

SILVER STRIKERS



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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Hello Fellow Silver Strikers,

I have been traveling this great country of ours. In February my wife and I went to Biloxi Mississippi. The only casino that still has strikes in play is the Imperial Palace. They have an old style three-reel machine. I could not help myself. I had to give it a play. While there I won several strikes and it appeared from what I won the machine was filled with two different series of cars with two different mintmarks. A family came up and watched me play and we began to talk. I let them have several of the strikes I won at face value. They were thrilled. They had never heard of the Club so I gave them the web address and a card. Maybe they will join. The IP has had the same strikes in play for years. They sure do need to put out some new patterns. In March for the first time in my life I was able to go to Atlantic City. Of course none of the casinos have strikes but I went and visited them all anyway. I enjoyed playing in the Sands because the service was great and the staff was friendly. It is a smaller casino and has the feel of old Vegas. I won the most money at the newest resort the Borgata. It is a big place and is as advertised. There is a lot to see and do in Atlantic City and I sure had a great time.

Las Vegas is gearing up for a grand celebration. All kinds of events are planned for this year to mark the 100th anniversary of the City of Las Vegas. We are doing something special to mark the event as well. We have applied for and received approval to use the Official Las Vegas Centennial logo on the reverse of our *Silver Striker Club* strike. This was quite a task to accomplish and was something that everyone involved felt would make our strike extra special. However as part of the agreement with the owners of the logo they informed us we would not be allowed to sell the die as we had planned and wanted it destroyed or sent to them. But they have agreed to allow us to put it on display in a museum instead of destroying it. So when the time comes and we have a place for it we will put it on display for all to see. Per our agreement this strike will be limited to only 400 and will have a .999 silver center enhanced and highlighted with 24kt gold plating. This strike will make a great addition to your collection and should be highly sought after by collectors. The strike order form is enclosed. Happy Collecting.

Your President, Don T. Nesbitt, Jr.

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SILVER STRIKERS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2004-2005

Our Membership Drive is going well and in the home stretch. We had a great two month period-26 new members were added in March and April, giving us 75 new members to date for our Drive. Our active membership now stands at 608. So far 22 members have signed up at least 1 new member and are in the hunt for the prize. And 7 of those have signed up more than one and will have multiple entries for a chance at the prize. This is our last month of the Drive, so **we need your help to reach our goal.** Let's get out there and help the Club by signing up new members and giving yourself a chance to win the 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.

CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS WANTED.....

We need your help at the 2005 Convention. Convention time is fast approaching. The Silver Strikers Club will have a membership table again this year. We want to promote our Club to all of the Convention attendees. At the table, we will be signing up new members, collecting membership dues, and taking orders for Club Rosters. We will also be there to answer any questions visitors have about the Silver Strikers Club.

It's a good time to start thinking about volunteering. We are asking that Club members volunteer to take a turn manning the membership table for two-hour shifts. This will enable us all to assist in promoting the Club, and at the same

time, still enjoy the rest of the Convention. The table needs to be staffed from open to close, for three days, so we will need all the support we can get. Please try to find a way to fit a two-hour shift into your Convention plans. Let me know what days and hours you would be available. It would be a big help to have alternate times, so scheduling can be completed. Please notify me at the following address:

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Kevin Pyles, 1st Vice President/Membership

SILVER STRIKE OF THE YEAR AND HALL OF FAME VOTING!!

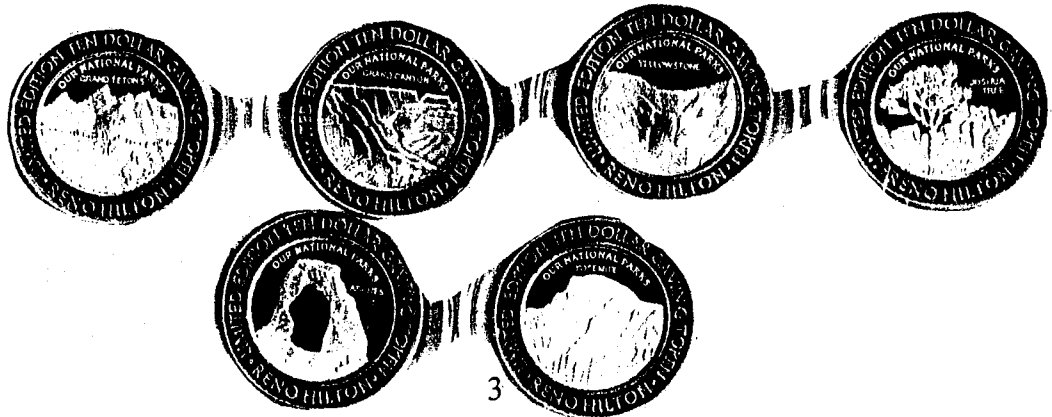
NOW is the time to **VOTE** for the “Silver Strike of the Year” AND the strikes to induct into the “Hall of Fame.” The nominations have been selected so all you need to do is **VOTE!** The ballot is enclosed and if you still need to **VOTE** for the Club officers, another ballot is on the other side. Remember to fill in the ID portion of the ballot.

2005-GAMING SHOWS

8/03-8/06, 2005 CC>CC Convention – Riviera - Las Vegas, NV
9/16-17, 2005 Reno Show, Golden Phoenix
11/25-26, 2005 3rd 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.



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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MR. B'S IN MILL CITY ADDS 2 NEW STRIKES

Non-Nevadans will wonder where is "Berlin", the name of the Nevada town depicted on one of Mr. B's latest silver strikes. It was a mining camp in the early 1900's in Nye County or central Nevada. The second NEW strike depicts the town of "Pioche" which is on the east side of Nevada near Ely. These two new strikes have been added to the strike machine along with the "Virginia City" and "Eureka" strikes. Mill City is *only* 90 miles out of Reno, so another trip in your future!!

CONVENTION EXHIBITS WANTED

The exhibits will be of both competitive and non-competitive nature and there is no charge for entering an exhibit, but you must contact Joe Shaw, Exhibit Chairman to reserve a space. Showcases are provided free of charge for those who need one for their exhibit. This is a highlight of the convention and many members commented how much they enjoyed last year's exhibits. We look forward to having some excellent presentations. If you have any questions regarding the exhibits, or wish to reserve a space, contact Joe Shaw at databzr@casino-chip.com.

JACKPOT AUCTIONS MAKES SOME CHANGES

Jackpot Auctions is very excited about the new features that are now offered to their customers. Some of the wonderful improvements are:

Faster Site Speed

Sub-Categories

New Home Page Categories, including "Hot Items", "Closing Soon", "Gambling News", "Weather", and an "Opinion Poll".

Special Announcements

Chip Chat Board

"Lost Password"

Real-Time Invoice Balance

Item I'm Bidding On

Visual HTML Editor

Increased Title Length

Multi-Image Upload

Dutch Auction

Auto Resubmit Mail item to a friend

Bold Text for Item Titles

Featured Categories

Photo Gallery

Counter

About Me

Block Bidder/User

Submit another item using the same data

CASINO CONCEPTS COMPLICATE COLLECTING

by Jack Haddock

The Casinos with silver strikes are doing some different ways of distribution of their silver strikes, which have caused several issues for the collector. It was, of course, terrible when they quite selling them, and then quite trading them, but now!! They come up with a late issue of strikes and add it to the ones in play. Or they add olds ones to the hopper – and now that the Gaming Commission says if the player gets a silver strike, he's justly compensated, it can take awhile to win the strike you want.

The Reno Hilton put red caps on their oldest strikes and filled two of the cylinders in two machines with these strikes with one of the old-scarcer Zodiac strikes mixed in every sixth position in a clear capsule. The Zodiac strikes were gone in just weeks and now the red capsules remain and are going home with the winner.

Harrah's Reno and the Sands in Reno had one of the strikes in their series arrive a month or so after their other new ones were released, and simply added them to the payout cylinders. Bill's at Tahoe has done this also only they have added three newer designs in with 3 older designs.

Reno Airport mixes up the strikes within each payout cylinder, which really messes up your chances to get a full set.

How about that Hard Rock Casino in Las Vegas? They took just a regular issue and put it in the dispenser on a limited basis to create a chase strike. Eventually there will be 1750 of these "Pink Taco" strikes and the premium will evaporate. Meanwhile the collectors go wild and chase them just like the casino likes.

Slots-A-Fun was *lucky enough* to receive an "error" on there first order of strikes. The "Canyon below dam" has a portion of the word "Blackjack" from the obverse impresses in the reverse on a portion of the reverse die in the water of the canyon. None were sent back but it certainly provides the collector with something to chase. The casino has cleverly mixed them among the rest!

NEW STRIKES ON THE WAY

1-Casablanca, Mesquite

6-Palms, Las Vegas "Smarty Jones" Kentucky Derby series

6-Atlantis, Reno Mermaid with goldfish, side view, facing left, on rock, with bubbles, and a seahorse

5-Sierra Sid's, Sparks Changed the date of the existing strikes to 2005

CONVENTION SCHEDULE FOR 2005

Wednesday, August 3	12:00pm 5:30pm 8:00pm 11:00pm	General Trade session Dealer set-up begins Early bird banquet /General Trade session Dealer set up closes
Thursday, August 4	7:00am 8:00am 8:30am 10:00am 4:00pm* 6:00pm 6:00pm*	Dealer set-up continued General Trade session Education Forum / Opening Ceremony 2004 Convention Grand Ballroom SILVER STRIKER FORUM Show closes Trade session SILVER STRIKE Chapter annual meeting / Chapter auction
Friday, August 5	8:00am 8:30am 10:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm	General Trade session Education Forum Show floor opens to members Show closes General Trade session Annual club auction
Saturday, August 6	8:00am 8:30am 10:00am 4:00pm 7:00pm	General Trade session Education Forum Show floor opens to Show closes Last Dance final trading session /



SILVER STRIKER AUCTION Thursday August 4, 2005

All strikes are in "standard condition" unless noted * **10% buyer fee for strikes "opening bid under \$100" and 5% fee for those with an "opening bid over \$101" added to winning bid.** "Nevada Silver Strike Redeemable Premium Gaming Tokens" by Howdy Herz (Catalog #) where possible. Bid even dollars and NOTE the *opening bid* (\$)

<u>LOT DENOM</u>	<u>(open bid)</u>	<u>DISCRIPTION</u>
301	\$7	(\$35) 3 LAS VEGAS – Ca. Hotel, Maui (310046); Bourbon St. (310028); Hotel San Remo (310034)
302	\$7	(\$150) HARRAH'S , Laughlin – "LM" FULL REED (311350)
303	\$7	(\$175) KING 8 , LV – Truck (310027)
304	\$7	(\$200) CALIFORNIA, LAS VEGAS – OAHU (310040)
305	\$7	(\$200) CALIFORNIA, LAS VEGAS – HAWAII (310037)
306	\$200	(\$250) PLAZA , Las Vegas – eagle and flag (30020002)
307	\$200	(\$250) PLAZA , Las Vegas – Twin Towers (30020056)
308	\$200	(\$250) LAS VEGAS CLUB – Strike Machine (30020032)
309	\$10	(\$150) MR. B'S , Mill City – eagle (300260)
310	\$40	(\$350) RENO/TAHOE AIRPORT – BOWLER (300060)
311	\$10	(\$75) COMBINATION OF 3 STRIKES: Venetian, LV – Grand Opening (300813); Riviera, LV – 1993 La Cage (300437); Caesars Tahoe – Hot Aug. Nights (301339)
312	\$40	(\$200) HARRAH'S TAHOE Boat with STAR LOGO (300048)
313	\$10	(\$50) SAM'S TOWN, Las Vegas – Stage/re-cut hatband (301901)
314	\$10	(\$600) GOLDEN NUGGET , Laughlin (<i>12 strike set-NO \$7</i>) 3 - \$28 (310121), (310123), (310122) 9 - \$10 (300368) WATERFALL (300367) JANE'S GRILL- <i>BOTH</i> MEDAL ALIGNED & ROTATED DIE 90% (300366) TARZAN (300365) PARROTS (300409) 2000 WATERFALL (300408) 2000 JANE'S (300407) 2000 HOTEL (300410) 2000 PARROTS
315	\$10	(\$65) HACIENDA, Las Vegas – Bull & Matador (300548)
316	\$10	(\$75) COMBINATION OF 3 STRIKES: Harrah's, Reno – Genie on Lamp "G" mint (300191); Silver Club, Sparks – Assayers "G" mint (300216); Billagio, LV – Thanksgiving Cornucopia (300823)
317	\$10	(\$40) STATELINE , Wendover – Race Car -face right(300277)
318	\$10	(\$50) SONESTA, ARUBA- SEAPORT VILLAGE/CRYSTAL CASINO
319	NCV	(\$10) PALMS, Las Vegas – "no cash value" from 2003 convention
320	NCV	(\$10) PALMS, Las Vegas – "no cash value" from 2004 convention
321	\$10	(\$75) COMBINATION 3 STRIKES: DI '95 Golfer (300536); Gold Coast – Dice, LF, SF, (301809); Gold Coast – Royal Flush GDC mint (301811)
322	\$10	(\$50) NY NY, Las Vegas – Set of 4 "G" mint Babe Ruth with signature: (300706 (300705) (300701) (300703) NO "NY" ON CAP
323	\$10	(\$100) GOLD RANCH, Verdi – Stagecoach (300355)
324	\$10	(\$100) GOLD RANCH, Verdi – Panner (300354)
325	\$10	(\$100) BOOMTOWN, Verdi – Stage SHORT WHIP (301332)

326	\$10	(\$140) OPERA HOUSE, Las Vegas – Blackjack (300601)
327	\$10	(\$400) GOLD COUNTRY, Elko – Train “G” mint (301827)
328	\$10	(\$400) GOLD CTRY, Elko – Pony Express “G” mint (301826)
329	\$40	(\$65) HARRAH’S, Lake Tahoe – Boating on Lake (300050)
330	NCV	(\$75) COMMERATIVE MADALLION MADE FOR THE 2005 SILVER STRIKER SLOT TOURNAMENT

Mail bids are accepted until July 10, 2005. Bid the highest amount you are willing to pay for the lot, a representative bidder will bid for you in increments established for that particular lot. List the lot # as well as a description; include all contact information for you including a phone number. Send to: (or FAX to 775-358-1191)

Jack Haddock – SS Auction
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JACKPOT/EBAY AUCTION RESULTS

<u>CASINO ISSUING STRIKE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>HIGH BID</u>
\$10 STRIKES		
Bourbon Street, LV	Jazz Player	\$227
Fitzgerald’s, LV	“G” Pot of Gold	\$183
Mr. B’s, Mill City	Panner	\$172
Mesquite Star	Skull, Spurs, Guns	\$73
Mesquite Star	Bull Rider	\$100
Plantation Station, Sparks	Train	\$71
Hacienda , LV	Matador	\$59
New York, New York, LV	I Love NY “S” mint	\$96
\$28 STRIKES		
Aladdin		\$145
Golden Nugget		\$142
Rio Rita		\$ 67
\$40 STRIKES		
LV Club	slot machine	\$127
Treasure Island, LV	ship	\$1,000
\$200 STRIKES live on		
Palms, LV	\$200 Welcome to LV	\$350
Plaza LV	Twin Towers	\$465
Frontier, LV	Building	\$355
El Cortez, LV	New World	\$340
Four Queens, LV	Roulette Woman	\$587
Four Queens, LV	Christmas	\$536

STRIKES OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

By Christie Gregory

Hello everyone This issue will cover strikes from Southern Mississippi. We visited the casinos down south several times searching for strikes. At the time, there were several casinos still offering strikes. We bought a lot of strikes from the cage at The Grand in Biloxi and at Boomtown. Our best buy was, after a tip from John Vilsmeier, at the Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis where we purchased all the \$40 strikes they had at the cage. If I remember right, they had sixty strikes but no complete sets. We could only get a few sets of 4 out of the original set of 5 strikes. I still have several of the more common ones for sale.

I did omit one very important strike from my Northern Mississippi article. I don't know how I overlooked the \$200 strike from Fitzgeralds in Tunica. We have searched high and low for this strike along with several other collectors. At one time, we were told there were 4 of them in the safe at the casino. Dennis Finn, John Vilsmeier and Tony did everything they could to get to them but to no avail. We heard several stories but I'm not sure if they were sold or destroyed. I did hear Don Nesbitt came across one so he's the only person I know of who has one.

Beau Rivage in Biloxi had 5 different reverses with 2 different fonts so that's 10 strikes from this beautiful casino. They are the Lighthouse, the Friendship Oak Tree, the Magnolia, the Sailboat and the Mississippi Mansion. They are G mint.

Boomtown Casino in Biloxi had 16 different strikes. Logo 1, which has Limited Edition Collector Series on the rim, was used for the first 5 strikes. They were the Stagecoach, Fancy Boot, Pistols, Spurs and Rider with Rope. They are GDC mint with .999 on the rim. The next 5 strikes had Logo 2 which has \$10 Redeemable Cash Value on the rim. They are the Stagecoach, Fancy Boot, Pistols, Rider with Rope and Spurs. They are all GDC with .999 on the rim. The final 5 strikes have Logo 3 which has \$10 Redeemable plus Biloxi, Miss. on the rim. They are Fancy Boot, Panner, Pony Express, Wagon Wheel & Skull and Train. They have the GDC mint mark and .999 on the silver. I also came across one that is Logo 3 with Pisces/Zodiac Series on the reverse. I don't know if the whole set is out there or if this is a prototype. It's the only one I've ever heard of.

Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis offered 20 different strikes. They only had one logo and never repeated the reverse, which is unusual. The first 8 had the GDC mint mark with the .999 on the rim. They are the Friendship Oak, Court Jester, Mardi Gras, Purple Rain, Umbrella, Masks, Lighthouse and Magnolia. The next set of 12 is the signs of the zodiac. They are S mint with .999 on the silver. This casino also had a set 5 \$40 strikes. They are the Mansion, Mardi Gras-written (rare), Mardi Gras, Party Hat and Shrimp Boat. They are GDC mint. No dollar amount is on these strikes.

Casino Magic in Biloxi had 3 \$10 strikes which were the Magnolia, Friendship Oak Tree and Lighthouse. They have the GDC mint mark. Three \$20 strikes were issued with the GDC mint mark. They are the Mansion, Mardi Gras and the Shrimpboat.

The Grand Casino in Biloxi is definitely the mother of all casinos with strikes. Dennis and I have documented 52 different strikes and I'm sure there are probably more we haven't found. There are also, at least, 78 different generic Grand Casino strikes which were used in all the Grand Casinos including other states. I'll cover the generics in a later article. Bear with me, these are tricky. To make this easier for you and me, I'll use abbreviations a lot in the descriptions. RCV – ten dollar redeemable cash value. LECS – limited edition collector series. GCS – gamblers collector series. In 1996, fourteen strikes were issued and all of them had RCV on the logo rim. The first four are the Blackjack, Dice, RF and Slot Machine with LECS on the reverse rim. We have found two of these four, being the Dice and RF, with GCS on the reverse rim which leads me to believe the other two exist. The next issue was the Hollywood Classics set of eight. I will list them once and then refer to them as Hollywood Classics. They are Humphrey Bogart, Bette Davis, WC Fields, Clark Gable, Laurel & Hardy, Groucho Marx, Marilyn Monroe and John Wayne. They all had LECS on the reverse rim. 1997 brought eighteen strikes, these being the Dice, Blackjack, RF and Slot Machine, eight Hollywood Classics plus an airplane series, B-29 Super Fortress, F117A Stealth, F16 Falcon, F4 Phantom, P-51 Mustang and B17E Flying Fortress. In 1998, the .999 was put on the silver instead of on the rim. They used the four Gamblers series strikes and the Hollywood Classics. The Hollywood Classics were released with two different reverse rims, one being the LECS and the other being RCV. So that makes a total of 20 different strikes for 1998. All the strikes from the Grand Casino had the GDC mint mark. These strikes were used at the Grand Casino in Gulfport, also. In 1994, the Grand Casino issued five \$20 strikes. These are one piece with no gold rim. They have no dollar amount on them. They are the Assayer, Panner, Pony Express, Stagecoach and Train. 1996 brought three \$40 strikes which are Louisiana State Seal, Mississippi State Seal and Texas State Seal. There is also a 1997 series of five which are very rare. They are the Lighthouse, Pelican, Magnolia, Dolphins and Shrimpboat. All Grand Casino strikes have the GDC mint mark.

The Imperial Palace Casino in Biloxi had a classic car series of five strikes consisting of a 1937 Cord, a 1955 Mercedes Benz Gullwing, a 1947 Tucker, a 1930 Dusenburg and a 1955 Lincoln Capri. All five had the GDC mint mark. They then issued the same five strikes with the G mint mark. The series has also been issued with the copper rim. That's fifteen different strikes.

The Isle of Capri Casino in Biloxi issued fourteen strikes with a variation on three of them to make a total of seventeen. They all have the GDC mint mark. Logo 1, which has Biloxi and LECS on it, was used on four strikes. They are Riverboat 8-1-1992, Waterfall, Casino and Parrot. Logo 2 has Crowne Point Plaza and RCV. The first three are the Riverboat, Waterfall and Casino. I found a variation on the logo of these three strikes. The parrot on the logo side has

more detail on the feathers. The next seven are the seven wonders of the world, Great Wall of China, Sphinx and Pyramid, Taj Mahal, Roman Coliseum, Parthenon, Empire State Building and The Eiffel Tower.

Treasure Bay in Biloxi had 5 different strikes with 2 logos making 10 strikes. Logo 1 is LECS and no Biloxi. Logo 2 is RCV and has Biloxi on it. They are Walk the Plank, Pirate with Parrot, Treasure Chest, 3 Pirates and Pirate with Crossed Swords. There are also four \$40 strikes from Treasure Bay. They used two reverses with two logos. Logo 1 has no cash value. Logo 2 has \$40 redeemable. The two reverses used are the Pirates with Crossed Swords and Walking the Plank. All the strikes have the GDC mint mark.

That's it for Mississippi. If anyone has any strikes I don't mention, please contact me. I also appreciate all the positive feedback I've received about my articles. Thanks and until the next issue...Happy Striking.....Christie

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2005 CONVENTION

I hope you are planning to join us in Las Vegas for this year's CC>CC Convention which runs from August 2 through August 5, 2005. With all the excitement of Wynn Las Vegas opening and the general buzz that the whole north end of the "strip" is blossoming, this should be one of the best Conventions ever. Take the opportunity to pre-register either on line at CC>CC.com or by mail. The cost is a real bargain at just \$10, which admits you to the Convention floor Thursday through Saturday. Please remember that this is the CC>CC Convention and you must be a member to pre-register. **The deadline for pre-registration is July 1, 2005.**

You must also be a CC>CC member to attend the Early Bird Banquet on Wednesday night. I'll be coordinating Silver Strikers Club tables again this year, so if you plan to attend the banquet, **get registered for the Convention then send me your name, CC>CC member number and a check for \$35 for each person.** Bruce and Mary Ann Massey are coordinating the Banquet again this year and I will get the Banquet reservations to them as I get a full table of 10. Last year quite a few people registered for the Convention on line and included payment for the Banquet with that registration. Later they notified me that they would like to sit at a *Silver Striker Club table*. That created a nightmare for me and the Massey's and I would like to avoid that this year. **Please have your payment to me no later than Monday, June 27.**

The *Silver Strikers Club* will have a good number of activities to stir your interest. First up is the Early Bird Trading session beginning at 6:00pm on Tuesday, 8/2/05. We will be downtown again this year, but we have a new location - *the Plaza*. This event is open to all at no charge and we will be providing light snacks and drinks. Join us for one of the best trading sessions of the year! Next up is the Thursday afternoon Silver Strike Forum. We are working to provide interesting speakers for this event. Finally, we have our

annual business meeting Thursday evening in which your new officers will be installed. That is followed by the always-popular auction. And don't forget to visit the many *Silver Strikers Club* members who have sales tables on the convention floor.

If that isn't enough to keep you busy, there should be plenty of new silver strikes to hunt down this year. It looks like as many as *5 casinos* may be putting out strikes with the *Silver Strikers Club logo!* Look for a few surprises this year, too.

Want to help out? 1st Vice President Kevin Pyles always needs volunteers to staff the Club table on the Convention floor. Working that table is a great way to meet fellow strikers and to spread the word about strike collecting. Contact Kevin to volunteer your time.

<p style="text-align:center">SILVER STRIKERS CLUB "LAS VEGAS CENTENNIAL STRIKE!"</p>
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Remember the 5th Anniversary silver strikes the Club had minted last year? They were great, and a tough act to follow. BUT, we think we have come up with a design for a Club strike this year that is even more collectable.

As you are probably aware, Las Vegas celebrates its Centennial in 2005. The *Silver Strikers Club* has obtained a license from the Las Vegas Centennial Commission to use their Trade Marked logo on a special, limited edition silver strike. Global Minting did a beautiful job preparing the design for us as you can see from the art work. Making it even more special, the **Centennial logo will be done in gold!**

Please note that this strike is limited to one run of just **400 strikes** - the terms of our contract won't permit us to mint any more. And, unfortunately, the terms of the license prohibit us from selling the die at the auction as we did last year.

Global mint expects to have the strikes *done on or about June 1, 2005.* You may order one strike per member and we will mail it to you. So if you want one of these instantly collectable strikes, you had better get your order in quickly. Orders will be processed based on the postmark.

Price: mailed ONLY in the U.S.: **\$28** which includes insurance (your strike will be shipped shortly after they are delivered by Global).

Unfortunately, we had a good deal of trouble last year with shipments outside the U.S. and as a result we won't be doing that this year. We apologize to our overseas members.

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