



ATLANTIC CITY CASINO COLLECTIBLES CLUB

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May 2015 Newsletter

Hello Atlantic City Chippers,

It's officially Spring in Atlantic City. The next meeting of the Atlantic City Casino Collectibles Club will be held on May 17, 2015. The meeting will be at Bally's Hotel and Casino, and the doors will open at 11:00am. It will be a fantastic sunny day on the AC boardwalk that day so all are encouraged to come out to play. Remaining 2015 meeting dates are: Sep. 20, and Nov. 15.

Recap of the March 22 meeting:

- The trading session started approximately at 11:00am, there were 41 members present with 7 guests.
- All club officers were present with the exception of Marty Thaw (Treasurer).
- Club President Charles Kaplan called the meeting to order approximately 12:00pm.
- Nominations for Club officers were opened at this time. All current board members are candidates for their current positions, with the exception of President and Vice-President. Those two positions will "flip-flop". Marc Maahs is a candidate for President and Charles Kaplan is a candidate for Vice-President.
- 50/50 Winners: \$60.00-Dave Trevett, \$40.00-Rob Montebello and \$25.00-Joe Testa.
- Jerry Birl conducted the Club Auction. Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

Bob Baker is a "Slot Card" collector. Bob is currently the largest contributor of information to the ChipGuide. Bob has catalogued over 10,000 cards. Working for over a year on this project, Bob has listed all of the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South America. This download is free and can be seen per the links on the ChipGuide. Thanks to Bob Baker for his time and dedication to our hobby.

Rumor Central

- Florida developer who's buying Atlantic City's former Revel casino has put up \$26 million for another shuttered casino next door and announced plans for a half-billion dollars' worth of redevelopment projects in the struggling seaside gambling resort. Glenn Straub is calling this his "The Phoenix Project". The Phoenix Project includes transformation of the former Bader field airport that will re-open as a new aviation facility. Straub also plans on building an "Extreme" sports complex, Two marinas, a world-class equestrian complex, waterparks, universities and high-speed ferries and helicopter service connecting to Manhattan.
- Kevin Lavin and Kevyn Orr appointed by Governor Chris Christie in January as leaders of an emergency management team in Atlantic City have resigned their positions. This move comes a month after the team issued its first report, saying the city will need \$130 million dollars in budget cuts, including the possible layoffs of hundreds of city workers.
- Morris Bailey, owner of Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City, has revealed PokerStars is close to being licensed in NJ online gambling market. Resorts and PokerStars would become partners in this endeavor.
- Mark Juliano and the Sands are back in town. Juliano, former AC casino executive and now President of the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, Pa., has opened a marketing office in Northfield, NJ. Why, I wonder?
- The Tropicana has just completed a \$50 million dollar renovation project. The revitalization includes upgrades to its North tower hotel rooms, a completely renovated casino, an all-new AtlantiCare LifeCenter Fitness center and the spectacular must-see Tropicana Multimedia Light and Sound Show.

The 23rd Annual CCGTCC Convention will be held June 24-27, 2015 at the South Point Hotel and Casino, in Las Vegas, NV. Volunteers always needed at the convention, contact Brenda Black.

Please attend the September's 20th Meeting. Mr. Fred Puggi will be our guest speaker. Mr. Puggi started at the Brighton Casino in 1979. He has lived in South Jersey most of his life. He opened Harrah's properties in the "Cotton fields" of Mississippi in 1994. He has also been Shift Manager for Caesars, Harrah's and the Showboat in Atlantic City. He is presently at Harrah's Casino and Racino in Chester, PA. With 36+ years in the casino industry, Fred has story after story to share. Please, you don't want to miss this meeting, September 20th, 2015.

In finishing, our prayers go out to the Montebello's. Rob's mother is not doing well. Please, remember her in your daily thoughts. Also, a speedy recovery to Jerry Birl who had knee surgery last week. Get better Jerry!

Trivia Question: As of April 2015, what is the Biggest Casino in the WORLD?

See you on the Boardwalk, Happy Chipping Everybody,

Marc Maahs

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