

# SILVER STRIKERS

## NEWSLETTER

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### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

A little traveling music...

Clayton and I will be flying to Las Vegas in January. We will be spending a couple of weeks there and hope to get out to some of the new casinos we were unable to visit during the convention. Here is hoping that we get to see a bunch of you. We also would like to go to Reno as we have never been there and all of those casinos are calling us!

The Golden Phoenix has opened in Reno and the Director of Slot Operations is our old friend, Jeffrey Krintzman, who used to be with Sierra Sid's. Jeffrey has promised to put in silver strikes but he has to wait for IGT's new game.

We now have a full slate of officers for the coming year. I urge all of you to vote when the ballots come out. To date we have always had a better turnout in voting than the CC & GTCC-let's keep it up!

Your present Officers desire that whoever is running for president of the CC & GTCC be cognizant of the Silver Strikers outlook. We want to be sure that we continue as a separate entity within the organization. Our Secretary has sent a list of questions to the nominees and we are waiting to get the answers back from them. It will be important that all of us (who are CC & GTCC members) also vote for officers of the CC & GTCC.

We move out of here the last of December and will be staying a few days with our oldest son in Council Bluffs before starting out for Las Vegas. We will be getting a cell phone to have on the trip so after December 31<sup>st</sup>, the old phone number will be out of service. Our new address until further notice will be:

Clayton & Mary Lou Waterbury  
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We wish all of you Strikers out there the best of the holidays and a very happy and healthy New Year.

Mary Lou Waterbury, President

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## 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 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:**

<b>MARV WEAVER</b>	<a href="http://www.members.home.net/sptokens">www.members.home.net/sptokens</a>	<b>CHSS-100</b>
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<b>DON NESBITT, JR.</b>	<a href="http://www.members.aol.com/_ht_a/dont44/myhomepage.club.html">www.members.aol.com/_ht_a/dont44/myhomepage.club.html</a>	<b>CHSS-044</b>
<b>ARCHIE BLACK</b>	<a href="http://www.callzia.com/dghome/acchips/home.htm">www.callzia.com/dghome/acchips/home.htm</a>	<b>CHSS-121</b>
<b>DENNIS BERRY</b>	<a href="http://www.dens-silverstrikes.com">www.dens-silverstrikes.com</a>	<b>CHSS-094</b>
<b>STEVE HAVER</b>	<a href="http://home.attbi.com/~silverstrike.999">http://home.attbi.com/~silverstrike.999</a>	<b>CHSS-002</b>
<b>ED CIESLA</b>	<a href="http://www.mindspring.com/~taxesed/">www.mindspring.com/~taxesed/</a>	<b>CHSS-040</b>
<b>ANDY HUGHES</b>	<a href="http://www.NevadaCasinoChips.com">www.NevadaCasinoChips.com</a>	<b>SS-385</b>
<b>SILVER STRIKERS</b>	<a href="http://www.thechipboard.com/cgi-bin/tsp/tsp.pl">www.thechipboard.com/cgi-bin/tsp/tsp.pl</a>	
<b>NEVADA GAMING COMMISSION'S MONTHLY APPROVAL LIST</b>	<a href="http://www.home.pacbell.net/rireno/Nevada_Gaming.html">www.home.pacbell.net/rireno/Nevada_Gaming.html</a>	
<b>GEORGE &amp; PAT LINDERMAN</b>	<a href="http://hometown.aol.com/linpatmar/myhomepage/business.html">http://hometown.aol.com/linpatmar/myhomepage/business.html</a>	<b>SS-351 &amp; SS-352</b>

## MEMBERSHIP

**LET'S REPEAT LAST YEAR'S GREAT FEAT...**

Goal is 110 New Members! ***WE ARE HALF WAY THERE +55!!***

The membership drive for 2002-2003 has begun. We have set a high goal for our Chapter once again this year. We added a record number of new members during last year's drive as well as during the annual convention this past June. You all did a great job last year, so let's do it once again. We want all of our members to participate. Here are the guidelines for the new membership drive:

**Dates for Drive Qualification: July 1, 2002 to May 1, 2003**

**\*For sponsoring 6 new members you will receive a \$25.00 Tiny Treasures Gift Certificate and a Silver Strikers Chapter T-shirt.**

**\*For sponsoring 12 new members you will receive a \$50.00 Tiny Treasures Gift Certificate and a Silver Strikers Chapter T-shirt.**

**\*For sponsoring 20 new members you will receive a \$75.00 Tiny Treasures Gift Certificate and a Silver Strikers Chapter T-shirt.**

Make sure to put your name on the application of any person you sponsor so we will know to give you the credit.

Kevin Pyles, Membership Chair

### THE PURPOSE OF THE MESSAGE BOARD FOR SILVER STRIKERS

([www.thechipboard.com/tsusage](http://www.thechipboard.com/tsusage))

The Silver Striker message board was established for the use of club members, non-club members, chapter members and non-chapter members for promoting the hobby as well as exchanging and disseminating information. Users are encouraged to ask and respond to questions and other postings, with an emphasis on The CC&GTCC Club, the Silver Striker's Chapter and hobby related topics.

#### Examples of Proper Use Include:

- Announcing dates of upcoming casino collectible shows
- Announcing dates of chapter meetings
- Seeking advice on casino collectible values
- Seeking information about club and chapter members
- Commenting on hobby related media stories
- Posting proposals to trade with other collectors

Commenting on and seeking information about club related matters  
Stating positions on club and chapter policy  
Posting of newly issued strikes  
Referral to web sites or auction sites

No specific strike or any other item to be offered for sale on the board. It is not intended for non-hobby use such as political debates, professional sports scores or rooting for the home team.

It is not possible to list and delineate all possible proper and prohibited uses. If there is a question regarding acceptable use, please email the Webmaster or post a question on the Strike Point.

The Strike Point is intended for the use of all those interested in the CC&GTCC, The Silver Strikers Chapter and the casino collectibles hobby. It is restricted in its use as stated in this policy.

There are other bulletin boards and web sites that provide a wider forum and greater flexibility. We encourage their use.

**THIS IS A SAMPLE POST OF A TOPIC DISCUSSED  
ON THE "STRIKE POINT."**

*Here's the situation: The discussion focused on the information contained in the Silver Strike catalogs that have been produced to date. The feeling was that a WEB site that would be continually updated with current prices would be ideal. The catalogs produced so far with a frequency of only once a year is considered by some to be insufficient. The hobby is very fortunate to have had the number of authors providing catalogs. THANK YOU to Marv Weaver, Art Becker, Jim Turnbow, Howdy Herz, Richard Anderson, Dennis Finn, Christie Gregory, and Lisa Jung. YOU should own every one of their products, so that at least one of them will produce a new catalog every year. If you wish to maintain a WEB page and update the new issues and values of silver strikes, then step forward!*

**Posted By: Archie Black Date: 12/3/02**

***In Response To: Re: Silver Strike Book***

*"Maybe the club could do it to add to their revenues."....*

I fail to see how the club could increase its revenues by publishing such a book of information for free on a website. Who would do all the work? Who do we think is "the club"? "The club" is all those members who belong to it and the relatively few members who DO write and publish books on our collectibles.

Just my personal opinion... but most authors of books in this hobby (chips, tokens, silver strikes, etc.) go through all the work and expense of producing

such reference works, primarily for the benefit of other collectors who share the same interests. Very few of these authors realize any sizable profit from the sale of these very limited small numbers of books. It's really a labor of love. Without them, there would be very little (or much less) interest in these collecting areas. Every time a new book is published, it generates additional interest in that aspect of our hobby and attracts newcomers to our fold. In my opinion, the hobby should be encouraging MORE books to be published, not less.

I'm also grateful to those individuals who have developed their own personal websites and who share their information with others for free.

A lot of work goes into setting up and maintaining websites ... which does very little to benefit the person who owns it ... except for the purpose of advertising their inventory for occasional sale and gaining some personal satisfaction and perhaps some ego massaging benefit.

Regarding price guides....; Yes, price guides are just that ... GUIDES. Nothing is cast in stone that a particular price cited in one reference must be sold at that price. They are intended to be estimates of value, based on that author's experience.

Do strikes sell at auction on eBay and Jackpot at less than catalog? Yes, lots of times they do. Sometimes they sell for more than catalog estimates. Ebay and Jackpot are not retail price outlets by dealers. They are for the most part outlets for hobbyists to dispose of unwanted or unneeded inventory at discount ... or someone disposing of a no longer wanted collection. There is a difference between auctions and retail prices by established dealers ... as there should be.

My post is not meant to be argumentative..., simply an expression of my personal opinion and hobby experiences. Readers are welcome to agree or disagree with anything I've said and express their personal thoughts as well.

### **WHO OWNS THE SILVER STRIKE TRAYS?**

There has been a lot of discussion as to the ownership of the plastic trays that say "Anchor" and hold the \$10 (and other denominations) silver strike. In actuality, these are "loaned" to the casino and are supposed to be returned by the casino to be reused. So many of these have not been returned to IGT a new supply had to be purchased. Look for future holders to state "PROPERTY OF IGT." It probably is inappropriate to sell these holders although if you have some to house your strikes, no one is going to come after you but do return them to the casino when your done with it.

## RUMOR OR FACT?

(Or said another way: I may be all wet but here's what I found out)

### WHY IS THE 98/99 RIVERSIDE "LM" SO PRICEY?

The strike was produced in 1998, has an "LM" mint mark and the ".999 Pure Silver" is on the brass (outside).

In 1997, The Nevada Gaming Commission ruled that all NEWLY designed strikes from that point on must have the ".999 Fine Silver" stamped on the silver (inside) and not on the brass (outside).

Letcher Minting, "LM", located in Lancaster, CA was sold in 1993 and the name changed to Lancaster Mint in order that the "LM" could still be used. In 1995, the mint was moved to Las Vegas and the name was changed to Global Minting, "G".

This strike was produced in 1998 and should have been produced with the ".999 Fine Silver" on the silver (inside) and with the "G" mintmark. This strike was produced using an old die for the logo side and a new die for the design side. The Gaming Commission had ruled in 1997 that this was not to be done, therefore it is a mistake (also called an error). At some point the mint noticed the mistake, put in the correct die and continued with production. However, obviously some of the incorrect strikes were released.

When the 98/99 Riverside strikes were released, one of the first players noticed a difference. The incorrect strikes were mixed in with the correct ones. This same person was able to get the cage to check all their stock PLUS the hopper in the machine. The machine payout, machine hopper and the cage inventory yielded 13 total incorrect (98/99 "LM") strikes. Since that time there has been verification of three others showing up and rumor of two others having been found which brings the total to 18. For only 18 to show up in five years is a very small number. There may be more out there but these numbers are the only ones I know about.

This very small number results in a higher price. They have sold for over \$1200.00 and only one has ever been on eBay, selling for \$1,036.00. I believe the small number is the main reason that many people don't know about the Riverside 98/99 "LM". It is mentioned in Lisa's book, "The Striking Difference", Jim Turnbow has it in his, Howdy in his and Art Becker has it in his.

Other strikes with this type of error are the Reno Hilton Year of the Tiger .999 on the rim (\$250 to \$300) and the San Remo Millennium .999 on the rim (\$400 to \$500).

Bill Brooks, SS-208

## ARE YOU A MEMBER OF CC&GTCC?

CC&GTCC (Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club) is the main Club that the Silver Strikers Chapter is sponsored by. Though the Silver Striker Chapter operates independently and a member DOES NOT have to belong, there are distinct benefits of belonging to the main club: Quarterly magazine, admission to CC&GTCC events, enlarges your circle of collectors to over 2000, and gives ability to *VOTE* on competitions and policy changes.

The dues are \$20 a year and if you want to join send dues and your mailing info to: CC&GTCC Membership Officer, Ralph Myers, P. O. Box 35769, Las Vegas, NV 89133-5769. Tell them the Silver Striker Chapter sent you! **Application enclosed in the center of the newsletter.**

### LOCAL CHAPTERS and THEIR WEBSITES:

CC & GTCC	<a href="http://www.ccggtcc.com">www.ccggtcc.com</a>
Atlantic City	<a href="http://www.chiptech.com/acchapter/">http://www.chiptech.com/acchapter/</a>
Deep South	<a href="http://www.deepsouthchips.com/">http://www.deepsouthchips.com/</a>
Florida	<a href="http://home.cfl.rr.com/floridachapter/">http://home.cfl.rr.com/floridachapter/</a>
Greater Houston	<a href="http://chipster.net/houston.htm">http://chipster.net/houston.htm</a>
Las Vegas	<a href="http://www.ccggtcc.com/chapters/sonev/">http://www.ccggtcc.com/chapters/sonev/</a>
New York Metro	<a href="http://www.ccggtcc.com/chapters/nymetro/">http://www.ccggtcc.com/chapters/nymetro/</a>
N. California Nevada	<a href="http://www.anderson-design.net/norcal.html">http://www.anderson-design.net/norcal.html</a>
Silver Strikers Chapter	<a href="http://www.thechipboard.com/cgi-bin/tsp/tsp.pl">http://www.thechipboard.com/cgi-bin/tsp/tsp.pl</a>
Slab Free	<a href="http://www.slabfree.com">http://www.slabfree.com</a>
S. California	<a href="http://www.ccggtcc.com/chapters/socal/Home.htm">http://www.ccggtcc.com/chapters/socal/Home.htm</a>

## VOTE! WHY YOU ASK? HERE'S WHY!

The election of CC&GTCC officers is about to take place and there are several heavily contested races. With 500 members, nearly 300 of which can vote in the election as members of CC & GTCC, the Silver Strikers have a very meaningful block of votes. There are several issues that can affect this Chapter so supporting candidates that are supportive of strikers is indeed important! The impact can only be felt IF YOU VOTE! **A good reason to join CC&GTCC!!!**

There is competition for the VP of which **Wayne Thompson** is definitely a supporter of the Silver Strikers positions. We need this representation! **VOTE!**

The *membership officer* is another contested race. Read answers carefully and **VOTE!** *Many of the thoughts expressed here can be detrimental to the success and growth of the Silver Striker Chapter.* Clearly, there are some areas where the Chapters well-being can be affected. Here is some information to help you know the candidates a little better and how they feel about silver strikes. These are the responses to questions asked of the CC & GTCC officer candidates:

**Mike Skelton, HLM-1003  
Candidate for President**

**A) What is your position on having chapter membership dues paid directly to the National CCGTCC?**

**A)** I can find nowhere (in the Bylaws) or asking President Pincus that Chapter membership dues are paid directly to the National Club. There is no restriction on a chapter having an independent treasury. The only payment to the National Organization that is required is the \$20 (based on the cost of an individual membership to CCGTCC) with the original proposal to establish the chapter.

**B) What is your position on the CCGTCC receiving a commission on the Silver Strikers Auction?**

**B)** I see absolutely nothing wrong with the Club asking that the Silver Strikers or any chapter pay a percentage to the Club to help offset the cost of the facilities at the annual convention, IF they use the space to enrich the Chapter and it's members through an auction or by selling during the meeting. Anyone else who wishes to sell collectibles at the convention either through our auction or at a dealer table has expenses associated with that to help the Club cover the cost of putting on the convention. The space has always been provided free of charge to any chapter for educational purposes or for a chapter meeting. In the past it was always assumed that chapter members were also CCGTCC members and that use of the meeting rooms was just another benefit of membership.

**C) What is your position on making it mandatory for a member of a chapter to also be a member in good standing with the National Organization?**

**C)** I have always felt that one of the purposes of the "local" clubs is to attract people to the hobby. If a person wants to join the local group and not join the National Club that should be OK. As the current Vice President of the CC & GTCC I am looking into ways to entice people to join or renew their membership in the National Club such as offering two for one-room or budget



D) My position may not be popular but I believe that every member of the CC&GTCC should have the opportunity to vote on all of the "Of The Year" winners that are awarded by the National organization.? SS Chapter members aren't excluded from voting for COTY or TOTY and to exclude the general membership from voting for SSOTY would be unfair to every member of the CC&GTCC.? If a chapter wishes to pronounce a specific item to be their "\_\_\_\_\_ Of the Year" there is opportunity to do so at functions held separately from the National Convention and without the National club's endorsement.

**Ralph Myers**  
**Candidate for Membership Officer**

- A) Payment of chapter dues through the National Organization. Aside from any financial reporting and/or income liability issues (the Club is a Section 501 C 3 organization and the matter of processing funds through the Club's treasury needs to be thoroughly examined) in principle, I am not opposed to members being able to perform one stop payment of their annual dues. I would envision this as being a convenience to the memberships involved.
- B) With respect to the Club receiving a commission on the proceeds from the Silver Strikers Chapter auction, conducted in association with the convention, I believe that there should be some degree of remuneration back to the Club. This is based on the fact that the Club is providing the requisite space for the auction and to a great extent the vast majority of participants. If it were not for the convention, it is doubtful that the Silver Strikers Chapter would have as good a turnout for such an auction. At the same time I believe that auctions conducted away from the convention, i.e. via the Internet, telephone and mailing systems are the complete domain of the Silver Strikers Chapter, with all proceeds going to the Chapter Treasury.
- C) Simply stated, I support the idea that every chapter of the CC & GTCC should be comprised of members that are also members of the CC & GTCC. I recognize that this may be a financial hardship for some and we would be faced with a situation of what to do about the existing non-members. These are very valid concerns and considerations. However, I fully believe that a viable solution, in cooperation between Chapter Presidents and the Secretary of the CC & GTCC (who has primary responsibility to work Chapter/CC & GTCC issues at the present time) could be achieved if and when this issue is re-addressed in the future.
- D) I subscribe to the idea that Silver Strike of the Year Awards nominating and judging is a function of the CC & GTCC and that any and all members of the CC & GTCC may nominate and then judge the Silver Strike category. This is just as those same members have been nominating and judging Chip of the Year for past 10 years. I dare say that the vast amount of nominating

**Mike Quinlivan, LM-3194-54**  
**Candidate for Treasurer**

- A)** Each chapter has it's own treasury (as it should be) but the chapter itself should pay the annual membership of \$20 for being a chapter of the International Club.
- B)** Any auctions held by a chapter when not associated with an International event should not be required to pay a commission. But, when an auction is held during an International event (such as the annual convention), a commission should be paid because the chapter benefits from utilizing the facilities provided by the International event
- C)** I firmly believe that members of any chapter should be a member of the CCGTCC. The National Organization endorses the chapter, allows use of our logo and provides space for the chapters to conduct meetings during the convention at no charge. Why should chapter members who pay no dues to our organization be subsidized in any way by the dues paying membership of the National Organization, it's Officers and Volunteers? I know the current Board has met with chapter presidents on this matter in the past and continues to work on it. I am sure that the incoming Board will review the issue as well.
- D)** Any "\_\_\_\_\_" of the Year Award given by the CCGTCC should be voted on by the entire membership. This also ties in with your question "C". Why would the CCGTCC give an award from our organization and only allow mostly non-members of our organization to vote on it?

**Belinda Hixon**  
**Candidate for Secretary**

- A)** I'm not sure I understand your question.? Why would the chapter dues be paid to National (International) at all?? They're chapter dues, not involving the National Club.? Please clarify.
- B)** I believe the Club should receive a commission.? It is a function held during the National convention, with the facilities paid for by the National Club.? The Friday night auction benefits the National organization and I think the Silver Strikers Auction should too.? Just because a separate forum is provided doesn't mean that the same expectations shouldn't be met for both.
- C)** I believe that National organization membership should be mandatory for Chapter membership.? The Club sponsors the Chapters for its members' benefit. National in effect subsidizes those who don't support National and that isn't fair to the membership at large.

coupons at various casinos and match play coupons. Getting people to join the National Club is important but I think that getting people interested in the hobby is the first step and that is where the local clubs come into play. An occasional collector who becomes a serious collector is very likely to join the National Club, especially if he or she is given an additional incentive.

**D) What is your position on letting the Silver Strikers select the Silver Strike of the Year?**

E) I don't think the OTY awards should be segregated by category of collecting. I believe all members of CC & GTCC should be able to vote for any and all categories of awards. I think by exposing all sectors of the membership to the different areas of collecting we expand the potential numbers of collectors in each area. A chip collector may not be knowledgeable enough to nominate a SOTY candidate but they certainly should have the right to vote for the one(s) they think are the prettiest/best.

**Wayne Thompson, HLM-2733  
Candidate for Vice President**

A) At this time I do not believe the International Club is in a position to manage the collection, remittance and tracking of the necessary information to handle chapter dues. We are constantly adding chapters and I believe the burden is too great. In addition, I have seen no reason that would indicate a need to even consider this.

B) Since the Silver Strikers Chapter is the only chapter that is large enough to have their own auction I see no reason the Club has to participate in the revenue. I would qualify this by saying I think it would be the responsibility of the Chapter to do their own auction, like has been done. If the strikes were auctioned in the regular Club auction then I would have a different opinion. The only thing that would change my mind is if as the years go by we have so many chapters running their own auctions that it hurt the Club auction. The Silver Strikers have never been a substantial part of the Club auction so it is not like the Club is losing any revenue.

C) In a perfect world I would support having everyone being a member of the International Club. HOWEVER, if the Club lost the Silver Striker Chapter, the AC Chapter, the Colorado Chapter and the Southern California Chapter (all of which have non-members in their chapters) there wouldn't be much left. Until the chapters get together and decide it is something they want and can live with the International Club would be foolish to try and force the issue. Bottom line, in my mind is a dead issue.

- D)** Even though I am a member of the Silver Strikers Chapter I do not keep up with all the strikes that come out all year and I think this is true of many Club members. I encouraged the Club to include the SSOTY award and I believe the members of the Silver Strikers Chapter should be the ones to select the award winners. I would support the same thing for the Slot Card Chapter or any other specialty chapter. If someone feels strongly about wanting to participate in the selection process all they have to do is join the individual chapter. It's not like the cost is prohibitive.

**John Zoesch, R-3145**  
**Candidate for Vice President**

- A)** As long as there is no requirement for members of the chapter to be members of the National Club I don't see any reason for the National Club to collect chapter dues. If it were to become a requirement in the future that all chapter members must be National Club members then there would be some advantages to having one group collect all of the money.
- B)** I am not familiar with your Chapter auction and in fact could only find one reference to it in this year's convention magazine. Since I am not familiar with it I will try to answer as best I can. If the purpose of the auction is to sell a few strikes at the Chapter meeting held during the convention then I don't see the need for the National Club to collect a commission. Every chapter has their trade and/or auction session as part of their meetings. However, if the purpose of the auction is to conduct a separate auction simply to avoid the commission or to do anything to attract sellers or bidders away from the National Club auction then as a current board member I would have to say that the commission is due to the Club. As you can see there is a fine line here and I would need some more information about the auction to give a more definitive answer. Remember that if you are holding your chapter meeting in a clubroom at the Tropicana then the National Club is paying for that room. The Club auction is one of the ways that we pay for those extra rooms.
- C)** If a chapter member IS NOT a member of the International Club, then that member is receiving virtually the same benefits that a chapter member who IS a member of the International Club has. I believe that all chapter members should also be direct members of the International, not just "indirect" members through association.
- D)** I believe that all members of the CC & GTCC should be able to nominate and vote on the Silver Strike of the Year.

and actual judging of the Silver Strikes category has been done by Silver Strikers Chapter members. However, I believe that the selection and awarding process from an organization as large as the CC & GTCC and in concert with the CC & GTCC's other awards programs (the COTY, TOTY and the newly established Slot Card/Room Key of the Year) a greater degree of prestige is affixed to the award.

**Sunday Silverman, R-5757**  
**Candidate for Membership Officer**

- A) I don't believe that chapter dues should be payable to the International Club. I believe that they are two totally separate fiscal entities.
  
- B) Due to my ignorance, I'm not sure when the Silver Strikers auction is held. If it is held during the convention in June, then I believe that the same buyers/sellers fees should be paid to the Club as the chip auction. In fact, I don't see why they aren't held in unison, unless time is the restriction. If on the other hand the auction is held at a different time and place from the convention, then I see no reason for the chapter to pay any fees. Other chapters hold auctions at every meeting and I don't believe they pay any fees to the Club.
  
- C) I don't think a member of a chapter should have to be a member of the CC & GTCC, although I don't understand why one wouldn't want to be. The benefits of Club membership speak for themselves.
  
- D) Any member of the International Club can nominate and also vote for Chip, Token, Slot Card/Room Key and Silver Strike of the Year if he/she chooses to do so. To limit the voting for Silver Strike of the Year to the Silver Striker Chapter ONLY would be unfair to the International membership at large. Voting for Best of the Year categories is just another privilege of being an International member.

**CONVENTION EXHIBITS – PARTICIPATE!**

The CC&GTCC Convention, June 2003, will offer an opportunity to display some of the prized strikes that each collector has gathered. Only one silver strike exhibit was present at the 2002 convention and yet it took first place. Start getting it together now and check the next CC&GTCC magazine on information of how to enter. **Another reason to belong to CC&GTCC!**

## BE A PART OF THE SILVER STRIKE OF THE YEAR SELECTION!

Even though this competition is decided by the entire membership of CC&GTCC, the 300 CC&GTCC members of the Silver Striker Chapter carry enough votes to do the selecting. Hence, when you get the opportunity to make a nomination, do so, and then **vote** for the finalist. There have been several outstanding strikes in the year of 2002, and competition should be keen.

### THE \$2 "SILVER STRIKE"

This was a venture of Anchor Gaming in 1994 and 1995. They tried their souvenir token in a 5 cent machine-the prize was a \$2 brass "silver strike". Nevada had 3 casinos give it a try: The Aladdin and Harrah's Reno offered the Seven Wonders of the World and The Edgewater in Laughlin did "Eleven Wonders". The Teller House in Colorado offered seven Man Made Wonders and seven Natural Wonders. The Grand in Colorado played the Seven Wonders with both 1994 and 1995 dates. Deadwood went all out and had the Seven Wonders dated 1994 and 1995 plus four cars and five motorcycles.

That was the end of the series. There are several varieties available if you want to stretch the collection.

### NEW CONCEPT IN "THE CHASE STRIKE"

One of the most asked questions by silver strikers is: "How many were made." By answering this question, Sierra Sid's in Sparks has created a new concept in defining a "chaser" strike. The casino has announced that they will only produce 500 of the new Pony Express \$10 silver strikes: one-dated 2002 and another dated 2003.

**Both** issues of the Pony Express strike are in **blue cases**. The 500 mintage is not indicated on the strike itself, but the strikers have the word of the casino that number will be made. The strike will be limited to 5 blue caps per fill (both 2002 and 2003 dates will make up the 5) of 50 for as long as they last. The casino will trade a blue case for another if you don't get the date you wanted.



## SPARKS NUGGET TO INTRODUCE NEW STRIKES

The new \$10 and \$200 (2 each) silver strikes are now in play at the Sparks Nugget. One set has the artwork of the famous "golden rooster." It wasn't famous in the beginning, as it was a statue created to give identity to a new restaurant in 1958 at the Nugget called the Golden Rooster Room. The Golden Rooster statue was created with 18-karat gold and weighed 206.3 troy ounces, by a local silver smith. It was produced in four months and then placed on prominent display in a glass case at the Casino for all to see. It only took 7 months to become "famous." The U. S. Treasury Department charged the Nugget with violation of the Gold Reserve Act, which makes it unlawful for a private individual to have more than 50 ounces of gold in his possession unless it is the form of an object of art. The Rooster was confiscated but after 18 months, the issue was dropped. In July of 1960, the Government came again. It took two years, but the Golden Rooster was declared an art object and once again put on display. In 1987, the Golden Rooster Room was closed and the Rooster left public view. It once again was put on display when the new hotel lobby was completed.

The newest restaurant at the Sparks Nugget is the Restaurante Orozko which has old country charm inspired by the Basque villages in the Pyrenees, from which John and Rose Ascuaga's parents emigrated. "The Shepherd" statue honors the Ascuaga's parents and the many Basque immigrants who helped settle the American West. Shepherders are an icon of Basque culture; they represent the way of life and the indomitable spirit of the people.

The Statue depicts a shepherd shielding a lamb from the cold in the lonely mountains of the American West. His dog, tucked close to his feet, located the lamb amid the quaking aspens and rocky landscape. The reverse of the \$200 strike contains a tribute to the Ascuaga's parents. The \$200 strikes are a 20-\$10 trade of like-for-like strikes.



**SUBMIT YOUR SILVER STRIKES FOR THE 2003  
CONVENTION "STRIKER" AUCTION**

(Not to be confused with the big auction of CC&GTCC)

Each Silver Striker member is entitled to submit two (2) silver strikes for the Club's auction held of Thursday night at the convention. Some great strikes have found new homes via this auction and some decent prices have been paid. We ask that the strikes are at least somewhat rare and carry a premium. There is a 10% seller fee. Send the strikes and your minimum bid to: Jack Haddock, P. O. Box 7544, Reno, NV 89510.

**2003 - GAMING SHOWS**

1/12	Florida Chapter Annual Meeting at the FUN Show
1/17-1/18	Palace Station, Las Vegas
2/21-2/22	River Palms Casino, Laughlin, NV
3/22	Casinorama, Arcadia, CA
4/11-4/12	Chinook Winds Casino, Lincoln City, OR
6/25-6/28	CC&GTCC 11 <sup>th</sup> Convention, Tropicana, LV

**E-BAY RESULTS**

<u>CASINO ISSUING STRIKE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>HIGH BID</u>
<b>\$7 STRIKES</b>		
Stardust	Full reed "LM" mint	\$124
Sierra Sid's	International Truck	70
<b>\$10 STRIKES</b>		
Golden Gate, Las Vegas	Trolley	212
Union Plaza, Las Vegas	2 Fer	501
California, Las Vegas	2001 Yr. of the Snake	87
Treasure Island, Las Vegas	Crossed Swords	76
Four Queens, Las Vegas	Interim Diamonds "S" mint	74
Mesquite Star	Marshall Badge	113
Sierra Sid's, Sparks	2001 Reno Arch	41
<b>OTHER DENOMINATIONS</b>		
\$200 Bally's	3 Line Liberty Walking	380

**CURRENT NOMINATIONS SILVER STRIKER CHAPTER  
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PALMS \$200 Hotel

## **DID YOU HEAR?**

Bills at Lake Tahoe is working on new artwork.

Mr. B's has released their new strike depicting a covered wagon.

Silverton is going to re-issue the 3 strikes that say "Celebrating the Millenium" without that wording in the logo.

Reno Hilton is awaiting the arrival of new strikes for the year of the Ram and the year of the Horse. The millennium series is almost gone.

Caesars Palace, Las Vegas has replaced the Winged Victory with the antique finish with a proof finish.

Suncoast's Pentagon strike is NOT intended to be a limited issue in any way.

New York New York has their 4 new patriotic strikes in play.

O'sheas and the LV Flamingo still plan to put the patriotic strikes in play.

Palms Casino is to put a new \$10 strike into play featuring Brenden Theaters. They also will be issuing a \$200 strike with the Pentagon as the artwork. A beauty! They are also working on artwork for 4-\$20 strikes with Seattle Slew on them. They celebrate The Triple Crown, Kentucky Derby Belmont Stakes and The Preakness. There is to be a \$200 strike for this series also with plans to release before the convention.

## **LAS VEGAS CASINOS WHICH SELL SILVER STRIKES**

### **(SELL OBSOLETE STRIKES)**

Tropicana, MGM Grand, Hard Rock, Harrah's, Boulder Station, Palace Station, Riviera, Fremont, Slots A Fun, Plaza, Horseshoe, Fiesta, Stratosphere, Excalibur, Mandalay Bay

### **(CASINOS THAT TRADE TO COMPLETE SETS)**

Slots A Fun, Westward Ho, New York New York

## **NEVADA CASINOS WITH SILVER STRIKES IN PLAY**

Below is a current listing for Nevada Casinos currently in the *Silver Strike Program*. Please feel free to contact us with any updates/changes:

### **LAS VEGAS BOULEVARD (STRIP):**

Aladdin, Bally's, Barbary Coast, Bellagio, Caesars Palace, Las Vegas Hilton, Imperial Palace, Luxor, Mirage, Monte Carlo, New Frontier, New York New

York, Palms, Paris, Sahara, Slots-A-Fun, San Remo, Stratosphere, Treasure Island, Venetian, Westward Ho.

**FREMONT AREA (DOWNTOWN):**

California, El Cortez, Golden Gate, Golden Nugget, Las Vegas Club, Plaza.

**OFF STRIP:**

Gold Coast, McCarran Airport, Orleans, Sam's Town, Silverton, Suncoast, Flamingo Hilton (Laughlin), Pioneer (Laughlin), Primm Valley (Primm), Buffalo Bill's (Primm)

**NORTHERN NEVADA:**

Atlantis, Bills, Caesar's, Delta Saloon, Eldorado, Fitzgerald's, Harvey's, Mr. B's, Peppermill, Red Garter, Reno Airport, Reno Hilton, Sands, Silver Legacy, Sparks Nugget, Sundowner, Stockman's.

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