

Year 2002

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The convention was once again held at the Tropicana. The dates were June 5-8th.

2002 was noted for the Silver Strike Tournament at O'Shea's that did not happen! It was cancelled 10 days before it was to take place.

Milton Sculky, with permission of the Board, got in touch with the Las Vegas Club and organized a trading session for all strikers before the convention. This was a rousing success.

A \$5.00 processing fee was voted for all new members received after July 1, 2002. The spouse of a new member would not be charged the \$5.00.

The present officers declined to run for another term in 2003. Nominations were taken for new officers for the next year. Don Nesbitt, Jr. was nominated for President. Sharon Pamperin who brought in 23 new members this year was nominated for Secretary. Forms will be sent out at a future date so all can nominate a person of their choice for each of the Chapter Offices.

Peter Van der Kar won the award for the best display at the convention entitled "Happy Days at O'Shea's."

We had 469 members by Convention time.

Howard Herz and Kregg L. Herz put out their first Silver Strike catalog.

The Las Vegas Club and the Plaza each put out a strike with the Silver Strike logo. One of our original Charter members, Brian Bishop died suddenly in July 2002.

Our Membership officer position is so important that we added that responsibility to the 1st Vice President's job description. Kevin Pyles is the current Membership officer.

Another first: At the CC>CC banquet, Christie Gregory had arranged for 8 tables seating 80 of our members so that we could all sit together. This put us in a great position to begin trading as soon as the banquet and award festivities were over.

Once again the auction was a success.

Hall of Fame winners were: O'Sheas, LV, Donkey/Elephant; Plaza, LV, Silver Strike Chapter; and Aladdin, LV, \$28 Taj Mahal.

33 new members were signed up during the convention. Due to our growing membership, prices for rosters were raised to \$8 each.

We were all thrilled to learn that the Palms, a new casino in Las Vegas had put in strike machines. They started out with 4 different \$10 strikes and one \$200 strike.

We voted! 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.

More patriotic theme strikes were continuing.

IGT (International Gaming Technology) introduced the new silver strike machine in September at the 2002 Global Gaming Expo in Las Vegas.

Members running for office for 2003 were: Don Nesbitt, Jr. for President, Kevin Pyles for 1st Vice President, Jerry Weisenbacher for 2nd Vice President, Ed Ciesla for Treasurer and Sharon Pamperin for Secretary.