

12th Annual CC>CC Convention 2004

by Jim and Sandi Steffner

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Las Vegas - Riviera - June 2004 - YOU; all add up to equal one fabulous event. The 12th Annual CC>CC Convention is now a memory but for all those who attended - a lasting memory of many good times and the chance to meet old and new friends. For those who were not able to make the show - good news later!

The weather was perfect, the Riviera was a great host and their staff helped make the convention very enjoyable for all. The Early Bird Banquet was held at the "Top of the Riv", a large exquisite facility with a splendid panoramic view of the city. Robert Maheu, Howard Hughes alter ego from 1957 to 1970 mesmerized the audience with a "no holds barred" speech with questions and answers afterwards. Most of the attendees agreed that we

could have listened to Mr. Maheu's stories of his association with Howard Hughes and their involvement with the development of Las Vegas far longer than time allowed. Thanks go to Tyrus Mulkey for inviting Mr. Maheu



to join us. The Riviera provided some of the best banquet delights we have ever enjoyed. Service was very efficient and everyone was through the serving lines within 30 minutes with plenty of seconds available.

The show opened Thursday to a hallway packed solid with eager collectors waiting for the 10:00 ribbon cutting. With over 128 tables and 86 different dealers participating in the larger and more spacious show floor, there wasn't a casino collectible that couldn't be found. Many dealers reported brisk sales on Thursday from the large crowd. Members started out earlier Thursday morning by attending Chip Stories III with Doug Saito, another in a series of humorous and informative tales by the ChipChat master.

The four day event was filled with great exhibits of members collecting interests, auction lot pre-bidding, building fund silent auctions, new club promotional materials, blackjack and poker tournaments, several trade sessions, a business meeting, lots of fun prize drawings and contests with some excellent prizes including show tickets, casino books, club promotion material, and more, the club auction (wow, a \$14,000 chip), a very interesting seminar about the Neon Museum and the sign bone yard, several local club meetings, a very informative seminar on buying and selling on E-Bay, and a not-to-be-missed tour of the actual sign bone yard. The convention concluded on Saturday evening with the Last Dance trade session, which was very well attended. Approximately 4000 to 4500 casino collectible enthusiast came thru the doors over the course of the four day event, a large increase over last year.

Now for the good news for those who missed the show. This year we produced a videotape production with highlights of the convention, banquet shots, Mr. Maheu's speech with many of the questions and answers, segments



Robert Maheu



Tyrus Mulkey with Robert Maheu



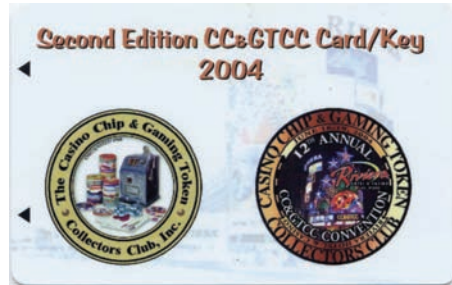
Wayne Thompson



Jim Episale, Jim Follis



Joe Benon



Janice and Jerry O'Neal



Archie Black



Jim Steffner, Howard Herz, Harvey Fuller



Mike Skelton, Claudine Williams, Robert Maheu



Barbara and Jim Episale



Eileen Landau and family



Estelle and Scott Hartman

from the auction and business meeting, a section of Doug Saito's seminar and the Neon Museum seminar. The finished production has been reviewed and will be made available to members. Many of those at the

show have placed their orders for either the two VHS tape set or the DVD. An order form has been placed on the club web site and is also included in this issue of the magazine. Cost of either the two VHS tapes or

the DVD is only \$25.00 and includes shipping. Don't delay in placing your order, as quantities may be limited.

Sandi & I hope everyone at the show had a great time. The show was



made possible only because of the time and effort of the many volunteers who helped in different capacities. These volunteers are listed elsewhere in the magazine and deserve your thanks if you have contact with any of them. We also wish to thank the many Directors and Chair people who organized and worked with each of their groups of volunteers, and the Board of Directors in providing the guidance and backing so this show could happen.

Make plans now to attend the 2005 CC>CC 13th Annual Convention at the Riviera, August 3 - August 6. Watch for more details. We'll sure do our best to make the 2005 show even better than 2004. The Riviera will also be celebrating their 50th Anniversary in 2005. If you hadn't done so at the show, please fill out the convention survey form located in the magazine and return it. Your comments and suggestions are important to make the 2005 show even better.

Below are listed many of the Directors, Chair people and the Board of Directors who brought you the 2004 CC>CC 12th Annual Convention. a big THANK YOU!! to each of you and to each of the volunteers who worked with you.

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Hall of Fame members from left to right: Janice O’Neal, Howard Herz, Harvey Fuller, Greg Susong, Archie Black, Doug Saito, Phil Jensen, Dale Seymour, C. T. Rodgers, Michael Knapp, Allan Myers and Ernie Wheelden.



New Hall of Fame Inductee:
C. T. Rodgers



Bruce Landau Memorial Auction



Tom Hartel, Barbara and C.T. Rodgers



Bob DeWitt



Ken Hallenbeck



Ida Turner and Gary Shepherd



Jim Follis



Dale Seymour, Phil Jensen, Howard Herz, Harvey Fuller in front



Chip stories seminar



Joe Dolce



Peter Van Der Kar, Lloyd Malani



Jim Munding



Ralph Myers



Myrna Lighterman, Jim Perlowski



Doug Saito and Doug Jr.



Judy and Wesley Rasmussen



Eric Rosenblum



Stan and Betty Wilker





Will Knight, Greg Susong, Don Nesbitt Jr., James Campiglia, Josh Shore, Ralph Myers, Andy Hughes, Jim Steffner



Recruiter of the Year Award presented to Chantal Rizzo



Book of the Year Award presented to John Long and Patty Smith



Jim Kruse accepting a donation from Jackpot Auctions



Board of Directors. Ralph Myers, Wayne Thompson, Belinda Hixon, Mike Skelton, Mike Quinlivan



Sandra Harris and Dick Covington at the Neon Lights Educational Seminar





Allen Banick



Mark Lighterman



Dwight "Skip" Harouff



Nate Pincus



Trade Session



Belinda Hixon, Wayne Thompson



Jim Steffner



Hall of Fame member medal



ebaY seminar



Doug Saito, chip stories seminar



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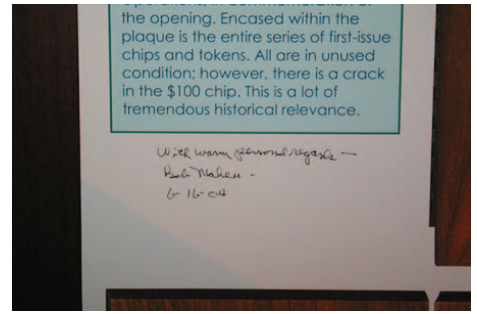


Sandra Harris, Neon Lights seminar





Robert Maheu signing poster of his Landmark Casino plaque donation for the club auction



Jim Kruse, Eileen Landau, Barry Weintraub



Auction Volunteers



Jim Kruse's gamblers belt buckle display



Joe Shaw, Jack Haddock, Robert Chaffin, Jerry Birl, Ralph Myers



Robert Chaffin's silver strike Playboy exhibit



Dick Covington and Greg Susong on a live webcam feed to the Chipboard.com



Jack Haddock's I am a silver striker exhibit



Rick Miner



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An open letter to all CC>CC members:

I've been very proud to be a charter member number 0033 of the CC>CC from the start of this club.. This year at the International Convention the club had a very big surprise for me, they placed me in with a group of people that I highly admire. That is the group of people who are in the hall of fame. I was elected to the hall of fame this year. It was a very well kept secret and I knew nothing about it. At the annual pre convention banquet we were treated to a very interesting speaker and very good food. My daughter had to leave early as she had back surgery a few weeks before and was not feeling to good. Tom and I stayed until the awards were about to be handed out. "Lets go see how Barbara is" I said, so we went down to our rooms. Just as I walked into mine the phone rang and it was Howard Herz, "get back up here now, its very important for you to be here". Tom and I raced back up to the banquet, I told him it was to receive the annual award for being the advertising manger. I believe it was Wayne Thompson who grabed me and said to Mike Skelton "HERE IS YOUR NEW MEMBER OF THE HALL OF FAME". I was speechless and totally unprepared for such an event. I celebrated being in business for fifty years this year and this night topped all that. I would like to thank the hall of fame members for voting me in and all of you for your very kind words that I have received over the past few weeks. It has been said that we are one big family of chippers. I found out just how true that is on a Wednesday night in June 2004, a night I will not forget.

Thank you very much.

Charles T. Rodgers



Exhibits

by Joe Shaw

On behalf of everyone involved, I would like to thank all that took the time and effort in putting up an Exhibit at the annual Convention at the Riviera.

What was lacking in quantity for the number of Exhibits this year was more than offset by the quality of the Exhibits.

Congratulations to Jerry Birl who garnished the most votes with his 1st Place Exhibit titled "Collecting United States Casino Roulette Gaming Chips". An impressive 7 case display of roulette chips from all over the US.

Silver Strikers Jack Haddock and Robert Chaffin, both of which were repeat exhibitors from the year before at the Tropicana, also had the Silver Strike collectors well represented with their 2 individual Exhibits.



Joe Shaw and Jerry Birl

A last minute mishap enroute to the Convention prevented Dan Hanagriff from setting up his "Silver Strike on Parade" Exhibit.

Jim Kruse's "Gambler's Belt Buckles" Exhibit got my vote for the most interesting Exhibit.

Thanks also goes out to Jim Follis for his help this year again in exhibiting the past year's OTY award winners.

If you are planning on being at next year's annual Convention, why not plan on getting involved by having an Exhibit of your own. Cost is free and the best part is that you can enter the Convention floor prior to the official opening.

For more information on setting up an Exhibit at the 2005 Convention, please send me an email. Its never too early to start planning.

See you next year.

Joe Shaw
2004 Exhibits Chairman



Black Jack and Poker Tournament

by Robert **Pardue**

The Palms Casino Resort hosted the club's Blackjack and Poker tournaments for the second year during the 2004 convention. Kicking off the convention events on Wednesday afternoon, June 16, there were 101 entrants in the Blackjack tournament. After the preliminary and semi-final rounds, 6 players made it to the final table (in alphabetical order): **David Klier, Tony Kreuzsch, George Langley, William Miller, Peter Nathan** and **Gary Snover**. These finalists decided to split the prize pool 6 ways, receiving \$757 each. In a play-off for the 1st place framed set of tournament chips, **Peter Nathan** was victorious. Thanks to the Palms' Roy Brennan and dealers for making this 2nd annual Blackjack tournament a success.

The 6th annual Poker tournament was played at the Palms on Thursday night, June 17, with 167 players and alternates entering the tournament. The game was limit Texas hold'em,



and after the 14 tables were reduced to one final table, 10 finalists battled for the cash and the winner's circle. In reverse order of finish (10th place to 2nd place), the final table winners were:

Ed Norris, Jay Sands, Jim Buell, Nate Pincus, Karen Stump, Shirley Prokosch, Luke Rapley, John Mayercik and Marty Beckers.

First place winner, **Steve Wells**, took home \$2453 in prize money, plus a framed set of tournament chips and the tournament "travelling" trophy. Thanks to the Palms' Gene Trimble and poker dealers for running a smooth poker tournament again this year.



Also, thanks to Kevin Norris, tournament chips designer, Myrna Lighterman, special assistant at the poker tournament, Chris Colangelo (Tiny Treasures) for producing the framed sets of chips, and Bruce & Maryann Massey for coordinating tournament pre-registration.



Bob Pardue, Peter Nathan - winner, blackjack tournament, Gene Trimble and Roy Brennan from the Palms



Sandi Wilson, Gene Trimble, Steve Wells - winner, poker tournament, Bob Pardue

OTY Awards 2003 - The Winners Are . . .

by Jim Follis



Left to Right: Mark Dopheide of Roger Williams Mint (also accepting for Double Eagle Casino), Pearson Gorham of Paul-Son Gaming (B&G), Trent Parks of Maloof Sports & Entertainment (Palms), Donna Killman of IGT, Gary Bridges of IGT (accepting for Sunshine Mint), Gene Trimble of the Palms, Jim Seagrave

As announced at the 2004 Early-Bird Banquet of the 15th Annual CC>CC, Inc. Convention, at the “Top of the Riv” of the Riviera Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV, the winning contestants of the 2003 OTY Awards are:

1st Place (Gold) for Token of the Year (TOTY)

Double Eagle Hotel and Casino, Cripple Creek, CO - \$1 slot token
Struck by Robert Williams Mint (RWM), depicting the casino’s eagle logo and building



1st Place (Gold) for Card/Key of the Year (CKOTY)

Stardust Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV – Collector Series 1 of 4
Manufacturer: unknown - Commemorating the Stardust’s 45th Anniversary



1st Place (Gold) for Silver Strike of the Year (SSOTY)

Palms Casino Resort, Las Vegas, NV - \$200 U.S. Military Tribute
Silver Strikes are a promotion of International Gaming Technology (IGT)
Struck by Sunshine Mint (S), depicting an eagle over the American flag



1st Place (Gold) for Chip of the Year (COTY):

Palms Casino Resort, Las Vegas, NV - \$50 Playboy 50th Anniversary
Manufactured by Bourgoigne et Grasset (B&G) (Paul-Son Gaming)



As the OTY Chairman, on behalf of the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc., I wish to extend Congratulations to the above 1st Place winners, as well as to the other two major place finishers (Silver and Bronze) and to all of the OTY nominees of 2003. Here then is a rundown of the runner-ups and the remaining nominees.

2nd Place (Silver)

TOTY – Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV - \$1 slot token, Caesars bust/Chariot
CKOTY – Tuscany Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV – Slot Card, map/grapes (ACC)
SSOTY – Four Queens Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV - \$200 Roulette Girl (IGT) (S)
COTY – Double Eagle Hotel and Casino, Cripple Creek, CO - \$1 check (CHIPCO)



3rd Place (Bronze)

TOTY – Silver Legacy, Reno, NV - \$1 slot token, “Striking Place” (RWM)
CKOTY – Saddle West, Pahrump, NV – Slot Card “U.S. Veteran” (ACC)
SSOTY – Sierra Sid’s, Sparks, NV - \$10 Gaming Token, Comstock Lode (IGT) (G)
COTY – Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ - \$5 LE for the CC>CC (Paul-Son)



TOTY Nominees:

Borgata, Atlantic City, NJ - \$5 rack token (RWM)
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Casuarina, Las Vegas, NV - \$5 rack token (RWM)
Casuarina, Las Vegas, NV - \$1 rack token (RWM)
(Note: Only 7 tokens qualified for TOTY nomination.)

CKOTY Nominees:

New York New York, Las Vegas, NV – Slot Card, “Zumanity”
Trump Plaza, Atlantic City, NJ – Slot Card, “Sports Collector Convention”
Trump Plaza, Atlantic City, NJ – Slot Card, “Greatest Hits Sweepstakes” Sinatra
Trump Plaza, Atlantic City, NJ – Slot Card, “Diamond Cinema Sweepstakes”
Double Eagle, Cripple Creek, CO – Slot Card, “Gold Premier Club”
Palms, Las Vegas, NV – Room Key, Playboy 50th Anniversary (animee) (ACC)
Palms, Las Vegas, NV – Room Key, Playboy 50th Anniversary (3 girls) (ACC)

SSOTY Nominees:

Palms, Las Vegas, NV - \$10 Playboy, 50th Anniversary, Bunny Head (IGT) (S)
Palms, Las Vegas, NV - \$10 Playboy, 50th Anniversary, “50” logo (IGT) (S)
Palms, Las Vegas, NV - \$200 Playboy, 50th Anniversary, Playboy Crest (IGT) (S)
Four Queens, Las Vegas, NV - \$200, Roulette Girl (IGT) (S)

Palms, Las Vegas, NV - \$200 Seattle Slew (IGT) (S)
 Palms, Las Vegas, NV - \$10 Playboy, 50th Anniversary, Bunny Head in Box (IGT) (S)
 Sierra Sid's, Sparks, NV - \$10 "1 of 5" "Emigrant Trail" (IGT) (G)

COTY Nominees:

Hard Rock, Las Vegas, NV - \$5 Halloween (4 cats) Paul-Son, H&C
 El Cortez, Las Vegas, NV - \$10 "BIKEFEST 2003" Bud Jones
 Trump Plaza, Atlantic City, NJ - \$25 "Happy Halloween" Paul-Son, H&C
 Hard Rock, Las Vegas, NV - \$5 Halloween (1 cat) Paul-Son, H&C
 Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, NV - \$5 "Shark Reef" Paul-Son, house mold
 Palms, Las Vegas, NV - \$5 KISS (Psycho Circus) B&G
 Hard Rock, Las Vegas, NV - \$5 Christmas 2003, Paul-Son, H&C

Well, those are all the nominees and the winners, but there is more to the OTY Awards contests than just the winners. Behind the contests are the people that make them work and the several on-going efforts to support the overall Program. I would like to recognize the many Club members, whose invaluable assistance is required to fully bring the OTY Awards competitions to a successful conclusion each and every year.

In order to produce and publish the Judge's Ballot, high quality scans of all the nominees are required. I wish to express my gratitude to the following Club members for providing the high quality scans and by providing examples of actual nominees so that I could make the high quality scans. In no particular order, they are:

Barry (Barry H) Hauptman	Marc Shapiro	Archie Black
Larry and Alice Kopp	Kitty Stoops	Kevin Uliasz
Allan McCurdy	Andy Hughes	Gene Trimble
Greg Moore	Jim Moser	

While at the Convention all of the nominees are displays in a single display case as a non-Competitive Exhibit. In order to display all of the nominees I must rely on Club members to place-on-loan, most all of the nominees needed to fill out the display. The following Club members participated in making loaners available for display:

Dennis Finn	Jim Munding	Archie Black
Russ Diaz	Joe Benon	Jack Weingarten
Janice and Jerry O'Neal	Josh Shore	Ralph Myers
Kevin Uliasz	Larry and Alice Kopp	Allen Banick

As part of the non-Competitive OTY Exhibit all of the past OTY Award winners are also displayed. Unlike the "loaners" displayed in the 2003 Nominee display case, the Past OTY Award Winners display case is filled with all of the past OTY Award winners, all of which are assets of the Club. All of the winners have been donated to Club and collectively they are referred to as The Permanent Collection.

Again, on behalf of the Club Officers and all the Club members, I wish to express thanks and gratitude to the following Club members, and for the first time, a winning casino, for their donations of the Gold place finishers in the 2003 OTY Awards competitions, as follows:

2003 TOTY – Allen Banick • 2003 SSOTY – The Palms Casino Resort
 2003 CKOTY – Joe Benon • 2003 COTY – The Palms Casino Resort

One of the final elements of the OTY Awards program is the formal announcement of the winners and the handing out of the 1st Place Awards at the Early-Bird Banquet. This was done on the evening of 16 June 2004, shortly following the compelling appearance of Mr. Robert Maheu as our Guest Speaker. What a wonderful treat he was!

In attendance at the Banquet to receive OTY Award plaques were:

TOTY • Double Eagle Hotel and Casino

Accepting TOTY Awards, Mr. Mark Dopheide of the Roger Williams Mint for the Double Eagle Hotel and Casino and for Roger Williams Mint

CKOTY • Stardust Hotel and Casino (Boyd Gaming)

Accepting the CKOTY Award, Mr. Jim Seagrave of Boyd Gaming.

SSOTY • Palms Casino Resort

Accepting SSOTY Awards:

Mr. Gene Trimble, Palms Casino Resort

Ms. Donna Killman, IGT for IGT and Sunshine Mint

COTY • Palms Casino Resort

Accepting the COTY Award, Mr. Trent Parks, Maloof Sports & Entertainment

Lastly, there are two more expressions of thanks that I would like give. The first being to all the Club members that take the time to nominate OTY candidates and then participate as Judges. Admittedly, it would be better if more members were to participate, so I make this request of everyone. Please feel free to submit your suggestions and recommendations to refine and improve the OTY Awards program. I can be contacted via e-mail at:

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or by snail mail at:

OTY Chairman,

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My final expression of thanks is to my son Casey, who is very instrumental in collecting, collating, counting and otherwise organizing all the nominations and ballots that are mailed in. Casey also assists in setting up both of the OTY displays at the Convention and has created a special latch-hook rug for use as a backdrop to the displayed 2003 nominees. I appreciate his assistance so much that I have decided to recognize his support and contributions by appointing him as Assistant OTY Chairman.

Well...That's it for the 2003 OTY Awards. As the 2004 OTY Awards are just around the corner, be sure to visit the 2004 Un-Official OTY Viewing Site on the Internet.

Jim Follis

OTY Awards Chairman

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