

# SILVER STRIKERS



## CLUB

## NEWSLETTER



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### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Hello Fellow Silver Strikers,

We are about to experience the biggest event of the year for Silver Strike Collectors. It is the annual Convention in Vegas. Just saying the words Vegas Babe gets the blood pumping. This years Convention is going to be one for the record books. We have some great things planned and some great strikes will be in play or given away at our functions. We have been working with IGT and they are going to donate an old style silver strike machine to the CC&GTCC museum for all to see. I have been told the machine is going to be fully functional and has been fully restored. This will make a great centerpiece for a silver strike display. We will be donating the die from this years 2005 Club Strike to the museum to go along with the SS machine. IGT reps will be at the dinner at the top of the Riviera and they are going to be our guest speakers at the Silver Strikers Forum. We gave IGT permission to use our logo to do a commemorative strike and they have done it. It looks like our logo will be on one side and theirs on the other. IGT is sending four representatives to speak to us at our forum. This will be a great time for all who attend and is your chance to ask the experts at IGT some questions. The Palms Casino is also doing a commemorative strike with our logo to be given away. Talk about logo strikes. Get ready. We will have more Club logo strikes to chase than ever before. This year we have six Casinos that will be issuing Silver Striker Club or Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club logo strikes for us to chase for a total of nine strikes in all. With the two special strikes mentioned above, the new 2005 LV 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary SS Club Logo strike and the nine logo strikes the casinos are issuing making an even dozen for us to add to our collections. Let the strike chase race begin. Can it get better than this?

The convention is a great place to find those elusive strikes you need for your collection. Every year I find strikes to add to my collection and trade away some nice strikes to assist others with theirs. I have my list ready and look forward to attending the many trade sessions and meeting with everyone to make those great trades. So bring all your traders and make this convention the best ever.

*On a final note, as your President I want to say it has been a privilege to serve the membership of this great club. I have enjoyed it. Together we made it through a tough transition from a Chapter to a Club and we are now on solid financial ground. I want to say congratulations to Pam Martin and the other incoming officers. I will do all I can to make the transition to a new administration as seamless as possible. See you all in Vegas. It's going to be fun. Happy Collecting.*

Your President, Don T. Nesbitt, Jr.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO A TERRIFIC CONVENTION!**  
**Pam Martin, President-Elect**

I would like to start by saying a big **THANK YOU** to all who participated in the election of our new Silver Striker Board. With your input we have selected the Silver Strike of the Year and the Silver Strikes to be inducted into the "Hall of Fame" which will be announced at convention.

As your President-Elect, I have already been in contact with the incoming Board Members and Chair positions. We are in the process of setting up our first board meeting which has a very exciting agenda. The incoming Board will be working on continuing our relationship with CC&GTCC and setting the ground work for future events. To that end, our first board meeting will include CC&GTCC board members.

A hint of some of changes coming your way in upcoming newsletter:

- A summary of minutes from any board meeting.
- Treasurer's report.
- Updates of events that we are working on for the membership.
- Articles from our members.

I ran on communication and participation and the response has been tremendous both from the incoming board and the club membership. Our convention is just around the corner and I hope everyone will continue to work to strengthen our club by submitting their ideas, providing articles and volunteering.

If you have not gotten this year's centennial club strike you are missing out. Our strike is the only strike with the "Official Centennial Trademark Logo" from Clear Channel, the cable company that owns the Centennial Trademark. This strike is not only beautiful, but very special. **A big thank you goes to Ed Ciesla, Doug Conley and Dennis Finn for their dedication and hard work in making this strike a reality.**

I am looking forward to seeing everyone and playing for strikes. Don't forget volunteers are needed for our club table, and just think, you may meet some members you have never met before, or see some member you haven't seen for years. **It's your club and only you can make it special.**

## ARTICLES WANTED!!

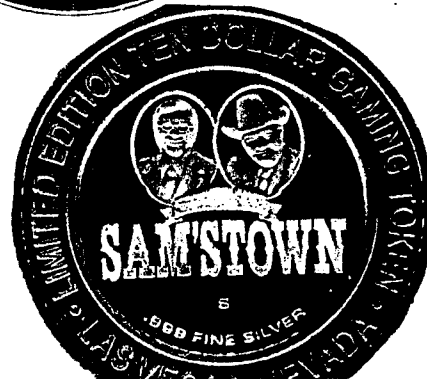
In order for this newsletter to remain interesting and broad in scope, **YOU** are requested to participate by sending articles – short or long – to be included here. Many of you have had interesting experiences while chasing silver strikes that would be great to share and others of you know something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

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**SILVER STRIKERS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2004-2005  
RESULTS**

We had another strong Membership Drive this year. During May we added 17 members, ending our Drive with 92 new members. Our active membership now stands at 615. There were 30 members that signed up at least 1 new member and are entered in the drawing for the prize. Here are the members with one entry in the drawing:

Ross Markley	Robert Lincoln	Neil Clarke
Richard Shobe	Dan Hanagriff	Andy Hughes
Gary Heinz	Edward Hoffman	Jeff Bitzer
Robert Lada	Jamie Martin	Pete Ryan
Len Trovero	Jim Moser	Dennis Berry
Pam Martin	Nelson Nienhuis	Howard Herz
Robert Holmes	Frank Mancuso	Doug Ebert
Donald Kratz		

And 8 of those 30 members signed up more than one and will have multiple entries for a chance at the prize. Here are those members and how many they signed up:

Bill Cohenour (4)	Don Nesbitt, Jr. (2)	Robert Martin (4)	Bob Chambers (4)
Sharon Pamperin (8)	Richard Anderson (2)	Rusty Udarbe (6)	Dwane Christopherson(2)

We will select the winner of the \$40 Silver Strike from the Las Vegas Club during the Club business meeting at the Convention next month. 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**. Thanks for all your hard work throughout the year. Hope to see you at the convention!

Kevin Pyles, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Membership

**CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS \* \* \* \* \***

Convention time is just around the corner. Just a reminder that we still need some volunteers to help with the membership table. Please contact me if you will be able to help out.

**SILVER STRIKERS**

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## SILVER STRIKE MARKET ANALYSIS

Your views are welcome and wanted – on the silver strike market overall, a denomination, a casino, or specific strike. Send your thoughts to the editor. These are the thoughts of Jack Haddock on the status of the current silver strike market.

In the beginning, a \$10 strike would cost the collector between \$12 and \$14 to win depending on how many the player cashed in at face value. Of course, casinos would trade and, sometimes, even sell them from the cage for the \$10. Ah, the good old days. Now the casinos either mix up the strikes in the payout shoots of the new strike machines or perhaps, put old strikes in with new. No more trading, with few exceptions. So now the strikes cost closer to \$18, especially when trying to put a set of 6 together and having to cash in the ones you can't use.

Collectors fear the 1750 mintage number required by IGT for the casinos to avoid paying the die charge but many casinos take the strike production far past that number which brings the scarcity value basically back to face. Some of the earlier strikes found in our collections belong to defunct casinos which mean there is no redemption value – just the collector value which is quite often under \$20.

When all the facts are reviewed, even though the \$10 strike is the most collected, their values have generally decreased over the last several years. Many large collections have sold and other consolidated to more precise areas of interest. Though the \$200 silver strike remains popular after being discontinued several months ago, their resale value has remained fairly stable. This is unlike the other discontinued denominations like \$7, \$20, and \$40, which have declined, in recent months. The inability to add to these collections has probably prompted several collectors to sell off these retired issues. The reduced interest along with available material has resulted in the decrease in value.

The market situation of the strikes that have a defined limited production is a study unto itself. That would be a great topic for YOU!!

## 2005-GAMING SHOWS

8/03-8/06, 2005 *CC&GTCC Convention – Riviera - Las Vegas, NV*  
9/16-17, 2005 Reno Show, Golden Phoenix  
11/12-13, 2005 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Palms Show, LV

## 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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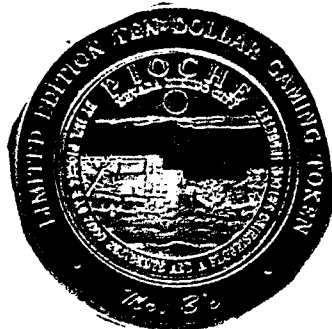
[www.thestrikepoint.com](http://www.thestrikepoint.com)

**NV GAMING COMMISSION'S MONTHLY APPROVAL LIST**

[http://gaming.nv.gov/chip\\_token\\_rpt.htm](http://gaming.nv.gov/chip_token_rpt.htm)

## MR. B'S IN MILL CITY DOESN'T ORDER 1750 STRIKES!

Now here's a casino with the collector in mind! They order up a new design when they feel the current one in play is no longer attracting play. Hence, some of the Mr. B's strikes are harder to get and never really become "common." This truck stop is 90 boring miles from Reno.



## TIME TO SAY "SIGNING OFF"

*Jack Haddock, Silver Strikers Club editor-no-more*

It's the right time and I'm worn out! New officers with new ideas and new goals are taking office. Yes, after careful consideration and 6 years of involvement with the newsletter, I have decided that the Club deserves a new and enthusiastic editor. Hence, if one of you out there would like this job, it could be yours for the asking. If you would like to discuss it with me before you offer, I certainly am willing to talk. The job has its challenges, but there are many rewards too.

It has been a pleasure to work with all the officers over the years and I congratulate all who will be taking the Club forward from here. I want to especially thank all those members who have sent in articles over the years. Those contributions are what really make the newsletter interesting. Special thanks to Christie Gregory who has been so very faithful in her non-Nevada silver strike articles.

## NEW STRIKES ON THE WAY

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

Barbary Coast

Mirage

All those Club strikes – see Conley article

## SILVER STRIKERS CLUB

**"LAS VEGAS CENTENNIAL STRIKE!"**

The **400 Club strikes** have all been sold and will be shipped prior to convention. Thank you for supporting the Club and on being the owner of a GREAT commemorative coin.



## CONVENTION SCHEDULE FOR 2005

<b>Wednesday, August 3</b>	9:00am	General Trade session
	10:00pm	Dealer set-up begins
	5:30pm	Early bird banquet
	8:00pm	General Trade session
<b>Thursday, August 4</b>	7:00am	Dealer set-up continued
	9:00am	Registration opens
	10:00am	Opening Ceremony 2005 Convention Grand Ballroom
	4:00pm	<b>SILVER STRIKER FORUM</b>
	5:30pm	Show closes
	6:00pm	<b>SILVER STRIKERS Club annual meeting / Club auction</b>
<b>Friday, August 5</b>	8:00pm	Trade session
	10:00am	Show floor opens to members
	1:00pm	Annual CC&GTCC business meeting
	4:30pm	Show closes
	6:00pm	General Trade session
	6:30pm	Annual club auction
<b>Saturday, August 6</b>	10:00am	Show floor opens to public
	4:00pm	Show closes until next year!!
	7:00pm	Last Dance final trading session

## EXISTING SILVER STRIKE MACHINES

### *Southern Nevada casinos:*

<b>**Mirage</b>	Aladdin	Four Queens	Gold Coast
L. V. Club	Silverton	El Cortez	Stardust
Monte Carlo	Slots-A-Fun	Golden Nugget	Plaza
California	Bellagio	Treasure Island	<b>**Barbary Coast</b>
Caesars Palace	Palms	Circus Circus	Sams Town
Casablanca, Mesquite		San Remo	Fitzgeralds

### *Northern Nevada casinos:*

Reno Hilton	Sands	<b>**Atlantis</b>	Harrah's Reno
Eldorado	Bill's Tahoe	Sierra Sid's	Peppermill
Mr. B's	Delta, VC	Caesars Tahoe	Reno Airport
Red Garter	Fitzgerald's	Silver Legacy	

SPARKS NUGGET machines removed June 13, 2005

**\*NEW** strike(s) in play and **bold** is NEW location **\*\* NEW** but NOT in play at the time of this publication. If you have additional info, let the editor know and share the knowledge!



## 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* (\$)

**NEW NOTE: SALES TAX (7.5%) WILL BE ADDED TO WINNING BID WHEN PAID FOR IN NEVADA -POSTAGE WILL BE ADDED WHEN MAILED.**

### LOT DENOM (open bid OR CURRENT BID) DISCRPTION

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	(\$299) PLAZA, Las Vegas – Twin Towers (30020056)
308	\$200	(\$250) LAS VEGAS CLUB – Strike Machine (30020032)
309*	\$10	(\$125) MR. B'S, Mill City – eagle (300260)
310*	\$40	(\$300) 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 - STAR LOGO (300048)
313	\$10	(\$50) SAM'S TOWN, Las Vegas – Stage/re-cut band (301901)
314*	\$10	(\$600) GOLDEN NUGGET, Laughlin ( <i>13 strike set</i> ) 3 - \$28 (310121), (310123), (310122) 2 - \$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 <u>AND 1 - \$7</u>
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, L V – "no cash value" 2003 convention
320	NCV	(\$10) PALMS, L V – "no cash value" 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) <u>NO "NY" ON CAP</u>

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| 323 | \$10 | (\$100) <b>GOLD RANCH</b> , Verdi – Stagecoach (300355)                              |
| 324 | \$10 | (\$100) <b>GOLD RANCH</b> , Verdi – Panner (300354)                                  |
| 325 | \$10 | (\$100) <b>BOOMTOWN</b> , Verdi – Stage <b>SHORT WHIP</b> (301332)                   |
| 326 | \$10 | (\$140) <b>OPERA HOUSE</b> , Las Vegas – Blackjack (300601)                          |
| 327 | \$10 | (\$400) <b>GOLD COUNTRY</b> , Elko – Train “G” mint (301827)                         |
| 328 | \$10 | (\$400) <b>GOLD CTRY</b> , Elko – Pony Express “G” mint (301826)                     |
| 329 | \$40 | (\$65) <b>HARRAH’S</b> , Lake Tahoe – Boating on Lake (300050)                       |
| 330 | NCV  | (\$75) <b>COMMERATIVE MADALLION MADE FOR THE 2005 SILVER STRIKER SLOT TOURNAMENT</b> |

***GREAT LATE ADDITIONS***

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| 331 | \$10 | (\$400) <b>PLAZA, LV – 2 fer 1 yellow cap</b> (301459)                              |
| 332 | \$10 | (\$250) <b>O’SHEAS, LV – 2001 Tournament strike in blue box (150 made)</b> (301392) |
| 333 | \$10 | (\$1200) <b>SET(6)SUNDOWNER, RENO</b> (302045/46/47/48/49/50)                       |
| 334 | \$7  | (\$250) <b>SIERRA SID’S, SPARKS – Freightliner “76”</b> (310083)                    |

\* NOTE CHANGE TO LISTING – BOLD BID MAY INDICATE MAIL BID RECEIVED – bids are increased by \$1 up to \$100 open/\$5 from \$100 to \$200 open/\$10 over \$200 open

EXTENDED - Mail bids are accepted until *July 25, 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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**LAS VEGAS CLUB has a special offer for Silver Strike Club members! Special room rates of \$25 a night for August 1-4 and \$39.00 on Friday and Saturday. For details call 1-800-634-6532 or 702-385-1664 and ask for Emily or Sue ext 2057. Subject to room availability but NO cut off date!**

***SILVER STRIKER TRADE SESSION***  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2005, UNION PLAZA**  
**IF IN LV ON TUESDAY – COME AND MEET**  
**YOUR FELLOW COLLECTORS!!**

## **SEE YOU AT THE PLAZA AND RIVIERA NEXT MONTH!!**

By Doug Conley, 2VP

I sincerely hope you have made your plans to join us for the 2005 CC&GTCC Convention and all of the associated Silver Striker Club activities. If not, you are going to miss one of the best conventions to date. Thanks to a lot of work by your Club, we are expecting that there will be more strikes and tokens with the Silver Strikers Club and CC&GTCC logo issued at this year's Convention than ever before. Expect to see them housed in red capsules from:

- 1 Slots-A-Fun – Silver Strike Club
- 2 El Cortez – Silver Strike Club & CC&GTCC
- 2 Palms – Silver Strike Club & CC&GTCC
- 2 Four Queens – Silver Strike Club & CC&GTCC
- 1 Las Vegas Club – Silver Strike Club
- 1 Plaza - CC&GTCC

Isn't it nice to see the Four Queens and Slots A Fun join our old friends (and long time Silver Strikers Club supporters) from the El Cortez, Palms, Plaza and Vegas Club? A lot of us feel that this reflects the health of the silver strike program and shows that more and more casinos are considering the Silver Strikers Club as a "player" in the silver strike world. Expect to see a lot of non-red cap strikes released in time for the Convention too. And, who knows, in addition to all of those strikes, there may even be a NCV token or two floating around with our Club logo. Keep your eyes open!

We kick off our Convention activities with the Tuesday evening Early Bird Trading Session which begins at 6:00pm downtown at the Plaza. We will be upstairs in their Convention Center, so take the escalator or elevator to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. This is traditionally one of the best trading sessions of the year, so bring your duplicates and don't miss out. The Club will be serving dessert and coffee and the event is open to all.

Wednesday night is the CC&GTCC Early Bird Banquet. I have received requests from just under 30 Silver Strikers to sit at tables together. Look for the oversized "silver strike on a stick" to identify our tables.

Thursday's Silver Striker Club activities begin with what promises to be a very interesting and informative Silver Strike Forum. It starts at 4:00pm and our featured speaker will be from IGT's headquarters in Reno. We are extremely pleased that IGT accepted our offer to speak at the Forum and we see this as the beginning of a very fruitful relationship with IGT. It is our common perception that, in the past, IGT has not shown any interest in getting input from the collector community, but this appearance changes all of that. Join us in welcoming the IGT representatives as we work with them to build a strong partnership.

**NOTE: Club members are requested to ask their questions in writing due to limited time and allow for answer preparation of the guest speakers. You can send them by email to Pam Martin [msailfish@aol.com](mailto:msailfish@aol.com) or mail to: Pam Martin, 9395 Lake Hickorynut Dr., Winter Garden, FL 34787-9718 Cut off – NOON Thursday/8-4**

Our annual business meeting begins at 6:00pm on Thursday this year. The earlier starting time should let us complete our work and still get finished at a reasonable hour. This is a special evening as the incoming Board of Directors will be introduced and installed. Show your support by being there to welcome them.

Following the conclusion of the meeting, the always-exciting live auction will take place. The inimitable Jack Haddock will conduct the auction and, as you know, it is a great way to pick up some nice additions for your collection. Bid early and bid often!

On a personal note, I finish my two year term as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President August 4. I did not run for re-election because other obligations prevent me from spending as much time on Club activities as I would like. I have every confidence that John Miller, our incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, will do a spectacular job. My thanks to all the members who helped me. Special thanks go to Dennis Finn for all his hard work and help, Jack Haddock for doing such a terrific job with the newsletter and Jim Moser for all he has done for the Silver Strikers Club web site.

<b>EBAY AUCTION RESULTS</b>
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<u>CASINO ISSUING STRIKE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>HIGH BID</u>
<b>\$7 STRIKES</b>		
Sierra Sid's, Sparks	"Sid's" Peterbuilt	\$189/162
Comtock, Reno	Stagecoach	\$62
Plantation Station, Sparks	Train on bridge	\$61
<b>\$10 STRIKES</b>		
Mr. B's, Mill City	panner	\$158
Four Queens, LV	Ace of Spades chase	\$224
Silver City, LV	pony express/heart & stars	\$127
Hacienda, LV	matador	\$ 67
<b>\$200 STRIKES live on</b>		
El Cortez, LV	Eagle/Flag	\$365

## NON-NEVADA STRIKES – GRAND GENERICS

*By Christie Gregory*

Hello everyone! Isn't summer wonderful? I'm having a hard time making myself sit down to do this month's article. I'm anxiously waiting for August to get here so I can go to the convention but, at the same time, will hate to see the summer gone. We've had a lot of new Nevada strikes to collect plus new officers for the club. Good Luck to the new officers and thanks a bunch to the outgoing officers. You're the ones who keep this club alive with your hard work and endless devotion to our great hobby.

Since I have the big birthday next week, I have an excuse for forgetting the larger denominations strikes from Southern Mississippi in the last article. I'll cover those before I go over the Grand Generics. I have also misplaced last month's newsletter so I might repeat the \$40's from Casino Magic in Bay St Louis.

Casino Magic Bay St Louis had 3 \$20. strikes. They are the Mansion, Mardi Gras and Shrimp Boat. They have the GDC mint mark. They also offered 5 \$40. strikes with the GDC mint mark but no dollar value on the strike. They are the Mansion, Mardi Gras written, Mardi Gras, Party Hat and the Shrimp Boat.

The Grand Casino in Biloxi and Gulfport had 5 \$20. strikes. They were one piece silver with no colored rim, no mint mark or dollar value. They are Assayer, Panner, Pony Express, Stagecoach and Train. The Grand also offered 8 \$40. strikes. The first three were dated 1996 and depicted the Louisiana State Seal, Mississippi State Seal and Texas State Seal. The other five are a hard to find set dated 1997 which consists of the Lighthouse, Pelican, Magnolia, Dolphins and Shrimp Boat.

Treasure Bay in Biloxi had 4 \$40. strikes but only two faces with 2 different logos. Logo 1 is no dollar value and Logo 2 is \$40. redeemable. The faces are Pirate with Swords and Walk the Plank.

Now that I've got myself caught up, we'll go to the Grand Generics. These strikes were used in all the Grand Casinos in Mississippi and Louisiana. We have documented over 80 \$10. strikes from The Grand. They started in 1994 with the Gamblers series. That set of four came coin aligned and medallion aligned. 1994 also brought us the 5 piece Mardi Gras set which is Bourbon Street, Building, King of Carnival, Mardi Gras and Sax Player. The last set for 1994 was the Hollywood Classics. This set of 8 pictures movie stars such as Bogart, Davis, Fields, Gable, Laurel and Hardy, Marx, Monroe and Wayne. This set has the actor's name next to the image. I have found a few in both large and small font. 1995 started with the Gamblers series again with coin aligned and medallion aligned variations. Then on to the Mardi Gras series dated 1995. Now they get tricky on us. They released the Hollywood Classics with 3 face variations. They all have the 1995 logo. I'll use Humphrey Bogart as an

example. One variation has his image with his name and limited edition on the rim. Another has his image with no name and limited edition on the rim. The last has his image with no name and ten dollar redeemable on the rim. All 8 of the Hollywood Classics come with these 3 variations. The last series in 1995 was the Wildlife set of four which is the same old Buffalo, Deer, Eagle and Horses that we've grown to love. Yeah right!! They knew we loved it so much, they started off 1996 with the same set but, at least, they changed the date on the logo. Someone must have been pretty bored or lazy because they then duplicated the Gamblers series and the Hollywood Classic series. Sometime in 1996, someone really scored big in my book and put some thought and design into this last set of four strikes. They are very detailed and are signed by the artist. They show Bear Cubs, a Duck, an Eagle and a Moose. This is a great set and used to bring pretty good prices. I haven't seen any sell lately but are a set worth collecting. None of the Grand generics have a mint mark.

That's about it for the Grand Generics. I know there are probably still generics we haven't found or isn't listed in Dennis' and my book. Please let me know if you have any I haven't mentioned. See you all in August and happy striking.....Christie Gregory



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