

*Silver Striker*



*Newsletter*

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### **President's Remarks**

Greetings to all you silver strikers out there. I hope that everyone had a great Holiday Season and the Y2K bug did not get you in any way.

It is a New Year and a New Century and all of us look forward to making great trades, new friends, while keeping the old, and increasing our Chapter's membership by Convention time in July. We can all look back and be very proud of what we have accomplished. Year 2000 is a baby but our Chapter never was! Last June we started with more than 50 members the first day and had a total of 63 by the end of the Convention.

When my husband, Clayton, and I first started talking about starting a group of silver strikers and talking to others, our goals were:

1. Start a Chapter or Club within CC&GTCC, if possible.
2. Have a roster of all the members so we could broaden our friendships and trading base.
3. Get current information to all members via a newsletter.

We have grown faster than we anticipated so let's give ourselves a pat on the back ladies and gentlemen. We have also accomplished what we set out to do initially, but we cannot sit back and relax. There are many changes happening in the production of silver strikes and to keep informed we need sources, advertising and participation from all of the members in sharing their knowledge and information with their fellow strikers.

There are still many collectors out there who have not yet heard of our Chapter. May each of us make a resolution for the New Year to sponsor a new member to our group. The officers are working on a T-Shirt design. Wearing a shirt proclaiming that we are Silver Strikers should be a great advertisement. Let me know how many would be interested.

Come on Year 2000, give us your best shot! We will be giving ours as we climb upward and onward in the quest for those elusive strikes that will fill the empty spots in our collections

Your President,  
Mary Lou Waterbury

### Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 10/31/99.....	\$ 1,115.28
Income	
Dues.....	<u>230.00</u>
Total Income	230.00
Expenses	
Postage.....	84.46
Supplies.....	18.00
Copies.....	<u>36.00</u>
Total Expenses	138.46
 Balance as of 12/31/99.....	 \$ 1,206.82

Treasurer,  
Evelyn D. Grosklaus

### Notes from Ray Moritz

How many of you have had a problem with the mailing of silver strikes? I hope these suggestions may be helpful to you.

1. Be sure to use a box or bubble pack envelope.
2. Wrap you silver strikes in newspaper or bubble pack.
3. Be sure to have your name and address inside the package.
4. Tape all edges of the envelope.
5. Most important, be sure to insure your package.

By insuring your package you are protecting yourself. I use \$15.00 per coin as my base for insurance. For example, insurance for five silver strikes costs \$1.80. Hope these suggestions are a help to all of you

Ray Moritz, First Vice President

### Your Newsletter

Remember members!! Articles and silver strike information are welcome, although we may edit to fit, and we are looking for Advertising. Advertising is a great way to connect with other collectors if you do not have Internet access and even better if you do have Internet access. Send me your stories, information and your ads to [PVDKAR@cs.com](mailto:PVDKAR@cs.com).

The Silver Strikers chapter is planning on having a sign up table and volunteers to man the table are being sought. Please contact me if you can help - even for just a little while. There will be other ways to help your club, so if your on the willing side, please let me know.

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### WHO'S HOBBY IS THIS?

Unfortunately, situations persist where the "collector" of silver strikes are causing some grief for OUR hobby. The individuals who are currently doing the disservice to OUR hobby are NOT members of this chapter.

The silver strike machines originated to provide the casinos another type of slot machine for the TOURIST. The game provides a souvenir and a different type of payout for the slot player. The casino's interests are in providing variety and a novelty to the clients - the gambling tourist. The fact we enjoy the strikes to the degree that we just have to have them all is not anything the casinos care about. We, THE COLLECTOR, who have made this our hobby, needs to always be considerate of the casino. As far as Anchor Gaming, the provider of this slot machine, their customer is the casino and that is who they need to make happy.

OUR business within our organization is to share information about new strikes and old strikes of the various denominations. To judge them as a collectable tagging their desirability by rarity and subject matter. As in collecting coins, the collector can't say how many or where to make the coins or when to issue them. This is the business of the casino and must be left there without our interference as collectors.

The strikes are getting more and more collectable because of the designs which are being produced. Based on the number of silver strikes that leave circulation every month, it can be concluded that we collectors make up less than 5% of those who have an interest in the token.

### THE MILLENNIUM SERIES

This is a great group of silver strikes to collect and are making for many new collectors as well as providing a sharp looking display. Lots of new ones yet to come both regular and millennium. Save your money and keep your birthday list open. Nevada seems to be pretty well reported, but if others of you know about new strikes put in play in other areas, please share with the author so the information can be included in this report.

# NEW NEVADA SILVER STRIKES!!!!!!



\$200 STRIKE FROM PRAIRIE MEADOWS  
RACETRACK & CASINO IN ALTOONA, IOWA  
 (picture is reduced in size)





*ONE MORE RENO HILTON TO GO!!*



YEAR OF THE DRAGON COMING IN FEBRUARY TO THE FLAMINGO HILTON IN RENO!



## AUCTION RESULTS

The auction held by the Roadhouse that closed in med December, continued to indicate the support for our hobby. About 550 lots were included in this auction that included all \$7, \$10, \$20 and \$40 Nevada silver strikes. Bidding was active on several lots with the results of some of the better pieces as follows: (a buyers fee of 10% was added to winning bids)

\$7 Flamingo Hilton Reno flamingo logo LM mint	\$ 45
\$7 Sierra Sids Sparks International truck	\$ 60
\$10 Bourbon Street L. V.	\$100
\$10 Flamingo Reno "Year of the Tiger" .999 on rim	\$105
\$10 Flamingo Reno "Year of the Tiger" NO mint mark	\$ 70
\$10 Gold Strike Boulder Panner	\$205
\$10 Gold Strike Boulder Dam	\$215
<b>\$10 McCarran Airport blackjack SPADES</b>	<b>\$755</b>
\$10 Mr. B's Mill City buffalo	\$110
\$10 Mr. B's Mill City panner	\$160
\$10 Reno Airport 1995 Chevy	\$ 49
\$10 Riviera L. V. 1995 La Cage	\$ 65
\$10 Sierra Sids Sparks eagle split window	\$ 50
\$10 Silver City L. V. hearts & stars pony express	\$ 70
\$20 Nugget Sparks Last Chance Joe	\$ 60
\$40 Aladdin L. V. Taj Mahal	\$110
\$40 Comstock Reno train small size	\$150

These prices show a steady premium in the more collectable strikes. Some good buys but in line with the results found on Ebay auctions.

If you would like to participate in future Roadhouse Auctions, contact Dennis at:  
Roadhouse, 1923 Prater Way, Sparks, NV 89431

## CC&GTCC CONVENTION 2000

This years festivities will begin at 6:00 pm with the Wednesday night trade session. The daily shows will open at 10 am. The show will run through Saturday, July 22. The Silver Strikers will have a meeting at the show one of the mornings. This show will have more tables than last year and no doubt be the best ever. YOU are planning to attend aren't you??

Should you want to share a room and are looking for a roommate to share the cost, send me an E-mail and I'll share the names so you can match up. The Tropicana room rates are \$45 Sunday through Thursday and \$85 Friday and Saturday.

The Silver Strikers need exposure and members are encouraged to put up displays. Education in our hobby will be one way to expand our membership. This is a great way to participate in our hobby.

## A Good Jackpot Story from Tom Hollywood

About mid April of last year, I was making a trip from our old house in Anaheim to our 'retirement' home in Laughlin with a load of stuff we wouldn't need until after our final move at the end of August. My wife was still working, so I had to make the run by myself and return the next day. Since Las Vegas is only a hundred miles out of the way, I left at 'o-dark thirty' and arrived at Buffalo Bills in Primm at 9:00am on a Thursday morning. You could have fired a cannon and not hit anyone in the casino, it was that empty. I joined their slot club just to get some cards to trade and headed for one of their two strike machines. 80 credits from my \$20 got me started and with 42 credits still remaining, it happened! I lined up **COIN-COIN-COIN** on the top line, and the 3 red sevens on the bottom line, and just like Sherry and Rich's story, no one there had ever seen the machine do that, and were trying to read the front glass to see what was happening. Oh **WOW**, 200 coins...no, 500 coins! A thousand bucks? "I'll be right back", said the floor person, and back he came with the \$1,000 in cash. What a wonderful way to start a road trip within the first ten minutes after stopping. I went nuts...the only thing I had to do was get to Laughlin sometime that night. Played a couple of hours at Bills and won a pocketful and then on to Vegas hitting all the known strike machines. Bought all the strikes the "Gaming Times" had for sale plus supplies and on to Railroad Pass where I got ten each of the two designs and then to Laughlin where I got everything available. Invested about \$800 of my winnings in strikes! Who says you can't but happiness?

Well congratulations, Tom, and welcome to the Triple Red Sevens Club!!!! On my last trip to Vegas I know someone hit the big one at the Mandalay Bay as they had closed the machine with the same configuration, **COIN-COIN-COIN** and the 3 red sevens on the bottom line. I had to play the only other machine at the casino and it broke down while I was playing it and was closed by the floor personnel. Perhaps Anchor Gaming needs to include the 3 red sevens **JACKPOT** in their instruction manual.

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## From St. Louis

From Dan Sumpter we hear that the Casino Queen in East St. Louis, Illinois pulled their \$10.00 and \$20.00 strike machines in December of the last century. They were replaced with the 'Elvis Machines'(Not my favorite, Ed. note). The cashier said no strikes for sale. The Admiral Casino in St. Louis, Missouri has only a \$20.00 strike machine. The \$10.00 machine was removed from play. Players Island Casino in Maryland Heights, Mo., is due to close in January 2000 and will become part of Harrah's, losing another strike. Harrah's no longer has a strike machine in the St. Louis area. Hang on to these obsolete strikes.

Dan Sumpter, SS-173

## Lucky at the Luxor

Ross Markley had a lucky day at the Luxor in December. The three new machines were installed on Friday, December 17 at about 9:50 am. He happened to be at the right place at the right time. He says he hovered over the technicians and the casino officials for almost 2 hours patiently waiting to play. "I sat down the minute the door on the first machine was closed and with a few pulls, I got my first token. When the technician heard me say - I got one - he came over to me and told me that this was the very first coin as this series was brand new." Ross went on to win 11 tokens, there being 5 different coins in the series representing various Egyptian Gods. Upon leaving the Lucky Luxor, Ross was so wound up that he walked right into a very large, very mean cactus plant. He is still pulling needles out of his clothes and fingers. Perhaps we should call this story Lucky and Stucky at the Luxor.

Ross Markley, CHSS-015

