

# ***SILVER STRIKERS***

## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Hello Fellow Silver Strikers,

The annual convention is just around the corner. Your officers have been working hard to give you a great time and lots of events and a memorable time. Do try and attend, meet your fellow collectors and find many additions to your collection.

As you may have heard by now, the BOD of the CCGTCC in their January meeting after much discussion and under the advice of council have voted 5-0 to revoke the charters of all the chapters in an effort to protect the 501(c)(3) tax status of the national club. First off, let me say that this will not have any effect on the upcoming convention activities we have planned. We will still have our business meeting, trade sessions, auction and all the fun and fellowship as in years past. Soon the officers will be holding a board meeting to discuss the course of action we need to take to move forward. We will be working towards organizing our own club and seek tax exempt status along with insurance to cover our activities. There will be additional expenses in forming our own Club, but we have good operating costs experience, so appropriate budgets can be compiled to determine our future income requirements. Advice from CPAs and attorneys will be sought, so if you have an expertise that can help us achieve our goals, please come forward. We will reorganize as a Club and though our name will change, the fun will remain the same.

At last count we have 583 Silver Strikers members, of which around 304 are CCGTCC members. There are several dedicated collectors and volunteers working toward a common goal of having a successful silver strike hobby. We hope to maintain a spirit of cooperation with CCGTCC as our interests are gaming related and participating in future annual conventions is most likely something our membership would enjoy.

Let's all work toward a bright future and maintain patience, as all that needs to take place won't happen over night. Your participation at the annual meeting is encouraged, as many of the actions required to achieve our goals will happen there.

Lets keep having FUN

Your President,

Don T. Nesbitt, Jr.

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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>LISA JUNG</b>	<a href="http://chippermel.lvha.net">http://chippermel.lvha.net</a>	<b>CHSS-102</b>
<b>JOHNNY LONG</b>	<a href="http://www.home.att.net/~Goju/SilverStrikes.html">www.home.att.net/~Goju/SilverStrikes.html</a>	<b>CHSS-090</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>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>DAVE RUFFELL</b>	<a href="http://www./home.earthlink.net/~daveruffell">www./home.earthlink.net/~daveruffell</a>	<b>CHSS -</b>
<b>GEORGE &amp; PAT LINDERMAN</b>	<a href="http://www.hometown.aol.com/linpatmar/myhomepage/business.html">www.hometown.aol.com/linpatmar/myhomepage/business.html</a>	<b>SS-351 &amp; SS-352</b>
<b>NEVADA GAMING COMMISSION'S MONTHLY APPROVAL LIST</b>	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/rireno/gaming.html">www.geocities.com/rireno/gaming.html</a>	
<b>SILVER STRIKERS BULLETIN BOARD</b>	<a href="http://www.thestrikepoint.com">www.thestrikepoint.com</a>	
<b>OFFICIAL SILVER STRIKERS WEB SITE</b>	<a href="http://www.silverstrikers.com">www.silverstrikers.com</a>	

## **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SPEEDS TOWARDS THE FINISH!!**

**Dates for Drive Qualification: July 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004**

**We are well on our way to our goal of 105 new members.** We have added **69** new members to our Chapter since our membership drive started on July 1<sup>st</sup>. **Participation from all our members is needed.** There are a number of members that are close to reaching one of the prize levels. You could be one, so get out there and sign up some more new members!

**Dates for Drive Qualification: July 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004.**

For sponsoring **6** new members you will receive a **\$25 Tiny Treasures Gift Certificate and a Silver Strikers Chapter T-Shirt.**

For sponsoring **12** new members you will receive a **\$50 Tiny Treasures Gift Certificate and a Silver Strikers Chapter T-Shirt.**

For sponsoring **20** new members you will receive a **\$75 Tiny Treasures Gift Certificate and a Silver Strikers Chapter T-Shirt.**

In the Newsletter, as in the past, we have inserted a Silver Strikers application for you to pass on to a prospective new member. **Make sure you put your name on the application so that we will know you are the sponsor.**

**KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK – 3 MONTHS TO GO!!**

Kevin Pyles, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Membership

## **CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS**

**We need your help at the 2004 Convention.** Convention time is fast approaching. The Silver Strikers Club will have a membership table again this year. We want to promote our Club to all of the Convention attendees. At the table, we will be signing up new members, collecting membership dues, and taking orders for Club Rosters. We will also be there to answer any questions visitors have about the Silver Strikers Chapter.

We are asking that Club members volunteer to take a turn manning the membership table for two-hour shifts. This will enable us all to assist in promoting the Club, and at the same time, still enjoy the rest of the Convention. The table needs to be staffed from open to close, for three days, so we will need all the support we can get. Please try to find a way to fit a two-hour shift into your Convention plans. Let me know what days and hours you would be available. It would be a big help to have alternate times, so scheduling can be completed. Please notify me at the following address:

**SILVER STRIKERS – C/O  
Kevin Pyles, 1225 Wellington Ct. S  
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-1599**

You can also email me at [silverstrikers@comcast.net](mailto:silverstrikers@comcast.net)  
Kevin Pyles, Membership Officer

## CONVENTION EXHIBITS WANTED

At the 2003 convention, Silver Strikers placed Second and Third in the exhibits and had almost half of the exhibits. There is no charge to enter so why not?

The exhibits will be of both competitive and non-competitive nature and there is no charge for entering an exhibit, but you must contact Joe Shaw, Exhibit Chairman to reserve a space. Showcases are provided free of charge for those who need one for their exhibit. This is a highlight of the convention and many members commented how much they enjoyed last year's exhibits. We look forward to having some excellent presentations. If you have any questions regarding the exhibits, or wish to reserve a space, contact [Joe Shaw](mailto:Joe.Shaw@databzr@casino-chip.com) [databzr@casino-chip.com](mailto:databzr@casino-chip.com)

## ARTICLES WANTED!!

In order for this newsletter to remain interesting and broad in scope, **YOU** are requested to participate by sending articles – short or long – to be included here. Many of you have had interesting experiences while chasing silver strikes that would be great to share and others of you know something about silver strikes you've never seen any information on.

## THANKS JERRY FOR YOUR HARD WORK!

*Jerry Weisenbacher* has been the Silver Stikers Club newsletter editor since July of 2001. This is one of the most active roles within the Chapter and calls for a lot of dedication and effort. Jerry has decided to retire from this position, and certainly he has done a fine job over the years. His service is to be commended and when you come across Jerry, tell him *Thanks!*

## 2004-GAMING SHOWS

3/20	CASINORAMA, Arcadia Masonic Hall, CA
06/16-06/19	12 <sup>th</sup> Annual CCGTCC Convention-Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada
9/17-9/18	Reno Casino Collectible Show, Golden Phoenix

## E-BAY RESULTS

<u>CASINO ISSUING STRIKE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>HIGH BID</u>
<b>\$7 STRIKES</b>		
Comstock, Reno	Train	\$80
Sierra Sid's, Sparks	Freightliner (76)	\$193
<b>\$10 STRIKES</b>		
Sierra Sid's, Sparks	Buffalo, (solid window)	\$212
Sierra Sid's, Sparks	Buffalo, (split window)	\$90
Caesars Tahoe	Sports 4 in 1 ltd 777	\$81
Sundowner, Reno	Two Indians	\$208
Silver City, Las Vegas	Puffless miner	\$153
Silver City, Las Vegas	Miner (hearts & stars)	\$70
Slots-a-fun, Las Vegas	Pink ltd 500	\$91
Gold Ranch, Verdi	Panner	\$178
<b>OTHER DENOMINATIONS</b>		
\$40 Las Vegas Club	Tournament strike	\$212
\$20 Harrah's, AC	15 anniv/lighthouse	\$77

## "SILVER STRIKE" HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

It is time again to nominate Silver Strikes for the Hall of Fame. You may nominate 3 strikes for the Hall of Fame. The cut off date for nominations will be **April 10, 2004**. It can be a strike of any domination you think has great artwork or just one that strikes your fancy. If you sent nominations last year and yours was not selected you can resubmit it again. The nominations will be published in the May newsletter and the actual voting will take place in May. The winners will be announced at the convention.

Last year we had a good response for the nominations but I think we can do even better. Please, participate and make your chapter a better organization and more meaningful to you and others.

Nominations can be sent by mail to:

**Jo Riefer**  
**2283 Panoramic Dr.**  
**Concord, Ca 94520.**

**Nominations by email to [jonick@lycos.com](mailto:jonick@lycos.com)**

Thanks,  
 Jo Riefer, Hall of Fame Chairperson

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

Each year the various gaming establishments around the world release thousands of new chips, tokens and silver strikes. The Chip, Token and Silver Strike of the Year Award is our way of recognizing the design and beauty of these pieces. The selection process is open to all members of the CC & GTCC.

The Club will be awarding 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards in all three categories for chips, tokens and silver strikes that were released during the calendar year 2003.

**Pictures at: [www.gamingore.com/gallery2003?dir=ssoty](http://www.gamingore.com/gallery2003?dir=ssoty)**

All that is required for Club Members to actively participate in this annual contest is to submit YOUR nomination on the form that will be provided with the First Quarter issue of the Club magazine. Everyone who submits a nomination will automatically be placed on the judging committee to select the best of the very best nominations. Associate members are also encouraged to submit their nominations as well.

Even though this competition is decided by the entire **membership of CC&GTCC**, the CC&GTCC members of the Silver Strikers 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 2003, and competition should be keen.

## **2004 Convention Countdown**

As impossible as it is to believe, the 2004 CC&GTCC Convention is just 3 months away! Time to start saving your pennies and getting your travel plans finalized.

Throughout the newsletter you will find information on Convention-related topics. Give strong consideration to entering an exhibit – I found it a very worthwhile and fun project last year (although my display finished behind Jack Haddock's and Bill Brooks' in the voting). Even if you can't submit an exhibit, make sure you participate in the balloting for the Silver Strike Hall of Fame and the Silver Strike of the Year. And block out some time to work at the Silver Strikers table on the Convention floor. It is a great way to meet your fellow members as well as tell potential members about our hobby.

When making your travel plans, you should know that we will be holding another "early bird trading session" on the Tuesday evening before the Convention kicks off. We are currently looking at a couple of locations, and we know you will enjoy seeing all your old friends and making a trade or two. Last year was very well attended, and we plan to make this year's even better! More details will follow in the May newsletter.

The past couple of years, we have organized Silver Striker tables at the Early Bird Banquet on Wednesday night and we are doing that again this year. Come to the banquet and enjoy the company of your fellow Silver Strikers – you'll have a great time. And the "Top of the Riv" is a great location. **Remember that you must be a member of the CC&GTCC, not just the Silver Strike Chapter, in order to attend the banquet.** If you want to join us, send the names, \$35 per person (money orders preferred) along with the CC&GTCC membership number for each person to:

Doug Conley  
Early Bird Banquet  
10353 Felice Avenue  
Las Vegas, NV 89135

As soon as I get 10 people signed up, I will set up a table. If you have any questions, you can e-mail me at [lvsilverstriker@cox.net](mailto:lvsilverstriker@cox.net).

The Silver Striker Forum on Thursday afternoon promises to be an interesting and informative session, so plan to join us. Likewise, the Thursday evening business meeting, followed by the always-popular auction will be well worth attending. See you in June!

Doug Conley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

## INTRIUM OPERATION OF SILVER STRIKER CLUB

**In light of the CC&GTCC action revoking the Chapter Charter, the Board of the former Silver Strikers Chapter has met in telephonic conference and decided on the following emergency course of action on an interim basis only until the regularly scheduled meeting at the convention.**

**The By-Laws continue to be our governing document, since only the Chapter charter has been revoked. The By-Laws authorize the Board to take any actions deemed necessary for the welfare of the current organization. Therefore, the current Board will continue to function on an interim basis in their current capacity and take such actions as are necessary to preserve the organization until the convention, where the members shall decide on any future course of action. This will allow us to continue preparations for the convention, administer the treasury and make provisions for the group to decide on our future.**

**AUCTION LOTS WANTED!!**

The auction will be held **Thursday, June 17, 2004**. Some great strikes have been submitted over the years and some super prices have been realized. It's time to get the next *Silver Strike Auction* together with yet more top material. Send in those consignments as soon as possible so that they can be properly promoted. **Cut off is April 15, 2004** to accept lots. Please keep the **quality up** and put desirable strikes in the auction.

**AUCTION 2004-SUBMISSION FORM *Silver Striker Club***  
(Please type or print clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Silver Striker # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: **Jack Haddock, P.O. Box 7544, Reno, NV 89510**

Auction Lots to be enclosed (NO RESERVES-10% Seller's Fee)  
(Only 4 LOTS PER MEMBER UNLESS 30 LOTS NOT FILLED)  
(Lots must contain no more than 4 strikes  
with a minimum total value of \$75.00)

DESCRIPTION: (state "opening bid")

1. (    ) \_\_\_\_\_
2. (    ) \_\_\_\_\_
3. (    ) \_\_\_\_\_
4. (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to abide by the rules of the auction and acknowledge that a seller's fee of 10% due the Silver Strikers Club is charged. Payment to consignors will be made by mail within two (2) weeks of the actual auction.

Consignor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lot #      SOME SAMPLES OF THE 2004 CONSIGNMENTS:**

300	\$7	(\$100) KING 8, LV – Truck (310027)
300	\$10	(\$150) SIERRA SIDS, Sparks – Eagle / solid window
300	\$10	(\$140) GOLDEN GATE, Las Vegas – Golden Gate Bridge
300	\$10	(\$90) RIVERBOAT, Reno – Sylvan Del (300158)
300	\$10	(\$40) HARD ROCK, Las Vegas – The Joint "G" mint (300736)
300	\$10	(\$400) GOLD COUNTRY, Elko – Train "G" mint (301827)
300	\$10	(\$100) MR. B'S, MILL CITY – 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary (300261)
300	\$40	(\$100) TAJ MAHAL, Atlantic City – Eiffle Tower



## NON NEVADA SILVER STRIKES CONNECTICUT

Foxwoods Casino in Ledyard first issued \$7 denomination silver strikes in 1993. They were the old standard wildlife series - Buffalo, Deer, Horses and Eagle. The logo side is dated 1993 and has either the LM mintmark or no mintmark. The reverse side of these strikes have several variations, which are the same as the generic American Wildlife Series from Colorado.

The \$10 silver strike was introduced at Foxwoods Casino in 1994 with a State Seal series. The states featured were Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont and Rhode Island. This set of 7 strikes was issued with both “.999 fine silver” and “.999 pure silver” for a total of 14 strikes in this series. This set had no mintmark. In 1995, five more strikes were issued, this time with an S mint mark. This series consists of the Boston Tea Party, Declaration of Independence, Minutemen, Paul Revere and Spirit of 76, all with .999 on the rim. The Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncasville issued a set of 5 strikes with a seasons theme – Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. The 5<sup>th</sup> strike was called Harvest. All have a GDC mint mark with .999 on the rim.

In 1994, a set of \$20 silver strikes came out at the Foxwoods Casino. This set of 8 was the Hollywood Classic series featuring Hollywood stars Humphrey Bogart, Bette Davis, WC Fields, Clark Gable, Laurel and Hardy, Groucho Marx, Marilyn Monroe and John Wayne. These strikes have the LM mint mark, are one solid silver colored piece and have no dollar value. They also showed no silver content.

Foxwoods Casino also had \$28 strikes, and, like the \$20 denomination, have no dollar value on them. The set of 4 consists of the Buffalo, Deer, Horses and Eagle and was issued with the LM mintmark and with no mintmark.

In 1994, two \$40 strikes showed up at the Foxwoods Casino. The strikes have a LM mintmark but no dollar value. One strike pictures Boats and a Dock, the other is a Covered Bridge.

Now on to my all time favorite set of \$40 strikes. These beautiful strikes were minted for the Mohegan Sun Casino. If you haven't gazed upon these incredible pieces, you're missing something special. Each strike pictures a different Indian Chief with intricate detail. You can tell by looking at these strikes there is a lot of history behind them. The Chiefs pictured are Sachem Uncas, Peegee Uncas, Harold A Tantaguidgeon, Courtland E. Fowler, Lemuel Fielding, Everett Fielding and Burrell Fielding. The strikes have no dollar value on them and have .999 on the rim.

There are a few pounders from Foxwoods but they have no logo or identifying marks or writing to show issuance by Foxwoods. They have no dollar value on them but say "One Pound Silver". I'm not sure how many different ones are out there. I know there is a 1994 and a 1995 Walking Liberty. Dennis Finn has, at least one different than these. If I remember right, he has one that is all gold colored.

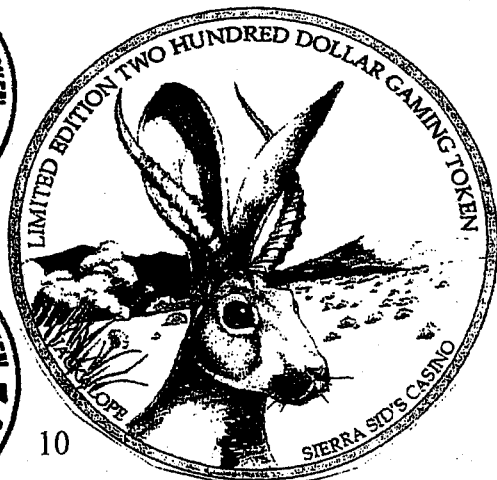
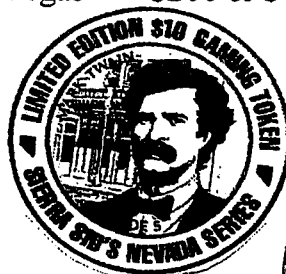
That's all the information I have on Connecticut. If anyone has any additional information, please contact me and I'll add it to the next newsletter. Until the next issue.....Happy Striking...Christie Gregory

**SAMPLES OF MOHEGAN STRIKES:**



**STRIKES ON THE WAY – not all confirmed**

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| Bellagio, Las Vegas    | 3 - \$200/3 sets of 4-\$10 strikes  |
| Four Queens, Las Vegas | \$200 (Chicago Brewery bldg-200 to be issued/May)<br>\$10 ACE of Spades (chaser – 250 to be issued) |
| Palms, Las Vegas       | \$200 (Funny Cide-Derby winner)/set of 4-\$10 strikes (issue May)                                   |
| Sierra Sid's, Sparks   | \$200 (Jackalope) 2-\$10 (Mark Twain/Kit Carson) (issue March/April)                                |
| Bill's at Tahoe        | \$200 (issue April)/\$10 snowmobile (issue March)   |
| Nugget, Sparks         | \$200 (49th anniversary panner)/matching \$10 (issue March)   |
| Slots A Fun, Las Vegas | \$200 & \$10's in design  |



## SILVER STRIKES TO THE MAX

Everyone has a little silver strike story. However, this one always stands out in my mind. It was the summer of 1999 and I was lucky before I ever arrived in Las Vegas, because my beautiful bride had surprised me with Father's Day plane tickets to the CC&GTCC convention. As luck would have it, a Sunday flight home was arranged, so I had a day after the convention to do some chip runs and see newly opened resorts.

Upon hearing the Maxim was going to close, I wanted to make sure that I stopped by and got a few chips. However, by the time I had gotten there, only the bottom of the chip rack remained. So, I grabbed only a few chips, the best the cashier could find. The cashier was courteous and ready for my collector needs, which always helps, but also tells me so many others had come before me. So, when I walked past the silver strike machine, one could only imagine the doubts of its contents, because I had heard from other strikers that the machine was not in play. But for some reason, I could not escape its gravitational pull! So, I sat down and in went my friend Andrew Jackson, and very quickly, he came out with nothing. I recall thinking my money would have lasted longer if I took the \$20 bill and set it on fire! Another double saw Buck this time and I got to play a little, which is always fun, but not before 2 strikes came out on the carpet. I figured I broke even – *kinda sorta* – as I tried to talk myself into chasing another 20 into the machine. After a few close calls, 1 more strike lined up to drop and the hopper was empty. So, as casino employees promptly came to fill the hopper, I eagerly awaited my prize to fall out and noticed a few red flags. First, the hopper fill was a partial one, not a full hopper fill. Secondly, all the casino personnel appeared to stand behind me and watch the machine, like strikers gazing upon the 3 sevens on the max coin line! I became more driven to stay, when behind me, I overheard an employee say that these strikes were the last of them. Another red flag arose when a well-dressed man in a suit and tie, with a key in hand, turned the key in the side of the machine or something, and stood back with his hand on the machine with special interest – like a proud father touching his son's shoulder after a good deed. For after that, I used the remaining credits to fuel my play, the strikes seemed to come out so fast I could not count them! It was as if the machine was in tournament mode. When it was all over with, the strikes filled the tray and the hopper was empty again, this time for good.

I gathered my strikes and thanked my audience. As I was leaving, I could see the seemingly proud father with suit, tie, and key in hand, promptly shut down the machine – for good. I was happy with my gifts and all the employees seemed happy too, probably happy to be rid of the strikes, the machine, and the happy collector. However, my happiness was dubious. For as I approached the exit door for the last time, I noticed a sound not often heard in a casino – the sound

of silence. I looked back at the expired machine and the empty casino, with mixed feelings. Perhaps I felt sadness for the casino, employees and such, but also a feeling of pride having participated in casino history. Or, more specifically, the closing of a casino. It reminded me of how I read about casino closings in Doug's Chip Chat, or his fact-filled, humorous, auction catalogs, and wish I had been there. This time I was there, and got some silver strikes to the Max!

Rick Pokracki  
(a.k.a. Riverboat Rick)  
R-3113 SS-232

## SILVER STRIKERS.COM

Hello fellow Silver Strikers from Jim Moser, your Webmaster for SilverStrikers.com. It has been a long and hard battle to getting the online catalog web site to it's current state, but, thanks to a hand-full of collectors the site is now almost complete for Nevada as we are missing only 6 strike images that I am sure of. Several people have asked me why I don't just turn the image over for one side of the strike to get an image of some of the error strikes needed. Well the reason is twofold. First, I can not be sure it really exists as an error if no one will produce a picture of it and secondly, there is the possibility that the error strike was generated using a different die so variation could occur. So if you see that you have one of the strikes listed on the images needed page please email it to me.

As to the beginnings of the web site, the story was told in an earlier edition of the Silver Strikers Newsletter so I will not re-hash the story. Of the two strike angels (Evelyn Grosklaus & Pam Martin) that talked me into this task. The true transition to the web site having an Online Catalogue came during last summer's convention. Bill Cohenour and myself were discussing Silver Strikes and fixing the worlds woes when I mentioned to him the idea of the online listing. Bill being the generous individual he is gave me all his images and a listing on CDs to start me off on the right track. I have to say that without his data at the start I would not be half way through the state of Nevada. It must have been fate because right after the convention my wife had to go for 6 more months to take care of ill family members so I had lots of time to work on the site. So by putting in at least 36 hours a week on the site for the first three months I was able to get the majority of strikes and casinos from Nevada listed. At least now all I have to do is keep the site up to date and insert the new strike images and data. I really want to thank all of the people that contributed to the site and rather than list them you will see their names attached to the information under the strike images. Please feel free to email me, send me images and corrections if you see problems with the site. . We feel this new online service is not only beneficial to our current membership, but also to new members just joining our

Club. This will enable any member to view the strikes and take their time in choosing which catalog or catalogues they would like to have for their reference, which is much more detailed.

The web site continues to grow and we are now at about 182mb in size with a current limit of 200mb. If the site expands too much more it will mean a small increase in the monthly cost to the club. I am considering adding other states Silver Strikes but will have to get approval from the board to do so, as it will mean a small monthly increase. If you feel that this would be a benefit to the club members let your board members know how you feel on the subject.

Here is the list of strikes still missing. Please help me complete your site!

Casino: CAESAR'S PALACE CASINO Denomination: \$10.00 Description: Credis Quod 1997 - Bad "A" in Vegas - GDC Mint Mark City: Las Vegas, Nevada

Casino: CAESAR'S TAHOE CASINO Denomination: \$40.00 Description: Coliseum - Small/Silver Head/Gold Hair - LM Mint Mark City: Lake Tahoe, Nevada

Casino: FLAMINGO HILTON (LAUGHLIN) CASINO Denomination: \$10.00 Description: Casino - (1-3 Known) - CT Mint Mark City: Laughlin, Nevada

Casino: GOLD COAST CASINO Denomination: \$10.00 Description: Slot Machine - ERROR Coin Aligned - CT Mint Mark City: Las Vegas, Nevada

Casino: HARD ROCK CASINO Denomination: \$10.00 Description: HR - ERROR Coin Aligned 3 Known - S Mint Mark City: Las Vegas, Nevada

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### ***SILVER STRIKERS & CC&GTCC***

CC&GTCC (Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc.) is the Club under whose guidance the Silver Strikers were formed. We were formed as a Chapter of the Club, but due to recent developments a new status needs to be determined. The Silver Striker Club operates independently and a member DOES NOT have to belong to CC&GTCC. Benefits of belonging to the main club include being able to *VOTE* on elections, competitions, and policy changes.

**PLEASE READ "NEWS FLASH"**

## ***NEWS FLASH – PLEASE READ!***

(this is a excerpt from CC&GTCC meeting and NOT the complete report)

At the Board of Directors meeting on January 29, 2004, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to dissolve the Club charter of all Chapters in an effort to protect the Club, our members and specifically our 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

The issue of mandatory Club membership for all Chapter members has been debated since this requirement was first dropped. This Board has discussed this problem among ourselves, with past members of the Board, with the Chapter Presidents, with highly regarded legal counsel (both inside and outside the Club) and with noted CPAs (both inside and outside the Club).

Upon taking the totality of the information, the actions and/or inaction of some of the current Chapters, the opinions of those involved in the discussions, and the possible effects on our 501(c)(3) status, the Board feels it is in the best interest of the Club to revoke the charter of all Chapters at this time.

The original intent of the Chapters was that they were to be local extensions of the National Club, made up of Club members in a specific geographical location. The requirement was dropped from the By Laws several years ago and one of the arguments then was “there are only a few people that this affects. Seems to be a lot of effort to check up on just a few people who are not Club members.” Those “few” people now number more than 600 Non Club members.

The use of the Club name within the Chapter name and the use of the Club logo by the Chapters could open the Club up to tax and non-tax liability issues. While the Club has a responsibility to “protect” our members from such issues, we can not and will not extend this “protection” to Non-Club members

The Chapters were allowed to “establish their own source of funding and revenue by requiring dues or other payments to offset operating expenses. Any dues or other payments collected must be used only to further the legitimate purposes of the Chapter, which shall be operated, as is the Club, on a not-for-profit, educational basis.” None of the Chapters are being operated in this manner. They are, simply put, social clubs.

It is not the Board’s intention to cause the local organizations to “force out” any or all of their Non-Club members. It is our intent to protect the Club, its members and our 501(c)(3) status. Each of the former Chapters will be free to run their own affairs as they see fit. They will not have to act as “membership police” if they remain simply as a local chip collecting club, which in reality is what they are. We would highly recommend that the local clubs explore the possibility of the local club becoming a 501(c)(7) tax-exempt organization. This IRS designation is for “clubs which are organized and operated exclusively for pleasure, recreation, and other non profitable purposes...”

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