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President's Remarks, *by Ralph Fajardo*

During the past summer, many new strikes became available for members to collect. Although there were only a few casinos with strike machines, these casinos provided excellent strikes for the collectors. Hopefully it will help to encourage other casinos to partake in the silver strike program.

With the efforts of Mr. Craig Karnatowski of the Palms Casino, a beautiful Liberty \$200 gaming token was made for collectors to obtain. A red cap with the casinos two towers was also available. Shortly thereafter, the casino made a \$200 Cuda token. The matching tokens for the Cuda were a Listor vehicle in a red cap and four autos in white caps.

Many thanks to Mr. Karnatowski for his dedication toward the Silver Strikers Club and his efforts in continuing the silver strike program. He tries very hard to accommodate all of the members and their concerns. Thanks again Craig. The club appreciates you and your efforts.

Binion's Casino also came out with a \$200 gaming token. There were two red caps and two white caps to compliment the \$200 token. The two hundred token is a cowboy (Binion) on a horse. Many members questioned this token because it did not have the .999 fine silver etched on it nor did it have any mint mark. The casino stopped issuing the token and sent the rest back to the mint for corrections.

Sam's Town also provided several new tokens. They recently came out with a red cap of a wolf that highlights their Mystic Falls Park at the casino. They are also making a \$200 token to compliment the Mystic Falls Park. Sam's Town has provided many new strikes that members appreciate very much.

Many thanks to Mr. Tim Rambo of Sam's Town for his efforts in keeping the silver strike program alive. During the Forum at the convention, Mr. Rambo provided an insight to what Sam's Town Casino has planned for the silver strike program. It was very well received by the membership. Thanks Tim.

The Four Queens, as always, provided members with another unique token. This token represented the date of August 8, 2008. The token (if you were not able to get one) had the 8-8-8 on it with the year of the earth rat. A red cap with an 8-8-8 on it was also available. I believe that all of the tokens were gone (issued out) within an hour.

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PLEASE NOTE THE NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES ABOVE

CLUB COIN DRAWING CONTEST

It's that time of year again to think about what you're going to submit for this year's club coin drawing contest. We've had three great years of winners and this year should be no different. In fact, all the drawings have been winners; they have been nothing less than terrific.

So, get your pens, pencils and crayons together and let's get something entered.

Our contest Chairperson Jo Riefer has volunteered to take your hand drawn image and computer enhance it for your approval. Don't forget that last years drawings with a little updating with the tenth anniversary are acceptable.

All the rules are on the club website to review so take a quick look before you get started.

Let's make this year bigger and better than last. We had fifty drawings last year so we need to try and exceed those numbers this year.

We are looking forward to a great turn out.

Thanks

Jo & Jeff

Editor's Note

If you would like to submit articles or pictures for future newsletters, please send to papadhanagriff@gmail.com and karcher101@gmail.com.

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Upcoming Gaming and Coin Related Shows

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1/23/09- 1/25/09	Four Queens Slot Tournament (800)634-6045 or (702)385-4011	Four Queens Hotel & Casino Las Vegas, NV
1/30/09- 1/31/09	Super Show Jim Munding mun3335@aol.com	Alexis Park Resort Las Vegas, NV
6/24/09- 6/27/09	CCGTCC Convention Email: convention@ccgtcc.com	South Point Casino Las Vegas, NV

Free Offer to Silver Strikers Club Members

One of our members, Mr. Sarge has graciously offered his Excel Spreadsheet to fellow Silver Strike Collectors: "I offer it free to anyone. If you read the board you will see many opinions about it. I spent over 40 hours working on this project. The program can be edited anyway a collector see's fit to suit their needs. You can add/delete, change font size/color, sort, whatever."

Contact: MrSarge1@aol.com to request a copy.



All 3 machines hitting SS's at the same time



Leroy Rico and Bob Crawford winning strikes



Joshua Lee, his mother watching, Pete Ryan, and Jim Munding playing at Binions

Four Queens Slot Tournament

(Note: This event is sponsored by the Four Queens, not the Silver Strikers Club)

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FOUR QUEENS

HOTEL & CASINO

Meet Gary Heinz: Silver Strike Pioneer by Bill Metten



The first in a series of articles about club members who started collecting silver strikes in the early days and have contributed to the club's success.

Gary Heinz and his wife, Carol, often stayed at the Stardust in the 1990's. In 1998 Gary retired after 30 years' service with Shell Oil Company.

"While walking through the Stardust, I spotted four \$7.00 silver strike machines. I played and won 14 strikes. I was so happy I went home with some wonderful tokens. On a return trip, the machines were gone," Gary says. Those machines paid no credits, just free spins or a silver strike on the right combinations - 111, 222, 555, etc.

"At the time I had no idea that other casinos also had strike machines. On a return trip, I discovered my first \$10.00 strike at McCarran Airport," he recalls.

Gary also played for the \$2.00 and \$3.00 brass tokens at the Aladdin. "It was a blast!" he says.

After Gary won the tens at the airport, "I knew there must be others. I dragged Carol from casino to casino in search of strikes. At that time, there was no list of casinos with strike machines," he added.

Gary was one of the approximately 50 founding members of our club. "We were at The Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club (CC>CC) in 1999 at the Orleans. The club gave us a room to discuss forming a Silver Strikers Club and we signed our names on a piece of paper as we left, becoming charter club members. I wish we had that list," says Gary.

As the saying goes, the rest is history. Gary started collecting all denominations of strikes in earnest. He started trading his many extras, and then began selling them to friends and other collectors. "We also had great trade sessions in our own area, El Cajon, California."

When casinos began numbering strikes, Gary's favorite numbers were 3, 7 and 57, as in "Heinz 57."

Gary participated in the "World's First Silver Strike Tournament" at O'Shea's in December 2001. He saw the need to continue silver strike tournaments and, as a result of his leadership and support from the slot managements at the Las Vegas Club and Four Queens, today the club has more members, more friendships have been formed, more trades have been made and more new strikes have gone into play. The success of the tournaments has exceeded Gary's expectations. The next silver strike tournament will be held at the Four Queens on January 23-25, 2009. "See you there," says Gary.

When asked what he likes most about strike collecting, Gary replied, "Meeting friends in Las Vegas and playing strike machines."

"I think collecting silver strikes will be around for a long time. I Hope the club will be also," says Gary.

P. S. If you're looking for Carol at the next tournament, Gary says you can probably find her at the Las Vegas Club playing her favorite Deuces Wild nickel machine.

Recent/Upcoming Releases



Clad Center with Brass Ring



Recent Developments

It has been confirmed by several casino slot managers that sometime in October 2008 the .999 center \$10 Silver Strikes will be replaced with a \$10 clad center Silver Strike with a brass ring. This will include red caps for the present time. The \$200 Silver Strike will STILL BE .999 solid silver. A \$10 clad Silver Strike can be identified by having NO .999 anywhere on the Silver Strike. Checked and confirmed by Dan Hanagriff.

I passed on information about silver striking and the club (website, convention, SS chat site, etc.) and gave Jamie a copy of the club newsletter. It was getting kinda late in the evening so I went and found myself a room in Cripple Creek (Johnny Nolon's has no hotel) at the Double Eagle Hotel and Casino. After finding a room I wandered around Cripple Creel the rest of the evening.



My 1st day stay in Cripple Creek turned out to be a really good one. With the highlight being my stop at Johnny Nolon's playing the SS machine, meeting and talking with Jamie, the owner, and the staff there. I highly recommend stopping and playing at Johnny Nolon's Casino it is a small but friendly place to play with a good mix of up to date slot

machines to play besides the silver strike machine.

Happy SS playing and collecting!



The front and back of a strike that was in the machine at Johnny Nolon's (but not anymore)

Current Johnny Nolon's HSP Strikes



Members Attitude Hurting Silver Strike Program

A message to all members:

The silver strike program is dwindling and as all of you have noticed, many casinos have removed their machines. There are many reasons as to why the program and the machines have ended at several casinos. Some of the reasons were due to the rise in the cost of metals, especially silver. Another is that IGT decided to end their program with silver strikes.

However, it has been known to me that there have been many incidents that are instrumental in the demise of the strike program. I've learned that many members were not only making demands, but also badgering and pestering slot managers. Some members demanded that the color of the strike was wrong and needed to be changed. Others didn't like the designs or demanded new designs.

Others have approached managers to have them place the red caps a certain way in the machines so it would be easier for them to obtain a red cap. Members were calling the casino and asking to speak to the slot manager only to find out as to when the blue cases would be arriving. The calls were being made over and over almost every hour.

At one casino, members demanded that the casino take in the old strikes and give them the newer strikes in the machines. The manager was very upset and called the silver strikers A\$\$-holes. The machines were then immediately removed. Members are saying that it's their money and casinos should cater to them. The excuse that casinos are getting rich with their money gives them the right to make demands.

Folks, you are in Las Vegas. This is a gambling town. You are gambling. These continued attitudes are not helping the strike program. If we expect the strike program to continue, the attitudes must change toward the casinos and its managers. They are there trying to help the program survive. The self serving attitude must cease.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Casino managers have a lot of responsibilities that they must address daily. They are not there to only cater to the silver strikers. Give them some consideration and not pester them continuously for personal purposes. Imagine the 500 members calling these managers every day for trivial matters.

If there is a need to learn about developments or programs regarding the silver strike program, members should be contacting either the club officers or the Publicity and Promotions chairperson who is Pam Martin. Pam is very well versed in the movements of the program and she would be able to help with your concerns.

I believe that if the club expects to continue with the strike program, we should be treating the casinos and managers as our allies. The badgering and self serving dictating must stop. The constant calling managers for menial or trivial information and demands must stop. It only takes one person to upset a casino and the program will be out the window.

Don't take this issue wrong. Discussions are great and appreciated and should continue. Discussions with managers on ideas are also great for the club and should continue. Members should remember that the final determination as to the token, colors, designs and placement of these tokens are the casinos and with the approval of the Gaming Commission.

Give these managers room to breathe. If you have concerns or even ideas, discuss it with Pam or officers of the club and we will definitely talk to the different casinos about these ideas. Pam has been making contact with several casinos and managers and relating their ideas on strike point as well as the clubs web site.

A better attitude is needed if we are to encourage other casinos to revitalize the silver strike program.

Ralph Fajardo, President Silver Strikers Club

Barred From the Casinos! *By Bandit J. Schauzner with help of Stan Wigodski*

I have been barred from the casinos and I don't understand why? I am a slot machine player and don't bother anyone. I don't create any problems. I don't drink. I don't make much noise, or get real excited when I gamble.

I have stayed at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City, Indiana on two occasions, but I have been barred from entering the casino floor. I can only stay at the hotel during the "off season" when the hotel is not filled up. I travel with my little brother and other family members. My brother and I usually wind up staying in the room watching television while the rest of the family are in the casino gambling.

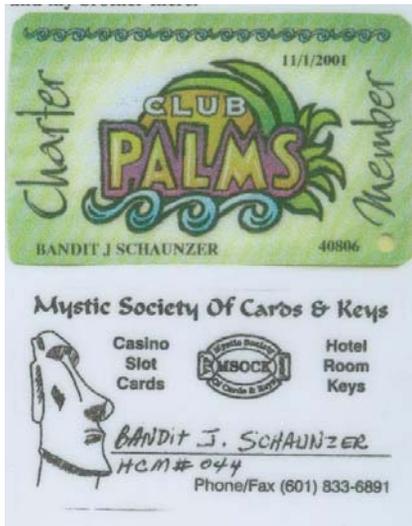
I have visited most of the casinos in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Tunica /Robinsonville, MS, and most of the casinos and race track casinos in southern Ontario.

The visit consisted of waiting in the parking lot, outside the casino on the lawns, waiting in the car, or in a motel room watching television.

I like to travel to Chicago for the chip show during St. Patrick's Day weekend. Some of you might remember seeing me and my brother there.

I am a "Charter Member" of the Club Palms slot club and treasure my card dearly, but have never been allowed inside the casino to play their machines.

I was voted an Honorary charter member of the *Mystic Society of Cards and Keys* and am working towards the advisor member status.



I just don't understand why the casinos are taking this stand on barring me from playing their slot machines!

Bandit J. Schauzner

(Editor's Note: Pets on a leash are welcome to join you to shop in the Fashion Outlets mall or visit Terrible's Whiskey Pete's resort.)



Silver Strikers Tales *by Dan from Louisian*

After getting home from the 2008 CC>CC convention & my trip after the convention with Pete & Carole Ryan through Arizona & New Mexico, I decided to wander on up to a place I had been wanting to go to for quite some time Cripple Creek, Colorado. The BIG draw there was the LAST silver strike machine left OUTSIDE of Nevada at Johnny Nolons Casino. I had heard that the Black Diamond Casino there also had a SS machine but that the casino was closed, however I wanted to see for myself. Another BIG draw was that the silver strike machines at these 2 casinos were the old style silver strike machines. And I wanted to play them at least one more time before the old style SS machines disappeared all together.

So I packed up my purple suitcase and loaded up "big red" my car and hit the road early in the morning. Judy & Don Barton & Brenda & George Langley live in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. So we arranged to get together there since I was passing through there. George picked me up at the motel and we went to his house for some visiting, SS trading, and a great bite to eat. After several hours of "exhausting" trading George brought me back to my motel. Later on Judy & Don picked me up and we went to this fine local restaurant for bite to eat and some great SS & club conversation. I also picked up from Judy 1 of the cases with the 2 SS Club coins in it. That the club is giving the slot managers that still has the SS machines. As a token of appreciation for continuing their SS program. I planned to give this set to the slot manager of Johnny Nolons. Since the Black Diamond was closed I only got 1 set.

I headed out for Cripple Creek the next morning arriving there about 1 1/2 days later. Boy, Cripple Creek, Colorado IS way back up in the hills. I drove from one end of town to the other end and was surprised how many casinos that there are there (if I counted right 14). I passed Johnny Nolons on the main street (Bennett Avenue) and returned there to play the SS machine there after my drive



through town. You couldn't miss the SS machine in the casino as it was right inside the corner door to go into the casino from the street. During my playing of the SS machine I met some of the slot attendants and they introduced me to a wonderful lady Jamie Brown who is the slot manager at Johnny Nolons.

Everybody was as friendly and as helpful as they could be. I introduced myself as a silver strike collector and that I belonged to The Silver Strikers Club. I gave Jamie her set of SS club coins and explained they were a token of appreciation from the SS club for continuing the SS program at Johnny Nolons. Jamie introduced me to the casino owner who walked in as we were talking. We got to talking about the silver strike machine & silver strikes. I went to my car and got the strikes I had bought with me and showed them to Jamie and the casino owner. They had not known there was so many different silver strikes especially the larger domination's. As well as blue caps, red caps & that there was a silver strike club.

Locations with Silver Strike Machines

Casino	City	State	Qty
Binions Gambling Hall & Hotel	Las Vegas	Nevada	3
Delta Saloon	Virginia City	Nevada	1
Four Queens Hotel & Casino	Las Vegas	Nevada	3
Johnny Nolon's	Cripple Creek	Colorado	1
Palms Casino Resort	Las Vegas	Nevada	3
Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino	Las Vegas	Nevada	3
Sam's Town Hotel & Gambling Hall	Las Vegas	Nevada	2
Total Silver Strike Machines			16

Welcome New Members

Date	Name	Member #	Sponsor
July 2008	James R. Mitz	SS-1139	Jim Quinn
	Paul Cory	SS-1140	Pete Ryan
	Gordon Wong	SS-1141	Leroy B. Rico
	Pearl Wong	SS-1141-A	Leroy B. Rico
	Gregory L. Huffer	SS-1142	Greg Boone
Aug. 2008	Joseph Oher	SS-1143	Richard Anderson
	Robyn Sweeney	SS-1144	Jim Munding
Sept. 2008	John M. Cronin	SS-1145	Silver Strikers Club
	Guadalupe Garcia	SS-1146	Jim Munding
	Janice P. Harris	SS-1147	Don/Judy Barton
	Daniel L. Harris	SS-1147-A	Don/Judy Barton
	Gerry Swensen	SS-1148	Jim Munding

Winners! Strike of the Year and Hall of Fame

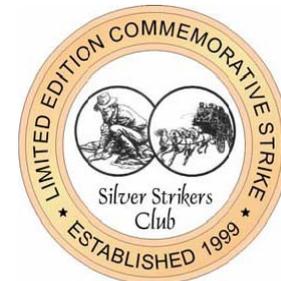


Strike of the Year 2007



Hall of Fame

Silver Strikers Club Membership Application



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_____ All _____ Nevada _____ Colorado _____ Other

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Pam's Corner –THE FUTURE OF STRIKES?

The Great \$200 Silver Strike Release was a grand success. It was wonderful to see so many strikers there to play for and pick up their strikes. Judy Barton and I had an opportunity to meet with Binion's, Four Queens, Palms, and Sam's Town to discuss some of the ideas and rumors facing the silver strike program. I first want to mention that all of these casinos support and want to continue running a good strike program.

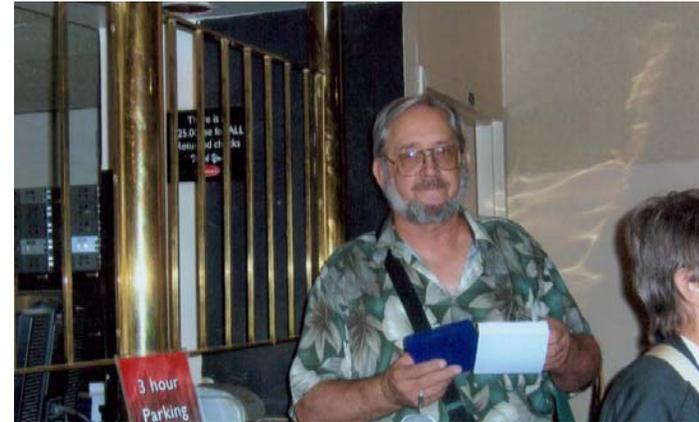
Nevada Gaming has approved a silver plate/clad strike that will replace the .999 silver strike as we have it now. The \$200 silver strike will remain the same denomination for now, that way we hope not to lose any \$200 collectors but maybe pick up some new collectors. The casinos are working hard on getting and keeping the gold highlights for the \$200.. The mint and casinos hope to continue having the red caps (chasers) remain as a \$10.00 silver strike .999 silver.

Sunshine Mint is in the process of opening up a facility in Henderson, NV. This will open up the opportunity for them to supply items for the California and Nevada area and this will provide these areas with a better production time, delivery and service. This will also open the opportunity to bring more casinos back into the silver strike program and at this time this is exactly what is happening.

In the next few months there will be changes coming. Time will tell when and what will be the final product. Please remember that the club has a very good relationship with four of the six casinos in Nevada that still have strikes. The mint is in the process of bringing more casinos back into the silver strike program and working with the club.

The Silver Strike program involves the casinos, the mint, Nevada Gaming, collectors and tourist. Everyone is working towards a good program and strike for all of us. Please keep a positive attitude in these next few months. There will be a Silver Strike Club, strikes, tournament, and who knows what else. Sunshine Mint, Nevada Gaming and the casinos needs some time to get many things settled concerning the silver strike program. Let's give them time. The Four Queens Silver Strike Tournament is just over 4 months away, lets aim towards the tournament as a good time for celebrating. Hope to see ya'll in January.

Pam Martin, Silver Strikers



William Cohenour getting \$200 at Binion's



Shawn Webster in casino cage, Bob Chambers & Lorraine Yancoski at Four Queens



Bill Brooks & Jim Munding getting their \$200's at the Palms

President's Remarks continued from page 1

The Four Queens will be making another \$200 token for Halloween. It will have a Grim Reaper holding a lantern. There will also be a red cap with the same description. Another clear cap will have ghost with claws in a graveyard under a full moon.

Once again, the Silver Strikers Club would like to convey a very appreciative thank you to Mr. Shaun Webster of the Four Queens who continues to not only support the Silver Strikers club, but provides many excellent strikes for members to collect. He listens to all members ideas (good or bad) and tries to implement what's best for the club.

Mr. Webster was very instrumental in having a silver strike program at the Binions Casino. Thank you and the Four Queens for all of your efforts.

The Binions casino slot manager Mr. Richard Spurlock also deserves a well appreciated thank you from the Silver Strikers Club members for his dedication toward furthering the silver strike program. Thank You Richard.

The Silver Strikers Club also would like to recognize the Planet Hollywood Casino for their continued efforts toward continuing the silver strike program. The Silver Strikers Club really appreciates your loyalty to the club and it's members and we thank you.

Because of the time frame of the issuing of the \$200 tokens, many members were scrambling from casino to casino to get in line for their token. It must have been fun watching members rushing around in Las Vegas.

A reminder to the membership. It is time to nominate new officers for the club. I know that there are many dedicated, knowledgeable and experienced members that would make excellent officers of the club and take the club to new and higher levels. Send in your nominees to Ms. Sue Cohenour, who is spearheading the elections committee.

January is just a few months away. The Four Queens will be hosting another Silver Strike Tournament on January 23rd, 24th and 25th. Not only will there be \$10,000 prize money, they will be providing a cocktail reception, a limited silver strike token and a cake and champagne award ceremony. Hopefully we'll be able to set up another trade session.

Pam Martin is the clubs Promotion and Publicity chair person. She has done a wonderful job in contacting various casino managers and discussing the Silver Strikers clubs ideas. She has also provided the members with the current trend that the casinos are pursuing towards the silver strike program. Much thanks to you Pam.

Currently, the rumor regarding silver strikes is that the casinos are looking toward clad tokens. The tokens they plan to keep the silver centers will be the red caps or special tokens. However, this is not a firm deal and is still in the discussion stage. As a silver strike collector I feel there should be silver in the strike.

Last but not least, I believe everyone had a great time during the annual convention. I was able to meet many old and new friends and gained many new strikes. Our party was great and I hope everyone had a fabulous time. There were lot of door prizes and a trade session immediately after the party. If you didn't have a good time, it was because of you.

Ralph Fajardo, President

4th ANNUAL SILVER STRIKERS CLUB COIN DESIGN CONTEST

Please note the new deadline date.

Here is your chance to design a Silver Strike!

Here are the rules.

- ★ **You must be a member of the Silver Strikers Club**
- ★ **You must include the 10th Anniversary in your design**
- ★ **No trademark names allowed**
- ★ **Entries must be received by **December 1, 2008****
- ★ **Prior years' designs are eligible**
- ★ **Multiple entries are eligible**
- ★ **Note: all designs become the property of the club and may be submitted to casinos for their use.**

You do not need to be a graphic artist to be able to win just a good idea

Six Designs will be chosen by the current board members and posted on the club website for all club members to vote on.

Mail or email your entry to:

Jo Riefer, Committee Chair

2283 Panoramic Dr.

Concord, CA 94520-1316

Email: silver.striker41@hotmail.com



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Museum of Gaming History *by Mike Skelton*

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A Clear Mission

The mission of the Museum of Gaming History is to preserve collections, artifacts and archives for the purpose of educating the public through exhibitions, programs and information.

Expanding a Tradition

Founded by The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc., a not-for-profit educational organization dedicated to gaming history since 1988, the Museum provides a physical location in which to increase established success.

Exploring a Diverse Past

Gaming has held a place in traditional and popular culture for centuries worldwide. When motivations, style and technology change, gaming is adapted to serve the needs and desires of people. Artists represent it, writers discuss it, and destinations are built around it. Gaming can be simultaneously celebrated or criticized, leisurely or addictive, legal or illegal. Learning multiple perspectives helps us understand what drives people to invest time and money in and around gaming. Preserving artifacts provides tangible references to study and enjoy. Engaging in public dialogue about such cultural traditions enables us to think critically about our past, present and future.

Providing International Access

The Museum of Gaming History is unique to the world, just as its location — Las Vegas, Nevada. Nowhere else can we compare the multiple aspects of gaming across cultures and time while experiencing modern gaming in its grandest scale. This multi-faceted destination is readily accessible to an international audience of students, scholars, collectors, artists, entertainers, gaming industry employees, tourists and the general public alike.

Ensuring a Vital Future

The Museum seeks to act on its mission and foster international impact for generations to come. A facility will provide collection, archive, exhibition, retail and event space, as well as a state-of-the-art research environment, enabling members and visitors to interact in multiple ways. An endowment will fund permanent professional staff positions, build a research collection, provide the latest technology, and broaden the museum's impact in multiple arenas. To fulfill this vision, we invite those who embrace the values of historic preservation and contemporary models for learning to partner with us in ensuring a vital future for the Museum of Gaming History.

Collection Description

Expanding a Tradition

Founded by The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc., a not-for-profit educational organization dedicated to gaming history since 1988, the Museum will build on an established passion for collecting artifacts.

The Role of Collections

Museum collections are an important means of advancing the mission and serving the public. They provide tangible references to exhibit and study. The Museum will acquire artifacts legally, ethically and strategically within the parameters of its Collection Policy. Effective stewardship through proper storage, management and care will ensure that the public will have access to original pieces and information for generations to come.

Uses for the Collection

The artifacts collected by the Museum will be available for research, publications, exhibitions and public programs in the facility in Las Vegas. In addition, a digital record and online database of the collection will allow visitors virtual access from around the world.



Scope of the Collection

The Museum will collect artifacts related to or representative of the history of gaming. Founding collections will be donated by Club members and consist primarily of casino chips and archival materials. While Las Vegas will be an initial focus, artifacts from anywhere in the world and any time period will be considered. An endowment for ongoing acquisitions will allow the Museum to create a comprehensive research collection reflective of the following sample areas.

Artifact Types

Objects
Audiovisual
Photos
Documents
Books

Time Periods

Ancient Gaming
Medieval Gaming
Historic Gaming
Modern Gaming

Casino Artifacts

Ashtrays
Cards
Correspondence
Dice
Menus
Slot Machines

Stationery

Chips and Tokens

Manufacturing
Counterfeit
Fantasy
Rare
Silver Strikes

Professional Associations

American Gaming
Association
American Numismatic
Association
The Casino Chip & Gaming
Token Collectors Club

Other Gambling Locales

Cruise Ships
Indian Casinos
International Sites

Riverboats

Game Specific Items

Craps
Poker
Roulette
Slots
Tables
People
Casino Executives & Owners
Dealers
Entertainers
Famous Gamblers
The Mob

Programming Outline

Museum Mission

The mission of the Museum of Gaming History is to preserve collections, artifacts and archives for the purpose of educating the public through exhibitions, programs and information.

The Role of Programming

Museum programming is how the public component of a mission is carried out. As the world's first global gaming museum, the Museum of Gaming History will combine multiple subject areas and interactive learning to make information and experiences accessible to a broad audience. The Museum will build upon established success of The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc. a not-for-profit educational organization, in presenting informative and entertaining programming about gaming history.

Audience

The Museum will have a diverse audience and will provide educational, engaging and enjoyable experiences for various age, interest and knowledge levels. Visitors will include:

- Members of The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc.
- Visitors and locals with interest in gaming history
- Casino executives and other industry employees
- Tourists interested in unique Las Vegas activities
- Researchers and scholars of gaming history
- Students studying gaming and its place in society over time
- Collectors of gaming memorabilia
- Public with a general interest in Las Vegas

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