

*Silver Striker*



*Newsletter*

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### **President's Remarks**

There are some people who complain about all the strikes out there but I think it is wonderful. You can never be too thin, rich, etc., and you can never have too many strikes.

Les Hassel was so excited that he found a Bally's strike that he needed to complete a set at the Omaha Coin and Token Show. He got it for \$15 and this was the rare one. We were able to pick up one from the Oneida that needed a home in our collection.

Clayton and I have had tables at two of the Omaha Coin and Collector's Shows. We have passed out brochures and shared our knowledge of silver strikes with people we meet. It is amazing to find that so many people have never noticed the silver strike(Souvenir Coin) machines. You can bet they will be looking for them now. Most everybody has been very impressed with our display, even receiving compliments from dealers. Since we do not have a tax number, we are only there to show off a part of our collection and impart knowledge(doesn't that sound grand - imparting knowledge?).

I would like to suggest to all our members that you take advantage of your local shows and display your collections and sell and trade your duplicates. Making presentations is a great way to turn the occasional striker into an avid collector. And then, of course, a Silver Striker.

A catalogue does need to be put together for strikes outside of Nevada. This can be a member participation group effort. We need all of you to send in what strikes are available in your State, selling prices and retired and obsolete issues. Then we can put together a committee to start assembling a new catalogue that really brings Silver Striking up to date. Please send the information to me and anyone who is interested in helping with this great opportunity to further our Chapter objectives and goals please let me know.

Your President,  
Mary Lou Waterbury

## 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/TRADE. Here's the deal! Put a blurb about the Silver Striker Chapter On 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.

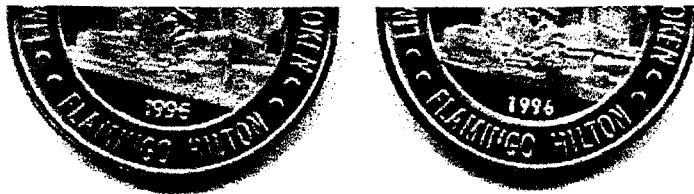
MARV WEAVER	<a href="http://www.members.home.net/sptokens">www.members.home.net/sptokens</a>	CHSS-100
DENNIS FINN	<a href="http://www.pe.net/~dmfinn">www.pe.net/~dmfinn</a>	CHSS-071
LISA JUNG	<a href="http://www.ourworld.cs.com/chippermel">www.ourworld.cs.com/chippermel</a>	CHSS-102
GARY STATHATOS	<a href="http://www.collectorville.com">www.collectorville.com</a>	CHSS-031
JOHNNY LONG	<a href="http://www.home.att.net/~goju/silverstrikes">www.home.att.net/~goju/silverstrikes</a>	CHSS-090

### Variations on a Theme

The Flamingo Hilton in Las Vegas issued a 50th Anniversary series in 1996 and as with many other Silver Strikes different mintings resulted in different variations but all part of the 50th Anniversary issue.

The original 50th Anniversary issue consisted of the 1946 Casino, the 1996 Anniversary Casino and Bugsy Segal. These three strikes have the 50th Anniversary Logo with the **.999 fine silver in heavy font under the banner**. Another minting resulted in the 999 Fine Silver, on the logo side, without the decimal. This was not a die fading issue but the omission of the decimal and it can be seen clearly that the 999 Fine Silver font is much finer and thinner than the issue with the decimal.

The seventh and final variation is the 1996 Strike. This coin was issued with two different fonts used for the 1996. The first font was the normal font used and the second, which is fairly difficult to find is a modern font as pictured below on the right



Additionally, upon closer examination the detailing on the Casino building is much more refined on the Strike with the modern 1996.

So for you collectors who like to have each variation in this Flamingo Hilton 50th Anniversary issue there are 7 Strikes, that is of course, unless you have discovered number eight.

## Delta Does it Upside Down

There has been a lot of controversy over the new \$10 Silver Strike issue from the Delta Saloon in Virginia City, Nevada. The new design is the Train Engine from the old V&T RR, minted S. Alas, the logo, is upside down, and also right side up. It is reported, but not verified, that 150 were delivered to the Delta Saloon and the counts for Coin Aligned and Medallion Aligned are not known. Bidders on eBay responded to the medallion aligned strike by bidding it to \$22.25 and the coin aligned strike to \$315.00. This gives us an indication of our experience with coin aligned issues. When did you last run across a Riviera 1996 Comedy Club coin aligned strike or perhaps a Westward Ho Ho-Waiian coin aligned strike, and when were they cheap?

From our records and catalogues we find that there were a few early \$7 strikes minted coin aligned, but quickly changed to medallion aligned, i.e., Harvey's Stagecoach and the Silver Club and Comstock Panner. Also a Reno Hilton Hotel. All very scarce and only about 4 out of a \$7 Nevada collection of approximately 100.

In the \$10 issues they are even rarer considering quantities of strikes issued. Documented and catalogued are a Riviera, 1996 Comedy Club, Westward Ho, Ho-Waiian and a Gold Coast Slot Machine. We also know of a 1996 Riviera Crazy Girls, found at Convention 2000. Although there may be catalogue prices on some of these they are far lower than the actual trading value of these strikes. Two other coin aligned strikes are a Treasure Island Parrot, and a Puttin' on the Ritz, from the Westward Ho. Neither of these are catalogued. And, there may be a few more undiscovered. In this hobby new variations are part of the treasure hunt.

The only \$20 coin aligned we know of sold for \$2000 at the Convention 2000 and is the elusive Hard Rock, HR, first edition S series.

As for the status of mistake, error or illegal, what does it matter if the strikes are unavailable? Coin Aligned strikes fall into the category of variations, but variations with value. They are rare, highly sought after and we are obviously willing to turn our pocketbooks and wallets **UPSIDE DOWN** to get one.

Editor

COIN ALIGNED

MEDAL ALIGNED



# HOW MANY BILL'S TAHOE STRIKES DO YOU HAVE?

(Jack Haddock)

Many of you were interested in the Peppermill variety story last issue so here goes a series on this subject. Varieties can range in a difference in subject art work, mint mark, large and small fonts and other smaller differences. Bill's at Lake Tahoe gives us a little of everything. There are three main designs: Shakespeare, Hickok, and a view of Lake Tahoe. Got those three? Let's go to the other side of the strike. Shakespeare has a large and small font ".999 silver" on the rim. Hickok is easy, one reverse. The lake view offers three reverses: "CT" mint "Bill's" logo with lines below "Lake Tahoe" and above "casino"; same except NO lines in those places (Note: small font .999 - is there a large font one out there - not known by this author); and lastly, the "G" mint with the .999 on the silver. That's 6 possible known and maybe one more. Keep looking and if anyone can add to this list, let me know.

Shakespeare

Hickok

View of Lake Tahoe



.999 small



.999 large washboard logo



clear logo



.999 on silver

## AUCTION STRIKES WANTED for 2001 Silver Strikers Chapter Auction

The Chapter will hold an auction on Thursday night in conjunction with our annual meeting. Consignments are wanted and need to be committed to the event by Jan. 30, 2001. I am looking for those who would be interested in helping with the auction and now is the time to reserve space in the auction for your strikes as only 50 silver strikes will be put up for auction. Entire CC&GTCC exposure to your strikes. A 10% seller fee will be in effect. Contact Jack Haddock to place your consignment. (See "Classified Ads" for addresses)

## OTHER INTERESTING VARIETIES

(Jack Haddock)

Another interesting variety is the Boomtown, Verdi, "long whip" vs "short whip." A little different variety than the difference in font size. The short whip commands a premium and is listed in the new Weaver catalog at \$80.00 and the long whip \$30.00



short whip



long whip

What are you looking for when it comes to the Eldorado "G" mint "bridge"?? These pictures should help. The small logo brings a healthy premium - hope you're a *lucky* one!

Eldorado bridge "G" mint varieties



very rare

Note size of logo (Eldorado) and placement of .999

## DID YOU HEAR?

Caesar's Palace put 2 new designs in play in early October. Each of the 2 refurbished machines dispense only one of the new designs. One of the new designs has been "antiqued" which gives it an entirely new look. It is still .999 silver but has a "extra cost" processing. Like??

Bally's have placed their 3 refurbished machines back into play using the same strikes as before.

The Sundowner in Reno will no longer be ordering their millennium strikes.

The Golden Nugget and the Riverside in Laughlin are removing their machines.

By the end of October, the new strikes will be in play at the Union Plaza and Las Vegas Club.

Primm Valley awaiting art work approval on their logo and then will use same designs as Whiskey Pete's on their silver strikes.

Space Quest silver sets (a silver strike go with) is available from the Las Vegas Hilton gift shop. The price is about \$150. They can get more and you may be able to get them through the mail.

The third issue of the large one pound silver millennium art bar from Sierra Sid's in Sparks has been issued. Only 52 were produced. Another great "go with" for the silver strike collector.

## **SILVER STRIKE OF THE YEAR**

The category of "token/strike of the year" has been divided into separate awards for 2001. The silver strike category is for the Silver Striker Chapter to have fun with. Hence everyone of us should participate and nominate your favorite strike from June 2000 to May 2001. At this time just keep the program in mind and the next issue will tell you where to send your nomination.

## **MOST RECENTLY ISSUED SILVER STRIKES**

SUNCOAST (4), LAS VEGAS  
LAS VEGAS CLUB (6), LAS VEGAS  
FLAMINGO (3), LAS VEGAS

UNION PLAZA (3), LAS VEGAS  
CAESARS (2), LAS VEGAS  
MAIN ST. STATION (2), LAS VEGAS

## **2001 CONVENTION INFORMATION**

On May 30 - June 2, 2001 at the Tropicana the 9th annual convention of CC&GTCC will be held. The Silver Striker Chapter is planning some great events just for Silver Strikers at this convention. There will be an educational meeting focusing on silver strikes. On Thursday night, after 7:30, the Silver Strikers will start with the annual business meeting followed by a silver strike auction and then a trade session. Watch for more information on this in issues to come.

Also, those of you who wish sales tables and would like to be placed in the silver strike section on the browse floor, should let Jack Haddock know as soon as possible.

## **"SILVER STRIKER" MEMBERS NO LONGER MUST BELONG TO CC&GTCC**

(Jack Haddock)

The board of CC&GTCC voted to rescind the requirement that members of any of the chapters must belong to the national organization. So for now you can give out the enclosed application and the person can become a Silver Striker for only \$10 per year and that's all the cost. Give them a choice and tell them of the national club. NOTE: THERE IS A MOVEMENT A FOOT TO CHANGE THIS BACK TO THE WAY IT WAS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOICE AN OPINION EITHER WAY, WRITE A LETTER TO:  
CC&GTCC c/o B. Weintraub, 4370 Tujunga Ave. #212, Studio City, CA 91604

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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### **SILVER STRIKES FOR SALE** . . . . .

Large inventory, fair prices, good service! See on the WEB at  
"www.roadhousesilver.com" or send for your free price list: Roadhouse Collectibles,  
1939 Prater Way, Sparks, NV 89431 Dennis Owen CHSS-122

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### **NORTHERN NEVADA SILVER STRIKES**

**ONE ONLY AVAILABLE - Sierra Sid's Buffalo - single window - \$300.00**  
Specialize in new issues but have large inventory of all Northern Nevada Silver Strikes.  
E-mail me your wants: jackhaddock@mindspring.com  
Jack Haddock, P. O. Box 7544, Reno, NV 89510 CHSS-131

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### **LARGE VARIETY OF SILVER STRIKES FOR SALE OR TRADE:**

Visit my WEB site at [www.laughlin.net/walker](http://www.laughlin.net/walker)  
or contact me at [walker@laughlin.net](mailto:walker@laughlin.net)  
Valerie Walker, 2996 Palo Verde, Laughlin, NV 89029 CHSS-010

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### **YOUR AD HERE!!!!!!**

Want to trade? Sell a strike? Or buy a strike? Then place an ad here and have over 200 collectors looking at your desires. One time is \$5.00 or 6 consecutive issues for \$20.00. Send copy to Jack Haddock, P. O. Box 7544, Reno, NV 89510

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### **NORTHEASTERN NEVADA SILVER STRIKES AND CHIPS**

Send for my list of casino material. Chips, *strikes* and tokens are all available for those places you just can't get to. Call me at: (775) 753-2435  
Ed Hoffman, P. O. Box 6039-N, Elko, NV 89802-6039 CHSS-103

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### **MARV WEAVER'S "NEVADA SILVER PREMIUM GAMING TOKENS 2000 PRICE GUIDE", 5TH EDITION: \$30 (plus \$3 postage)**

Lisa Jung's "*Striking Differences: The Stories Behind the Strikes*": \$10 (plus \$2 postage)-----buy both/postage is \$3.00  
WEB page: <http://ourworld.cs.com/chippermel>  
e-mail: [chippermel@cs.com](mailto:chippermel@cs.com) phone: (415) 472-2869  
Lisa Jung, 1285 Idylberry Rd., San Rafael, CA 94903-1071 CHSS-102

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### **GAMING ARCHAEOLOGY PRESENTS A CHIP DIG (which includes Silver Strikes)**

On November 4, 2000, at Sharkey's Nugget Casino, HWY 395, Gardnerville 9 to 5  
Free trade session Friday night at 6 pm (Sharkey's) Everyone welcome!!

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### **HELP ME COMPLETE MY COLLECTION (one strike from every known casino)**

Atlantis Casino, St. Maartens; Boomtown Belle, Harvey, LA; Grand Casino, Onamia, WI;  
Belle of Baton Rouge, LA; Curacao Caribbean Casino.  
Clayton Waterbury, 10284 Saratoga St., Omaha, NE 68134 phone (402) 493-8255  
[mlwaterbry@aol.com](mailto:mlwaterbry@aol.com) CHSS-001

# MILLENNIUM WATCH

(Jack Haddock but YOUR input is welcome)

(NIP) = NOT IN PLAY

## Las Vegas

Barbary Coast  
Bellagio  
Boulder Station  
California  
Four Queens  
Gold Coast  
Golden Gate  
Imperial Palace  
Las Vegas Club  
Luxor  
**Flamingo**  
Main St. Station  
Mandalay Bay  
Mirage  
McCarran Airport  
Monte Carlo  
New York New York  
San Remo  
**Silverton**  
Slots-A-Fun  
Stratosphere  
Treasure Island  
**Union Plaza**  
Venetian

## NEW SINCE LAST LIST

### Reno/Sparks

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

### Others

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

