

# TAKE THE LEAP

## Progress Report #1

# COR41U

## LAS VEGAS



**FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 3 2024**

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Full Attending Membership with everything on it	\$100	£85	€90
Supporting with convention package, streaming access and Discord	\$50	£40	€45
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## **MEMBERSHIPS**

Join early and often, as the saying goes! Members can take a **20% discount** on the listed rates until April 30 2023 but no later.

Rates may rise before the event, so get in!

**PayPal** payments should be sent to either Jen Farey: [fareyjen@gmail.com](mailto:fareyjen@gmail.com) for US dollar and other denominated payments, or Keith Freeman: [keithfreemanrbas@gmail.com](mailto:keithfreemanrbas@gmail.com) if GBP denominated. Choose the “**For Friends and Family**” payment option on PayPal.

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## **OUR HOTEL**

We’ve contracted with the **Gold Coast** hotel and casino, which is at 4000 W. Flamingo Road, just a few minutes from the Strip. You can have a look over the property via this link: <https://www.goldcoastcasino.com/photos-and-virtual-tours>

### **Room rates:**

Typically Vegas hotels quote room rates which are then subject to an added “resort fee” and hotel tax of 13.38%. To save you the anguish, the rates we quote here are inclusive of all that:

Thursday: \$98.63

Friday/Saturday: \$137.18

Sunday: \$82.76

These rates are for single or double occupancy. For triple occupancy, add \$22.68 (including taxes) per night, quad add \$45.35. For the hardier souls among you (if any), we’ll find out what rates will apply for the Wednesday and the following Monday as well.

### **Booking:**

To book online and get the group rate:

1) Please Visit: <https://www.goldcoastcasino.com/groups>

2) Enter the Group Code **CORB24C** into the Group Code box, and click submit.

To book over the phone:

- 1) Call the Reservation Hotline @ 888-402-6278
- 2) Inform the agent you want to book using group code **CORB24C**

All reservations must be made using the group code and must be made prior to February 2, 2024 to be eligible for the group rate.

### **Deposit and cancellation policy:**

When you book your room, the hotel charges the first night to your card as a deposit. If you need to cancel, this needs to be done at least 24 hours before scheduled arrival to get your doosh back.

Anyone considering room-sharing, we’ll be happy to announce your wishes and try to get you in touch, both via PRs, also on the Facebook Corflu group and Discord.

The Gold Coast is considered somewhat of a “locals” casino, being a bit smaller than the typical mega-resort on the Strip. Food options include the higher end ‘Cornerstone’ steakhouse and the recommended ‘Ping Pang Pong’ Chinese restaurant, as well as a TGI Fridays (24 hours), Subway, Noodle house and cafes. Only slightly further afield, the Rio is next door and the Palms across the street, each providing many more gustatory options. And because Suzle asked, there’s a Walgreens right across the street as well.

## **MORE ABOUT NOSEBAG**

It’s patently daft to even attempt to punt a restaurant guide of any kind, given the practically infinite number of options Vegas provides - although I have a promise in place to treat Andy Hooper to breakfast at Carlito’s Burritos (a bit of a ways away), promising the *best* huevos rancheros he will ever experience (and *perfect* sopapillas). For anyone wishing to forage further afield, <https://vegas.eater.com> is an excellent resource.

Worth a mention, though, is ‘Blackout’ (Dining in the dark) which is just around the corner from the hotel.

## **WHAT'S YOUR CUTE NICKNAME?**

And here we must disappoint. We're simply "Corflu 41", though styled as COR41U.

## **"WE...?"**

The planning team for this shindig consists of **S&ra Bond** (Co-chair, Programming), **Jen Farey** (CFO and Registrar), **Nic Farey** (Co-chair, all the boring bits) and **Keith Freeman** (Bookkeeper and Registrar, UK and Europe, probably Scandinavia as well for all I know).

Operations and Support: we're delighted to confirm that the consuite will be managed by **Aileen Forman** and **Lori Forbes**. Also on the team so far are: **Bill "Magister" Burns** (Webmaster), **Claire Brialey** (Discord Admin) and **Tommy Ferguson** (Teck Ops).

## **PARTIES!**

There. Will. Be. Parties. (It's a Corflu after all, one of the most social and sociable of conventions, and any excuse...)

One of the reasons we're advertising four days rather than the more usual three is to include Leap Day (giving us a PR title hook as well as being Nic and Jen's wedding anniversary). The Thursday night 'Welcome Party' in the consuite will thus double as a second anniversary (8 years) celebration, at which early arrivals may be shanghaied into assembling convention packages while being plied with drink, comestibles and music, no doubt.

The graying of fandom, perhaps especially ours, is identifiably A Thing, and early 2024 will mark the retirement from actual RL of, at the very least, Rich Coad, Lucy Huntzinger and Nic Farey, and in an intrusion by the co-chair of boring bits into the purview of the co-chair (Programming) there will be a panel Friday evening followed by a retirement party.

Saturday night, after some alleged entertainment, will feature a beer tasting curated by favorite local expert Roy Hessinger.

And of course on Sunday the canines will be laid to rest.

## **EXCURSIONS**

This is also something we're not going to deliberately determine or organize, given the many, many options for side trips Vegas offers. What we will do is offer some suggestions below, and invite attendees to weigh in on what they might like to check out, with a view to whoever's keen taking the lead on organizing a group. If anyone has a particular jones for a particular visit, we'll assist by trying to sort out group discounts for you, and transportation if necessary.

A few suggestions:

**Area 15**, a massive and interactive art installation.

<https://area15.com/>

**The Mob Museum**, officially, 'the Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement', a department of the Smithsonian.

<https://themobmuseum.org/>

**The Pinball Hall of Fame**, to relive some misspent youth.

<http://www.pinballmuseum.org/>

**The Neon Museum**. Before Vegas went all LED crystal, curated tours of the old signage. Could be combined with a Mob Museum visit, as both are downtown.

<https://www.neonmuseum.org/>

**The Titanic Exhibit**. Artifacts and recreations of the Titanic at the Luxor. (Recommended by Martin Tudor.) You can couple this with a combined ticket for the "**Bodies**" exhibit.

<https://luxor.mgmresorts.com/en/entertainment/titanic.html>

**The Atomic Testing Museum**, also on Flamingo Road, the other side of the Strip from the Gold Coast. "Wonderfully well done" (S Bond)

<https://www.atomicmuseum.vegas/>

**MEMBER LIST**

S&ra Bond	A
Claire Brialey	A
Rich Coad	A
Jen Farey	A
Nic Farey	A
Tommy Ferguson	A
Lori Forbes	A
Aileen Forman	A
Keith Freeman	A
Roy Hessinger	A
David Hodson	A
Rob Jackson	A
Jerry Kaufman	A
Gary Mattingly	A
Mary Ellen Moore	A
Murray Moore	A
Mark Plummer	A
Nigel Rowe	A
Alison Scott	S2
Spike	A
Suzle Tompkins	A
Ted White	A