

Silver Striker



Newsletter

Peter Van der Kar, editor

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President's Remarks

It is countdown time and you will be getting this newsletter shortly before you have started out for Las Vegas and Convention 2000. Look for our Chapter table on the inside of the hall. Last year we started our Chapter with 65 members and as we reconvene this year we have more than 200 members. This is absolutely fantastic!

At the Silver Striker's business meeting this year (4:00 PM on Thursday) we will be taking nominations for officers. President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. So that the entire membership is included, nominations will be accepted until September 1, 2000. At the convention in 2001, either your old officers will be sworn in for two more years, there will be new officers to be sworn in, or a combination of both.

The winners of the Hall of Fame Silver Strikes will be announced. During the New Business part of our meeting I am expecting discussions on a web page, how to get new members, and how to get more members involved in volunteering for available positions. Do we want to put the newsletter on the Internet? The above has been voiced by some of you and I can see a lively discussion ensuing. We will have to limit discussion on each topic as we only have one hour. We will also be looking for suggestions for Chapter publicity and will be interested in your ideas.

Finally, we will be starting our new year with several positions needing to be filled. At this time we need Chairs in Membership, Awards, Hall of Fame, Election and Advertising. There are job descriptions for all these positions and if you are interested please let me know. Also, we will be looking for a new editor for our newsletter, starting with our September issue # 7. This is a great opportunity to get to know the members. We would really appreciate all the participation that each one of you could offer for the coming year and thank all of those who have worked so hard this past and first year of our organization.

Your President,
Mary Lou Waterbury

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 04/30/00.....\$	510.32
Income	
Dues.....	450.00
T-shirts.....	510.00
Misc. Income.....	21.00
Total Income	981.00
Expenses	
Advertising.....	60.00
Copies.....	64.84
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Millennium Strike**

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

T-SHIRT Order Form for Convention 2000

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A Good Jackpot Story

There are all sorts of variations of silver strikes and some of the most interesting and valuable are the strikes that have gold finish or do not have gold finish. We find these in the \$28 strikes from the Aladdin and the Golden Nugget, Laughlin, the \$40 Harrah's Genie with silver or gold tassels and stars and the \$40 Caesar's Coliseum with the gold or silver head logo. In most of these cases the strikes without the gold are the RARE and difficult ones to find.

My first \$200 strike was won at Bally's right before they took out the machine. It was pretty scary playing \$5 a spin, but I got one for \$50 and they presented me with a beautiful blue velvet box with my \$200 **JACKPOT** 1 pound coin. I was captivated and could not resist these huge and beautiful strikes, giving them a nickname, "pancakes."

My next project was The Imperial Palace and there you had to win twenty \$10 strikes and then turn them in for the \$200 pancake. It took a little doing but I got my Imperial Palace \$200 pancake and became a real collector of the "big" ones. From time to time I would play at the IP and as they released new issues I built up some dupes and finally had enough to get another \$200 strike. So now I had a duplicate which I could use to trade for one I did not have. When I got home I put all my \$200 pancakes on my table to look at them and that is when I discovered the **JACKPOT**. My two Imperial Palace coins were completely different. The new one had a different wheat spray finish and most importantly the sunburst was silver, not gold like all the others. These two coins are variations of the same coin, but are as different as the others mentioned earlier. So if you have the \$200 Imperial Palace strike, check it out and remember, there could be "gold" in a silver sun.

Peter Van der Kar
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An Unusual Jackpot

After winning the new millennium strike in the Silver Club in Sparks, Nevada, I continued to play, trying to win a trader. And I hit a triple jackpot. As unusual as that is, only one coin was the new style, the other an old .999 outside rim and the third was a 'Year of the Rabbit' from the Flamingo Hilton in Reno.

Steve Record - CHSS-054

Editor's Note: There have been a number of these incidences reported recently, some involving very unfortunate experiences with casino employees. If this happens to you immediately ask for the slot supervisor. This person should exchange the strike and remove the incorrect strike from play.

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THE "NO TRADE" POLICY

(Jack Haddock)

With some help from you players out there, a list of places that have silver strikes but will NOT trade can be developed. It can save someone the trouble of trying.

In southern Nevada, *forget* it at the Barbary Coast, Gold Coast, Fiesta, Bellagio, Las Vegas Club, Sahara, California Hotel, Golden Gate, and the McCarran Airport.

In northern Nevada, *forget* the Reno Airport, Sparks Nugget, and Mr. B's in Mill City.

A consensus of players is the Hard Rock and Sierra Sid's are the best places to trade.

WEB SITES

(Jack Haddock)

There are a number of our members that have some great WEB sites. They have lists, general information and several have strikes for sale. Here's the deal! Put a blurb about the Silver Striker Chapter in YOUR WEB site and send me YOUR WEB address and it will be listed in all future issues of this newsletter. This can help us get new members, assist existing members find strike information, and get YOU some more WEB site visits.

A big THANKS to Gary Strathatos (CHSS031) for his support in this regard: Web site: collectorville.com

Welcome

Bringing the count of "Silver Strikers" to 207 are new members: Mike Allen, Robyn Curtis, Bob Evans, Mark Gyde, Ron Hartinger, William Miller, Dino Paulino, Randy Roberts, Christine Rurup, and Mike Watkins. **Welcome to each of you!**

DID YOU HEAR?

(Jack Haddock)

Cactus Pete's in Jackpot pulled both the \$10 and \$20 silver strike machine out of service. NO strikes left!! They are going to cancel the tokens where they do not have to redeem them. They never minted any strikes with the "S" mint mark.

The reason Circus Circus in Reno pulled their machine is due to the fact that the license to use the Emit Kelly artwork had expired.

The Flamingo in Reno will NOT be issuing the approved "bowler" silver strike. These strikes have not been struck and since the bowling tournament is over, there is no need to.

Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas is planning to put their machine back into play.

Sierra Sids in Sparks put the remaining strikes in their 7 token series on June 1. The others were retired as of that date.

You already know that the Reno Airport is still using the 1999 silver strikes. Well, doesn't mean anything bad, a matter of fact they are working on a grand silver strike display to surround the silver strike machines which will be the home of some new strikes. Stay tuned!

Red Garter in Wendover will have new silver strikes - the art work has been approved.

The Eureka Casino in Mesquite is the former Ranch Mesquite and will have their strikes in play by the end of July - if not by convention time.

Global Mint "G" has taken over the production of the silver strikes at the Gold Country in Elko. If you collect the different mint marks, you need to find the Pony Express and Train silver strike.

Bally's has only removed their silver strike machine temporarily. Needed to revamp the machine.

The already scarce Eldorado Casino in Reno silver strikes with the ill placed "bridge" has taken another twist. The "GDC" minted strikes occurred just before they went out of business. The "bridge" wasn't supposed to be but the casino needed the strikes while waiting for the millennium dies to be cut. The Global "G" mint got the dies, put on there mint mark and created an even more scarce strike. NOW, it has been discovered that somewhere in the last run, Global used the reverse logo they were to use on the millennium strikes on the "bridge" strike. If you're lucky enough to own a "G" mint "bridge" strike, check out that logo - small "Eldorado" or large. If it's small, you've got a real "GOODIE!"

HOW ABOUT A LITTLE HELP WITH NEWS?

(Jack Haddock)

This newsletter could be much more effective if **YOU** would contribute some of the information you find in your travels. One liners or full stories, they are all welcome here and really necessary. Please, be a contributor - we have over 200 reporters, let's hear from them! A hardy THANKS to Peter Van der Kar and Steve Record for sharing their experiences.

MILLENNIUM WATCH

(Jack Haddock but YOUR input is welcome)

Las Vegas

Barbary Coast
Bellagio
Boulder Station
California
Four Queens
Gold Coast
Imperial Palace
Las Vegas Club
Luxor
Main ST. Station
Mandalay Bay
McCarran Airport
Monte Carlo
New York New York
San Remo
Slots-A-Fun
Stratosphere
Treasure Island
Venetian

Reno/Sparks

Eldorado
Fitsgerald's
Flamingo
Nugget
Peppermill
Silver Club
Comstock
Sundowner
Sierra Sid's

Others

Flamingo , Laughlin
Pioneer, Laughlin
Golden Nugget, Laughlin
Mr. B's, Mill City
Eureka Casino, Mesquite
Harvey's, Lake Tahoe



CONVENTION NOTES

(Jack Haddock, 2nd VP Silver Strikers)

The Chapter's meeting is at 4 on Thursday. Check the program for the room it will be held in.

If you are willing to work at the sign up table, report there when you arrive to be scheduled.

Look for the Silver Strike sign on Wed. Night to meet and trade with your fellow members.

Slots-A-Fun
four different in series

Pioneer, Laughlin
six different in series

