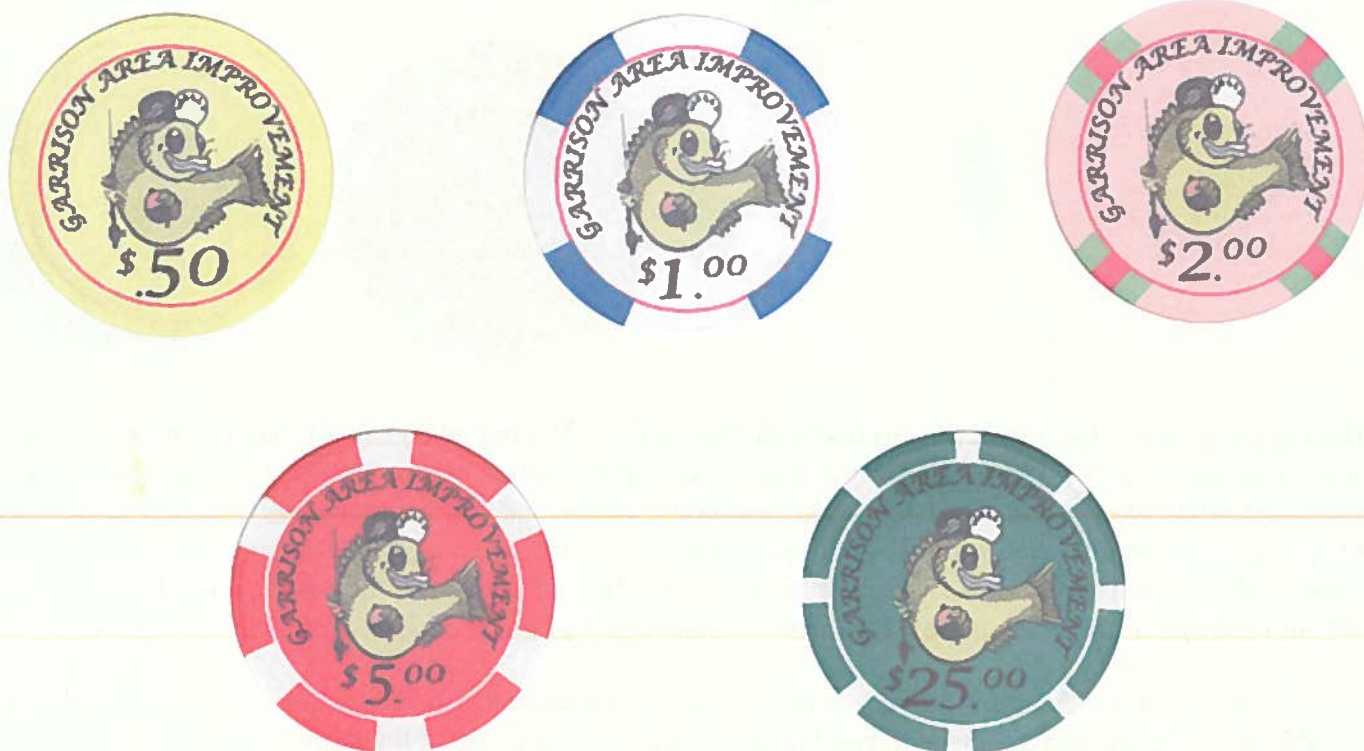
On all of my trips through North Dakota, I am always on the lookout for places along the way that might be worth stopping back at another time. As with signs for yard sales, if I cannot see the town from the road, I do not make the turn as you never know quite for sure how far down the road it is, or if you can find your way back again!

Thus, while I made a few detours along the way, I was coming up mostly empty in my attempts. Needing gas, I was scouting for a gas station that was on the same side of the road as I was. And next to the one that I found was not only a bar, but the "Open" light was on as well. Thus, with this stop, I could hopefully get not only gas, but see if there was a charity dealing even if it was not open at the time!

And not only was it open, there was indeed a charity and they had Paddle Wheel in addition to the standard black jack table. While the tables were not open, I was able to make notes. Before leaving, I did ask the hours that the tables were going should I come back to this place sometime in the future.

As I was preparing to leave, the charity manager came in along with an assistance to balance the books so to speak for this. Not only did he let me see the chips in question, he allowed me to purchase some as well, explaining that logo was Wally the Walleye!

Garrison Area Improvement Association



There is also a \$100 chip with the same logo, black, with 4 sets of split white inserts.

Paddle Wheel Chips (a form of roulette) which is sometimes found along with the black jack tables, was present, but I was unable to acquire any of the chips (this trip). Hot stamped GAIA (Garrison Area Improvement Association) on suit pip molds in the colors of Orange, White, Black, Pink, Green, and Yellow.

Tioga Downs NY Will Officially Open New Casino on December 2

There will never be a shortage of casino collectible items as long as new casinos continue to open up. Tioga Downs in New York state was just a track with VLT terminals. After a pursuit that has lasted over 3 years they have finally received one of 4 new gaming licences issued by the state. On Friday December 2, 2016 they officially opened the new casino to the public.

The new gaming floor features 33 long-awaited table games, including Blackjack, Craps and Roulette, as well as popular casino games like Pai Gow Poker, Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em, Let It Ride, 3-Card and 4-Card Poker and the Big 6 Wheel.

Guests who have previously spent time in the Winner's Circle Lounge, won't recognize it today. The room was gutted down to the studs and rebuilt to house the casino's new Poker Room. With 12 tables, seating up to 10 players at each table, the room can accommodate up to 120 players and plans are already being made to host multiple tournament events in 2017.

New tables aren't the only new games players will find in the casino. The facility also needed to replace all of the 798 video lottery terminals(VLT) with new slot machines. When the casino is complete, guests will find 944 games, including recently released titles like Game of Thrones, new 3D models like Plants vs Zombies, as well as plenty of bells, bars and cherries. Many of the new machines have a sleeker design and more modern profiles than the older VLTs.

The casino has even installed USB charging stations in many of the machine bases so guests can charge their phones without having to worry about leaving them unattended somewhere or running down their batteries.

This year marks the tenth anniversary celebration for Tioga Downs. The entertainment complex offers live harness racing, casino gaming and live entertainment. Jeff Gural owns Tioga Downs in Nichols, NY as well as Vernon Downs in Vernon, NY. With a commercial gaming license now officially granted and the casino open, Tioga Downs will continue to push forward on the buildout of the additional amenities for its world-class gaming and entertainment complex. These include a hotel, spa, additional restaurant, events/convention center and more.

Last check on the ChipGuide and there is only a TITO from 2007 and all the slot card issues. So hopefully someone will be going on a road trip soon to see what they have there for chips.



The Gold Standard

Dick Bartley [LM-5316-201]

Since the beginning of human civilization, gold has been considered the most precious element on earth. Chemical symbol "Au" - atomic number 79 - gold has long been used in jewelry, coins, artwork, electronics, dentistry, and architecture... and it makes a pretty impressive bet on the poker table.

Gold fever broke out in America in 1848 with the discovery of nuggets at Sutter's Mill in California. Prospectors began flocking to the gold fields – eventually reaching 300,000 in number. The population of the Golden State exploded and California joined the union in 1850.

As long as there's been gambling – legal and illegal – clubs and casinos have attempted to associate themselves with the luxurious image of gold. A casino search of the words "gold" and "golden" on The ChipGuide (chipguide.com) yields more than 200 results.

I decided to comb through my collection and see how many chips include the word "gold" in the casino name on the inlay. Pictured below are 25 examples (\$1 and \$25 denominations) from California, Canada, Colorado, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma and South Dakota."





3 New Resort Casinos to open in 2017 in New York State



del Lago Casino Resort

Collectors be ready, another one of New York states newest casinos is set to open on February 1, 2017. Casino visitors will be among the first to enjoy the 2,000 slot machines and 85 gaming tables, including 10 poker tables.

Del Lago's luxurious 205-room hotel, banquet facility and 12,000-square-foot spa will open in summer 2017. The del Lago Casino is located in Waterloo, Seneca County. Located just steps off Exit 41 of the New York State Thruway, the heart of the New York's Finger Lakes region.



Collectors the 2nd of New York states newest casinos is set to open on February 8, 2017.

Rivers Casino & Resort at Mohawk Harbor in Schenectady, New York, a mixed-use development being built on one of the oldest brownfields in the United States. Our LEED-certified, full-service casino will feature up to 1,150 slot machines, approximately 66 table games, restaurants, lounges and banquet facilities, a 150-room hotel, spa, riverfront trails and public outdoor spaces, all adjacent to the mixed-use residential, retail, hotel and entertainment amenities of Mohawk Harbor and its 50-dock harbor.



We are Empire Resorts, Inc. and our operations have been part of the Catskills since 1958. Introducing Montreign. a 90,000-square-foot casino with 2,150 slot machines, 102 table games and a poker room. It will have an 18-story hotel with 332 rooms, garden suites and villas, indoor pools, spa and a fitness center. The complex will also include an entertainment village, an updated Monster golf course, a water park and a nature trail.

THE WHINER INVITATIONAL

By Steve Bedo

In the early to mid-2000's, when on-line poker was thriving (and was legal for EVERYONE), Andy Hughes started the "Chip Board Road to the World Series" (of Poker) and the "Chip Board King of Poker". These were weekly Wednesday night poker tournaments that Andy set-up on Poker Stars, with help from Jay Sands & Greg Susong. For the "Chip Board Road to the World Series", a portion of each week's winnings would go into a pot, with the ultimate prize being that the winner of the final table of the top nine players received \$1500 towards a buy-in to a WSOP event.



In 2006, before the CC>CC annual convention convened, ten players from Andy's weekly group decided to play a single table Sit & Go at the Rio (where the WSOP was going on) with the winner getting \$1500 worth of buy-in chips for a WSOP event. The players were: Andy Hughes, Barry Weintraub, Brian Watts, Doug "Cigarman" Smith, Greg Susong, Jay Sands, Neal Silverman, Richard Spring, Steve Passalacqua and Steve Bedo.

After almost two hours of fun -- at what every dealer said should have lasted only an hour -- Brian Watts emerged the victor, sending Jay Sands to his first of several second place finishes. But it was two hours of fun & laughs with friends that was enjoyed by all players, almost like playing a home game at your kitchen table -- except that it took place in the midst of the world's greatest stage for poker.



The following year (2007), it was decided that we should get a game together again...this time outside of the confines of the WSOP. I was tasked to set the game up & invite enough club poker players to fill two tables. Confirming our plans for a two table game in The Venetian Poker Room on the Wednesday night after the convention's Early Bird dinner, Andy dubbed it "The Whiner Invitational" since I had pretty much done most of the work involved in setting up the game ("The Whiner" being a moniker that Andy tagged me with because...well, it fit).



Don Logerwell won the inaugural tournament and was the first "Whiner Invitational" champion, defeating a field of twenty club poker players. Jay Sands? Well, he finished once again in his familiar second place. The 2008 version -- held once again in The Venetian Poker Room the evening of the Early Bird banquet -- came down to an epic battle of poker skills between Jay Sands, Nate Pincus and the eventual winner, Steve "Screwy Louie" Passalacqua.



Steve had started the evening on a not-so-happy note when he sent our cocktail waitress's tray full of drinks spilling onto the floor & table.

He spent half his time apologizing...and the other half bowling down his fellow poker players. Our second tournament also marked the end of our group's play at The Venetian as we were accused of harvesting a couple of their tournament chips and were asked to not return.



The third “Whiner Invitational”, like the club’s annual convention, saw a change of venue – both moving to the south end of Las Vegas Boulevard. As the convention moved to the South Point, the “Whiner Invitational” moved to the poker room at the M Resort & Casino – hosted by club member Todd Buechler.

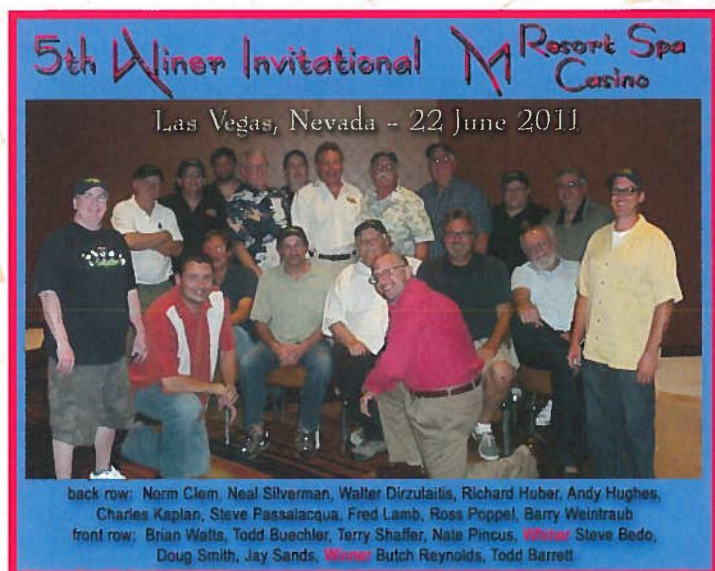


Stu Lovett took home the crown in 2009 and showed his excellent poker skills by also claiming the club poker championship later that same week. In 2010, realizing that this was now becoming an annual event during the convention, something was added -- a chip designed by Debra Meister commemorating the tournament as well as the past winners.

Another year, another new champion – in 2010, it was Nate Pincus at the M Resort’s poker room. Seeing that the first commemorative chip was a hit, a new one (once again designed by Ms. Meister who ingeniously incorporated the M Resort’s logo into the design) was given to the participants. Each & every year since 2010, a new Debra Meister-designed chip has been given to each player.



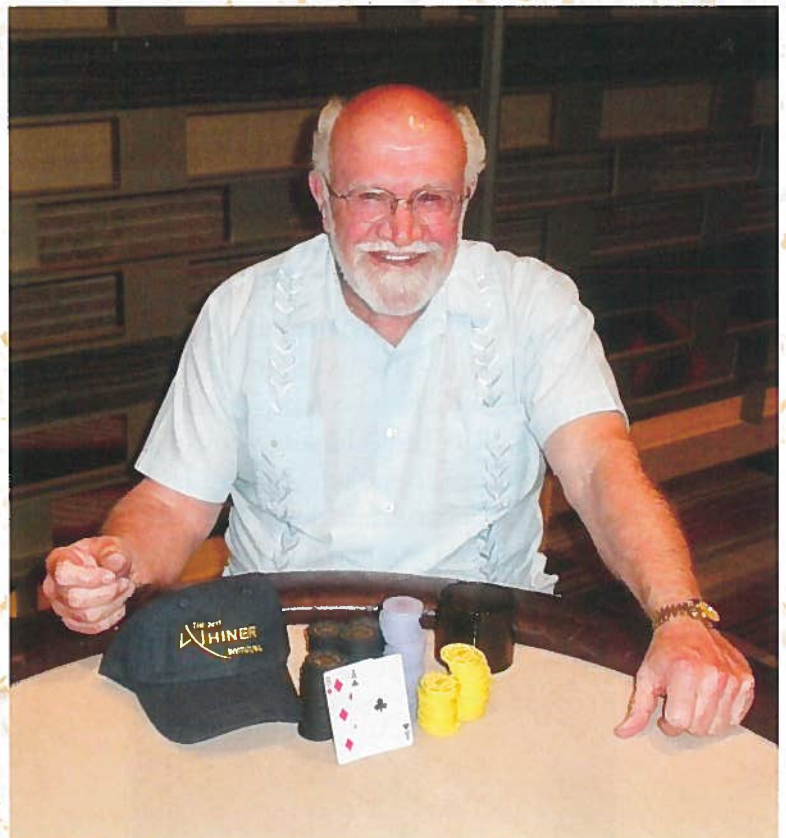
Butch Reynolds – another extremely strong club poker player -- took home the crown in 2011. Ross Poppel rose to the top of the poker player heap in 2012 and claimed his place on the Whiner Invitational chip’s “Ring of Champions”. Debra Meister designed a plaque for the tournament that year – still one of the favorites in my collection.



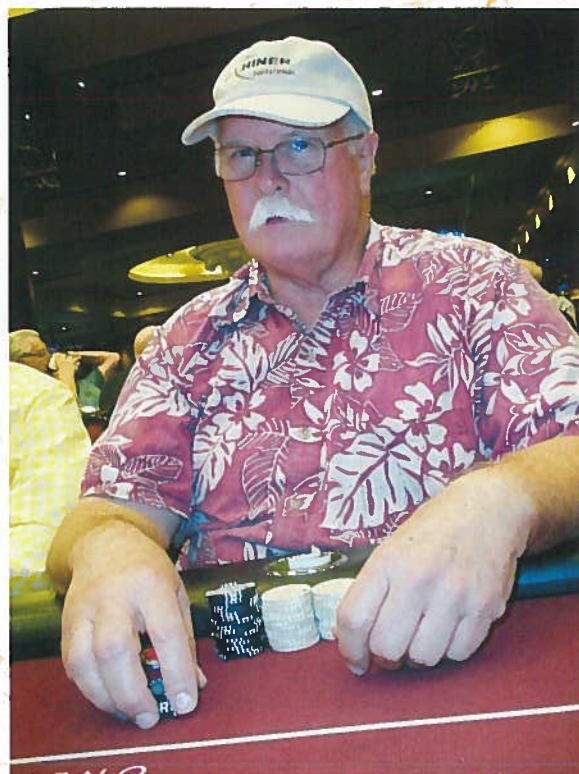
2013 saw the final Whiner Invitational played at the M Resort as they closed their poker room shortly after our tournament. The 7th edition of the tournament almost saw Todd Barrett repeat Stu Lovett's fantastic feat from just a few years earlier – to be the winner of both the Whiner's & the club's poker tournament.



Prior to the cards being in the air that Wednesday night, Todd (along with Marc Shapiro & Roy Brennan) spent hours in the sports book at the M Resort – drinking, watching, drinking, cheering and drinking his beloved Blackhawks to an overtime victory on their way to the 2013 Stanley Cup championship. Still makes me chuckle remembering that glazed look as Todd plowed through the excellent field of poker players. This tournament almost saw it's first repeat champion as Todd battled Stu Lovett heads-up for the crown. Besides the usual chip given out the poker players, there was the addition of an octagonal \$5 BOUNTY chip.



In 2014, the Whiner Invitational moved north a few miles north up Las Vegas Boulevard to its new home -- the poker room at the South Point (which is also home to the club's annual convention poker tournament). New location, new Debra Meister-designed chips (give-away & BOUNTY)...and another new champion. Fred Lamb -- a well-seasoned poker player from southern California -- rose to the top of a field of thirty excellent poker players (well...29 plus me) to take home the title at the 8th annual tournament. Every year, there's a player or two that can't make the convention, so we try to add a new player or two to the list which was the case for the 2015 convention. Dr. Ted Brown joined us last year as a first-time participant and proceeded to "buzz-saw" his way through the field of thirty club poker players to claim the 2015 championship.



Wednesday night, June 22nd 2016, marked the Tenth Annual Whiner Invitational. With a starting group of 28 club poker players -- twenty-eight really fun people -- the cards were in the air at about 9:15PM. The wonderful Barry Weintraub, who has played in each & every one of the Whiner Invitational's AND the original game at the Rio, brought some consolation prizes to the first three players knocked out -- Dan Harrington-authored poker books. Richard Huber was the first to claim his prize, being the first one knocked out. Well, Richard must have done some speed-reading of his "prize" between getting knocked out & re-buying in because when the dust had settled and it was down to heads-up play, the final two players were Richard and (with a bit of irony), Barry Weintraub. After many hands of back & forth, Richard "First-Out & Last-Out" Huber claimed the crown as the Tenth Annual Whiner Invitational poker winner.





Ten years and ten different champions. This club is home to some very good poker players, but the best part has been that the game is fun & relaxed...like playing at your kitchen table with a group of great friends. Many thanks to all that have participated over the years and congrats to all of those that have won...and I look forward to seeing you at the poker table for next year's Whiner Invitational. Who knows...maybe some year, I'll even make the money!!

*Photos courtesy of Steve Passalacqua
Chip designs by Debra Meister*

FLORIDA'S TREASURES

By Robb McPherson

The old saying was "A picture tells a 1000 words", well this picture actual tells 2,200 words.



Our trip to the sunny south of Florida started on November 18 this year. We usually drive a car down for someone that is staying there for the winter then fly home. This year we had to cross to the US at the Fort Erie/Buffalo bridge. The first thing to do after crossing was to go the nearest casino which is the Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino, literally a few minutes from the bridge. Here we needed to have all the US change we had collected over the last couple months converted into actual cash and convert some Canadian money to US also. Since we had not been to this casino before, I also needed to get my players card from here to add to my collection. So after getting my players card from the player's club desk, I also had to get one from the new self serve kiosks that the Seneca casinos are using now. This gives you a second card but it is different from the cards that the player's desk gives you. I usually walk around and look for extra cards hoping that some people leave them in the machines. This is usually the best way to get the higher level cards that I likely will never get myself. I always try to get a few extras for Robert Baker, the Slot Guide producer.



On from there we continue the southward journey and our next stop was the Presque Isles Downs casino in Erie, PA. Since the last time we were at this casino they have changed ownership and are now part of Eldorado Resorts group. Therefore they have since changed their player's cards to the Eldorado Resorts group generic cards used in all of their other casinos. Once again at the player's club desk as I always do, I asked if I could have the higher level cards for my collection. Many times I get the same old answer of "we are not allowed to give them out", but not this time. The host said sure and gave me all levels of the cards right up to the Chairman level!! As we usually do, we take a quick wander around and play a couple machines. Always hunting for older cards too while wandering around!!

Our next stop on the first day of travelling was The Meadows Racetrack & Casino in Washington PA. Once again the same procedure, get new cards, ask for higher level cards then wander around and look for cards. Here we were not so lucky on getting higher level cards from the players desk. We managed to squeeze them into giving us the silver level card but not the gold level card. While wandering around playing a couple machines here and there, don't I stumble upon a gold card left beside one of the machines!! To me, it's almost just as exciting to find cards as it is to win money!! I usually have more luck at finding the cards then I do winning the money lol. I always try to get a TITO with a few cents on it from every casino too. This would be our last casino stop for this day. It was already getting late and we still had to get to our hotel in WV yet.



Our second day of travel was to get another 400 some odd miles to S.C. I was hoping to stop at the Mardi Gras casino in WV but for some reason after seeing the signs, we still missed the cut off on the interstate and the next thing I know we were half an hour passed it. This was the last casino stop on the way to Florida as there are no casinos from SC through GA as they are all day cruise casinos offshore.

After arriving in Florida, we set out on a mission to try to get to as many antique stores, thrift shops, consignment stores, flea markets and pawn shops as possible between Bonita Beach and Fort Myers along the Tamiami Trail (State Rd 41). Everyday we would head out in the morning to hunt for treasures and be back the resort for swim time in the late afternoon before the sun went down.

Our first day of hunting was a stop at Gannon's Antiques & Art. While it may not look big from the outside, once we stepped foot inside, we realized the actual size of the place. This was going to be a few hours to go through as it is more like an antique mall with many different vendor booths setup. On a side note for this place, even though not casino related, I found other treasures such as some coins and memorabilia. Being a coin collector also and being part of many other numismatic organizations, I was on the phone to some of my fellow collectors on items I knew they collected. One fellow collector is involved in dealing with the Dionne Quintuplets home in North Bay with the city of North Bay. There was a large batch of stuff someone had collected from back in the 30's and 40's somehow it all ended up in south Florida! So I was able to make a deal on that stuff to bring it back to the community here in Northern Ontario.



In my searching through the many display cabinets for casino related items, I spotted some Jim Beam Whiskey decanters and among them was a Harold's Club decanter in the shape of a slot machine with the casino logo on it. The sign on the display cabinet had a price of \$19.95 for any decanter. Right away I asked for the cabinet to be unlocked as this was a definite purchase for me.

The only other casino related items I could find was a couple Silver Strikes. One was from Sam's Town and the other was a Luxury Cruise lines strike. The Sam's Town one was a common one that I recognized and already had so I did not purchase it. The Luxury Cruise line one I wasn't sure as I had a couple of them but did not have any record of what I had with me. I noticed that the price on both the strikes was \$20 each but on the Luxury Cruise line one, it has only .999 Silver HSP on the rim. A quick look on the silver strike website showed me that it was only a clad strike with a silver plating on it and not the full silver center. I showed this to the owner and mentioned that this strike would not be worth \$20 as it was not pure silver like the other one. I offered to pay him \$10 for it and he accepted it.



I found a batch of casino chips that was from King's Casino. I did not recognize the chip or the casino so tried to do a search on the chip guide for it on my phone but could not find anything with the limited size of phone. It was only \$2 for the dollar chip so I bought it anyway and figured if I wanted the \$5 and \$25 ones I would go back and get them later. Once I was able to look it up on my computer, I found on the internet that these were generic house chips that you could buy for home use. They are nice looking chips but they are mass produced for use at your own home poker table.

While searching through many other smaller antique stores, I was able to spot the three ashtrays at one store. At first glance, the price on them was \$7-\$9 each. A bit pricey for me but then I spotted a sign that said all items in the booth 50% off. Well that was enough of a bargain for me so there was more than one of each of the ashtrays so I picked the best one of each and left the rest.





On the first weekend in the sunny south, we went to the Fleamasters Flea Market in Fort Myers. This flea market is only open Friday, Saturday and Sundays. Another place that is so large it takes a whole day to go through it or as we did, we spent a few hours on the first weekend and then went back the following Friday to complete going through the whole place. On the first day of going through the flea market I found one vendor in one section that had the Casino Austria chip, almost hidden in a display case of a lot assorted other stuff. The same vendor had shelves full of glasses and mugs, which after scanning through them all, I spotted this beautiful Excalibur mug. After a quick scan of it to make sure it wasn't chipped or cracked, it was well worth the \$2 asking price.



During my time of walking around the fleamarket, I managed to find the decks of cards at couple different vendors. They were usually about \$1 a pack which was reasonable.



My wife was looking at Hallmark Christmas ornaments at a booth that has all just Hallmark stuff and while I was browsing around the booth, I spotted the die cast Ertl truck bank with Imperial Palace on it. The truck was in the original box from Ertl and almost like new! Right away I told my wife I had found something to buy here. Along with her purchases I was able to get it for \$10!! As I usually do, I researched the truck bank as I had never heard or seen it before. I have found out that there was actually more than 5 different ones of them made. Just what I needed as now I will have to pursue obtaining the rest of them! There is only two on the chipguide right now but at least if I get them all I will put them all up on the chipguide so all collectors will know what is available out there.





At the start I mentioned that we went to thrift shops and consignment stores also. One of the thrift shops near where we were staying had this Caesars Atlantic City camera sitting on display near the front of the store. I was surprised to see the low \$5 price tag on it and that meant it was a purchase for sure that I would be making here. While these film cameras are a thing of the past now with the digital age, it still is a reminder of the past when film cameras were the common way to take pictures. The camera was still in the original box with the instructions and a carrying strap which was great.

The only casino within an hour of where we were is the Seminole Casino in Immokalee, Florida. As we usually do, we took a trip out to the casino to make our usual deposit. They had a lot of nice player's cards from years back but they are getting harder and harder to find now. This year I could not find any of the older cards lying around. I was sure to get my new card to make sure they hadn't changed anything from the previous year. The only thing I was able to obtain for my collection here was the matchbooks and some valuable information from the security people on some smaller arcade type casinos that are in Florida. It seems that some of the arcade style places are skirting around Florida's gambling laws by using older class 2 slot machines and instead of cash payouts, you get a gift card for a store like Wal-Mart if you win more than \$25. So with this information, we made sure to check out a couple of these places on our daily route. Sure enough, we went to one, loaded \$5 with a match of \$5 on player's card. We were able to play older style machines but just no payout if you win anything which we didn't. The hostess at this place told me that some places will actually pay out in .999 silver bars also. Some of these places have been around for awhile now and we found one that was just opening up the weekend we were leaving so there is no shortage of them around the state. So if anyone is visiting or lives in Florida, you should try to get to some of these places so we can start listing them on the chipguide because they are no different than any other casino in that the payout system is just not cash but is still a token of winning at a slot machine.



Our 2 weeks in Florida this was an excellent adventure in obtaining more collectables. We only covered the area from Bonita Springs to Fort Myers and still didn't get to all the antique stores in the Fort Myers area. Coming down the I75 from northern Florida, we seen so many signs advertising large antique malls and stores that one could spent a lot of time browsing through these places. I am sure there is many more hidden treasures hiding in all the antique malls. Next year we will have to hit a lot more in the area going south in to Naples.

Some of you have already submitted many stories of your travels and finding lots of treasures but for those who have not yet submitted an article, your CCN editors always need these fine articles to publish in our magazine. So if you haven't yet, take a few minutes on your next trip and jot down all the stuff you find and where you find it, then along with some pictures we can put the article together for you.

MGM National Harbor brings Las Vegas to Maryland



There is no shortage of new collectibles coming out for casino collectors. The folks on the East coast have another new venue to check out. On December 8, 2016, MGM opened its newest casino resort in National Harbor, Maryland. A resort that shares Las Vegas style and if it was dropped on the Las Vegas strip it would fit right in with all the other Las Vegas mega resorts.

The design of MGM National Harbor is in keeping with the rich history and atmosphere of Prince George's County while at the same time meeting the needs of the sophisticated Maryland marketplace. The property, which spans five city blocks, includes a 24-story hotel with 234 guest rooms and 74 suites, 10 of which are luxury suites. The 4.5 star quality hotel also includes a luxury spa, fitness center, rooftop pool, 18,000 square feet of shops ranging from menswear to home décor, a 3,000-seat theater, 35,000 square feet of meeting and event space, and a 5,000-space parking structure. Five of the resort's 15 restaurants are feature restaurants, three of which are operated by culinary headliners brothers Bryan and Michael Voltaggio, José Andrés, and Marcus Samuelsson, who will operate the only 24-hour restaurant at MGM National Harbor; and the National Market, which includes eight quick eats restaurants.

The property's 125,000-square-foot casino includes approximately 3,300 slot machines, 140 gaming tables, which includes 39 poker tables, as well as an Asian-inspired gaming area, and two high-limit gaming areas.

For all you chocolate lovers, MGM National Harbor will also be home to the world's largest chocolate fountain from which 4,000 pounds of dark, white, and milk chocolate will flow!

Opening day was so busy, after opening their doors a half hour early at 10:30pm the place barely had an empty seat anywhere. By 11:15pm, officials had to stop letting people in due to being at capacity. That didn't stop people though, as they lined up outside in 20 degree wind chills for the next wave of people to leave so they could enter the resort.

The ChipGuide has the new chips already posted online for viewing. There is also 2 Grand Opening chips that have been released. The MGM is using their current MLife players cards at this location. Card collectors should watch for new MLife cards now with this casino added on the reverse of the card along with their other locations. There is also 3 room keys listed on the ChipGuide which I am sure there will be more of in the coming months.

Chip images courtesy of The ChipGuide



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11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16



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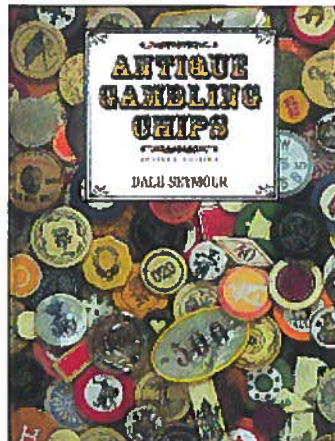
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The Club has certain logos and symbols which it must protect in order to protect its reputation in the collectibles community. No member is allowed to use the Club name, logo or symbol other than is approved by the by-laws or as otherwise specifically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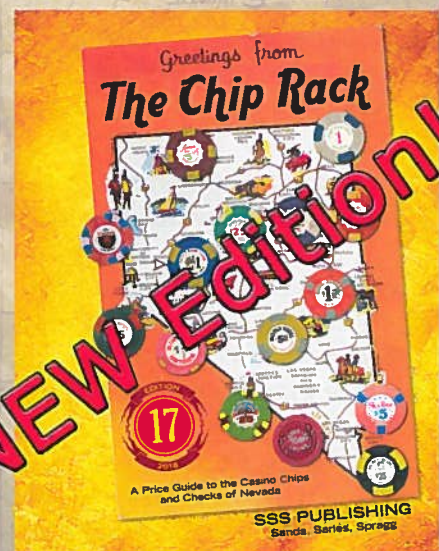
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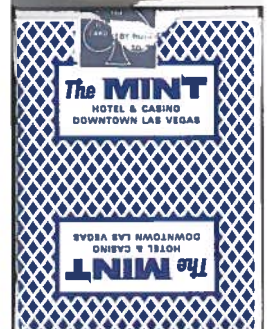
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