

# SILVER STRIKERS

## NEWSLETTER



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### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

When I landed back in Omaha on Sunday I still had not come down from the rush of the sights and sounds of glorious Las Vegas! For all of us Silver Strikers, the previous few days had to be our most memorable convention to date! We as a Club had our own silver strike, which is something we hardly dared to dream about just a few short years ago when we formed the Silver Strikers Chapter.

The Plaza went all out to make this convention a truly memorable experience with the high quality strike which featured our logo on the reverse. The program started with the ribbon cutting at the Plaza with Rick Ronca, Plaza Slots Manager on one end and myself on the other. Les Hassel, who has closed his photography studio and "retired" still keeps a camera handy. He consented to be the official photographer for our Chapter. After getting some photos Ed Ciesla and his wife were the first to play the special slot machines which were filled with both the Chapter Logo and Club Logo strikes. There were a total of 1,500 of each strike available to win. We all had been issued special certificates to allow us to try and win five strikes each. O'Shea's also had a slot machine containing four strikes unique for the Convention but with a much smaller run. As such many people did not get a full set of O'Shea's.

We were thrilled to have two speakers, Tom Power, Production Manager of Sunshine Mint and Rick Ronca, Plaza Slot Manager, address the forum. I thank these gentlemen for their input and speaking of thanks, a big THANK YOU to Dennis Finn for moderating the forum as well as getting the Bulletin Board off and running. Thanks to Jack Haddock, 2nd Vice-president, who served as liaison with CC & GTCC, auctioneer (along with Rick Andrae and Peter Van der Kar, spotters, Evelyn Grosklaus and her husband along with Amy Andrae, who kept track of the bids and took in the money). And finally, thanks to all who volunteered at the Chapter table, you are truly appreciated! Anyone wishing to volunteer as a Chairperson or wishing to serve on a Committee, please let me know. It's not too early to start thinking about Convention 2002.....

Your President,  
Mary Lou Waterbury

## LUCK ISN'T JUST AT THE CASINO

On January 1, 2001, I retired from my job after working for 40 years. I had the opportunity to take early retirement at age 58. I had worked for a local newspaper for the last 29 of those 40 years.

I had always thought I was ready for retirement but soon found out differently. January in Missouri is not the time to be working outside and I didn't want to tear up the inside of the house. By the end of January I was climbing the walls and would pick up a copy of the regional Antique Craft-Collectibles paper and off I would go to talk to the manager of an antique mall near Kansas City, sometimes getting good results in finding silver strikes.

On one particular trip I hit the bonanza in an antique mall in Topeka, Kansas, where I found six silver strikes. There were four of the \$7 Stardust and a \$10 McCarran Airport and a \$10 Circus Circus Error! For this treasure of six strikes I paid \$70. I had never dreamed a "key" strike like the Circus Circus Error would turn up.

I still call all of these shops about once a month and still get a few strikes from them.

Ray Moritz,  
1st Vice-president

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## SORRY TO MISS SEEING YOU !

Hello to all my fellow strikers out there. I was sorry to miss the Convention as I was looking forward to seeing many old friends and meeting new ones. I was eager to attend the auction and social hour and enjoy some of the successes of our Chapter.

I had left for Las Vegas a few days early and stopped in Denver to visit some old friends and meet some Chapter Members. Unfortunately I became ill and after two trips to the ER had to return to Kansas City for surgery. I will be laid up for four to six weeks. While recuperating, I am planning my trip to the Las Vegas Convention 2002.

Ray Moritz,  
1st Vice-president

## 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.

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## WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR AREA ??

For those of us who have expanded our collections outside of Nevada, finding up to date, reliable information on various casinos can be frustrating, time consuming and many times short of all the actual information. To those Club Members residing outside of Nevada how about some information on what is going on in your back yard? Information on new casinos opening, those closing, strikes in play and new issues released would be most welcome by many of our Club Members. Share the information on your local areas, especially the Midwest and continue to make the hobby of collecting silver strikes that much more interesting. Your articles are most welcome!

## **WE'RE BOTH HONORED AND EXCITED.....**

Two short years ago I wouldn't have known a "silver strike" if I tripped over one. Today I find myself up to my eyeballs in this fascinating hobby and have graciously accepted the position of editor of your Silver Strikers Newsletter. I thank all involved for the vote of confidence and look forward to working with all the contributors during the upcoming months ahead.

The Convention of 2001 was my first convention in Las Vegas and rest assured, not my last! During the couple of days spent in Las Vegas I had the opportunity to meet many of you directly and talk extensively with some of our Club Officers. I left the Convention excited about the level of enthusiasm these people project about our Club and the hobby in general and sincerely look forward to working with all of them during the coming months as we continue to improve, expand and make your Club Newsletter responsive to your wants and needs. As our President, Mary Lou Waterbury has mentioned numerous times our membership is a wealth of talent and if each of us can take it upon ourselves to volunteer for a project, be it on a committee, as a resource or just to share our vast array of knowledge we as a Club will continue to grow and become the best we possibly can be. I can promise you as editor I plan to formulate that philosophy into my approach and assure all of you that I welcome any and all suggestions to improve the Newsletter, add features of interest to the Club and most importantly, listen to what our members have to say and want to see in this Newsletter. One point to remember, this is YOUR newsletter, make it work for you.

During the remaining months of 2001 my primary goals will be to work with all of the contributors to develop time lines for submission of information/articles in the subsequent newsletters, reviewing how the publication process really works and can we streamline the process, making everyone's life a bit easier, can we enhance the printing/quality of the final product, can we improve on the appearance, i.e. pictures of the new issues of strikes, adding new features such as a "Member Spotlight" for Club Members who wish to have themselves featured, perhaps a type of "Ask The Experts" Q & A column, updates on casino issues that not only involve Nevada but also extend to the other gaming regions of the country. As you can see, the possibilities are endless but your input is needed. Please accept this as an open invitation from myself to contact me directly should you have any ideas or see needs that we are not collectively addressing currently and feel would prove beneficial to our general membership and of course to the advancement in the interest of collecting silver strikes.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to welcome with open arms my cohort, Kevin Pyles, in the task of compiling and preparing your Newsletter for publication and distribution along with the most able assistance from Jack Haddock, 2nd Vice-president. It's not an easy task to follow up on the job Peter Van der Kar has done in the past, excellence is difficult to match !!!

Jerry Weisenbacher, Editor & Kevin Pyles, Assistant Editor

## ISSUES SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Reno Hilton-(3) Year of the Snake, #5 Jukebox & #6 Wall Street: New York New York-4th Anniversary: Bellagio-Fountains: O'Sheas's-(4) Elephant/Mule, Mule, Elephant & CC & GTCC Logo: Slots-A-Fun-(4) Lucky Seven, Royal Flush, Blackjack & Building: Sierra Sid's-(2) Lake Tahoe & ET Highway.

## CONVENTION SILVER STRIKES

The 2001 CC& GTCC Convention held at the Tropicana in Las Vegas in June provided some very nice treats for the silver strike collector. Two casinos, The Union Plaza and O'Sheas had limited issues of silver strikes produced.

The Plaza offered a special invitation to play machines set aside just for the Silver Strikers and were filled with two strikes; one with the CC & GTCC logo and the other with the Silver Strikers logo. Only 1500 strikes of each design were made and they were dated for the 2001 Convention. All were gone by the end of the Convention.

O'Sheas had a different program but included in the 4 strikes they released that week one with the CC & GTCC logo on it. That design was limited to only 500 pieces and these too were gone by Friday.

Jack Haddock - 2nd Vice President

## CHAPTER MEMBER'S LUCKY DAY !!

One of the Silver Strikers Club Members, Ted Pamperin, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, #SS171 was so excited to get his 5th CC & GTCC Commemorative strike at the Plaza that his wife, Sharon, had to point out to him that he had also hit the 3 red sevens on the bottom line of the machine.

Two hundred and nine credits were still left on the machine from a \$100 bill when the 7's popped up and the 5th strike dropped. Sound like Ted was excited indeed! Talk about getting some good mileage out of that drop. Congrats Ted.....

## DID YOU HEAR ??

Next year's CC & GTCC Convention will again be held at the Tropicana on June 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th. Don't Miss it !!

Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas has approved for the highly prized \$200 face/1 pound of silver strike as well as a \$40 strike. Both of these new strikes will carry the "winged victory" design, gold plated but not antiqued. The two machines which will dispense these strikes still needs to be built, hence it will be several months before they are into play.

Some machines removed: **Rio, Las Vegas & Boulder Station, Las Vegas.**

Sierra Sid's has issued a 1 pound silver round as part of the Nevada series they have adopted as their 2001 theme. The first round is of the "Emigrant Trail" and shows a covered wagon traveling over the Sierra Mountains. Only 52 of these were made. Two more will follow later this year with themes of "The Comstock Lode" & "Pony Express". The next two of the Nevada series are in development, "Pyramid Lake" & The Reno Arch". The last two will be "Virginia City" & "The Carson City Mint".

Silver Legacy in Reno will have their 6th anniversary strike out in July.

Caesar's Tahoe is re-installing their strike machines and have four designs lined up. They should go into play by the end of July.

Harvey's Lake Tahoe is working on four designs which will highlight the local area.

New York New York has three new designs forthcoming.

The Silver Strikers now have a message board! Go to  
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## E-BAY RESULTS

| CASINO ISSUING STRIKE       | DESCRIPTION                 | HIGH BID   | SECOND     |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| McCarran Airport, Las Vegas | Blackjack Spades            | \$1,376.00 | \$1,351.00 |
| Circus Circus, Reno         | Emmett Kelly (6 to the set) | \$ 202.00  | \$ 200.00  |
| Golden Nugget, Laughlin     | 3 Parrots                   | \$ 89.00   | \$ 88.00   |
| Sierra Sid's, Sparks        | Solid Window Buffalo        | \$ 332.00  | \$ 327.00  |
| Delta Saloon, Virginia City | Coin Aligned Train          | \$ 450.00  | \$ 400.00  |
| O'Sheas, Las Vegas          | Elephant/Donkey/ltd. to 125 | \$ 480.00  | \$ 475.00  |
| Silver City, Las Vegas      | Puffless Pete, Panner       | \$ 172.00  | \$ 170.00  |
| Golden Gate, Las Vegas      | Golden Gate Bridge          | \$ 183.00  | \$ 180.00  |

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|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Golden Gate, Las Vegas       | Trolley              | \$ 161.00 | \$ 158.00 |
| Golden Nugget, Laughlin      | Tarzan               | \$ 112.00 | \$ 109.00 |
| Silver City, Las Vegas       | Puffless Pete, Train | \$ 156.00 | \$ 154.00 |
| San Remo, Las Vegas          | .999 on Rim Error    | \$ 471.00 | \$ 466.00 |
| Flamingo Hilton, Reno        | NO WORD Bowler       | \$ 736.00 | \$ 726.00 |
| New York New York, Las Vegas | I Love NY (G Mint)   | \$ 169.00 | \$ 166.00 |
| Gold Strike, Laughlin        | Hoover Dam Error     | \$ 357.00 | \$ 352.00 |

## THE FINAL TALLY

**What A Year We Have Had.** Our goal was 101 new members by the time convention rolled around. We had gained 119 and signed 22 new members at the convention. Our membership has grown to 350. As you know we had a membership drive. For those of you who were not at the convention let me tell you who our hard workers are:

Sharon and Ted Pamperin-3 new members, Jack Haddock-3 new members, Mary Lou Waterbury-3 new members, Dennis Finn-4 new members, Don Nesbitt-4 new members, Richard Nelson-5 new members, Ray Moritz-5 new members, Ad in CC & GTCC-16 new members, Marv Weaver-19 new members.

Each of these individuals will receive an updated roster. Richard Nelson and Ray Moritz each will receive one year free membership. Marv Weaver will receive two years free membership. **Congratulations To Each Of You !**

Evelyn Grosklaus, Membership Officer

## SECOND QUARTER NEW MEMBERS 2001

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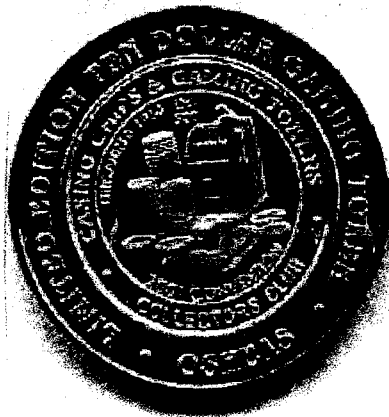
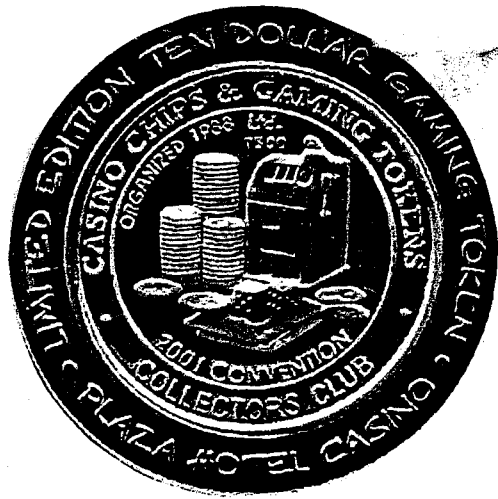
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