

# SILVER STRIKERS

## CLUB

## NEWSLETTER



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### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Hello Fellow Silver Strikers,

The summer is now over and I am looking forward to the next Silver Strikers event this winter and towards next years convention. This years convention was a great success and thanks to all the hard work of the volunteers and the membership we were able to raise a record amount of funds for the Clubs treasury. Your Silver Strikers Club is now on solid financial ground and we now have the funds to do some new and exciting things for the membership. I sure did have a great time at this years convention as did many of you. We sure did have some great items change hands during this years convention. It was reported that one strike changed hands in a private offering that has set a record for the highest amount a silver strike has ever brought. It is great to come to the convention and find that elusive strike that you have been searching for and add it to your collection. I have added new strikes to my collection every year and this year was no exception. Some of the older strikes I picked up this year I had never seen in person before. This years early bird silver strikers trade sessions at the Las Vegas Club was well attended and everyone had a great time. Next year I am wanting to improve on it and do a bigger and better event just for the Silver Strikers. I am looking for ideas from the membership as to what you would like to see and do at the meetings. Please let us know what you want.

Now onto the business that has been accomplished for the club. The constitution that was sent out in the last mailing was discussed and debated and it appears elsewhere in this newsletter ready for a vote of approval. It meets all of the requirements, goals and ideals of the Club. So send in your ballot and let your vote be heard. We are now incorporated in the State of Nevada as the Silver Strikers Club. We have our new tax payer ID number and have sent in an application to the IRS applying for tax exempt status as a not for profit 501(c)7 organization. They have replied to us and have started the approval process, which they claim could take up to six months to complete. We have also changed our accounting year to match the calendar year instead of having our accounting year begin in June of every year.

A few other important items to mention. The events committee has been working on the upcoming winter event/tournament and it looks like it is coming together to be an event everyone will want to attend. I look forward to attending and look forward to seeing everyone.

Don T. Nesbitt, Jr., President

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## SILVER STRIKERS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2004-2005

The annual Membership Drive is underway. So far we have 14 new members. Our goal this year is 100 new members. The dates for Drive Qualification are July 1, 2004 thru May 31, 2005. This year, the prize is a \$40 Silver Strike from the Las Vegas Club. It has a Silver Strike Machine on the reverse and is numbered 250 out of 250. It was donated to the Club by James and Pearl McFadden. For every new member you sign up, you get a chance to win this strike. So, the more new members you sponsor, the better your chances. Make sure to put your name on any Membership applications you have so we will know to give you credit. **NOTE NEW ADDRESS ON PAGE 4**

Kevin Pyles, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Membership

## ARTICLES WANTED!!

In order for this newsletter to remain interesting and broad in scope, **YOU** are requested to participate by sending articles – short or long – to be included here. Many of you have had interesting experiences while chasing silver strikes that would be great to share and others of you know something about silver strikes you've never seen any information on.

## FROM THE CASHIERS CAGE

**1/1/04 through 8/14/04**

Total Income	\$16,598.16	
Total Expenses	\$ 8,644.85	
Favorable report		\$ 7,953.31
Major income producers:		
AUCTION \$2,098.32	DUES \$3,708	COMMEM STRIKE SALES \$4,500+

## 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 information about the *Silver Strikers Club* 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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## DID YOU KNOW

NEW \$200's – Treasure Island (Sirens of Treasure Island) / Four Queens (Maneki Neko)/ Slots-A-Fun (Playing Cards)

Slots-A-Fun new \$10 chase strike – Hoover Dam

Mr. B's, Mill City, 2 new \$10's – Virginia City, Eureka

NEW \$40 strikes: Aladdin (Hotel), Bally's (Slingo), O'Sheas (Slingo), Flamingo (Slingo), Four Queens (Joker), L. V. Club (Barrick), Paris (Slingo), Silverton (Freedom Prevails), Mirage (Volcano)

Silver Legacy has 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary strike in play.

Coming Soon: Tamarak Junction, Boomtown, Harrah's, Alamo, Rail City.

## NEW SILVER STRIKE MACHINE

The NEW silver strike machine has taken it's own sweet time in becoming a reality. IGT told the anxiously awaiting casinos that there were "some issues" that needed to be resolved. All the Las Vegas Machines (exception may be Gold Coast) offer a \$40 strike in the machine while northern Nevada maintained just the \$10 strikes.

Las Vegas casinos scheduled to get the NEW machine:

Mirage	Aladdin	Bally's	Flamingo	O'Sheas
Paris	Four Queens	Gold Coast	L. V. Club	Silverton
Original machine ElCortez				

Reno casinos (all dispense \$10 strikes only) scheduled to get the NEW machine:

Sparks Nugget	Reno Hilton	Sands	Atlantis	
Eldorado	Bills Tahoe	Sierra Sid's	Peppermill	Mr. B's
Delta, VC	Caesars Tahoe	Reno Airport	Stockman's	Harrah's
Rail City	Alamo	Red Garter	Boomtown	Fitzgerald's
Tamarack Junction		Silver Legacy		

Several of these casinos are pondering new designs but want to see how the acceptance is for the NEW machines before making the commitment.

IGT released the new silver strike machines in September. They have a 25 cent play but it requires a 75 cent bet to win a strike (\$10 & \$40 strikes). The largest Jackpot is \$500 and pays in credits only. You can only win one strike at a time. They accept slot cards now but won't accept any coin. The machine has one pay line but third reel is the only one that has a "silver strike" symbol, which is how you win a strike.

## 2004-GAMING SHOWS

9/17-9/18	Reno Casino Collectible Show, Golden Phoenix
10/27-10/28	Colorado Casino Collectibles, Isle of Capri, Black Hawk
10/16	Casinorama, Arcadia, CA
11/5-11/6	Palms Casino 2 <sup>nd</sup> annual Casino Collectibles Show
1/21-1/23, 2005	Silver Strike meet. LV Club
2/3-4, 2005	Super Bowl Casino Show, Arizona Charlie's
8/03-8/06, 2005	CC&GTCC Convention – Riviera - Las Vegas, NV

## NOTE NEW ADDRESS

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## JANUARY SILVER STRIKE CLUB GET TOGETHER

At the June convention, the membership voted to explore having a winter get together and Pam Martin was appointed to chair a committee to look into making it happen. Considerable progress has been made and you should mark your calendars for...

Dates: January 21, 2005 through January 23, 2005

Location: Las Vegas Club, Las Vegas, Nevada

Freddie Maatouk of the LVC has agreed to host us. We will have a Silver Strike Club informational meeting, a Saturday night trading session, **AND**, just to keep us busy for those other hours, Freddie has worked up a slot tournament for us. The tournament will be similar to the one held at the LVC last January - your entry fee will include 3 nights lodging, a welcome reception Friday night, buffet breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday morning and a 3 round slot tournament with nice cash prizes. But there will not be a limited edition silver strike minted. Instead, a limited edition commemorative token will be struck and given to each tournament entrant. The entry fee is not yet set, but it will probably be a few dollars more than last year.

Make your travel plans now, but hold off on contacting the LVC to register for the tournament. As soon as the details are finalized, the committee will distribute a notice giving you the specifics of how and when to sign up.

Ask anyone who participated in last January's tournament at the LVC and they will tell you how much fun they had. So don't miss out! See you in Las Vegas in January 2005!!

## E-BAY RESULTS

<u>CASINO ISSUING STRIKE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>HIGH BID</u>
<b>\$10 STRIKES</b>		
Peppermill, Reno	NO "I" LIMITED	\$76
Hacienda, Las Vegas	Bull fighter	\$70
Sierra Sid's, Sparks	Split window Buffalo	\$69
Caesar's Tahoe	4 in 1 Sports	\$69
Saint Maartin	Pelican	\$67
L.V. Club	Hockey w/NHL	\$66
<b>OTHER DENOMINATIONS</b>		
\$20 Gold Coast, Las Vegas	Building	\$70
\$28 Rio Rita	Rio Rita	\$85

## NON NEVADA SILVER STRIKES - LOUISIANA

Hello Folks..... Summer's winding down and I'm kind of looking forward to fall and winter, mainly because of the rumors circulating about the Silver Strikers Slot Tournament. I can't wait to hear some definite plans. I'm looking forward to another great time at the LVC with all my friends I've made in this hobby.

This month's article will cover strikes from Louisiana. At one time, there were 11 casinos in Louisiana with strike machines. In Harvey, the Boomtown Belle offered only one strike. This being the large boot with the GDC mint mark. The Casino Rouge in Baton Rouge is a different story. They offered the 8 Hollywood Classics but in two sets, one with limited on the reverse and the other with redeemable on the reverse. They also had the Mardi Gras series of 5 - Bourbon Street, French Quarter Building, King of Carnival, Mardi Gras and Sax Player. All the strikes have the GDC mint mark.

The Grand Casino Avoyelles in Marksville offered 4 strikes that are the Wildlife Series and have the GDC mint mark. They also had a \$20 strike dated 1995 which was the State Seal of Louisiana. The Grand Casino Coushatta in Kinder offered an interesting set of 7 strikes. I really enjoy the artwork of these strikes that are a Panther, Daddy Long Legs, Bobcat, Bear, Beaver, Deer and Turkey.

All are GDC. Harrah's Casino in New Orleans had 4 strikes, the New Orleans Jazz series. These are Piano, Trombone, Cello and Sax. I have an additional strike that pictures a Jazz Band but I believe it is a prototype. If anyone else has one, please let me know. They also had a \$40 strike which was the Casino dated 1994. There are a couple sets of prototypes that are beautiful. They are Harrah's

in the Park and Gate to Harrah's. I'm lucky enough to have a set and I love them. They are all GDC. Harrah's in Shreveport offered 4 strikes - Genie on Carpet, Genie on Lamp, Mardi Gras and Court Jester. They are also GDC. The Horseshoe Casino in Bossier City used State Seals and State Flags on their strikes. The first 3 are GDC with the State Seals of Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. The next 4 are a millennium series with the State Flags of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. The final 3 are State Seals of Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. The last 3 also were available in copper. The final 10 strikes have a G mint mark.

The Horseshoe had 2 \$40 strikes - the Horseshoe Sign and the Millennium Casino. Both have a GDC mint Mark. The Isle of Capri Casino in Bossier City had 5 strikes with birds on them. One strike has a Parrot, two have Macaws, one looking right and one looking left. The last two are Cockatoos, one with the crest up and one with the crest down. This casino issued 6 \$20 strikes. The first one was a Palm Tree and Sun. The other 5 are a Babe Ruth set with two of these having NY on the hat. They have no dollar amount on the strike. All strikes from here have the GDC mint mark. Players Island Casino and the Star Casino

in Lake Charles both issued the same set of 4 strikes, these being the Alligator, Cave Lady, Pirate and Toucan. All are GDC. They also had the same set of 4 \$20 strikes - the Steamboat, Viking Ship, Sailing Boat and Paddleboat. These are GDC and hard to find. The Treasure Chest Casino in Kenner had 4 \$10 strikes. These being a Riverboat, Treasure Chest, Mermaid and Mardi Gras. They also had the same designs on 4 \$40 strikes. All the strikes from this casino have the GDC mint mark.

Wow, that's a lot of strikes. It makes me want to get them out and look at them. There are so many great non-Nevada strikes out there. Expand your collection and go out there and hunt them down. It's a great hobby!! So long for this issue and I'm looking forward to getting into strikes from Michigan. Until next time .... Happy Hunting, Christie Gregory

### **"HALL OF FAME" NOMINATIONS**

Unfortunately, due to the lack of interest in participating in this Club function; NO strikes were placed in the "Silver Strike Hall of Fame" during the 2004 convention. Members are urged to participate in these programs. See next article for an opportunity to express your interest.

### **MADE THE CLUB \$4,500! NOMINATED TO GO INTO THE "SILVER STRIKE HALL OF FAME"**

The officers of the Club nominate this strike to be placed in the "Hall of Fame" – so your feelings can be heard, please vote on the enclosed ballot.



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**The Silver Strikers Club Constitution**

**ARTICLE ONE: NAME**

The organization shall be known as "The Silver Strikers Club, Inc." AKA: Silver Strikers Club.

**ARTICLE TWO: PLACE OF BUSINESS**

The principal place of business of this organization shall be listed as 780 N. McCarran Blvd. Sparks, Nevada 89431.

**ARTICLE THREE: PURPOSE**

A. The purposes of this organization are: to promote good will and closer relationships among collectors of silver strikes, to encourage the study of silver strikes and other gaming and casino related memorabilia of all kinds, to form a close and continuing relationship with the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc., (CC&GTCC) and other clubs and organizations devoted to the study of and collection of casino and gaming related items.

B. The Silver Strikers Club is the successor to the former CC&GTCC Silver Strikers Chapter and assumes all prior activities and history of the Chapter as its own.

C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Constitution or of the Bylaws, the Club is organized exclusively as a social club for pleasure, recreation, educational, and other similar nonprofit purposes and substantially all of its activities must be for these purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code. In general, the Club should be supported by membership fees, dues, and assessments and the Club shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**ARTICLE FOUR: OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND ELECTIONS**

Section 1 A President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, and a Secretary shall govern the Club.

Section 2 A Board of Directors will be comprised of the five (5) Club officers.

Section 3 A. The President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary will be elected for a two (2) year term in each year ending in an odd number.

B. Nominations for officers shall be called for by written notification to all members in good standing not later than one hundred eighty (180) days

prior to

C. the Club's next annual meeting in an election year. In order for a potential candidate to be declared an official nominee in any club election for office, the candidate must receive the equivalent of a nomination and a second in order to be listed on the official ballot as a valid candidate. To accomplish this requirement, a candidate must receive a minimum of two nominations.

C. Election ballots will be mailed to each member in good standing not later than thirty (30) days prior to an election, and shall specify the procedure for casting ballots in advance of the annual meeting.

D. Newly elected officers shall be installed every two (2) years at the Club's odd numbered annual meeting.

E. The officers shall serve until their successors have been duly installed.

F. Candidates for office shall be limited to all members in good standing of the Club.

G. (i) In the event of a vacancy in any elected office, which vacancy occurs within the first year after installation of the officer, a special election shall be held to elect a successor to serve the remaining term of such officer. As soon as practicable after such vacancy occurs, the Board shall cause to be sent to each member in good standing a call for nominations. Regardless of the manner of mailing, the call for nominations shall be sent within thirty (30) days of the vacancy. The special election shall take place as soon as practicable after close of nominations, by mailing to all members in good standing.

(ii) In the event of a vacancy in any elected office, which vacancy occurs after the first year following installation of the officer, the President shall appoint a member in good standing to hold such office until the installation of the officers successor.

## **ARTICLE FIVE: MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1 Membership shall consist of four types of members:

A. Charter Members: the 140 persons who formed the Silver Strikers Chapter in 1999.

B. Regular Members: all members applying for membership after the Charter Membership period has closed;

C. Associate Members: spouses and/or children residing at the same address as a Regular or Charter Member in good standing; and

D. Life Members: (when implemented by the board) members in good standing who apply, after completion of their third full year of membership for permanent

membership status, and whose applications are accompanied by payment of an amount equal to fifteen (15) years dues. Life Members are relieved from paying further annual dues.

Section 2 All members shall have equal status and shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of membership in the Club, except that no Club newsletter or magazine will be sent to Associate Members.

Section 3 Members in good standing are those members whose dues are paid currently, and who have not been subject to any discipline by the Club.

## **ARTICLE SIX: ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS**

Section 1 This Constitution may be altered or amended. Alterations or amendments shall be presented in writing to the President who shall cause written notification to be provided to all members. Ballots containing any proposed alteration or amendment of this Constitution shall be mailed to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to an election, and shall specify the procedure for casting ballots in advance of the annual meeting. A two-thirds majority of those voting shall be required to amend.

Section 2 The Board of Directors shall have the power to make such prudential Bylaws and regulations, as they deem proper for the management and control of the business and affairs of the organization not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Nevada, and the Constitution of the United States.

Section 3 The Board of Directors is authorized to create regulations necessary for the organization to conduct its educational and other functions, to conduct annual conventions with exhibits of a competitive and non-competitive nature, and any other appropriate purposes.

## **ARTICLE SEVEN: DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal Government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

