

Silver Striker



Newsletter

Peter Van der Kar, editor

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President's Remarks

As we have talked with various members, there seems to be one thread of thought running through our minds at this time. The Convention is the topic of choice and excitement is building! We are hoping to see everyone there and look forward to renewing acquaintances, meeting all of you with whom we have been trading, and having a great time.

Your officers felt it was time to call another teleconference. For the most part, even though we are scattered to the four corners, we can handle the problems as they arise. We feel there are some topics that will need to be discussed at our business meeting in July. We would appreciate all of you thinking about where you want this Chapter to go and volunteering to fill some of the empty slots or positions that will be available. We need to talk about whether or not we need a web page of our own or if we are being adequately served by Gary Stathatos' and Randy Mortimer's web pages. Elections will be coming up and you need to be thinking about nominations for your next officers or if you are satisfied with the ones you have. I am sure many of you have concerns, ideas and suggestions that you would like discussed. Please let me know by mail or at my email address, mlwaterbry@aol.com, what your concerns are so that we may begin to plan our meeting agenda.

Production of our club tee shirts was to begin on Monday, April 17th. I am very excited about getting mine and wearing it when I go to the casinos and shows. It will be great advertisement for our Chapter. The ad for the tee shirts is being run again in this newsletter, so get yours now and have it ready for the July convention. Better yet, get two. Signing off for this time and hoping that this will be the best Convention ever and I will be at our Chapter table a good part of the time and would like to meet as many of you as possible.

Your President,
Mary Lou Waterbury

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 02/29/00.....	\$ 1,137.05
Income	
Dues.....	150.00
T-shirts.....	<u>270.00</u>
Total Income	420.00
Expenses	
Bank charges and Adj.....	50.15
Copies.....	62.00
Misc.....	35.00
Postage.....	114.59
Supplies.....	72.02
Telephone.....	141.06
T-shirts.....	<u>571.91</u>
Total Expenses	1,046.73
 Balance as of 04/30/00.....	 \$ 510.32

Treasurer, Evelyn D. Grosklaus

Important Reminder

Please check the mailing label of your newsletter, or your membership card, showing the expiration date of your Silver Striker membership. Annual club dues are due the first of the month of your membership date. Please send in you \$10 renewal **NOW**. The new membership cards have been delivered, and show our club logo. We would like these to be issued to you in time for Convention 2000. If there have been any changes (such as change of address, or any other personal changes) you would like to see on the club roster, now is the time to let us know. Send checks payable to SILVER STRIKERS, and updates to the following address:

SILVER STRIKERS

c/o Evelyn Grosklaus.....3436 Bocage Drive #305.....Orlando, Florida.....32812-7598

Our membership is now approaching 200 and I have no doubt you will want an updated roster. These will be available for a service charge of \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 for nonmembers. They can be mailed to your home or you may pick one up at the Convention. Also below is the T-SHIRT order form. Complete and mail to Evelyn with checks payable to SILVER STRIKERS.

T-SHIRT Order Form for Convention 2000

Name _____ Address _____

Size: M L XL XXL Price: \$15 Quantity _____ Payment _____

CONVENTION NOTES

(Jack Haddock, 2nd VP Silver Strikers)

If you wish to work at the chapter's table, see the officer in charge at the table when you arrive. Your time will be scheduled and your help will be appreciated.

If you pay your dues at convention, you will receive a badge holder for your dues card which is designed also to be a name badge. If you receive your dues card before convention, bring it and you can pick up a badge holder at the chapter table.

Don't miss the Chapter meeting on Thursday afternoon at 4:00 - place to be announced.

Look for the silver strike tables at the trade session on Wednesday night.

There will be a special silver strike in play at the Tropicana during the convention which is struck especially for our Chapter.

SIERRA SID'S AWARE OF COLLECTORS

(Jack Haddock)

Sierra Sid's in Sparks not only has been a major contributor of silver strikes to our hobby (6 - \$7 strikes and 23 plus \$10 strikes) but has also introduced a one pound silver round which would appear very similar to a \$200 strike except it has no redeemable value. So far, the casino has issued two designs - one with their "25th anniversary" logo and the other their "Y2K" logo, as found on their silver strikes. The reverse is a walking liberty with gold highlighting used about the silver round.

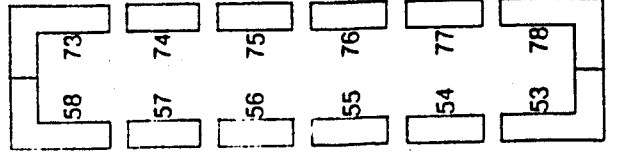
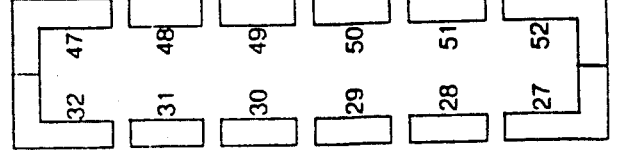
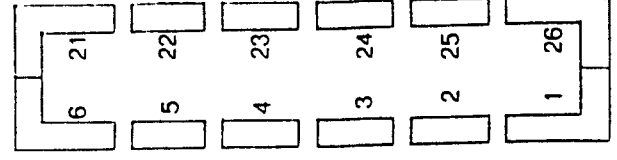
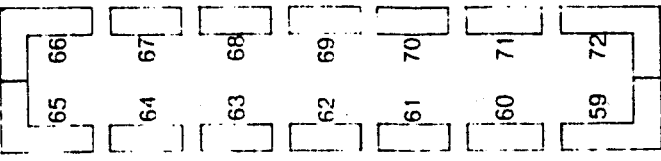
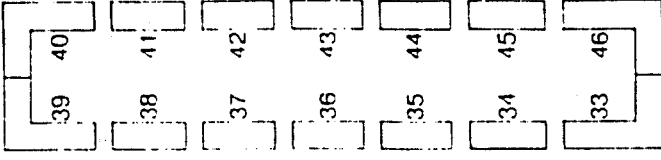
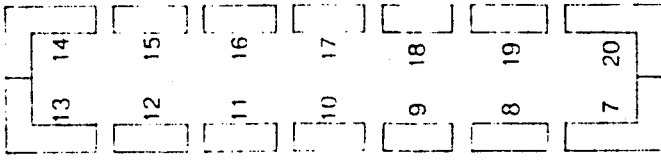
The first two issues were numbered 1 (etc.) of 52. The "52" was selected from the number of weeks in a year. That piece of trivia might win you big money on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire." The low mintage has kept them rare as the last issue was sold out in less than a month. They sold in the gift shop for \$300 plus tax.

Art work is currently being developed for more of these attractive collectibles. This casino is interested in promoting silver strike collecting and feels this as a way of adding interest to the hobby.

Sierra Sid's does destroy their old strikes and only plays what is current at the time. They do freely trade and are very accommodating to collectors. If you get a chance to play the two machines located in the casino, you'll enjoy the experience.

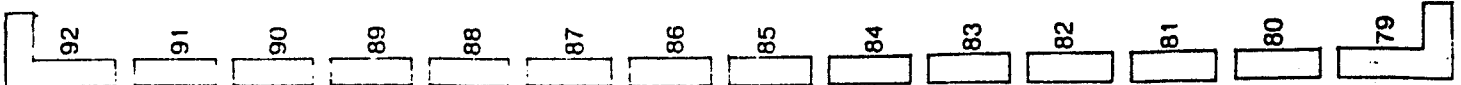
2000 CONVENTION DEALER LISTING

TABLE # & DEALER	TABLE # & DEALER
1. C.T. COINS	51. GAMING TIMES
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4. R.I.C.H. ROULETTE INT'L CHIP HUNTERS	54. LARRY & FRAN BETKER
5. CAREY BURKE (COLLECTOR)	55. GARY SHEPHERD / IDA TURNER
6. TYRUSREX	56. MR. \$ 2.50 BOB FEENEY
7. DeWITT ENTERPRISES	57. MR. \$ 2.50 BOB FEENEY
8. KEN HALLENBECK COIN GALLERY, INC.	58. JOHN RAUZY
9. RARE CASINO CHIP & TOKEN CO.	59. WALT GONSKI
10. COAST TO COAST	60. TED BROWN
11. COAST TO COAST	61. NORM CLEM
12. COAST TO COAST	62. RUSS DIAZ
13. SPINETTI'S	63. GAMINGCHIPS.COM
14. CHIP CHAT	64. GAMINGCHIPS.COM
15. ROADHOUSE COLLECTIBLES	65. THE DICEMAN / CRK ENTERPRISES
16. BUD MEYER	66. ROGER MORGAN
17. WILLOW CREEK DISPLAY CASES	67. RICK OLSEN
18. VEGASCHIPS.COM	68. DICE702.COM
19. CUNNINGHAM EXONUMIA	69. A.K.A. CHIP BOY
20. FROG POND COLLECTIBLES	70. CASSIDY FRAMES
21. SCOTT HARTMAN "THE CHIP MAN"	71. ERNIE WHEELDEN
22. CHIP 'N' SALES	72. CRAIG / LEWIN / MYERS
23. STAN & BETTY WILKER	73. ZYZX CHIPS
24. ROBERT MATTHEWS ENTERPRISES	74. BOB'S GAMING TRINKETS
25. ROBERT MATTHEWS ENTERPRISES	75. DINO'S CHIPS
26. T.D.S. ANTIQUE GAMBLING CHIPS	76. PAST PLEASURES
27. B & V COINS	77. TERRY LAZARUS / CHIPS OFF THE OLD BLOCK
28. B & V COINS	78. MARK LIGHTERMAN
29. JOE DOLCE	79. GAMING ARCHAEOLOGY
30. GREG SUSONG	80. GENE GROSSBLATT
31. CHEQUES IN THE MAIL, INC.	81. GENE GROSSBLATT
32. TINY TREASURES	82. BRUCE LANDAU
33. MEL'S CASINO COLLECTIBLES	83. NEW YORK CHIP CONNECTION
34. LISA'S SILVER STRIKES	84. NEW YORK CHIP CONNECTION
35. JOE BENON	85. NEW YORK CHIP CONNECTION
36. JIM MUNDING	86. UNSHREDDED NOSTALGIA
37. RALPH STRANDWOLD	87. WILCOX ENTERPRISES
38. TIM'S 419 CLUB / BO MACIECH	88. FAST EDDIE'S SILVER STRIKES
39. JAMES CAMPIGLIA	89. RON MINSBERG / RICHARD STURMAN
40. AKA CHIPS	90. SILVER STRIKES
41. LOUIS MARSHALL	91. THREE STRIKES
42. CASINO FUN DISTRIBUTING SERVICES	92. DIAMOND JIM'S
43. CASINO COLLECTIBLES	93. BILL JUDGE
44. CASINO COLLECTIBLES	94. CAL-NEVA CHIPS
45. CHRIS BURNS	95. MCK ENTERPRISES / JIM FOLLIS
46. PIONEER EXPRESS	96. BARRY WEINTRAUB / LYNN BROOKS
47. ALBERT ROLLINS	97. DICK & JOAN BITTERMAN
48. HENRY G. GARRETT	98. ROSEVILLE RECYCLING
49. STEVE GOODRICH / JOHN JOHANNES	99. FRANK LONTEEN
50. GAMING TIMES	100. DAVID SARLES



ENTRANCE

MAIN CORRIDOR



DID YOU HEAR?

(Jack Haddock)

Marve Weaver should have his new silver strike catalog ready by CC>CC Convention.

Fireside Creek in Granite Falls, Minnesota, will have a new silver strike soon.

The Flamingo in Reno will have a lady bowler strike shortly. And, Harveys at Tahoe will have one come out with a new logo in the next few months.

Circus Circus in Reno has pulled their machines. Retirement of the popular Emit Kelly series.

MILLENNIUM WATCH

(Jack Haddock)

Watch for new millennium silver strikes from:

Pioneer, Laughlin
Riverside, Laughlin
Monte Carlo, Las Vegas
Golden Gate, Las Vegas
Slots-o-Fun, Las Vegas
California Club, Las Vegas





NEW millennium
4 strike series from
McCarran Airport

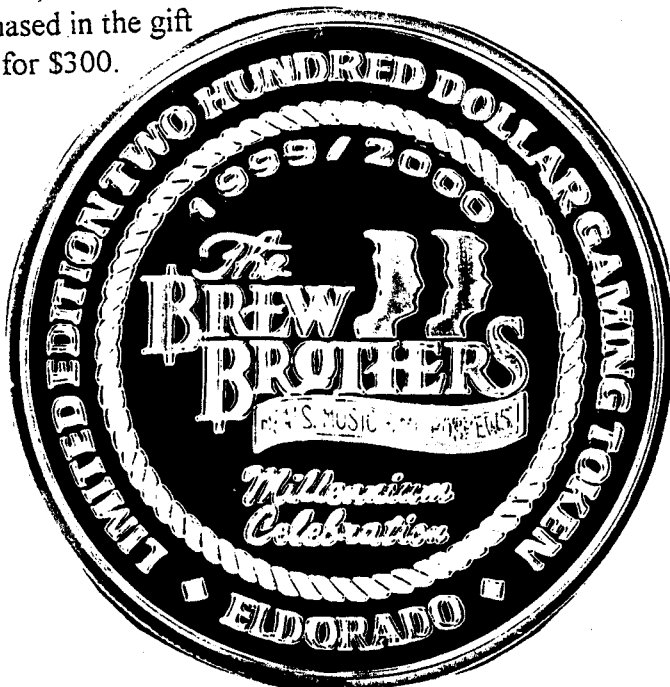


NEW millennium
4 strike series from
the Venetian, L.V.



NEW millennium \$200
silver strike from the
Eldorado in Reno. No
machine, it can be
purchased in the gift
shop for \$300.

Sierra Sid's NO
VALUE 1 pound
silver (see story)



A Good Jackpot Story

We have all heard the old adage, 'which comes first, the chicken or the egg?' In silver striking there also is an adage, 'which comes first, ONE MORE TWENTY or THIS IS MY LAST TWENTY.' Lloyd Malani was grappling with this issue at Harrah's, Las Vegas, not long before they took out the \$40 machines and after two twenties and one strike he said, "this is my last twenty." Unfortunately he did not line up any bars. \$60 for one \$40 strike was enough. As he began to walk away he changed his mind, turned around and said, "one more twenty." Does this answer the question? Well, I think it is different for each of us. Anyway, a few pulls later he lined up the triple bars on the bottom row and was really excited when his three strikes dropped out followed by a fourth. Looking up he noticed that the single bars had lined on the top line. Four \$40 strikes for his 'one more twenty.' Well, **JACKPOT!!** He was so excited that he didn't even care that there were three duplicate Sax Players and a Bourbon Street. He had now a total of five \$40 strikes for eighty dollars. Back in his hotel room, after a long day of striking, he began to look at his loot. Surprise, surprise. The three Sax Players were all different logos; alligator no-date, alligator 1995 and the stars logo. These three plus a Bourbon Street and Construction Zone gave him 5 new strikes for his collection with no duplicates. What a windfall and based on what these older strikes are going for he had really won a significant **JACKPOT**. So next time you put in your **LAST TWENTY**, remember what **ONE MORE TWENTY** can do and good luck to everybody!!

Peter Van der Kar
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Notes from Ray Moritz

I have received our Chapter Tee Shirts and have started filling orders. I am very happy with the way they turned out. They are navy blue with silver lettering. On the front is printed, "I'm a silver strike collector" and there is a small picture of our Chapter logo. The back has a large print of the logo with Convention 2000 printed around the logo. Sizes are medium to XXL. As you know the \$15 price includes postage. I encourage all of our members to support our Chapter with your order of one of these great Tee Shirts. Let's all identify ourselves at Convention 2000.

First Vice President
Ray Moritz

Welcome

Welcome to new members, Alvin Scott, Judi Juchum, Robert Kalwarczyk, Roberto Chavez, Ginger La Rock, Mike Phillips and William Brooks.

Avoiding A Calamity

After flying in from the San Francisco Bay Area on an early rainy Sunday morning, my wonderful wife, Judy, and I made a successful token stop at the McCarran Airport. We then headed for Primm, Nevada and made two more stops at The Silverton and Whiskey Pete's before moving on to Buffalo Bill's.

The 'machines' were in play but we were finally able to get one. While Judy was taking a quick break it happened...COIN,COIN,COIN, on the top line and the three RED SEVENS on the bottom line. No bells, no whistles, nothing, except me looking around for help. Finally a slot attendant arrived and after some discussion about what this all meant he went off to arrange for the \$1000 payoff.

When Judy arrived back at the machine all I could say was, "you missed it, you missed it." But she was there to enjoy the payoff and become a member of the Triple Red Sevens club.

After collecting our winnings we continued to play for the two different sets and left missing only one strike, Calamity Jane, and, frankly, avoiding a Calamity only added to the incredibly lucky start of our three day silver striking trip as we headed towards the glitter and expectations of Las Vegas.

Reg Ikebe, CHSS-081