

# ATLANTIC CITY CASINO COLLECTIBLES CLUB

c/o Charles Kaplan, 11 Calais Court, Rockville Centre, NY 11570

## March 2008 NEWSLETTER

### SPECIAL NOTICE - 2008 REVISED MEETING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY - MARCH 30

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 7

SUNDAY - MAY 18

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 16

### NEW CLUB MAILING ADDRESS

A C CASINO COLLECTIBLES CLUB (ACCCC)

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Our next meeting is Sunday, March 30 at the Trump Marina Hotel Casino, on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor, in the Biscayne room. There will be signs posted at the top of the escalator and on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor to guide you. Members may enter after the room has been set up and a brief meeting of the club's BOD. Doors open at 11:00 AM. Along with reports by the club officers, the club auction and 50/50 drawing, we will begin our OTY balloting for the favorite A C chip and slot card/room key of 2007, and of course, after the meeting the ACCCC's Annual Luncheon at Trump Marina's Bayside Buffet!

### Highlights of our last meeting

2008 got off to a great start! Our January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting was an extremely productive and informative one! Among the highlights were...

- Attendance! Even though several "regulars" were away on vacations, there were 72 members and 13 guests present!
- Treasurer McCurdy reported to increase the return on club investments the club's business investment account was closed and the funds were placed into the club's checking account and a new CD was purchased.
- The July meeting has been canceled because of its proximity to the national convention in June and heavy summer traffic on weekends. The September meeting was moved to September 7<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday after Labor Day, at the request of Trump Marina.
- Our scheduled guest speaker, Jerry Porta was absent. Hopefully he can be rescheduled.
- Ron Leis and Ricky Pushkin are exploring the feasibility of a chip show in Atlantic City.

### The Club Survey

Surveys were mailed to each member in November 2007. The response to the survey was phenomenal! Of nearly 300 mailed, 159 were returned! The responses were discussed and several suggestions were implemented. Here are some of the highlights!

- Sales are now permitted on ACCCC internet message board! Ross Poppel explained that our internet message board has no image-hosting capabilities. To post an image you have to host it somewhere and link to the image. There are several sites on the internet that host images for free.



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- There were several requests for refreshment at the meetings. President Birl investigated and found it would be several hundred dollars per meeting for simple refreshments, thus it is not cost effective.
- A poker tournament was suggested. Member, Tom Schubert said the Trump Taj Mahal offers tournaments to groups if we can get at least 10 participants. I hope we can do it!
- There were a few requests to shorten the auction. Therefore, we tried a silent auction. Results were good with \$11 raised from 20 items auctioned.
- There was a request for club t-shirts.
- There were also inquiries regarding carpooling to the meetings due to the high price of gas and tolls.

## New Releases

There have been no new chips issued in Atlantic City for several months however Ron Leis mentioned that Chris Block a Harrah's corporate executive is trying to persuade Showboat to resume their limited edition chip program. Tom Schubert said the Trump Taj Mahal will replace their house chips sometime this year. It was also noted the Resorts is celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Will there be chips for this event? Resorts has done surprise LE's in the past. At Showboat they're still using the \$1 back-up chips. No other denominations have been replaced, yet.

## Closing Notes

The ACCCC Officer's extend a sincere Thank You to Archie and Brenda Black for their generosity, by giving a "Sands Implosion" personal chip to everyone that attended our January meeting! Thanks also to everyone that responded to the survey and all that came to the last meeting!

Many people have asked, why don't we do a chip show in Atlantic City? Well, Ron Leis and Ricky Pushkin have taken the initiative and are trying to organize a chip show! In talking with Ron, it looks like a real possibility! However, they can't do it alone. I encourage everyone to contact Ron and Ricky with your ideas and to see what you can do to help!

It was also suggested that we change the format and expand the newsletter. If anyone has experience with writing or publishing, or if anyone has news or wishes to write an article about your specific area of interest, please contact me!

I look forward to seeing you on March 30<sup>th</sup>!

Best regards,

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