



ATLANTIC CITY CASINO COLLECTIBLES CLUB

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May 2017 Newsletter

Hello Atlantic City Chippers,

Spring has sprung in Atlantic City! The next meeting of the Atlantic City Casino Collectibles Club will take place on May 7, 2017. It will be at Bally's Hotel and Casino. The doors will open at 10:00 a.m. and trading can start at 11:00 a.m. It will be a beautiful day in the city, so all members are encouraged to attend. Future Dates for Meetings: May 7, Sept.10 and Nov. 19, 2017.

Recap of Last Meeting

- The last meeting was held on March 12, 2017 at Bally's.
- All board members were present except for Marty Thaw (Treasurer).
- There were 36 members and 7 guests.
- 50/50 Winners: Chris Coccozza won \$50, Dennis Garnier \$30, and Ron Bayne \$20.
- The passing of Doug Eiker was announced.
- The club auction was conducted by Jerry Birl.
- Please remember Bill Karr in your daily prayers.

Rumor Control Center

- It's official. The Taj Mahal is now the Hard Rock. The Hard Rock has announced it will open Summer of 2018. Hard Rock plans to invest \$375 million on the former defunct property formerly known as the Taj Mahal. This will create approximately 3000 new jobs in AC. The casino will have about 2,400 new slot machines and approximately 130 new table games.
- Bart Blatstein has announced his Showboat Hotel will convert the old casino space to an 150,000-square foot Expo Center. It will be called "The Atlantic City Fan Expo". The Showboat will also incorporate an 3,000 seat facility for extreme sport competitions AND an indoor/outdoor Beer Garden.
- The MGM properties in Las Vegas are increasing their parking fees beginning April 12th, 2017.
- R & R Development Group, which owns the Atlantic Club in AC, has announced their plans for the property. The plans include a 100,000-square foot indoor waterpark which would be open year-round. The property would include a hotel, several restaurants, however, NO Casino.
- Las Vegas odds makers favor Chicago Cubs to repeat World Series Win.
- Penn National Gaming plans on buying two Mississippi casinos. Bally's Tunica and Resorts Casino Tunica are to be purchased by Penn National Gaming of Wyomissing, Pennsylvania for \$44 Million.
- The Trump Plaza is slated for demolition to make room for a new playground. The date to be announced later this year.
- Caesars AC held the first eSports Video Game Completion Championship, it is to become an annual event.
- Atlantic City's Beer and Music Festival was held March 31 and April 1, 2017. There were over 200 breweries that attended and over 1000 different beers available to the public. As you may know, whiskey producer Little Water Distillery has opened on Baltic Avenue and is ready for business. Also, DeWalt Brewing Company plans on moving their headquarters out of Pennsylvania making its home Atlantic City.
- Poker tables keep decreasing on Nevada casino gaming floors. Nevada casino revenue dips 4.48 percent in first quarter of 2017.
- *** And, believe it or NOT: Is President Donald Trump and business partner Phil Ruffin planning on building a new Vegas Strip Casino? According to Forbes Magazine they are!
- Reminder: The CC>CC 25th Annual Convention is June 22-24 at the South Point Casino in Las Vegas. Volunteers ARE NEEDED!!!

Trivia Question: What were the first (3) casinos on the Las Vegas strip?

See you on the Boardwalk, Happy Chipping Everybody,

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