

Silver Striker



Newsletter

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President's Remarks

As these remarks go to press, we find that we now have 157 members and counting. To make that self-imposed goal of 300 members by next July 2000, we will all have to work a little harder. Some of us are going through our lists of traders we have dealt with in the past and sending them a letter and applications for our new Chapter.

From time to time I have had questions on how to trade the strikes, two for one, etc. The market does seem a little volatile right now and some strikes are being offered at quite extravagant prices. It seems a bit much that when a casino has had strikes for four or five years, then takes out the machines, the prices go so drastically high. It stands to reason that during that time period of play there were many, many strikes won and they are around some place. It does depend on how badly you want a certain piece and if you have the money to plunk down for it. I have been told there are some people who are buying up every strike they run across supposedly planning on making a killing after cornering the market. This is not the idea that we had in mind when we started the Chapter. We wanted to have a large trading base to choose from, to trade with, to make friends and enjoy our collections and this great hobby.

This may be the time to gently remind all of you that you do represent the Chapter when you are out and about. We all need to conduct ourselves in such a way that we always bring honor upon the Chapter. This includes how we behave in the casinos. If a machine has a problem and we wait up to 45 minutes or more, it behooves us to be ladies and gentlemen and not take out our anger and frustration on the floor people. This is especially true with regard to the silver strike machines which possibly cause more problems. Under no condition do we want the owners to decide to take the machines out because they are too much trouble and the patrons are so "ugly" that it is not worth the hassle.

Hopefully in the very near future we will have brochures that we can all pass out to prospective members. We could also ask cashiers in the cages if we could post a copy or give them some copies to pass out if someone expresses an interest.

Just finished five trades in the last couple of weeks and it is such a high to get in pieces to fill those empty slots. Some were old friends, but most were new members and more importantly they are now our friends. Isn't that what it is all about?

Your President, Mary Lou Waterbury

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 8/21/99	\$ 1,267.55
Income	
Dues.....	160.00
Interest.....	<u>1.72</u>
Total Income	161.72
Expenses	
Postage.....	193.70
Supplies.....	59.48
Telephone.....	50.81
CC>CC Membership.....	<u>10.00</u>
Total Expenses	313.99
 Balance as of 10/31/99.....	 \$ 1,115.28



Treasurer,
Evelyn D. Groszklaus

Notes from Ray Moritz

I probably have the best job in the Silver Strikers Chapter. I say this because I get to learn about my hobby while passing along information to our membership. I would like to thank Janice O'Neal for allowing me to use her information.

I have never really stopped to think about the names of the companies behind the mint die marks. Some of these companies have gone out of business, some no longer make silver strikes while others have merged.

FM - Franklin Mint - out of casino token business, SSM - Silver State Mint - out of business, USM - United State Mint - out of business, CM - Columbia Mint, NC - Nevada City, HH - Hoffman & Hoffman, RW or TWM - Roger William's Mint, NCM - Nevada Coin Minting, LM - Letcher Mint, G - Global Minting, OC - Osborne Coinage, CC - Continental Coin, S- Sunshine Mint, J or JM - Jani Mint merged into Olde Philadelphia Mint, OPM - above, CT - Casino Tokens merged to GDC - Green Duck Corp., which closed this September.

The following is a report on silver strikes in the Midwest: Missouri - there are only two casinos left that have silver strikes. Players Island, Maryland Heights, has two \$10 strikes. The President in St. Louis has one \$20 strike while supplies last. Iowa - I have no report on eastern Iowa casinos. Prairie Meadows, Altoona, still has \$20 silver strikes. Minnesota - there are two casinos that still have silver strikes. Jackpot Junction, Morton and Shooting Star, Mahanomen. North Dakota - ?. South Dakota - Deadwood still has the motorcycle series. Mississippi - I have heard rumors that Tuncia no longer has silver strikes but that is unconfirmed. If anyone has information about silver strikes in your area please advise me. Your input and help is much appreciated.

Ray Moritz, First Vice President

A COLLECTION UNTO-ITSELF - MILLENNIUM SILVER STRIKES

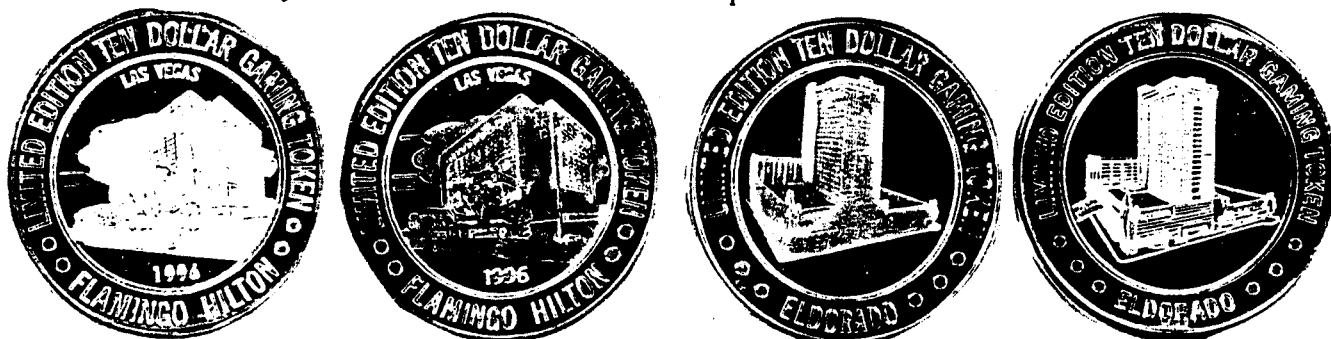
You've got the picture by now! A LOT of casinos are going to have a millennium silver strike issue. They are popping out all over with the latest being John Ascuaga's Nugget and Silver Club in Sparks, and the Eldorado's Brew Brothers. Coming is a second from the Eldorado, two from Mr. B's in Mill City and one from the Peppermill in Reno. Next up for Las Vegas on the Millennium trail is the Barbary Coast which is following the San Ramo strike and the Mandalay Bay millennium series of 4 which are already in play. This is only to name a few as they are awaiting distribution in Las Vegas too as well as other areas. Fitzgeralds in Reno is going to put back their machine and retire all existing strikes and issue a millennium strike. This sounds like a collection in the making. Get them all - what a display!

WATCH OUT!!! "GDC" BECOMES "G" or "S"
with no announcement

Gaming Commission approvals are NOT necessary to change mint marks which is happening since GDC mint has gone out of business and new mints are taking over. Anchor Gaming owns the dies which allowed them to take the dies to another mint who simply apply their mint mark. That could be the only change to the strike. Report what you find so the club members can keep up to date. Stockman's, Elko, and Cactus Pete's, Jackpot, will go to the S mint and may not change designs.

HOW DO THOSE SMALL DIFFERENCES OCCUR ON SILVER STRIKES?

After a few thousand silver strikes are struck from a die, a new die has to be cut. The mint's engraver will sometimes make minor adjustments to the die and, well, a variety is born. The detail in the building and the type style of the date are different for these two strikes from the Flamingo in Las Vegas. Many collectors collect all the varieties, but the big question is: how many variations go unnoticed? Share your finds with the club membership.



CONVENTION INFORMATION

Anyone wishing to share a sales booth at the convention, or having a display, please contact Jack Haddock at P. O. Box 7544, Reno, NV 89510 or email jackhaddock@mindspring.com

NEWS - NEWS - NEWS

Silver City Casino in Las Vegas CLOSED!

Plan to attend the CC>CC convention at the Tropicana in Las Vegas/July 20-22

Up-to-date rosters are available from the Treasurer for \$3.00

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

The Chapter is always looking for new members! If you come across a prospect, have them send their name, address, CC>CC #, and \$10 to: 3436 Bocage Dr., #305, Orlando, FL 32812-7598. With the next newsletter, an official application form will be provided for your use.

UPDATE YOUR ROSTER! LATEST MEMBERS SINCE SEPT.

Millennium Strike

Borgmann, Fred	P. O. Box 135 Iola, WI. 54945-0135	SS-161	01-Sep-00	R-1328
Buck, Frank	1316 Carroll East Chicago, In. 46312	SS - 156	01-Sep-00	R-4398
Butcher, Joe	1580 Foster Drive Reno, Nv. 89509	SS-151	01-Aug-00	R-4378
Chow, Warren	3297 Georgia Street Richmond B. C., Canada	SS- 166	01-Oct-00	
Conley, Doug	26648 Guadiana Mission Viejo, Ca 92691	SS -167	01-Oct-00	R-4430
Cook, Kenneth	36691 Waltham Drive Sterling Hgts., Mi. 48310-4514	SS-158	01-Sep-00	R-2943
Dunn, George S.	553 North Avenue Tallmadge, Ohio 44278-1439	SS -168	01-Oct-00	R-4436
Harris, Jeff	P. O. Box 6316 Boston, Ma. 02114-0016	SS - 157	01-Sep-00	R-4363
Jezeski, Richard J.	15897 W. Cottonwood StreetSurprise, Az. 85374	SS-155	01-Sep-00	R-4185
Kessler, Gene	4914 Milsmar Drive St. Louis, Mo. 63128	SS-163	01-Sep-00	R-3500
Likely, Ken	5745 Highway 330 Collbran, Co. 81624	SS-159	01-Sep-00	R-4022
Murrin, David	2271 Bundy Avenue Clovis, Ca. 93611-4008	SS-152	01-Aug-00	R-4375
O'Neal, Janice	8122 W. Flamingo # 66 Las Vegas, Nv. 89147	SS-160	01-Sep-00	CH008
Orama, Manuel	3814 Twin Falls Court San Jose, Ca. 95121	SS-150	01-Aug-00	R-2521
Pamperin, Sharon	1570 Waterford Court Green Bay, WI 54313-4119	SS-170	01-Oct-00	R-2635
Pamperin, Ted	1570 Waterford Court Green Bay, WI 54313-4119	SS-171	01-Oct-00	R-2635-A
Reeves, Neil D.	58 Smeaton Road Southfields London S. W. 18. 5. J. H. England	SS-164	01-Sep-01	R-2278
Sculky, Milton	P. O. Box 803 Fleischmanns, NY 12430	SS-169	01-Oct-00	R-3641
Skinner, Jim	6 Kings Cross Street Abilene, Texas 79602-5201	SS-165	01-Oct-00	R-4177
Smith, R. C.	Box 796 - 107 Rainbow DriveLivingston, Texas 77399- 1007	SS-154	01-Aug-00	R-4267
Spinetti, Mike	3869 Placita Del Rico Las Vegas, Nv. 89120	SS-162	01-Sep-00	R-2136
Venski, Jean	3108 Barmouth Drive Antioch, Ca. 94509-5108	SS-153	01-Aug-00	R-4401



Rocky Mountain High

Hello fellow Silver Strikers...I just got back from a trip to Colorado and I visited 21 different casinos in the towns of Blackhawk, Central City and Cripple Creek. There are over forty casinos open in the three old mining towns. I found silver strike machines in all three towns. There are generic silver strike machines in the Black Diamond and Johnny Nolons in Cripple Creek. The Colorado Grande, Cripple Creek, no longer has a machine. In Backhawk there are silver strike machines in Colorado Central Station with the state seal series reverses, generic state seal series in the Canyon Casino and generic eastern astrology series in Otto's Casino. In Central City the only casino I found that had a silver strike machine was the "must see" Teller House with the eastern astrology reverses. Hope this information is helpful to all, I had a great time visiting Colorado. If anyone needs more details on the trip let me know.

Don T. Nesbitt, Jr., CHSS#044

What's in Wisconsin

From Betty Gallagher we hear that there is not a lot available in Wisconsin these days. The following Casinos, however still have silver strikes: The Oneida Casino in Green Bay, the St. Croix Casino in Turtle Lake, the Lac Courte Oreilles Casino in Hayward, the Lake of the Torches Casino in Lac du Flambeau and the Bad River Casino in Odanah near Ashland way up there in northern Wisconsin. Thanks Betty, CHSS#113.

Your Newsletter

Remember members!! This is your Newsletter. Please spend a little time thinking how you can help us make it interesting. Articles and silver strike information are welcome, although we may edit to fit, and we are looking for Advertising. Advertising is a great way to connect with other collectors if you do not have Internet access and even better if you do have Internet access. Send me your stories, information and your ads to PVDKAR@cs.com.

It is very heartbreaking to inform the membership that one of our luminous members passed away September 27, 1999. Her name was Pamela Willoughby, wife of Charles Willoughby. She was one of the most incredible, courageous women that I have ever met. I first met her thorough the Internet after a trade with her husband. When she couldn't sleep at night, she would be on the computer. At times when I was also up late, we would chat as we were both on AOL. She knew that her time was short and was afraid that her health would keep her from making the convention. We called ourselves sisters. For those of you who were fortunate to make her acquaintance that week, she will live on in our memories. A gallant, gallant woman and fellow member who will be missed so much by her family and her friends.

Mary Lou Waterbury

A Good Jackpot Story

Back in April of 1997, when many of us were just starting our collections and were running around the country playing every machine we could find and asking at all the casinos, with our samples in hand, if they had souvenir coins, even before we had discovered Marv Weaver's great catalogue, Sherry and Rich Ruffell had a great time and a terrific **JACKPOT** at the Flamingo Hilton in Reno. In just a few quarters, the single bars lined up on the top line and they were ear to ear smiles because they had gotten the token with just \$1.50. As they reached down to catch the token they noticed the 3 red sevens. Not thinking too much about it, they were surprised when a woman standing behind them said "You hit the **JACKPOT!**". They looked again and sure enough not only did they get the strike, some extra change..9 quarters..but they had hit the 3 red sevens on the third line for the big **JACKPOT** of \$1000 dollars! No bells rang, no public address announcements that someone hit a jackpot or any notice at all. What was interesting was that none of the casino employees or the slot manager had ever seen one of these machines pay off on the red sevens. It took them some time to figure out what to do. "It was great", said Sherry and Rich! Funny though, they say they would have been disappointed if they had not won a token...isn't that the truth...these tokens are mesmerizing and winning them is like no other type of **JACKPOT**.

Sherry and Rich say they know of others who have hit the three red 7s and we'd like to hear your story and add you to our new Triply Red 7s Club. We now have Sherry and Rich Ruffell and Maria and Junior Medeiros. Are you a member of this special **JACKPOT** club?

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