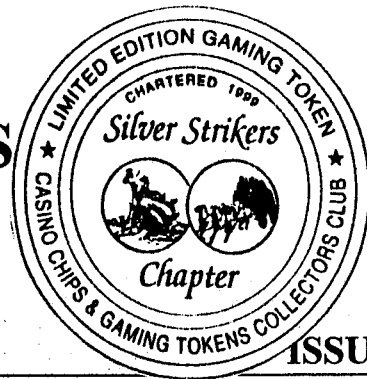


SILVER STRIKERS

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Greetings to all the silver strike collectors out there. It has been about two months since the convention and the fun and excitement of Las Vegas is still on my mind. I look forward to the convention every year and I am already making plans and getting things done for the upcoming 2004 convention. This convention will mark out fifth anniversary as a Chapter. It is hard to believe the strides this Chapter has made over the past four years. We started as a group of sixty silver strike enthusiasts with a common goal of forming a chapter just for silver strike collectors. Year after year the number of members joining our Chapter has grown and it continues to grow as we speak. We are now one of the largest Chapters of CC & GTCC and have nearly 600 members from all over the USA, Canada and the United Kingdom. I have been told that silver strike collecting is the newest trend sweeping the county. I don't know if this is true but is sure sounds good to me. Let's keep up the recruiting efforts and keep our Chapter growing. If you know of someone who is not a member and they are interested in joining just go to our Website at www.silverstrikers.com and download a membership application, have them fill it out, attach their membership dues and send it in.

The Founding Board of the Silver Strikers Chapter did some very exciting things for our Chapter during the first four years. The one thing that I think is the most remarkable and will be for years to come is that they were able to get commemorative Chapter and Club logo strikes produced and put into play just for us. Did you know that during the past three years we have had our Chapter or the Club logo on ten different silver strikes and have had five different casinos put them into play for us to win? These commemorative logo silver strikes are must haves for every collector I know. Do you have them all in your collection? Let's hope we are able to continue with this trend in the future. I have been informed that it will be harder this coming year than in years past. This I have been told is due to a number of complaints from collectors of gaming related items to the Gaming Control Board. Due to these complaints approval is no longer a given and may not be granted for us as it has been in the past. Many of you may not be aware but the Control Board did not allow us to have our Clubs name on a live chip for this year's convention. This was a first for us and I hope it can be turned around. Please do not make complaints directly to the Commission because this has caused them to look negatively upon us as collectors and may cause them not to grant any approvals for the use of our logos on strikes in the future. This is a very sensitive subject and is

something the CC & GTCC Board is working on. Let's hope they are able to succeed in their endeavor and turn this around. I sure hope so.

Now on to a more positive subject. Several Nevada casinos have put new silver strikes into play during the past two months. I won't list them all but here are some of them to wet your appetite. The Reno/Tahoe Airport released a new set in July and John A's Nugget, Sparks, has a new set out with a Perfect Then and Perfect Now theme. New York New York has a new series out depicting Rita Rudner. The Palms is about to release a new series with a Playboy theme and it took less than an hour for the Four Queens to run out of their newest \$200 Joker silver strike that had a mintage of only 100. Let's hope that they will increase the mintage in the future so more collectors will have a shot at one. I sure do look forward to seeing the Nevada Gaming Control Board's approval list every month to see what is newly approved and who will be issuing them. It is like a kid in a candy store looking for a treat. I wish we could get the same kind of information from other states that have silver strikes. It sure would be nice. Many of you know that IGT is working on a new silver strike machine that will be totally different than the current style that we are used to playing on. It will be a welcome improvement over the current design that has a problem with hopper jams. It would be great to see strike machines in play in every casino in the country. We sure would have a bunch of strikes to play for and collect. But, we won't see that until the new machines are approved and available. The old machines are breaking down and are being removed from service due to a lack of new parts to repair them. I have been told that there are less than 150 strike machines left in play. I sure hope that IGT puts their new machines into play soon. I wish they were ready to go and approved for use in the casinos now. We are running out of strike machines to play on. Did you know that strike machines are still in play in the following casinos outside the State of Nevada? 1) Chip-In Casino, Harris, Michigan, 2) Fortune Bay Casino, Tower, Minnesota, 3) Imperial Palace, Biloxi, Mississippi, 4) Isleta Casino, Albe, New Mexico, 5) Bad River Casino, Odanah, Wisconsin and 6) St. Croix Casino, Turtle Lake, Wisconsin. If you are traveling this great country of ours and are in the area of any of these casinos, stop in and give the strike machines a spin. You're sure to win a strike or two. Once the new machines are available and in play this list should grow. It would be great to see strikes back in the markets that once had them. I know I would love to be able to go to the casinos in Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, North Dakota and South Dakota and play for new silver strikes. How about that for a list of states that have had strikes in play in the past. Let's hope that they will put them back in play once the new machines become available. Happy trails to you and keep on striking.

Best In Collecting
Don T. Nesbitt, Jr., 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:**

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SILVER STRIKERS CHAPTER INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT 07/01/2002 through 06/30/2003

INCOME

Income	
Advertisement	170.00
Convention T-shirts Sales	18.50
Donations	17.00
Interest	7.92
Membership Dues	4,014.00
Membership Processing Fee	465.00
Membership Roster	269.00
Miscellaneous	<u>40.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	5,001.42

EXPENSES

Advertisement		135.70
Bank Charge		47.50
Chapter Membership Dues	20.00	
Reimbursed Expenses	<u>74.00</u>	
TOTAL Chapter Membership Dues		94.00
Convention Expenses	163.85	
Annual Awards	48.00	
Officer Awards	<u>263.78</u>	
TOTAL Convention Expenses		475.63
Miscellaneous		17.00
Newsletter		
Postage	1,246.11	
Printing	<u>1,827.69</u>	
TOTAL Newsletter		3,073.80
Office Supplies		
Postage	451.45	
Supplies	<u>411.83</u>	
TOTAL Office Supplies		863.28
Telephone		556.02
TOTAL EXPENSES		5,262.93

NET DIFFERENCE -261.51

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE 07/01/2002 4,157.00

ENDING CASH BALANCE 06/30/2003 3,895.49

Submitted By: Ed Ciesla, Treasurer

2003 GAMING SHOWS

9/19-9/20	Phoenix Casino-Reno, Nevada
10/11	Florida Swap Meet-Tampa, Florida
10/18	Casinorama-Arcadia, California
11/7-11/8	Palms-Las Vegas, Nevada
01/29-01/30/04	San Remo-Las Vegas, Nevada
06/16-06/19/04	12 th Annual CCGTCC Convention-Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF CC>CC?

CC>CC (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>CC events, enlarges your circle of collectors to over 2000, and gives ability to *VOTE* on elections, competitions, and policy changes.

The dues are \$20 a year and if you want to join send dues and your mailing info to: CC>CC 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	http://www.ccgfcc.com
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Slab Free	http://www.slabfree.com
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LET'S PASS THE CENTURY MARK AGAIN!

Let's continue the tradition we started a few years back-getting over 100 new members for the Chapter in our annual Membership Drive. This year, our goal is 105 new members. The dates for the drive qualification are July 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004. We are currently working out the details of the rewards for sponsoring new members. Look for the reward structure in the next Newsletter. Make sure you put your name on any membership application you have so we will know to give you credit.

Kevin Pyles, 1st Vice President/Membership

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PROMOTING THE STRIKE COLLECTING HOBBY

Hi everyone. I've got great news for you. Len Cipkins, Publicity Director for the CC & GTCC, has made arrangements for me to write an article about silver strikes and our chapter and it will be in the September 26th issue of the "Heart of America Casino News" newsletter. The newsletter is based in Missouri. Now, you may be wondering how this terrific opportunity came about so I'm going to tell you.

On August 21st, there was a post on the Chipboard bulletin board about an article that Michael Knapp had published in the **Global Gaming Business** magazine. The title of it was "Chips & Tokens: The Limited Edition Phenomenon" and because I also collect chips I was really interested in reading it. Unfortunately, the article didn't print out well. I lost a lot of text on the right hand side of the page as well as the last six or seven lines of text at the bottom of the page. I

contacted Len Cipkins and asked if there were some way to get a hard copy of the article and explained to him the problem I had when I downloaded it. He said sure. He had some extra copies of the magazine and he would send me one. All he wanted was two \$1 current Nevada chips to pay for the postage. Well, because I'm a very generous person and I really appreciated him being willing to send me the whole magazine and not just a photocopy of it I sent him six chips, not two. When he received the chips he sent me an email and sort of chewed me out (in a nice way) and said it wasn't necessary to send that many but because I did would I be up to the "challenge" to write an article about silver strikes and the Chapter if he could arrange it. Len and I had talked a couple of times prior to this request of mine so he knew that I was the Publicity & Promotions Chair for the **Silver Strikers Chapter** and therefore this opportunity wasn't being offered out of the blue. I told him I'd sure give it the "ole" college try. Lo and behold, a couple of days later he said everything had been arranged and now it was up to me. And that is how this all came about.

But problems arose. Len told me that scans of strikes would also be included in the article so I came up with what I thought was a brilliant idea. The newsletter is about Missouri happenings so why not have Missouri strikes shown along with our Chapter strike? It seemed logical to me. Guess what? I don't have any Missouri strikes in my collection and although I set my dpi at 300, the scans of my Chapter strikes didn't have enough clarity for reproduction. Now what was I supposed to do? Another brilliant idea popped into my head. I posted an SOS message on the Strikepoint bulletin board explaining that I needed scans of Missouri strikes and our Chapter strike. That was the best thing I could have done. About seven people responded to my cry for help. Emails were bouncing back and forth for five or six days. During that interval I learned some interesting things about silver strikes and about casinos in Missouri. Did you know that Jimmy Mahan played the \$7 machine in Harvey's in Lake Tahoe shortly after it was introduced and hit the 250 coin jackpot? The machine began to spit our strikes and the Casino ran out of them after about two racks. Jimmy still has some left. And, the President on the Admiral St. Louis Casino recently sold their remaining strikes at the cashier's cage and they included a couple of \$20 Mark Twain strikes that weren't even know to exist. Both of these little tidbits are included in the article.

Well, that's how all of this came about. The article is just about completed. All it needs now is some editing and although it was suggested that it be approximately 800 words, it isn't because with the help and information given to me by Dennis Finn, Don Nesbitt, Mike Phillips, Kevin Pyles and Jerry Weisenbacher it has sort of mushroomed into a document that now has 1525 words in it. And one of the perks is that they'll also run an ad for us. All of this at no charge too. I especially want to thank Len Cipkins for his part in making this happen. Without his perseverance my writing this article wouldn't have been a reality. I had no idea that sending those extra four \$1 chips would bring about results like this.

Kitty Stoops. Publicity & Promotions Chair, SS-416

TO HOLD A SLOT TOURNAMENT???

In the last newsletter, we asked you to vote on whether or not we should pursue holding a silver strike slot tournament in December. The membership has spoken! Or at least a very small part of the membership has spoken. Just 25 votes were received (18 for and 7 against), representing less than 5% of the membership. That small number of responses is a clear indication of the lack of interest in pursuing a silver strike tournament in Las Vegas in mid December.

As it happens, the casino reps we were working with put the proposal information to the folks at IGT. Their reply was that the idea to produce a limited number of strikes and make them available only to slot tournament entrants would NOT be approved by the Gaming Commission. So, it is safe to say that the idea has been put to rest.

DID YOU HEAR?

Four Queens, Las Vegas-Continues with the "blue chaser" releases and just released the 5th in the series of \$200's, the Joker on September 3rd. This \$200 was limited to 100 minted and was totally redeemed in less than one hour! Thanks to Peter Van der Kar for pointing out that the Joker is the first "true silver strike" since the \$7's were in play. No brass, no gold highlights, pure silver.

John A's Nugget, Sparks-Has in play new \$10 strikes, Perfect Then, Perfect Now plus a new \$200 strike, Perfect Then-Perfect Now.

New York New York, Las Vegas-Has two of the three approved Rita Rudner \$10 strikes in play.

Palms, Las Vegas-Will be releasing into play mid September four new Playboy strikes, Small Bunny, Large Bunny, Hugh Heffner and Playboy's 50th Anniversary plus a new \$200 strike, Playboy's 50th Anniversary Shield.

Sahara, Las Vegas-Looks like a 50th Anniversary "error" strike is in play.

Treasure Island, Las Vegas-Which is in the process of changing it's name to just TI has issued into play a 2003 \$10 strike depicting the pirate ship but still carrying the old Treasure Island name. This one has caused some confusion as to quantities minted and being released.

NEVADA CASINOS WITH SILVER STRIKES IN PLAY

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

LAS VEGAS BOULEVARD (STRIP):

Aladdin, Bally's, Barbary Coast, Bellagio, Boardwalk, Caesars Palace, Flamingo Las Vegas, Las Vegas Hilton, Imperial Palace, Mirage, New Frontier, New York New York, O'Shea's, Palms, Paris, Sahara, Slots-A-Fun, San Remo, Stratosphere, Treasure Island, Venetian, Westward Ho.

FREMONT AREA (DOWNTOWN):

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

OFF STRIP:

Gold Coast, McCarran Airport, Orleans, Sam's Town, Silverton, Flamingo Laughlin (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, Sierra Sid's, Silver Legacy, Sparks Nugget, Sundowner, Stockman's.

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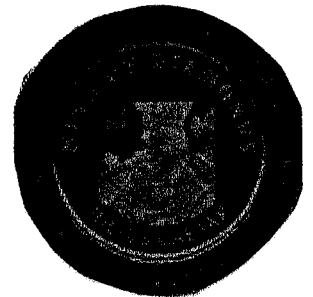
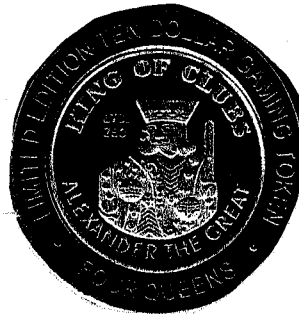
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