

# ATLANTIC CITY CASINO COLLECTIBLES CLUB

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

## March 2009 Newsletter

Our next meeting is Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. Doors open at 11:00 AM. There will be reports by the club officers, the club auction, the 50/50 drawing, the annual luncheon at the Bayside Buffet and more!

### Highlights of our last meeting

- The January meeting was very busy and well attended with 64 members and 4 guests!
- Neal Silverman displayed samples and took orders for our new logo embroidered hats and shirts.
- All members present received a pair of dice from the Aladdin in Las Vegas courtesy of Jerry Birl and a deck of cards from Trump Taj Mahal courtesy of Mike Custodio. Huge thanks to both!
- Winners of the 50/50 were 1<sup>st</sup> prize Ron Bayne \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Bob Irving \$45 and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize Rob Montebello \$20... Kudos to all who bought tickets!
- All the current officers were nominated and reelected to a new two year term. Installation of officers will be at the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Roy Woods had his dazzling collection of Swizzle Sticks from Cuban casinos on display! Thank you Roy!
- Charles Kaplan reported the club currently has 260 members and will mail letters to those who haven't renewed.
- Dick Brach told how Caesars made it very difficult for a collector redeeming \$5,000 worth of their Celebrity Series Limited Edition chips.

### Atlantic City News

- Revel announced that 400 workers will be laid off and future construction of interior work will be delayed. Work on the exterior will continue on schedule. Officials say this will allow them to extend the construction timetable while securing additional financing. Revel is optimistic that the scheduled summer 2010 opening will only be delayed by a few months.
- MGM Mirage has shelved plans for a megaresort on 14 acres adjacent to Trump Marina. Officials say that although shelved, plans have not been scrapped altogether but, if they receive an offer for the property they would be obligated to consider it, just like Treasure Island in Las Vegas.
- Without a deal in place, Gary Stein has asked the CCC for permission to sell the Tropicana in a bankruptcy court auction. Cordish Company has reduced their bid but Stein and Tropicana officials will not say how much. Negotiations continue.
- State lawmakers are once again making a push to legalize sports betting in New Jersey. A new bill proposed by a state senate panel now heads to the full senate for a vote.
- Penn National has scrapped plans for a Borgata like casino project on 23 acres it had optioned and had rezoned to permit gambling. Penn may not be entirely out of the Atlantic City picture yet... Revel needs a business partner, Tropicana is going to bankruptcy auction and the sale of Trump Marina still hangs fire.
- Bally's has removed 900 slot machines from Claridge and Wild West.
- After posting their biggest revenue decline ever in December, AC's 11 casinos rebounded somewhat, but still posted a 9.4 percent decline from January 2008. The casinos won \$321.4 million.
- In a stunning announcement, Donald Trump and his daughter Ivanka resigned from the board of directors of Trump Entertainment Resorts, in a dispute with creditors over a \$1.25 billion debt-restructuring plan. Analyst speculated that his resignation might simply be a bargaining tactic in talks with bondholders. In a statement Trump said "I will give strong consideration to saving what was once a great casino hotel operation that bore my name."
- Trump Plaza is **may** do a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary \$25 chip, if they find a design they like. The casino opened as Harrah's at Trump Plaza on May 15, 1984. The name was changed to Trump Plaza in 1986.
- The members of the ACCCC send our best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery to Ann McCurdy!

### Atlantique City Show

The Atlantique City Antiques Show is in the Atlantic City Convention Center on March 28 and 29, the weekend after our March ACCCC meeting. We have been promised 100 free passes to the show, tickets usually sell for \$30. We have not received the tickets yet, but expect to get them in time to hand them out at the March meeting. If you want one and will not be at the March meeting, please send an email to [chas@ckaplan.com](mailto:chas@ckaplan.com) or by mail to the address above.

See you at the meeting!

Best regards,

*John Chopek*

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## ACCCC Logo Cap & Golf Shirt Order Form

The shirts are 100% combed cotton, 7 oz. pique body, solid trim, 3-button placket, wood tone buttons, double-needle topstitching, locker patch, twill tape in neck and vents, dropped tail and replacement button. The shirts are available in sizes S to 5XL and 6 colors: beige, cappuccino (slightly darker than beige), white, granite, light blue and light green.

The caps are 100% cotton brushed twill, low-profile 6-panel crown, sewn eyelets, pre-curved visor, adjustable Velcro back closure and available in 5 colors: white, stone (light tan), light gray, light blue and pink.

Ordering is easy, just print, complete and mail this form with your check for the appropriate amount to:

### Market Stream Products

Attn: Neal Silverman

380 Travis Avenue

Staten Island, NY 10314

### Golf Shirt with Embroidered ACCCC Logo

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

Color (circle) Beige Cappuccino White Granite Light Blue Light Green

Size (circle) S M L XL price \$24 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Size (circle) 2XL 3XL price \$28 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Size (circle) 4XL 5XL price \$32 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Cap with Embroidered ACCCC Logo

Color (circle) White Stone Gray Lt Blue Pink

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ - price \$14 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Shipping \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Order Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Your shirts and caps will be delivered at the first meeting after you place your order, or you may have them sent via UPS or USPS for an additional \$5



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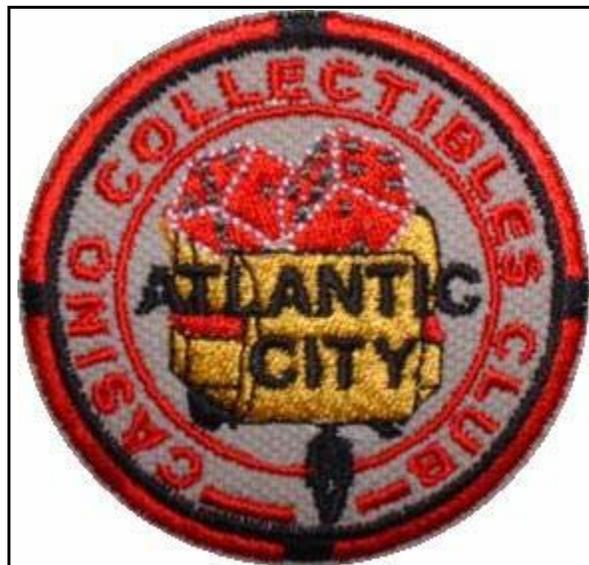
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Sample **Shirt** - Granite



Sample **Cap** - White



Close Up - Logo

