

SILVER STRIKERS



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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Hello fellow silver strike collectors. I sure had a great Christmas. I went to North Carolina to visit family and stopped by Harrah's in Cherokee, NC. It is the only casino in the State and is owned by the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians. They don't have silver strikes but the casino is nice and the people were friendly. They offer video blackjack, video poker, video craps and reel slots. The reel slots are different from the normal slot machines you see in other casinos but they look the same. They are called Lock and Roll machines. The big difference is you get two spins on each play. After the first spin you get to lock any of the reels in place then spin the others again to try for a win. State law requires the games to be a game of skill versus chance. So, deciding which reels to lock or spin satisfies the law. Most of their slot machines were built by IGT so maybe someday they will add silver strikes. The blackjack tables had live dealers but did not have real cards on the tables. They were electronically dealt and were viewed on a screen on the surface of the table. I did not play so I don't know how it worked compared to regular blackjack games. They did have chips on the tables so the chip collectors would have something to collect. It sure was cold while I was in North Carolina. It was below freezing the entire time and it was snowing the day I arrived.

I look forward to the New Year and adding new strikes to my collection. The December Approval List has several new strikes on it that I will be after. There sure have been a lot of strikes released this past year. It is going to be hard for me to decide which ones to nominate for Silver Strike of the Year. Yes, it is that time of year again for us to make our nominations for Silver Strike of the Year. You are eligible to make "Of the Year" nominations only if you are a member of CC & GTCC. In the upcoming issue of the CCTN you will find an Official Nomination form to be used for any and all of the four OTY categories. Between now and March 20, 2004, Jim Follis will be accepting nominations from CC & GTCC members in good standing. As a reminder to all regular CC & GTCC members, please be sure to make a copy (or copies) of the nomination form for the Associate Member(s) tied to your membership number so that they too may participate. Every member should keep in mind that YOU MUST NOMINATE at least one item in at least one category IN ORDER TO QUALIFY YOURSELF AS A JUDGE in the final voting process.

Another important item we need to think about is our Silver Strike Hall of Fame. It is time to make your nominations. All silver strikes, past and present are

eligible. You may nominate three (3) strikes for the Hall of Fame so start thinking about the strikes you think are worthy of being in the Hall of Fame. Jo Riefer is again the Hall of Fame Chairperson and did a great job this past year working for us. Any questions may be directed her way. Her contact information is listed elsewhere in this newsletter. The deadline for submissions will again be in April and the winners will be announced during the Convention. Several strikes are worthy of being in the Hall of Fame but only three a year can be inducted into the Hall. Every Silver Striker member needs to participate in the selection process to ensure the most deserving strikes make it in. Send your nominations and questions to Jo Riefer. I personally want to thank Jo for doing this important task for the Chapter.

The Super Bowl is coming to Houston. My hometown and the City is abuzz with excitement but I will not be going to the game. I could not get tickets. If anyone is coming to town to see the big game let me know. I will try and meet up with you and talk about and trade a few strikes. I really think the place to be may be Las Vegas. The game will be shown on large screen TV's in most if not all of the casinos and you get a front row seat without spending a fortune. More importantly for collectors is the fact that there will be a casino collector show at the San Remo Hotel Casino on January 29th and 30th from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. It has been reported that silver strike dealers will be available for collectors. If you are in Las Vegas stop in and check it out. Another thing to remember is that the annual Convention is just around the corner and will be here before we know it. See everyone at the Riviera in June. Happy collecting and a Happy New Year to you.

Don T. Nesbitt, Jr., President

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WEB SITES

There are a number of our members who have some great web sites. They have lists; general information and many have strikes for trade/sale. Here's the deal! Put a blurb about the *Silver Strikers Chapter* on your web page and send us your web address and it will be listed in all future issues of this Newsletter. This can help us get new members. **Our current supporters are:**

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LAS VEGAS CLUB SLOT TOURNAMENT

The tournament was held January 10-11 with 121 players participating. After 3 fun-filled sessions of play, Norman Chrzanowski walked with the boogie board sized first place check. O'Shea's Silver Strike Tournament winner Richard Rosales added a nice touch by presenting Norman with a tee shirt celebrating his victory. Congratulations Norman! The second loudest cheers were for Terry Ruffell who had the bad luck to end up on the wrong machines at the wrong times and finished in 121st place.

The Las Vegas Club opened up their 3rd floor meeting room Saturday night for a 3 hour trading session that was very well attended. Lots of strikes changed hands and several people were heard commenting that this was the first trading session they could remember where there was enough room for everyone to spread out their "goodies".

All weekend, Silver Strikers were seen throughout the Casino renewing friendships, trading strikes, telling a few tall tales, tossing our pearls of wisdom and maybe even having a little good luck. A "wish it had happened to me too"

goes out to Linda Finn for hitting the Red, White and Blue 7's Friday night. And to an unnamed Striker whose gleeful shouts were heard throughout the Casino and signaled hitting a video poker Royal Flush (with max coin in of course).

The tournament ran smoothly thanks to the efforts of Las Vegas Club Slot Manager Freddie Maatouk and his capable and energetic staff. Judging by all the smiles and laughs seen and heard, the players had a great time. And thanks to the Silver Striker Chapter members who worked behind the scenes with the LVC to make this tournament happen.

At the Convention two years ago we voted in favor of organizing a mid-winter get together for Silver Strikers that would give members an opportunity to renew friendships and trade strikes. Was this that event? Maybe. Will this become an annual tournament? Time will tell...but initial support from the players and the Las Vegas Club seems to be there. You might want to keep a few days open in your January, 2005 calendars.

Doug Conley

2004 GAMING SHOWS

01/29-01/30/04
06/16-06/19/04

San Remo-Las Vegas, Nevada
12th Annual CCGTCC Convention-Riviera Hotel &
Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF CC>CC?

CC>CC (Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club) is the main Club that the Silver Strikers Chapter is sponsored by. Though the Silver Striker Chapter operates independently and a member DOES NOT have to belong, there are distinct benefits of belonging to the main club: Quarterly magazine, admission to CC>CC events, enlarges your circle of collectors to over 2000, and gives ability to *VOTE* on elections, competitions, and policy changes.

The dues are \$20 a year and if you want to join send dues and your mailing info to: CC>CC Membership Officer, Ralph Myers, P. O. Box 35769, Las Vegas, NV 89133-5769. Tell them the Silver Striker Chapter sent you! **Application enclosed in the center of the newsletter.**

LOCAL CHAPTERS and THEIR WEBSITES:

CC & GTCC
Atlantic City
Deep South

<http://www.ccggtcc.com>
<http://www.chiptech.com/acchapter/>
<http://www.deepsouthchips.com/>

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Silver Strikers Chapter	http://www.silverstrikers.com
Slab Free	http://www.slabfree.com
So. California Ch.	http://www.ccgtdcc.com/chapters/socal/Home.html

AUCTION LOTS WANTED!!

The auction will be held **Thursday, June 17, 2004**. Some great strikes have been submitted over the years and some super prices have been realized. It's time to get the next ***Silver Strike Auction*** together with yet more top material. Send in those consignments as soon as possible so that they can be properly promoted. **Cut off is March 31, 2004** to accept lots. Please keep the **quality up** and put desirable strikes in the auction.

AUCTION 2004-SUBMISSION FORM *Silver Striker Chapter* (Please type or print clearly)

Name: _____ Silver Striker # _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Telephone: _____
Mail to: **Jack Haddock, P.O. Box 7544, Reno, NV 89510**

Auction Lots to be enclosed (NO RESERVES-10% Seller's Fee)
(Only 4 LOTS PER MEMBER UNLESS 30 LOTS NOT FILLED)
(Lots must contain no more than 4 strikes
with a minimum total value of \$75.00)

DESCRIPTION: (state "*opening bid*")

1. () _____
2. () _____
3. () _____
4. () _____

I agree to abide by the rules of the auction and acknowledge that a seller's fee of 10% due the Silver Strikers Chapter is charged. Payment to consignors will be made by mail within two (2) weeks of the actual auction.

Consignor's Signature: _____

NON-NEVADA SILVER STRIKES

I was recently approached to write an article for the Newsletter concerning Non-Nevada Silver Strikes. I thought it over for a day and decided to give it a try. First of all, I am far from an expert on the subject. My husband started collecting strikes in Las Vegas in 1997. I was too busy spending my money elsewhere but soon became involved because, God knows, he needed my help. At that time we didn't know anything about these silly tokens but we were intrigued to say the least. On a trip to Tunica, Mississippi, we were staying at Sam's Town one weekend and just happened to see a sign which read "Casino Collectible Show". We decided, what the heck, let's check it out. Oh my goodness, what an eye opening experience! We met Lisa Jung and she shared her wealth of knowledge with us for 2 days straight. Her table was like a magnet and kept pulling us back. We learned that these tokens had a name and were very collectible. We came home and searched the Internet for "silver strikes" and couldn't believe what we found. My biggest inspiration was the Website of Randy Mortimer. I was amazed at all of the strikes which had been issued over the years and became particularly interested in the Non-Nevada strikes. I printed the list from Randy's site and went to work. That's the way this madness started. I've collected a lot of different things in my life but this is the most rewarding. I don't think it is solely because of the strikes but because of the wonderful friends we've made along the way.

Now, on to the job at hand. I've decided to do this task state by state, adding an article in each Newsletter until I cover them all. The first state I'll cover is.....

COLORADO

Colorado offered strikes in all denominations except \$20 and \$200. I'll start with the \$2.00 strikes which have no dollar value on them. There are 2 generic sets of 7 (Seven Natural Wonders and International Collectors Series) and 2 sets from the Teller House (Seven Natural Wonders and International Series). The generic sets have a globe on the logo side and the Teller House has the famous "Face on the Floor" as its logo.

The \$7.00 strikes from Colorado will definitely give you a headache - there are so many variations. I won't get into them but you will need a very good magnifying glass to see them. Dennis Finn and I have documented, with the help of the "Price Guide for Colorado and Deadwood Premium Tokens" written by the late Ben Kriegh, the following \$7 strikes which include the variations that we know exist. Colorado Central Station-15, Glory Hole-19, Teller House-20, Generic Blackhawk-20, Generic Central City-19, Cripple Creek-18 and the Generic American Wildlife Series-42. If you like variations, these strikes would be an interesting and inexpensive addition to your collection. If you don't wear glasses now, you will when you get done searching for the variations!

And then there were the \$20's. These have "no cash value" written on them but have .999 silver. Some are thinner and weigh less than the others, especially the zodiac series. Colorado Central Station issued 45, Colorado Grande-5, Fitzgerald's-3, Gilpin-1, Teller House-a whopping 49 (including some variations) and Colorado Generic Babe Ruth Series-2 (which were also issued by some Florida Cruise Ships). There are also 2 different Chinese Zodiac Series with 12 in each set. Several generic series were offered which included Explorers of the American West, Gunfighter Series, Lawman Series, Mob Series, Native American Series and the State Seal Series.

Colorado also had several \$28 strikes but again, they had no cash value on them. Colorado Central Station issued 2, Teller House-1 (extremely rare because there is only 1 known to exist-it must have been a prototype). There are 11 Colorado Generic \$28 strikes, which include the same variations found on the \$7's.

This leaves us with the generic \$40 strike that depicts the Colorado State Seal with no cash value and no silver amount on the strike. That about does it for Colorado and as far as I know there are no strikes offered in Colorado at this time. I would like to thank Randy Mortimer, the late Ben Kriegh, Lisa Jung and Dennis Finn for their help and knowledge. I wouldn't have known where to begin without them. See you in the next issue with the great state of Connecticut.

Happy Striking.....Christie Gregory

LAS VEGAS CASINOS WHICH SELL SILVER STRIKES

SELL OBSOLETE STRIKES

Tropicana, MGM Grand, Hard Rock, Harrah's, Boulder Station, Palace Station, Riviera, Fremont, Slots A Fun, Plaza, Fiesta, Stratosphere, Excalibur, Mandalay Bay.

CASINOS THAT TRADE TO COMPLETE SETS

Slots A Fun, Westward Ho, New York New York

NEVADA CASINOS WITH SILVER STRIKES IN PLAY

Below is a current listing for Nevada Casinos currently in the *Silver Strike Program*. Please contact us with any updates/changes:

LAS VEGAS BOULEVARD (STRIP):

Aladdin, Bally's, Barbary Coast, Bellagio, Boardwalk, Caesars Palace, Flamingo Las Vegas, Las Vegas Hilton, Imperial Palace, Mirage, New Frontier, New York New York, O'Shea's, Palms, Paris, Sahara, Slots-A-Fun, San Remo, Stratosphere, Treasure Island, Venetian, Westward Ho.

FREMONT AREA (DOWNTOWN):

California, El Cortez, Four Queens, Golden Nugget, Las Vegas Club, Plaza.

OFF STRIP:

Gold Coast, McCarran Airport, Orleans, Sam's Town, Silverton, Flamingo Laughlin (Laughlin), Pioneer (Laughlin), Primm Valley (Primm), Buffalo Bill's (Primm).

NORTHERN NEVADA:

Atlantis, Bills, Caesar's, Delta Saloon, Eldorado, Fitzgerald's, Harvey's, Mr. B's, Peppermill, Red Garter, Reno Airport, Reno Hilton, Sands, Sierra Sid's, Silver Legacy, Sparks Nugget, Stockman's.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS ROLLING RIGHT ALONG !!

We are off to a great start! Since our membership drive started on July 1st we have added **59** new members to our Chapter. We currently have 583 active members. **Participation from all of our members is needed.** Here are the guidelines for the membership drive:

Dates for Drive Qualification: July 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004.

For sponsoring 6 new members you will receive a **\$25 Tiny Treasures Gift Certificate and a Silver Strikers Chapter T-Shirt.**

For sponsoring 12 new members you will receive a **\$50 Tiny Treasures Gift Certificate and a Silver Strikers Chapter T-Shirt.**

For sponsoring 20 new members you will receive a **\$75 Tiny Treasures Gift Certificate and a Silver Strikers Chapter T-Shirt.**

In the Newsletter, as in the past, we have inserted a Silver Strikers application for you to pass on to a prospective new member. **Make sure you put your name on the application so that we will know you are the sponsor.**

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!

Kevin Pyles, 1st Vice President/Membership

DID YOU KNOW

Word has it that IGT will release the new silver strike machines in March for delivery in May. They Will have a 25 cent and \$1 machines (\$10 & \$40 strikes). RED, WHITE AND BLUE "7's" will be the theme on the pay line.

The Sparks Nugget has submitted art work for a "49th Birthday" strike. They will retire the "Perfect Then & Now" strikes when it shows up.

Sierra Sid's awaiting #4 & 5 in their current series. Mark Twain and "Kit"

Carson. Most likely there will be strikes in this series dated both 2003 and 2004. Reno Airport is out of the chase strikes.

CLASSIFIED ADS

I Have Silver Strikes FOR SALE OR TRADE. Visit my NEW Website at <http://2ht2wlk0.tripod.com> or contact me at vwalker@frontiernet.net
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