

# SILVER STRIKERS

## NEWSLETTER

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### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Greetings to all my fellow Silver Strikers. By the time you read this you should have received your CC & GTCC magazine. In it you will see pictures of silver strikers having a great time at the convention this year. For those of you who do not belong to the CC & GTCC you might want to reconsider and join up. This is only one of the many benefits you would receive. I did not get the information in time to label a little better the picture of Pam Corry and Mark Gyde. Mark Gyde was the fellow who came in second at the O'Shea's Silver Strike Tournament last December. Probably most of you already knew that but I didn't and I expect there are some others like me. Mark, take a bow!

Sadly, once again we have had to say goodbye to one of our original Silver Strikers. Brian Bishop was taken away from us so suddenly in July. He will be missed so much when we meet at our next convention. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

It seems to me that more strikes are being featured on the Internet auctions. We have been buying, selling and trading, as I am sure many of the rest of you are.

Does anyone have a total of how many silver strikes have been released this year? This has to be a bumper crop year! For some of us we will have to decide just where we are going with our collections. Some of the suggestions are:

1. Get only one strike from each casino that has ever put out strikes
2. Topicals, such as animals, Indian Chiefs or sports, etc.
3. Many collectors have already chosen to only get the strikes from Nevada
4. Some people collect only a certain value, such as the \$7's, \$10's, etc.

The Officers held a teleconference in July and one of the subjects that had to be decided upon was the problem of shilling. Most members deeply resent shilling in any form and rightly feel that they should have a level playing field with no surprises. The Officers voted unanimously to drop Richard Hirsch from our roster. We felt that the Membership Officer (presently Kevin Pyles) is such an important position that the responsibility should be represented on the Official Board and, therefore, have added membership to the job description of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. We also planned the best way to set the elections for your new officers. We want to make sure there will be a seamless changing of the guard at the next convention.

We now have over 500 members in the Chapter. As we grow not only do our problems grow but on the other side of the coin-so do our opportunities for a wider circle of people to trade with, make new friends and more clout with the organization.

You will be getting a chance to nominate and help this Chapter carry on. Let us all hope that we all do our part. It is so easy to sit back and complain. It is a little harder when you are in the forefront and must consider not only yourself and your friends but also the entire membership of the Chapter.

Mary Lou Waterbury, President

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## 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 a blurb about the *Silver Strikers Chapter* 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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## REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

To: Silver Strikers Officers

I have reviewed the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002 for the Silver Strikers Chapter of CC & GTCC. I find that all of the Income and Expense Accounts are in order and herewith conclude the audit of the Chapter's financial records is complete and accepted as issued by Evelyn D. Grosklaus, Treasurer, Silver Strikers Chapter.

Joyce Bishop, Audit Committee Chair

## INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002

### INCOME

Advertisement	\$ 203
Convention Auction	3,147
Convention Sales	343
Membership Dues	5,190
Membership Roster	309
Miscellaneous	<u>636</u>

**TOTAL INCOME** \$9,828

### EXPENSES

Advertisement	420
Convention Expenses	2,797
Miscellaneous	102
Newsletter	2,667
Office Supplies	1,218
Telephone	<u>372</u>

**TOTAL EXPENSES** \$7,576

**NET DIFFERENCES** 2,252

**Beginning Cash Bal 07/01/01** 1,904

**Ending Cash Bal 06/30/02** 4,157

## EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002

With your **First Year's Dues** of \$10.00, there is a **one time** new member-processing fee of \$5.00. Associate membership for your spouse is available for \$10.00 who will not be assessed the additional \$5.00 processing fee. Our annual renewal fee is \$10.00. Any member that fails to pay his/her membership dues by the renewal date shown on their mailing label and membership card, (which is due the first of the month in which you joined the Chapter) will be automatically granted a 30-day extension. Delinquency thereafter will result in the membership being canceled, membership number permanently retired, name removed from the roster and rejoining subject to the \$5.00 processing fee. **Please make all checks payable to Silver Strikers Chapter.**

## MEMBERSHIP

### LET'S REPEAT LAST YEAR'S GREAT FEAT...

Our goal is **110 New Members!**

The membership drive for 2002-2003 has begun. We have set a high goal for our Chapter once again this year. We added a record number of new members during last year's drive as well as during the annual convention this past June. You all did a great job last year, so let's do it once again. We want all of our members to participate. Here are the guidelines for the new membership drive:

**Dates for Drive Qualification: July 1, 2002 to May 1, 2003**

- \*For sponsoring 6 new members you will receive a \$25.00 Tiny Treasures Gift Certificate and a Silver Strikers Chapter T-shirt.**
- \*For sponsoring 12 new members you will receive a \$50.00 Tiny Treasures Gift Certificate and a Silver Strikers Chapter T-shirt.**
- \*For sponsoring 20 new members you will receive a \$75.00 Tiny Treasures Gift Certificate and a Silver Strikers Chapter T-shirt.**

Make sure to put your name on the application of any person you sponsor so we will know to give you the credit.

Kevin Pyles, Membership Chair

## E-BAY RESULTS

<u>CASINO ISSUING STRIKE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>HIGH BID</u>
<b>\$7 STRIKES</b>		
Harrah's, Tahoe	Lake, "NO" 7	\$ 39
Comstock, Reno	Pony Express	52
California, Las Vegas	Hawaii, Part Reeded	28
<b>\$10 STRIKES</b>		
Bourbon Street, Las Vegas	Sax Player	232

McCarran Airport, Las Vegas	Welcome "GDC" Mint	59
Opera House, Las Vegas	James Dean	51
Delta Saloon, Virginia City	Train-Coin Aligned	465
Sam's Town/Fremont, Las Vegas	Stagecoach Error	482
Sierra Sid's, Sparks	1999 Rockin Jake	27
Boomtown, Las Vegas	Panner	27
<b>\$20 &amp; \$40 STRIKES</b>		
\$20 Sheraton Desert Inn, LV	Golfer	53
\$40 Caesars Palace, Las Vegas	Trumpeter	72

## DID YOU HEAR?

Sierra Sid's, Sparks and Reno Tahoe Airport have put silver strikes into play that have a new logo and are dated 2002 but the designs are as before.

O'Shea's and the Las Vegas Flamingo are putting back their strike machines with 3 patriotic designs in each machine.

Sparks Nugget is going for five new (artwork under review) \$10 and a \$200 strike featuring the "Golden Rooster-one \$10 to have the rooster image also.

Four Queens in Las Vegas is putting back their strike machines and will have a \$200 issue.

Palm's Casino, Las Vegas will have 8 designs for their \$10 strikes, one being a chase token of 2 per hopper fill. Two \$200 strikes will also be available.

There is a casino in Las Vegas that will have 3-count 'em-THREE new \$40 strikes in the future.

Sierra Sid's will use artwork from their last Nevada Series of one pounders for \$10 strikes. They are planning to offer a \$200 silver strike soon.

## FUTURE GAMING SHOWS

9/21-9/22	Circus Circus, Reno
10/11-10/12	Fiesta Casino, Las Vegas
10/19	Casinorama, Arcadia, CA
11/8-11/9	Palace Station, Las Vegas
1/12/03	Florida Chapter Annual Meeting at the FUN Show
1/17-1/18	Palace Station, Las Vegas

## VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Definition of a Silver Strike.....*A Silver Strike is defined* as only those limited edition tokens produced under the rules and regulations of IGT (formerly Anchor Gaming), in conjunction with their patented Silver Strike program. This

would include all denominations issued in conjunction with the Silver Strike program paid out of the machine or not.

Your vote must be sent to the Secretary by Oct.3 to be counted. If you do not send a vote, it will be counted as a YES vote.

### **ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

Addition of "MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON" has now been added to the responsibilities of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

### **CURRENT NOMINATIONS FOR 2003-2005 OFFICERS NOMINATIONS CLOSE OCTOBER 3, 2002**

President	Don Nesbitt, Jr.
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President (Membership/Education)	Milton Skulky and Kevin Pyles
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Convention)	Jerry Weisenbacher
Secretary	Sharon Pamperin
Treasurer	No Current Nominations

Please send additional nominations to:

**Rick Andrae, PO Box 76275, Highland Heights, KY 41076**

### **INSURANCE FOR YOUR COLLECTION**

As a collector, you may already have taken steps to ensure the protection of your SILVER STRIKES but, have you ever given any thought to "insurance"- the financial protection of your collection, regardless of it's overall value, from losses due to theft, robbery, fire, flooding or other calamities? Each collector has his or her own personal preference when it comes to physical storage of a hobby collection and the reason behind it. Many collectors enjoy the "hands on" aspect of the hobby and desire the opportunity to be able to retrieve them at a moment's notice for study or visual enjoyment. The collection could be stored in a shoebox or several cartons in the closet, under a bed or in a wall or floor safe. Others prefer having the "peace of mind" of having their collections off limits to burglars by having their collections secured in a bank safe deposit box or vault.

Does your current insurance guarantee the replacement cost of your collection; or any part of it lost due to theft or natural disaster, whether the loss occurred in your home, at the bank or in another location where the collection was damaged or lost? Most homeowners' insurance policies limit compensation for numismatic property to \$250.00. Since most strikes can be redeemed for cash the insurance company may want to treat a loss as cash with limited liability. Others may offer special addenda at additional premiums. Usual premium amount is about \$2.75 per \$1,000 of value.

There are many questions to ask to determine if you have the coverage that you desire. You must pick the policy that best suits your individual needs. Insurance provides the only absolute protection for your collection, if full replacement value is covered and a loss should occur. Collectors should ask insurance carriers when applying to determine all of the circumstances that are covered should any or all of a collection be compromised and compensation is necessary. In many instances the insurance criteria provide for coverage of the collection while it's in your residence or stored in a safe deposit box. What happens if a theft occurs while you're transporting all or part of your collection between your home and safe deposit box? Are you covered? What if you store your collection at your place of business? Are you covered? Collectors may carry part of their collection with them to a show. Does their homeowners insurance or special rider's kick in if a loss occurs? What if you happened to buy an expensive strike at a show to add to your collection and it's lost or stolen before being put with the rest of your collection? These are just a sample of the questions that need be asked when applying for insurance to cover your collection.

There are companies that design their policies specifically for the collector. One to check out is Collectibles Insurance Agency ([www.collectinsure.com](http://www.collectinsure.com) or 1-888-837-9537. Their policies cover strikes when shipping, traveling and regardless of location. A \$60,000 value policy starts at \$228 per year. Coverage is for current market replacement value.

It may be necessary to update your insurance coverage if you should add or subtract items from the collection. It's safe to say the insurance carrier will want documentation to help prove what was in the collection at the time of the loss. Some carriers even want that documentation at the time the insurance is being provided. It is always a good idea to keep documentation for your collection complete and up to date. Keep receipts for purchases if they are provided and if not, at least record the transactions.

## **SILVER STRIKE STORIES**

### ***ONCE UPON A TIME.....***

.....I was in Reno about five months ago and decided to try and win some of the blue two-for-one strikes at the Airport. After having very little luck, I was down to one credit left. I played the one credit and wouldn't you know it, three blue sevens lined up on the third row. I sat there stunned, no bells, no whistles, no money, no strikes, no nothing! I didn't even have another quarter on me to play it off so anybody who walked by was able to see what an idiot I was for playing one quarter. This played through my head the entire drive home from Reno. It took me a week and several cocktails before I could get up the nerve to tell my wife about the episode. Sometimes late at night I am still haunted by those three blue sevens.

**Mike Moore**

.....I swore I would take this story to my grave but here goes. I am sure most of you remember initial feeding frenzy that ensued when the Four Queens removed

their strike machines a couple of years ago. Being the conservative that I am I was going to stand clear of the mayhem and let the smoke clear. Well, enter one Friday night my four-year-old grandson who was visiting and we were surfing eBay for strikes when a Four Queens turns up with a low starting bid. We placed a token \$40.00 bid on the strike even though they were going in the \$100 plus range at the time. Hey, you never know.

The next morning I check eBay knowing that I had probably lost the auction only to find that I had indeed won the strike. BUT MY WINNING BID WAS \$142.00. I rechecked my auction to find that I had actually bid \$4,000.00. The moral of this story is three fold; never bid with a four-year-old in your lap, never bid with four VO's in your system and watch those tricky decimal points.

**Tommy Glaza**

.....When the Sahara, Las Vegas first got the strike machine we went there to play for them. It was wintertime and cold for Las Vegas so I had a winter coat on. There being three strikes in the set I figured I would be playing for awhile so I got my rolls of quarters (I am still old fashioned and like to put in my quarter and pull down the handle), went to the machine, took off my coat and put in on the chair back. Sat down, unrolled two tolls and settled in to play. Put in three quarters, pulled the handle and WON THREE tokens on the first pull. All three tokens were the three different designs and all I could think of was "Gee, I thought I was going to be here for some time playing this machine".

**Janice O'Neal**

.....It was 1996 and I was not even collecting silver strikes. I had gone up to the Gold Strike in Boulder City to get the Labor Day \$5.00 chips. They were not quite ready to release them so I had some time to kill. For those who don't know, the Gold Strike had some of the worst Blackjack rules in the State. They did not even have a game going in the poker room. Since I don't really play the slot machines that did not leave much to do other than walk around.

As I made my way around the casino floor I ended up back at the cage. Still no Labor Day chips! To the left of the cage and up against a wall was a single silver strike machine. I decided to throw a \$10 dollar bill in and kill some time that way. On my **FIRST** pull a strike falls out. Nothing after that and I'm even but instead of my \$10 bill I now have this coin in a case that is worth \$10.00. About that time they release the Labor Day chips and as I walk up to the cage I'm about ready to cash in the strike but end up slipping it into my pocket. Once I get home I throw it into a box with other tokens and coins that are not chips.

A little over a year goes by and I decide to make a Website. As I go over what pages I want to include on the site I decide I'll put up a silver strikers page. I only had about a dozen or so strikes that I had picked up here and there which included the Gold Strike with "Hoover Dam" on one side. I decide to list them all on my Website at \$15.00 each, postage included. At this point I **STILL** do not collect silver strikes. A week goes by and I have a little bit of time to see if



they might be worth more than \$15.00. Up to that point anyone could have e-mailed me that they wanted it and that strike would have been in the mail for \$15.00. So, after checking around on the Internet I see where there was an error strike that only said "Boulder, Nevada" and had the "City" missing. No **WAY** that I have that one! I get up to check it out and sure enough that was the strike that I had. **THAT** was when I started to collect silver strikes.

Andy Hughes

## ORANGE CO., CA SILVER STRIKE TRADING SESSION

On a sunny and warm Friday in August, a small but enthusiastic group of Orange County, California, silver strike collectors held their first trading session. We met at a shady park in Mission Viejo and, knowing that the more collectors the better the trading, we invited our fellow collectors from the surrounding area to join us. Frenchy Choquette, Bill and Sue Cohenour, Gary and Carol Heinz, Ron Hartinger and James McFadden made the trek north from the San Diego area and joined Pam Correy, Tom Hollywood and Doug Conley for a great afternoon of trading.

We will be holding more trading sessions in the future and if you live within driving distance of Mission Viejo you are invited to join us. Contact Doug Conley, 26648 Guadiana, Mission Viejo, Ca 92691 (or email at [lucacabernets1@cox.net](mailto:lucacabernets1@cox.net)) for more info.

*Submitted by: Doug Conley*

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**LAS VEGAS BOULEVARD (STRIP):**

Aladdin, Bally's, Barbary Coast, Bellagio, Boardwalk, Caesars Palace, Las Vegas Hilton, Imperial Palace, Luxor, Mandalay Bay, Mirage, Monte Carlo, New Frontier, New York New York, Paris, Sahara, Slots-A-Fun, San Remo, Stratosphere, Treasure Island, Venetian, Westward Ho.

**FREMONT AREA (DOWNTOWN):**

California, El Cortez, Golden Gate, Golden Nugget, Las Vegas Club, Plaza.

**OFF STRIP:**

Gold Coast, McCarran Airport, Orleans, Sam's Town, Silverton, Suncoast, Flamingo Hilton (Laughlin), Pioneer (Laughlin), Primm Valley (Primm), Buffalo Bill's (Primm)

**NORTHERN NEVADA:**

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