

# SILVER STRIKERS

## CLUB

## NEWSLETTER



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### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

*Hello Fellow Silver Strikers,*

I had a blast in Las Vegas attending the Silver Strikers Tournament. Congratulation goes out to the winners. It was great to see old friends and meet some new ones. It sure is fun to be among friends and to chase silver strikes with them. I made some nice trades during the trade session and I know the new owners of the strikes I traded away will enjoy them. It is great to see all the members making trades while playing the silver strike machines helping others complete their sets as they play. Members helping members is what is great about our hobby and club. I talked up the hobby to players that had not heard of us and gave them a card with information about our Silver Strikers Club.

Recruiting new members is something I enjoy. As you know we are having our annual membership drive that will conclude with a nice prize to be awarded during the upcoming convention. I urge everyone to participate and to sign up some new members. The Club is growing so lets keep it going and going and going.

Our annual Las Vegas Convention is only a few months away and I hope everyone is making plans to attend this fabulous event. Your President, the Board of Directors and some dedicated volunteers are working hard to make this the best Convention ever. We have lots of things going on behind the scenes and are planning all of the Convention events. Nailing them down one by one.

The Tuesday evening Silver Strikers Trade session will be the first event we hold and has been so well attended in years past that we felt it was time to improve it. Due to a scheduling conflict the Vegas Club was unavailable. But with the help of the Vegas Club and Freddie's Gang we were still able to accomplish this task. For the first time in our Clubs history it will be held in two adjoining ballrooms at The Plaza Hotel Casino located on the west end of the fabulous Freemont Street Experience. We will be serving treats, desserts and drinks for all to enjoy. So bring your friends and traders and join us for what is planned to be one of the best events of the year. We are also working on a brand

new Convention Strike for this year and are working to make it better than the first. Look for news on it in the next newsletter. The remaining organized events will be held at the Riviera Hotel & Casino on the Las Vegas Strip in conjunction with the CCGTCC.

We are planning our annual Silver Strikers Forum and educational events, our Business Meeting, Installation of Officers and Awards Ceremonies including the Silver Strike Hall of Fame and Silver Strike of the Year awards. Followed by the crowd pleaser Silver Strikers Auction headed by the one and only Jack Haddock. We will have some great items again this year including the reverse die of our 2005 Convention Strike. Look for event times and locations in future newsletters.

Now onto something important, our Club's future and the **Silver Strikers Club elections**. I am running for re-election as your President and I am asking for your support and vote. I have worked hard serving you for the past two years and I have a proven track record of success. Experience and leadership are important to any organization going forward and I am proud to serve this great club. I am a Charter member of our Club and have been collecting strikes for around ten years from every known casino that has issued them all over the USA and the world. I have worked with the CCGTCC and have worked to keep our Club involved and in the forefront. Much has happened during the past two years that was unforeseen. But with my leadership abilities and the assistance of others we worked through it and have accomplished some very important goals.

The most important is reforming the *Chapter* into a *Club*. I am proud to say that *The Silver Strikers Club* is a non-profit tax-exempt organization incorporated in Nevada. This status provides legal protection, sales tax savings and keeps us from having to pay income tax. Under my leadership the treasury of the Club has grown to levels never before seen in our history and we are now sitting on strong financial ground. We have held spending to reasonable levels and are working to improve and expand the events we hold each year. The 2004 Convention and the 2005 Tournament were a resounding success and I will work to keep it that way. Membership has risen and revenues have grown allowing us to do more for you. I am working hard for you and I promise to continue to improve our events, our newsletter, our treasury, our web presence and **our Silver Strikers Club**.

Please send in your ballots and vote for my experience and accomplishments!

Your President, Don T. Nesbitt, Jr.



NEW "CHASE" STRIKES



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## SILVER STRIKERS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2004-2005

Our annual Membership Drive is gaining momentum. We added 16 new members since the last newsletter, and to date we have added 49 new members. We're half way to our goal of 100 new members. Our membership now stands at 605. So far 18 members have signed up at least 1 new member and are in the hunt for the prize. And 4 of those have signed up more than one and will have multiple entries for a chance at the prize. We have 3 months left to reach our goal, so let's get out there and sign up new members so you don't miss out on a chance for this great prize! Here again is the info for the drive:

Our goal this year is **100** new members. The dates for Drive Qualification are July 1, 2004 thru May 31, 2005. This year, the prize is a \$40 Silver Strike from the Las Vegas Club. It has a Silver Strike Machine on the reverse and is numbered 250 out of 250. It was donated to the Club by James and Pearl McFadden. For every new member you sign up, you get a chance to win this strike. So, the more new members you sponsor, the better your chances. Make sure to put your name on any Membership applications you have so we will know to give you credit.

### **Kevin Pyles — 1<sup>st</sup> VP/MEMBERSHIP**

I am running for re-election to the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Membership Officer for the Silver Strikers Club. I have enjoyed serving the Club in this role for the last couple of years and would like to continue. I am interested in finding new ways to keep our Club membership growing as it has.

I have been collecting Silver Strikes since my first trip to Las Vegas in 1995. I collect all denominations, and from all casinos that have ever had them. I am a Charter Member (CHSS-087) of the Silver Strikers Club. I moved to southeastern Arizona last summer and love it!

I look forward to having the chance to serve the membership for another term

**NEW ADDRESS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2005**

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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 information about the *Silver Strikers Club* 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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## 2005-GAMING SHOWS

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| 4/30            | Casinorama – Acadia, CA                      |
| 8/03-8/06, 2005 | CC&GTCC Convention – Riviera - Las Vegas, NV |
| 9/16-17, 2005   | Reno Show, Golden Phoenix                    |
| 11/25-26, 2005  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Palms Show, LV        |

## ARTICLES WANTED!!

In order for this newsletter to remain interesting and broad in scope, **YOU** are requested to participate by sending articles – short or long – to be included here. Many of you have had interesting experiences while chasing silver strikes that would be great to share and others of you know something about silver strikes you've never seen any information on.

## *TOURNAMENT DIARIES*

*By Peter Van der Kar*

**FRIDAY, January 21<sup>st</sup>:** After a four hour drive up from L.A. we arrived at the Las Vegas Club at 2pm for the **Second Annual Las Vegas Club Silver Strike Tournament**. Right after checking in, which was fast and easy, we headed over to the elevator at the North Tower and passed Carol's Corner, named after our own Carol Heinz. This is right off the hotel lobby and there is a bank of deuces wild machines and there was Carol herself, Pam Martin, Carol Chrzanowski and Sue Cohenour - the guys were at the Silver Strike machines. We stopped and chatted for a bit and then went up to our room. Unpacked, headed downstairs and the big event had begun

Our first destination was the Silver Strike machine area where everyone was hanging out. The LVC had managed to have their new set of six Silver Strikes in play by that day so the strike machines were busy and a crowd had gathered to wait their turns and gossip. The rest of the bunch was down at the Four Queens winning red capped strikes right and left. Some people had a slow time of it and others had the Silver Strike angel on their shoulder as strike after strike dropped from the tubes into the chute. These machines are fun!

The welcome reception and tournament registration started at 4pm. Cocktails were hosted by the casino, a great buffet was being enjoyed by everyone and the tournament registration table was in full swing as Emily Fitzsimmons and Sue Cardona greeted all the guests. Freddie Maatouk, our tournament director, took the mike and welcomed us all and gave out tournament information. It was a terrific beginning to what would end up quite an experience for some.

After the banquet we all took off for an evening of fun. Freddie had told us that as a group our player cards so to please use them whenever we played would register our play. It was evident that we would meet our quota, as we were everywhere.

**SATURDAY, January 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Breakfast was early and tasty and as we all said good morning it was evident the crowd was ready to start. Players assembled at the tournament area early as the first round of play was at 9pm. At 9pm sharp the tournament began. Freddie, once again, had the mike and made each session fun, introducing each player, urging everyone on to hit the double diamonds, and setting a mood of excitement. Scores were kind of average so everyone was in the mix.... that was until round five.

The double diamonds were not very generous until round five, which I was in, and the machines started to sing. And whom did they sing for? Montana Mike was the chosen one. Mike Seyfert hit the double diamonds, and then hit them again and I think a third time, I am not quite sure as I had just hit them and watched my own score climb to over 5,000. But Mike was unstoppable and by

the time the round was over he had over 10,000 points. He broke all the records.

The Casino had never ever recorded a 5 digit score in one round of play as long as Freddie could remember. There were some big scores in round five, but we still had two more sessions to play and nothing is guaranteed.

The afternoon session began at 1pm and scores were significantly higher but everyone was waiting for round five to see if Mike could repeat. Well, he did. Not quite so high but came in with a 6,000 score for a total of over 16,000 for two rounds of play. He could have slept through the third session, but he was not convinced. A lot of scores had crept up and one good round on Sunday could change everything. There was just a general feeling of good will for everyone since we knew that the winners were going to be in our own group.

Saturday night was our club meeting and trade session. It began at 6pm back in the banquet room and by the time I arrived, promptly at 6, the room was full. Huge round tables filled with collectors and their Silver Strikes. I have never seen a trading session so big and with so much to choose from and all Silver Strikes. There was a short meeting lead by Don Nesbitt and Doug Conley and a great dessert buffet, which the club sponsored. Even if you were not trading or buying there were some great items to look at. One of the best trading sessions I have ever attended.

Besides the tournament, those of us who were not playing for Silver Strikes were playing for serious money, and there were some big jackpots this weekend. Lloyd Malani hit a huge one, Christie Gregory hit a few good ones and the last time I saw Pearl McFadden she had 5 large cups of \$1 tokens and was hitting 4 of a kind too often to count. We probably made our play quota on these three players.

**SUNDAY, January 23<sup>rd</sup>:** After another nice breakfast, courtesy of the hotel, with friendly service, we started gathering at the tournament area to see what this day would bring. It was pretty much a foregone conclusion that Montana Mike would win, but he was not convinced. Session 3 found us both in line and I picked machine #13 and promptly threw the ping-pong ball back in the basket. Not my lucky number and Mike came along and drew it right after me. Well, it worked for him. Another big score over 4,000 points. Now he knew he was in the money, but he was not sure it would be first place. There had been some other high scores and he was not yet counting his money.

2pm was Awards time and we all gathered expectantly to see what the final scores would be. Beverages and cake were served, compliments of the hotel, and the ceremony began. There were 15 cash prizes plus the Tournament Token that had been beautifully designed and minted by club member, Richard Nelson's company. Each entrant would get the numbered souvenir token according to his or her placement in the tournament. Prizes 15 to 4<sup>th</sup> place were handed out, along with the corresponding numbered token. But, once again we had a big

surprise as Freddie got down to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes. The two places had tied. This was exciting as the winners; Vicky Bagdriwicz and Jim Tenley were given a choice of a play-off or splitting the prize money. They both graciously split the prize money and everyone cheered. Then it was Mike's turn and you guessed it. First place for \$5000 and he set all records at the LVC for high round, high score, high everything. He was awarded the current Champion T-Shirt by Norm Chrzanowski, last years' winner, which had been made by Richard Rosales who was unable to attend but provided the winner's T-Shirt, a tradition that we hope will continue.

Freddie then called each name in order of their placement in the tournament to come up and collect their token. Now there were 200 of these beauties minted so each person got to buy another one for \$40 and names were drawn so each player could pick the number they wanted. An odd irony of the day was during the draw for the remaining tokens Mike's name was drawn dead last. Not that it mattered to him, but it was just one more interesting thing that happened at this tournament.

**MONDAY, January 24<sup>th</sup>:** Time for most of us to go home and as we sat in Carol's Corner putting in our last twenty dollar bill before hitting the road back to L.A. people leaving would stop and say goodbye. We were all talking about seeing each other at the August Convention and what fun next year was going to be at the **Third Annual Las Vegas Club Silver Strike Tournament in 2006.**

**WEEKEND REVIEW:** Although we only had 101 players more people showed up for the trade session and perhaps next year more will be able to make it to the tournament. This was an event to be remembered and thanks to the LVC, Freddie, Emily and Sue and the rest of his staff, and especially our own members, Gary Heinz, Pam Martin, Don Nesbitt, Doug Conley and Richard Nelson for making this such a great club function. If I have left anybody out, my apologies as everyone did a superb job. Put this event on your calendar for next year because you will not be disappointed.

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## KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES!

### *Pam Martin for President*

Over the last five years our past and present officers have created a wonderful foundation for the Silver Strikers Club. Our membership continues to grow and many friendships have developed. For the Club to continue to grow, I feel it will take a greater participation and communication among all our membership. With that in mind, I, **Pam Martin** have accepted the nomination for President of the Silver Strikers Club.

I started playing for Silver Strikes in 2000 on a trip to Vegas with some friends. I felt so proud of my stack of precious coins that I had won. On my next trip with Jamie, I introduced him to the strike machines. You would think that the *Comstock Lode* had been discovered. We are now both avid collectors.

I would like to see new ideas added to our present foundation. New ideas can come from any and all of our diverse membership and prospective members as well. First and foremost, I feel the major objective should be better communication and participation of all our membership, If am I elected I will push to implement the following ideas.

- \* Quarterly board meetings with a summary of the minutes posted in our newsletter and on our web site for everyone's review. The events of all board meetings need to be communicated to the entire membership.
- \* Reestablish communication with IGT and increase communication with the many casinos that support our hobby.
- \* Our newsletter and web site are two of our clubs greatest assets and we need to use them to the best of our ability. We received our 501 tax-exempt status from the IRS, however since we do not distribute enough educational material we do not qualify for a reduction in postage. I hope to increase the number of educational articles about our hobby. Once again participation is a must from our membership. I would also be willing to receive the newsletter on line from our web site and would ask the membership with computers to do the same in order to save on postage and printing costs.
- \* Advertisement - Our Club ad in the CC&GTCC magazine has played a big part in our membership drive, however this ad has been missing in the last few issues. We need to reinstate this ad. There are also numerous other web sites and publications that we could consider to introduce our Club to new people.
- \* "Silver Strike of the Year" and "Hall of Fame" selection have fallen by the wayside. In coordination with CC&GTCC, we need to reestablish our support on both.



\* I would like to continue our annual Silver Strike coin.

\* I feel we should consider having a second membership meeting each year. The success of the Silver Strike Tournaments, starting at O'Shea's and now continuing at the Vegas Club speaks for itself. We have had as good as participation in each of these tournaments as at the annual convention. We should give members who can't make the annual convention a second opportunity to participate in our club activities.

COMMUNICATION AND PARTICIPATION, isn't that the true success of any organization?

If I am elected, I will encourage and listen to any and all comments and opinions from our membership and encourage all board members to do the same in order to make the best decisions for the Silver Strikers Club. I am willing to step up and work for your interests, I ask for your support and your vote.

### *Evelyn Grosklaus For Treasurer*

**Evelyn Grosklaus** is back! It has been two years; I am well rested, and ready to take our Club to a new level. As many of you already know, I spent four years as treasurer and three years as membership officer during the founding days of our Club. Hence, I offer a great deal of experience and understanding of how our Club operates. When no one would accept these responsibilities during our organizational meeting in 1998, I stepped up and took on the challenge. It was hard work starting an organization from scratch, however we overcame all the hurdles and developed a foundation for the next Board to build on. I have to admit that when your founding board was replaced in the summer of 2003, we were all burned out; it was time for some new blood.

The spring of 2004 brought a new and shocking announcement from CC&GTCC that we were no longer a part of the umbrella organization and even worse, no longer a chapter. During our yearly convention the standing officers agreed to carry on until this year, when a new leadership could be elected along with the rebirth of the Silver Strikers Club as an independent organization. Once again, I am ready to take up the gauntlet and help spear head the growth of our hobby.

To serve you as Club Treasurer I strongly support the following:

- Club's annual auction
- Sale of the Club's annual "strike"
- The advertisement for membership as in the CC&GTCC magazine
- Posting of Income and Expense Report on a quarterly basis
- Short-term investments with some of our funds
- Yearly independent audit of our books
- Prompt payment of bills

- Good fiscal money management
- Quarterly Board Meetings

I started collecting strikes around 1997, and believe me when I say there are still many common's that are not a part of my collection. I love to run from casino to casino and the trade from collector to collector. Our trade sessions here in Florida have been a great deal of fun and have made us all wish we were in Vegas for that one we let get away. Visiting with everyone is also a great deal of fun!

I love this organization and know the ins and outs of this position, look forward to working with a new Board and meeting new goals, please join with me as we again take the Silver Strikers Club to new levels of success. I do ask for your consideration, but urge you to please take the time to vote and let your voice be heard.

### *Neil Willman for Treasurer*

I have been a silver strike collector for 5 years. I joined the Silver Strikers Club in 2002 while attending the CC&GTCC Convention. It has been great to meet other people with a similar addiction to silver strikes. Compared to most of you I have a modest collection.

My acceptance of the nomination for treasurer is only for the purpose seeing the needs of the club met. I studied finance and accounting in college. I have earned certifications as both a broker and a registered financial advisor. While serving in the Army one of my extra duties was as tax and financial advisor. I have varied experience with not for profit organizations from churches to athletic organizations, and of course collectors clubs. I currently serve on the board of an adult day center, where I am presently the vice president. If elected as the club treasurer I will do my best to keep up all reporting and financial activities for the club.

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| <b>NEW STRIKES ON THE WAY</b> |
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- 2-Casablanca, Mesquite Building 2004 & The Perfect Getaway 2004
- 1-Hotel San Remo, Las Vegas Building 2004
- 4-Silverton, Las Vegas Shady Grove, Twin Creeks, Sundance Grill & Mermaid
- 3-Sands Regency, Reno "Jazz," Country Western," and "Rock N' Roll." All a part of "Sands Sizzling Summer."
- 5-Reno Airport Royal Flush – Carson City, Virginia City, Lake Tahoe, Reno/Sparks, Ace
- 6-Palms, Las Vegas "Smarty Jones" Kentucky Derby series
- 7-Nugget, Sparks Oyster Bar, Rosie's Café, Steak House Grill, Trader Dicks, Gabe's Pub and Deli, Restaurante Orozko, Farm House Coffee Shop
- 6 – Reno Hilton 6 Yosemite, Grand Canyon, Grand Tetons, Yellow Stone, Joshua Tree, Arches National Parks Series

## SILVER STRIKES OF NORTHERN MINNESOTA

*By Christie Gregory*

Hello everyone. Since the last newsletter, some of us traveled to Las Vegas for the tournament at the Las Vegas Club. It was a huge success and if you didn't make, try to come next year. I know you're probably getting tired of hearing this but you'll understand once you've been to one. Many thanks to everyone who made it possible.

This edition we'll go over strikes that were won at casinos in Northern Mississippi. Since Mississippi had so many great strikes, I'll break it up and do Northern Mississippi and Southern Mississippi. As you'll see, Mississippi strikes are all about the logo.

Bally's Casino in Tunica had a total of 15 silver strikes with 3 different logos, all with the GDC mint mark. Logo 1 is a man leaning on a fence post with limited edition collector's edition on the rim. It was a series of 5 strikes consisting of the Assayer, Panner, Pony Express, Stagecoach and Train. Logo 2 is the same man leaning on a fence post but has ten dollar redeemable cash value on the rim. The set of 5 are the same Western Collector's Series as above. The last set of 5 are Logo 3 which is Bally Bart tipping his hat. The faces changed with this set. They are the Capital Building, Men Playing Cards, a Riverboat, Man Fishing From Raft and a Couple.

Circus Circus in Tunica only had 2 strikes. They were the Elephant and Lion. Both have the GDC mint mark. Circus Circus Casino is now the Gold Strike and is a very beautiful place.

Fitzgerald's Casino in Tunica had 5 different silver strikes. The first was Mr. O'Lucky. The strike was Logo 1 which has limited edition collector's series on the rim and Tunica Mississippi on the silver. The next strike was also Mr. O'Lucky but is Logo 2 which has ten dollar redeemable cash value on the rim and Tunica Mississippi on the silver. The last set of 3 are Logo 3. This logo has ten dollar redeemable cash value on the rim plus the Tunica Mississippi is on the rim. They are a Hat and Pipe, a 4 Leaf pot of Gold and a Pot of Gold with the Casino. They are all GDC mint mark. Fitzgerald's also had a \$40 silver strike. It is the casino with the GDC mint mark. There is no dollar value on the strike.

Harrah's Casino in Tunica had 10 strikes. The first 6 are Logo 1. This is the limited edition collector's series. They are a Genie on Carpet, Genie on Lamp, Riverboat with smooth water, Riverboat with wavy water, Riverboat Sidewinder facing right with smoke and Riverboat Sidewinder with Harrah's written in the sky. The next 4 are Logo 2 which is ten dollar redeemable cash value. They are the same 4 riverboats as above. They are all GDC mint mark.

Harrah's Mardi Gras Casino in Tunica had 6 strikes. The same 3 faces were used, these being Mardi Gras, Genie on Carpet and Sax Player. Three had Logo

1 which is the limited edition on the rim. The others are Logo 2 and has redeemable cash value on the rim. All are GDC mint mark. Harrah's Mardi Gras had 4 \$40 strikes. The Jester and Genie on a Carpet were issued twice, first with limited edition on the rim and then with \$40 redeemable cash value. All 4 are GDC.

Harrah's Casino in Vicksburg had some very interesting strikes. The first set was a Civil War Collector's Series. They depicted a Soldier with a Cannon and a Soldier with a Flag. These two faces were issued twice, once with limited on the rim and again with redeemable on the rim. They have the GDC mint mark. The next set of six are unique strikes. They are pictures of, I think, old gambling machines – Clawson 1896 Trade Check, Fey 1896 Three Spindle, Caille 1898 The Puck, Mills 1899 The Judge, Watling 1902 New Century Buffalo and Caille 1904 Roulette. These have an S mint mark.

Hollywood Casino in Tunica issued 20 strikes but actually there are only 10 different faces. Logo 1 strikes has limited edition on the rim and Logo 2 has ten dollar redeemable cash value on the rim. The ten faces are Humphrey Bogart, Bette Davis, W.C. Fields, Clark Gable, Laurel and Hardy, Groucho Marx, Marilyn Monroe, John Wayne, Adventure Slots and Egyptians. They all have the GDC mint mark.

Isle of Capri Casino in Vicksburg had 4 strikes. They are the Casino, Palm Trees, Parrot and Treasure Chest. They are all GDC.

Lady Luck Casino in Lula had 4 different strikes but they were released with both the limited and redeemable rims so the total is 8 strikes. The four faces are Sax, Drums, Jester and Keyboard. They are GDC. Lady Luck also released 4

\$20 strikes. They are the same Keyboard, Drum, Jester and Sax with GDC mint mark.

Strikes from Sam's Town Casino in Tunica are probably the hardest Mississippi strikes to describe so bear with me. Dennis and I documented 37 different strikes from Sam's Town. I'm sure there are more out there that we didn't get listed.

The first 15 strikes listed are the Western Collector's Series. There are 5 faces but each face was issued with 3 variations. The faces are Assayers, Panner, Pony Express, Stagecoach and Train. Each one of these 5 strikes comes Logo 1 limited with no mint mark, Logo 1 limited with a GDC mint mark and Logo 2 redeemable with a GDC mint mark. The next 8 strikes were a Babe Ruth series. They all are Logo 2 redeemable. There are 2 different wordings on the rim. They are BRCS – Babe Ruth Collector Series and LEBRCS – Limited Edition Collector Series. I will use the letters in the descriptions of the strikes. They are Babe Ruth Running with Bat BRCS with GDC, Babe Ruth Face w/signature LEBRCS with no mint mark, Babe Ruth Batting w/background BRCS with GDC, Babe Ruth Sitting w/bat with GDC, Babe Ruth Sitting w/bat LEBRCS with no mint mark, Babe Ruth w/bat on Baseball w/name LEBRCS with no mint mark, Babe Ruth Batting no background LEBRCS with no mint mark and Babe

Ruth Running w/hat LEBRCS with no mint mark. The next 9 are Marilyn Monroe strikes. They are all Logo 2 redeemable. They also have different wordings on the rim. They are Marilyn Monroe Collector Series – MMCS and Limited Edition Collector Series – LECS. We have Marilyn Monroe Bust MMCS with GDC., Marilyn Monroe Upper Body Pose MMCS GDC, Marilyn Monroe w/hat MMCS GDC, Marilyn Monroe w/skirt MMCS GDC, Marilyn Monroe w/skirt w/name LECS no mint mark, Marilyn Monroe Full Body with written name LECS no mint mark, Marilyn Monroe w/top hat w/name LECS no mint mark, Marilyn Monroe Upper Body Pose w/name LECS no mint mark and Marilyn Monroe w/name around head LECS no mint mark. The next 5 are 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo strikes. They are Tom Sawyer, Tom and Huck, Huck Finn (Dennis' great great grandfather), Riverboat Tall Stacks and Riverboat Short Stacks. These have no mint mark. There is also a set of 5 strikes which are probably prototypes. The only ones I know about were bought on ebay by Pam Corry and later traded to my buddy, Dennis. I guess I was twiddling my fingers when these sold. We were heading to Tunica and I thought they were a new release so I didn't bid. You snooze, you lose!! The strikes are Bass Fisherman, Pheasant Hunter, Hunter with Dog, Corn Field Hunter and Bow and Arrow Hunter.

Sheraton Casino in Tunica had 36 strikes. The first one was Logo 1 limited with no date. The face was the Sheraton Logo. The second was Logo 1 limited 1995 with the face being the Sheraton Logo. The third was Logo 2 redeemable 1996 with the Sheraton Logo face. These 3 are GDC. Next, they did the zodiac series of 12 Logo 2 redeemable with a GDC mint Mark. Then they did the zodiac series with Logo 2 redeemable with an S mint mark. The next nine were the Space Series consisting of the Soyuz Rocket, Gemini, Mercury, Hubble Telescope, Viking Lander I, Challenger, Galileo, Voyager I and Apollo. All with the S mint mark. The Sheraton issued 2 \$40 strikes. They both had the Casino face with one dated 1994 and the other 1995. They have the GDC mint mark.

Wow.....that's it for northern Mississippi. I'll be back next edition with the remaining strikes from Mississippi. I'm definitely not looking forward to The Grand strikes. These are worst than Sam's Town. Non Nevada strikes are quite the challenge!

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## 2005 CONVENTION

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Surprisingly, the 2005 Convention is just 4 months away. That may sound like a long time, but with everything to be done, it really isn't. I hope you plan to attend the Convention and to arrive early enough to join us for the Tuesday night early bird trading session. Please note that we have moved the trading session across the street to the Plaza this year. The session is open to all and we will provide desserts and coffee, so have an early dinner and join us for some wild trading action beginning at 6:00pm. I look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas!

Don't lose sight of the fact that this is the CC&GTCC Convention, not the Silver

Strikers Club, and that early registration, including reservations for the Early Bird Banquet, are only available to CC&GTCC members. I will be coordinating Silver Strikers Club tables at that banquet again this year, so be on the lookout for more information as we get closer to Convention time.

One last thought – I understand that there is more than one candidate for a couple of the positions on the Board. To date, Kitty Stoops and I were the only two people to vie for a position. This new level of interest is healthy for the club, and thanks to everyone who agreed to be nominated. So do your part to support them - be sure to vote

Doug Conley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



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