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## Take Gaming History for a Free Spin

Free Gaming History Seminars Offered at Casino Collectibles Show

LAS VEGAS (May 15, 2023) — The [Casino Collectibles Association](#) is dedicated to the growing hobby of collecting casino memorabilia and the preservation of gaming history. Every year at their annual show four educational seminars related to gaming history are offered at no charge to the public. 2023 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this tradition. Each seminar will be presented in the Joshua Room of the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Attendees are asked to arrive before each presentation's scheduled start time. The audience will be encouraged to pose questions of the speakers at the completion of each seminar.



The seminar topics, speakers and appearance times are as follows:

**History of the most daring casino cheating techniques.** Richard Marcus has authored several books on cheating casino games including *American Roulette* and *Dirty Poker*. He will present the origins of some amazing and classic cheating devices, how they were used, and how the casinos combated them. From the roulette tables to chip manipulation, Marcus has cheating experience on both sides of the tables, and plenty of entertaining and colorful stories to share.

Seminar: Thursday, June 15 at 8 a.m.



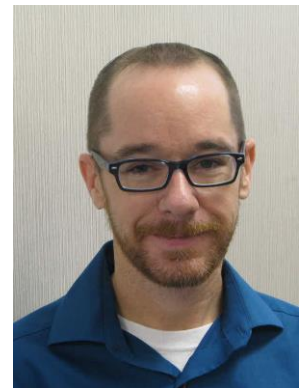


**A Striking Bit of History: All You Need to Know About Collecting Matchbooks.** Denise McKinney,



president of the Rathcamp Matchcover Society will delve deep into the history of matchbooks and matchcover collecting and answer frequently asked questions such as dating, displaying, selling, shipping and storing the various types of collectible matchbooks. Much useful and fun information will be presented with examples, displays, and more of this fascinating hobby. Seminar: Thursday, June 15 at 3 p.m.

**History and evolution of casino playing cards.** Rick Perazzo started as a table games dealer and worked his way up to his current position as Corporate Surveillance Training Manager for MGM Resorts International, where he keeps surveillance staff up to date on advantage play and cheating techniques. He will explore the history and evolution of casino playing cards, and how to take advantage of asymmetries in the designs of many cards even found today. Seminar: Friday, June 16 at 8 a.m.



**The Visionaries of the Classic Las Vegas Strip.** Lynn M. Zook is a noted Las Vegas historian/author



who shares that history through her blog, [ClassicLasVegas.com](http://ClassicLasVegas.com) and her books. Lifted from the rich content of her latest book, *Gambling on a Dream: The Classic Las Vegas Strip 1930-1955*, her presentation will cover such pioneers of the Las Vegas Strip as Tommy Hull, Billy Wilkerson and Benjamin Siegel, Wilbur Clark, Milton Prell, and Jake Freedman and Jack Entratter. Following the presentation, Ms. Zook will sign copies of her book. Seminar: Friday, June 16 at 3 p.m.

**Public invited to attend these free seminars.**

The free seminars run concurrently with the Casino Collectibles Association's 30th annual show, which runs June 15 – 17, 2023. Featuring museum-like exhibits and over 50 dealers of casino memorabilia from all over the world, the public is invited to join in the fun of examining, buying, selling, trading or even evaluating casino collectibles and mementos. These include gaming chips, tokens, dice, slot cards, playing cards, matchbooks, menus, dinnerware, swizzle sticks, post cards – just about anything with a



casino name or logo on it. There is a slight admission charge for the show floor on Thursday and Friday. Show admission is free on Saturday.

The Casino Chips and Collectibles Show registration and admission is open to the public June 15, 10 AM – 5 PM (admission \$10), June 16, 9 AM – 4 PM (admission \$5) and June 17, 9 AM – 4 PM (admission is free). Location is Exhibit Hall C at the South Point Hotel Casino, 9777 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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#### **ABOUT THE CASINO COLLECTIBLES ASSOCIATION**

The [Casino Collectables Association](#), (CCA) is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) club devoted to the fast-growing hobby of collecting casino memorabilia. The club is a resource for information and history of gaming artifacts, including one of the largest archives of gaming manufacturer records and casino gaming chips. Become a member and take advantage of the experts who volunteer their expertise in this fascinating hobby.

An educational project of the CCA, the [Museum of Gaming History](#) (MoGH) comprises an expanding series of fascinating casino memorabilia kiosk exhibits in Las Vegas located within The El Cortez and Plaza casinos, the Nevada State, Mob and National Atomic Testing museums and Spinettis Gaming Supplies. A single permanent location is the ultimate goal.

*Editor's note: The Casino Collectibles Association is the dba of the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club.*

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