

Silver Striker



Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Never before have I been part of an organization that has grown and become even more exciting and fulfilling at the same time. I am hearing from many members who are telling me about the excitement building for Convention 2001. Everyone is looking forward to the thrill of getting new strikes and seeing old friends and meeting new members. Our membership is growing rapidly as you will read elsewhere in this newsletter.

Along with the good news is the other side of the coin. When we banded together, I was thinking more about having new people to trade with, gaining new information and meeting people interested in the same hobby. I neglected to think about one sobering factor, losing good friends.

Sadly, during the month of January, George (Ed) Mann passed away. In this sadness is also the joy that we got to know him. To me he was Mr. Silver Striker. I put him on a pedestal because if he had a strike you needed, it was yours. I think of his childlike delight in adding one more strike to his collection. If he was going on a trip, he always called us and asked what strikes we needed. We have built up a very nice collection in part because of Ed's efforts on our behalf. He was a great family man which was no mean feat when you consider he and Peggy raised six boys who carry on their family values. His fight with cancer also showed us how to handle adversity. We will miss you, Ed.

Now, have you voted for the Strike of the Year? Have you sent in your nominations for the Hall of Fame strikes? The last I heard votes could be counted on one hand. Please participate as a member of our Chapter and contribute your nominations and votes. It takes a strong membership with vitality to attract new members.

Rick Andrae is working on T-shirts for the coming year using the guidelines that were set up during our last convention meeting. We also have a few of the Millennium T-shirts left. All you new members who missed out on getting last year's T-shirt please contact me if you would like one. We have worked hard and come a long way. Bravo to you all!!!

Your President,
Mary Lou Waterbury

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IN FULL SWING

What a great job you are doing! Our membership drive is taking off. The goal we set is high but we have already hit the halfway mark. Remember we want all members to participate. Again here are the guidelines for our membership drive:

Dates for drive qualification: August 1, 2000 to May 1, 2001.

For three members you sign up you will receive a free Membership Roster.

For five members you sign up you will receive one year's free Membership.

For 15 members you sign up you will receive two year's free Membership.

We will list our new members and their sponsors in the newsletter. Also we have placed, for your convenience, a SILVER STRIKER application for you to pass on to prospective members. Put your name on the application so we will know you are the sponsor.

WELCOME TO ALL THESE NEW MEMBERS!!!

<u>NEW MEMBER</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP #</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Anders, Lou	SS-283	Johnson, Walt
Venski, Jean	SS-284	Haddock, Jack
Miller, Paul	SS-285	Waterbury, Mary Lou
Peel, Phyllis	SS-286	
Maheu, Dick	SS-287	Mortimer, Randy
Goldsmith, Cheryl	SS-288	Nelson, Richard
McFadden, James	SS-289	Finn, Dennis
Fishman, Carla	SS-290	Mortimer, Randy
Bitzer, Jeff	SS-291	
Hirsch, Richard	SS-292	Vilsmeier, John
Cartonia, Joseph	SS-293	
Non-Published	SS-294	Nelson, Richard
Rees, Don	SS-295	Pamperin, Ted & Sharon
Tenaglia, Francis	SS-296	Weaver, Marv
Beach, Harry	SS-297	Nelson, Richard
Mancuso, Frank	SS-298	Haddock, Jack
Ellis, Alan	SS-299	Nelson, Richard
Lawson, Larry	SS-300	Mortimer, Randy
Clem, Dale	SS-301	Van der Kar, Peter
Cooper, William	SS-302	Ad in CC>CC
Burns, Timothy	SS-303	
Chrzanowski, Carol	SS-304	Finn, Dennis
Chrzanowski, Norman	SS-305	Finn, Dennis
Doran, Douglas	SS-306	Brochure

LET'S STRIVE TO GO OVER OUR GOAL !!!!!!!!!!!

CONVENTION PARTICIPATION

We need your help at Convention 2001. Convention time is right around the corner. The Silver Strikers Chapter will have a membership table again this year. We want to promote our Chapter to all Convention visitors. We will be signing up new members, collecting membership dues, selling T-shirts and taking orders for Chapter Rosters. Also we will be answering any questions visitors may have about the Silver Strikers Chapter.

We are requesting that members of the Chapter volunteer to take a turn at the Chapter information table for two hour shifts. This will enable each of us to participate in the Chapter's promotion and at the same time enjoy the show. The table will be open from opening to closing of the Convention, three days, so we will need all of the support we can get. Please try to fit a two hour shift into your Convention plans. Let me know what hours and days you would be available to support our organization. It would help to have alternative times so scheduling can be completed. Please notify me at the following address: **SILVER STRIKERS - C/O Evelyn Grosklaus, 3436 Bocage Drive #305, Orlando, FL 32812-7598** or email: gag1or2@gateway.net

And lastly, a reminder; if your mailing address has changed or you have a new email address or any other Roster information changes please notify me at the above address.

Treasurer,
Evelyn Grosklaus

CHAPTER INFORMATION

President	Mary Lou Waterbury
1st Vice President	Ray Moritz
2nd Vice President	Jack Haddock
Treasurer and Membership Officer	Evelyn Grosklaus
Secretary	Rick Andrae
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Grievance Chair	Les Hassel
Hall of Fame Chair	Jo Riefer
Librarian and Historian	Marv Weaver
Promotion and Publicity	Dennis Finn
Advertising Chair	(Open)

Newsletter Editor and Coordinator
Peter Van der Kar and Jack Haddock

CONVENTION NOTE: *The Wed. evening dinner social is a CC>CC event and YOU MUST be a member of CC>CC to attend. The trade session after is open to all. If you are attended the convention and want to attend the dinner function, contact Silver Striker secretary for info on CC>CC membership. The CC>CC membership requirement may return this year for chapter members as a constitutional amendment is up for a vote.*

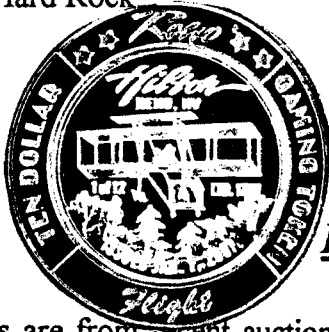
RENO HILTON OFFERS NEW TWIST

(Jack Haddock)

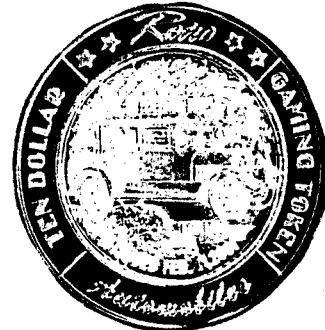
The collectors have influenced the Reno Hilton to try a new program involving their silver strikes! They are issue a different strike each month during 2001; each dated the first day of the month of issue and indicating "1 of 12," "2 of 12," etc. Trading will be only among strikes from this series as long as they are available and there will only be 1,750 (estimated one month supply) made of each design. The designs will commemorate the following events in order of issue: flight, automobiles, computers, space, radio, NYSE, nuclear age, new deal, civil rights, pearl harbor, Hollywood, and rock'n roll. The series will parallel the \$5 chip series issued by the Reno Hilton in 2000.

SIDE BAR!

The brass rim appears to be copper colored instead of brass. This is merely the result of the supplier mixing his brass differently. The "normal" color will return with future orders. There are some collectors who see this a notable variety. If some of you out there are interested enough to report your "finds" in this regard, a list can be published of the casinos where this "copper" coloring occurred. In northern Nevada, the Reno Hilton, Eldorado, and the Flamingo "hour-glass" and "egg," have the copper color. Reported with the copper color in the south: NY, NY; Bellagio; Treasure Island; Buffalo Bills; Golden Nugget,; Plaza; Imperial Palace; Las Vegas Club; McCarran Airport; Luxor; and Hard Rock



Ebay RESULTS



These results are from recent auctions. Not always a perfect reflection of values but offers an opportunity to reflect on current values of your strike in the open market. Bid results are approximate and all in the last 30 days.

\$10 Flamingo, Reno, NO WORD BOWLER	\$750.00
\$10 San Remo, Las Vegas, .999 on rim Y2K strike	500.00
\$10 Sierra Sid's, Sparks, single window buffalo	310.00
\$40 Bally's Grand, Atlantic City,	250.00
\$20 Gold Strike, Laughlin, miner	175.00
\$20 Gold Strike, Laughlin, stagecoach	255.00
\$20 Sparks Nugget, Last Chance Joe	160.00
\$7 McCarran Airport, Las Vegas	155.00
\$10 Golden Nugget, Laughlin, Tarzan	130.00
\$28 Aladdin, Las Vegas, gold one side	180.00
\$7 Plantation Station, Sparks, train on bridge	150.00
\$40 Nevada Landing, Jean	135.00
\$10 Plaza, Las Vegas, "2 fer 1"	430.00
\$200 Union Plaza, Las Vegas	410.00

NO ACTION = CLASS ACTION

Hello fellow Silver Strikers. We just returned from a visit to the Tunica casinos and to our great disappointment, the last Silver Strike holdout, The Sheraton, has now taken out their Strike machines.

My husband, Ray, always the quick-witted one, suggested that we write to the casinos and tell them we are prepared to file a "class-action" discrimination lawsuit against them for interfering with our constitutional right to the "pursuit of happiness." In light of the cost and bad press this would cause, we Silver Strikers would be more than happy to settle out of court for the Gaming Commission to require EVERY casino to install and maintain at least ONE "strike" machine on its casino floor.

Hey - it is no dumber than some of the lawsuits I've heard about lately! Anyway, I thought you might get a chuckle out of this - I certainly did. Not only does Ray drive me to all these casinos, I get entertainment along with it!!

Carol Ann Caslow - CHSS-133

CHAPTER POLO SHIRTS GO ON SALE !

You can now order a gray polo shirt with the Silver Striker Chapter logo in black on the breast pocket. All shirts will be given out at the CC>CC Convention unless you want it mailed directly to you for an additional fee of \$3.50. We urge you to support our Chapter and order early by sending your \$15 per shirt and your size requirements (S-M-L-XL-XX-XXX). Please send payment and information to Treasurer, Evelyn Grosklaus..mailing information on page 2.

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 a blurb about the Silver Strikers Chapter on your web page and send me your web address and it will be listed in all future issues of this newsletter. This can help us get new members, assist existing members find strike information and get you some more web site visits.

Our current contributors are:

GARY STATHATOS	www.collectorville.com	
MARV WEAVER	www.members.home.net/sptokens	CHSS-100
DENNIS FINN	www.pe.net/~dmfinn	CHSS-071
LISA JUNG	www.ourworld.cs.com/chippermel	CHSS-102
JOHNNY LONG	www.home.att.net/~goju/silverstrikes	CHSS-090
RANDY MORTIMER	www.silver-strikes.com	CHSS-125
RICHARD HIRSCH	www.geocities.com/RICKERBBMS	SS-292

SILVER STRIKE AUCTION

The Chapter will hold an auction on Thursday night in conjunction with our annual meeting. Consignments have totaled over 40 lots of strikes with some very interesting and good strikes included, among them: The Flamingo Hilton - Rockettes, Sierra Sid's - solid window buffalo, the \$7 King 8, the \$7 McCarran Airport and the Harrah's, Las Vegas \$40 strike with the 'alligator logo.'

I am still looking for those who would be interested in helping with the auction and now is the time to volunteer...please contact me at jackhaddock@mindspring.com

Jack Haddock,
2nd Vice President

SILVER STRIKE OF THE YEAR - HOF - NOMINATIONS

The category of "token/strike of the year" has been divided into separate awards for 2001. The Silver Strike category is for the Silver Strikers Chapter to have fun with. Hence, we need all members to nominate the Silver Strikes that they would like to see in the "Hall of Fame" and "Strike of the Year." CC>CC is asking us to select the strike of the year and if we do not participate, we could lose this honor! Vote for beauty, uniqueness and/or whatever turns you on about a strike, but please nominate one that has been put into play since August 2000, for Strike of the Year.

For the Hall of Fame, you may select three strikes since that is how many we add each year. The strike may be the most unusual, the most artistic, the most beautiful or just one that you like and you think will stand the test of time. It can be any denomination. Please give some thought and vote. Nominations are to be sent to: Jo Riefer, 2283 Panoramic Dr., Concord, CA 94520 or emailed to her at.....jorick6@earthlink.com

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAPTER 2001-2003 OFFICERS

There is a form for nominations included with this newsletter. Be sure that anyone you nominate agrees to serve. Send nominations to: Nancy Nicklas, 143 Autumn Drive, Butler, PA 16001-3291

From Dennis Finn we have sad news to report, as did Mary Lou....George (Ed) Mann of Greenfield, Indiana, a longtime strike collector, died on January 6, 2001 at his home. Ed was diagnosed with terminal cancer nine years ago and given six months to live. He subsequently added lupus and heart problems as opponents. None of that stopped Ed from collecting. He attended shows and conventions and even drove to New Mexico to get the strike from Camel Rock. Ed was 61 and had served his country in the Marine Corps. He is survived by his wife Peggy, their sons and numerous grandchildren. Services were held January 10th in Greenfield, Indiana.

ERRORS vs. VARIETIES

(Jack Haddock)

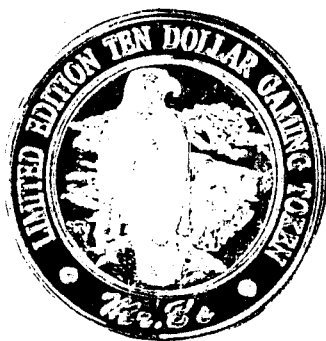
First, let's have some definitions as it might apply to silver strikes: An error is the result of a mistake while a variety is the intentional alteration of the approved design. Some notable errors would be the Circus Circus Las Vegas where the Reno logo was used; the San Remo and Reno Flamingo tiger where the .999 was put on the rim; and all the coin aligned strikes.

Varieties represent an intentional act, which results in a notable difference from others of the same design. Examples of varieties would be the Reno Flamingo "NO WORD BOWLER," Tropicana SWORDS on both sides; or any of the large and small fonts.

In this discussion, how about an error that ended up creating a variety? Well, the Las Vegas Club's ice hockey player with a "NHL" emblem on the players sleeve was not authorized (error) and now there are two varieties – with and without the emblem.

An interesting error is where the wrong die is used for one side or the other. The Peppermill did that with their 2000 "Slot August Night" strike where the retired logo was used by mistake. Since the entire run was that way, a great rarity was not created but an error was. That same error occurred in Mill City at Mr. B's where the eagle side and "50th anniversary" were put together with NO logo side used. Only a couple of these are known so they must have been caught early. You have checked yours to be sure it isn't one of these, haven't you?

One side



should be reverse

Other side



NEW ISSUES SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER



CLASSIFIEDS

SILVER STRIKES FOR SALE

Large inventory, fair prices, good service! See on the WEB at
"www.roadhousesilver.com" or send for your free price list: Roadhouse Collectibles,
1939 Prater Way, Sparks, NV 89431 Dennis Owen CHSS-122

\$10 SILVER STRIKES WANTED

Buy or trade! Need: Sierra Sid's Logo 2 Jake (.999 on silver) and horses dated 1997
Aladdin, Las Vegas, Sinbad - 3 dots; Bally's Running 7 (BALV-2b); San Reno error; and
Sam's Town error Pony Express. Email: grc71873@uswest.net
1597 West 9775 South, So. Jordan, UT 84095 Gary & Robyn Curtis CHSS-118

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Valerie Walker, 2996 Palo Verde, Laughlin, NV 89029 CHSS-010

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Send copy to Jack Haddock, P. O. Box 7544, Reno, NV 89510

NORTHEASTERN NEVADA SILVER STRIKES AND CHIPS

Send for my list of casino material. Chips, *strikes* and tokens are all available for those
places you just can't get to. Call me at: (775) 753-2435
Ed Hoffman, P. O. Box 6039-N, Elko, NV 89802-6039 CHSS-103

MARV WEAVER'S "NEVADA SILVER PREMIUM GAMING TOKENS 2000 PRICE GUIDE", 5TH EDITION: \$30 (plus \$3 postage)

Lisa Jung's "*Striking Differences: The Stories Behind the Strikes*": \$10 (plus \$2
postage)-----buy both/postage is \$3.00
WEB page: <http://ourworld.cs.com/chippermel>
e-mail: chippermel@cs.com phone: (415) 472-2869
Lisa Jung, 1285 Idylberry Rd., San Rafael, CA 94903-1071 CHSS-102

RE-ELECT - RICK ANDRAE CHSS-79

SECRETARY OF THE SILVER STRIKER CHAPTER

HELP ME COMPLETE MY COLLECTION (one strike from every known casino)

Trump's Tropicana, Atlantic City, NJ; Star Casino, Lake Charles, LA; Frontune Bay
Casino, Tower, MN; and Casino Masquerade, Aruba.
Clayton Waterbury, 10284 Saratoga St., Omaha, NE 68134
(402) 493-8255 mlwaterbry@aol.com CHSS-001

DID YOU HEAR ?

The Union Plaza offers a \$200/1 pound of silver - silver strike for the trade in of 20 strikes-\$10 strikes. They'll be around for a good part of the year. The pictures don't do it justice!

The Imperial Palace has 4 new strikes with cars should be in play soon. Step right up and get your 25th anniversary \$200 strike by trading 20-\$10 strikes.

New strikes are being looked at for New York, New York (4th anniversary), Barbary Coast, 3 at the Horseshoe, California snake (2001 series), Pioneer in Laughlin (2001 series) and new casinos, the Aladdin and the 4 for the New Frontier.

Flamingo Reno "Year of the Snake" and "bowler" strikes should be within a month.

The second issue of the Reno Hilton series has been put into play. Took about 30 days to go through the 1750 minted of #1.

Reno-Tahoe Airport working on a new set of 6 strikes for 2001. The series is based on the events in the area as in the past and, of course, they will be dated.

The Gambler in downtown Reno has been sold and all the silver strikes are gone.

Speakers for the convention educational meeting of *Silver Strikers* are extra special. A manufacturer of strikes and a casino manager who is in charge of the program will share some great insight to our hobby. Want to know how a "frosted strike" is made? Attend!!

SILVER STRIKERS

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