



# SNCCC NEWS

July 2023

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**Legendary Comedian & Musician  
PETE BARBUTTI  
WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER  
AT THE JULY MEETING OF  
SOUTHERN NEVADA CASINO COLLECTIBLES CLUB**

**FREE ADMISSION**



**TUESDAY ★ JULY 11, 2023 ★ 7:00 PM  
EL CORTEZ CASINO  
600 E FREMONT ST, LAS VEGAS NV  
1st Floor Fiesta Room**



In the early 60's, comedian Pete Barbutti had become a familiar face on talk shows hosted by Johnny Carson, Merv Griffin, Arthur Godfrey, Mike Douglas and others. He appeared on *The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson* over 50 times. His fame and familiarity led him to nearly a year-long tour with singer Nat King Cole. A lifelong friendship developed between the two and they would often reserve adjoining rooms as they travelled the country.

Barbutti recalled an afternoon when he was in the singer's hotel room and the phone rang. Cole answered the phone and after a series of "yeses" and "yeahs", Cole responded into the phone with, "I don't know, I'll ask." Cole turned to the comedian and said, "It's JFK. Do you want to go to the White House for dinner tonight?"

Pete Barbutti began his career as a jazz musician and today is considered by many as one of the country's leading authorities on the genre. As a band leader, he often interspersed the music with his story telling. It wasn't long before he was on the circuit when nightclubs flourished. A conversation with Pete Barbutti is a compelling history lesson of that era. Among the legends that he worked with are Shecky Greene, Pat Boone, Jay Leno, Henny Youngman, Don Adams, Frankie Laine, Woody Herman, and Phyllis Diller.

The Las Vegas resident still tours and remains in demand as a comedian, historian, lecturer and show business legend.

## ***JERRY'S JARGON***

Welcome Club members to this edition of our monthly Newsletter. I am glad to announce that our membership table at the recent CCA convention was a roaring success. We signed over 45 members including 1 new Life member. The membership table was organized by Tree Shields and Wendy Schultz and manned by Tree and myself. None of our success would have been possible without the generous donations from Rich Klabacha, Wendy Schultz, Rick and Terri Lonski, Mikko Milander from Spinetti's, the Mob Museum, Walt Gonski, Riggo Villarnovo, Manny Orama, Rick and Robyn Steiner, Joel Reznick, Steve and Sheryl Cutler and South Point Hotel and Spa. Many of the new members are from the Las Vegas area so we should expect a bigger than average turnout at our meetings.

I will be ramping up our campaign for the Fall Show Sept 22 & 23 at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino. We still have a few tables available for anyone interested in becoming a dealer, please contact me at [vergatos@msn.com](mailto:vergatos@msn.com). We are in a bigger room than last year and have many new surprises for our attendees. At The CCA show we had 4 dealers sign up!!

This month's speaker Pete Barbutti is sure to please our members with his behind-the-scenes stories about some of the great entertainers of his time. Sam Wagmeister suggested we arrange for the three of us to meet with him over lunch and we were just amazed at how his career transpired. He will be taking questions about his life and giving us a glimpse of the entertainment industry from a long time ago. His Presentation will be on our Facebook live site on Tuesday Night July 11.

Our ballot on the proposed changes to our Constitution was approved and will be implemented immediately. The addition of a Membership Director and additional Director at large will go into effective immediately. I will be making appointments in the interim until the next election cycle where any club member willing to run can be nominated by the membership.

There will be another ballot sent out with an additional proposal shortly. Your vote will be very important so please be vigilant in returning your ballot. Please make sure your email is correct so you can receive the ballot on time. Wendy Schultz will be the Election Chair until I appoint a permanent one soon. Her Contact information is [bandvcoin@earthlink.net](mailto:bandvcoin@earthlink.net)

Until next month I wish everyone to be Healthy and Safe ***Jerry***



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1	HAROLDS CLUB	RENO	\$100.00	\$10.00	
2	HAROLDS CLUB	RENO	\$5.00	\$4.00	
3	CASTAWAYS	Las Vegas	\$0.50	\$4.00	
4	SUNDANCE	Las Vegas	\$1.00	\$4.00	
5	SILVER SLIPPER	Las Vegas	\$1.00	\$4.00	
6	PARK TAHOE	STATELINE	\$1.00	\$4.00	
7	PARK TAHOE	STATELINE	\$5.00	\$4.00	
8	SILVER BIRD	Las Vegas	\$25.00	\$4.00	
9	4 QUEEN	Las Vegas	\$0.50	\$4.00	
10	4 QUEEN	Las Vegas	\$1.00	\$4.00	
11	Thunderbird	Las Vegas	\$25.00	\$5.00	
12	CASTAWAYS	Las Vegas	\$25.00	\$5.00	
13	SILVER SLIPPER	Las Vegas	NCV \$ 1.00	\$5.00	
14	BOARDWALK	Las Vegas	\$5.00	\$5.00	
15	PIONEER CLUB	Las Vegas	\$1.00	\$5.00	
16	STARDUST	Las Vegas	\$1.00	\$4.00	
17	STARDUST	Las Vegas	E ROULETTE	\$4.00	
18	SAHARA	Las Vegas	B ROULETTE	\$4.00	
19	WESTERN	Las Vegas	A ROULETTE	\$4.00	
20	RED ROCK	Las Vegas	C ROULETTE	\$4.00	



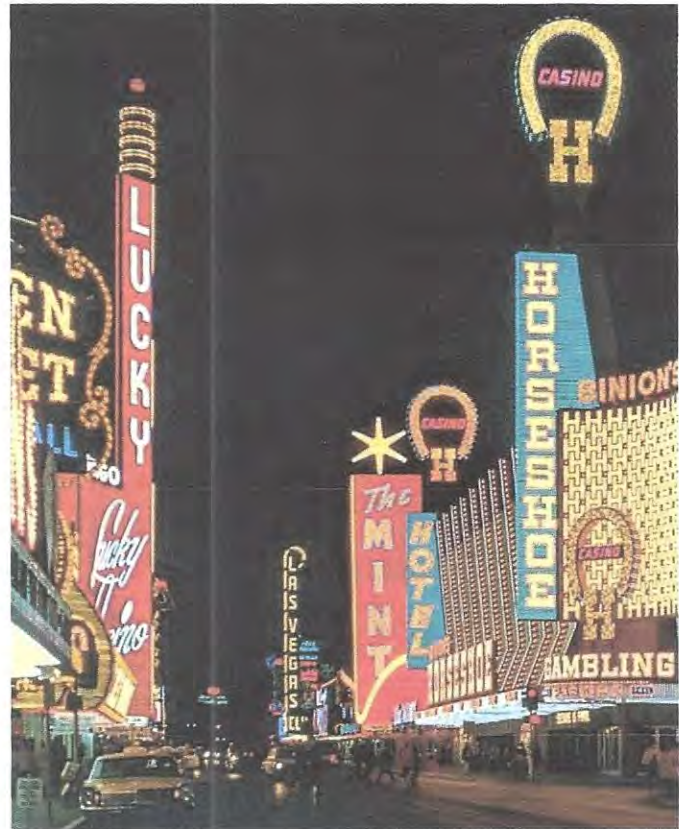
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Local Casino Collectibles Club Announces 2023 Public Show Date

*Southern Nevada Casino Collectibles Club Hosts Second Memorabilia Show September 22nd and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, at the Gold Coast Casino*

LAS VEGAS (July 1,2023) — Consider them iconic memory joggers – historic casino chips, slot tokens, dice, playing cards, table felt, room keys, photos, and postcards. These and many more mementos of yesteryear will be on display at the [Southern Nevada Casino Collectibles Club](#)'s (SNCCC) second annual casino souvenirs show this year at the Gold Coast Casino, Salon F. Relive past decades of Vegas or come experience them for the first time!

60% larger than last year's show, the expanded 2023 show will run Friday and Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. "Our 2023 show is in a much larger room, allowing us to increase to over 50 tables of casino ephemera," said Jerry Vergatos, Club President. "We are also planning



many new and exciting promotions and inviting gaming celebrities for Meet and Greets. Our first show was so well attended we wanted to let people know to save the date for the 2023 show," he added.

Additional details, when available, will be posted on the club's website [www.snccc.club](http://www.snccc.club).

*Dealer Tables are still available, contact Jerry Vergatos at [vergatos@msn.com](mailto:vergatos@msn.com) for more details.*

## *Help Wanted.*

### **Web Site**

We need an individual who has a working knowledge of Word Press. Our website uses this program, and it needs a lot of work. Particularly we need some design work, content inclusion and maintenance. Very part time work that can be done at your own pace. Contact Jerry Vergatos at [vergatos@msn.com](mailto:vergatos@msn.com) for more details.

### **Auditor / CPA**

Our club is growing every day and we need a volunteer accounting professional to organize our Club financial statements so that we can have a clear picture of our financial status. Very part time. You would be working directly with the Club Treasurer Terri Lonski. Please submit your interest to Jerry [vergatos@msn.com](mailto:vergatos@msn.com)



It is my pleasure to announce our July Member of the Month.

### **Tree Shields**

Tree is a Charter Member as well as a Life member of the SNCCC. She has devoted much of her time to our Club and we are proud to say she is a outstanding person and member. She has participated in our registration areas at our membership events as well as at the local Club meetings. She has a great disposition and is always willing to help. She has made generous donations to the betterment of our financial condition. She also donated a lot of time and effort to other charitable causes. Tree is an avid world traveler as well and is glad to share her photos with us to make us envy her global destinations.

