

SILVER STRIKERS

CLUB

NEWSLETTER



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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Hello Fellow Silver Strikers,

Sure has been an interesting time for strikers. The new machines are going in all over the state of Nevada and from all reports they are being played a lot. Some report winning lots strikes for a few dollars and others report the opposite. That is why they call it gambling and I know I enjoy the thrill of the WIN. I look forward to seeing the new machines in new locations giving us a greater variety of strikes to collect. Variety is the spice of life for a collector like me and my collection includes strikes from all locations all over the USA and the world. As I see it the more locations the better. I am sure IGT will continue to expand the program nationwide and maybe someday if luck will have it strikes will return to all the locations that have had strikes in play in the past like Atlantic City. As you know the new machines installed at the El Cortez had \$10 and \$40 strikes in the machine during and after the convention. The \$40's have since been removed and now the machines only dispense \$10 strikes. It has been reported by several casinos that the higher denomination strikes have been discontinued by IGT. IGT is no longer allowing the casinos to reorder the higher denomination strikes. The board decided that it was in the best interest of the membership to draft a letter to IGT to explain who we are, what we are about and requesting they reconsider their decision to discontinue the higher denomination strikes. Most if not all of the casinos that had the higher denomination strikes are not happy with the decision and have sided with us on our appeal. A letter has been drafted and sent by me to the President of IGT and several other top IGT officials. We are awaiting their reply and hope to hear from them soon.

November is election time for the country and nomination time for our club. All offices are up for nomination and any member in good standing may run for office. If you are interested in serving the Silver Strikers Club please come forward and make your intentions known. A nomination form is included elsewhere in this newsletter. Fill it out and send it in.

See you at the Winter Event in the silver strikers goldmine, Las Vegas.
Don T. Nesbitt, Jr., President

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SILVER STRIKERS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2004-2005

We're off to a great start with the annual Membership Drive. To date we have added 23 new members, almost a quarter of our goal. Our membership now stands at 615. So far 11 members have signed up a new member and are in the hunt for the prize. And 3 of those have signed up more than one and will have multiple entries for a chance at the prize. So get out there and sign up new members so you don't miss out on a chance for this great prize! Here again is the info for the drive:

Our goal this year is 100 new members. The dates for Drive Qualification are July 1, 2004 thru May 31, 2005. This year, the prize is a \$40 Silver Strike from the Las Vegas Club. It has a Silver Strike Machine on the reverse and is numbered 250 out of 250. It was donated to the Club by James and Pearl McFadden. For every new member you sign up, you get a chance to win this strike. So, the more new members you sponsor, the better your chances. Make sure to put your name on any Membership applications you have so we will know to give you credit.

NOTE NEW ADDRESS

Kevin Pyles – 1st VP/MEMBERSHIP
3088 Raven Drive
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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.

**BY YOUR UNANAMOUS VOTE, THE
CONSTITUTION FOR THE *SILVER STRIKE CLUB*
HAS BEEN ADOPTED!**

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 information about the *Silver Strikers Club* 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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***THE SILVER STRIKERS CLUB HAS BEEN
APPROVED BY THE IRS AS A NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION***

CLUB OFFICER NOMINATIONS

In accordance with the Silver Striker Constitution, it is time to nominate candidates for the 5 elected offices of the club. Every member in good standing is eligible and anyone in the Club can nominate. Please, be sure the nominee is willing to hold the office. All offices are elected through a mail in ballot and the winners are installed at the annual CC>CC Convention in August. Nominations will close on February 1, 2005 and ballots mailed with the March newsletter.

Send to: **Jo Riefer, 2283 Panoramic Dr., Concord, CA 94520**

DID YOU KNOW

Slots-A-Fun (card suites) and Four Queens (bats) have a chase strike in play.

Stardust, LV has put in 4 NEW machines with 3 new strikes: "marquee," "showgirl" and "building."

Mirage offers NEW "volcano" strike!

Westward Ho waiting for NEW "blackjack" strike.

Monte Carlo to offer one strike, Andre's Restraunt, with their NEW machine.

Bill's Tahoe has two more of their series in play (3 to go): rock climber and skier. They have two NEW machines that pay all the first 5 of the current series. The remaining three are: Snowboarder, snowshoe hiker, and mountain biker

Tamarack Junction, located near the Mt. Rose Highway south of downtown Reno, has a new machine that offers a silver strike commemorating their 3rd Anniversary.

Casinos outside of Nevada will have the NEW silver strike machine in 2005.

If the sound in the NEW strike machine is too loud, you can ask an attendant to turn it down. Easily programmed – ask for level "2".

IGT is developing a second silver strike machine that has multi pays. You can win up to 5 strikes. Should be in play in early 2005.

There are 6 strike delivery tubes on the NEW machines that hold 42 strikes each. The "chase" strikes are located two per tube – middle and end:

SURVEY RESULTS

HOW MANY STRIKES DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE A "GOOD SET": "4 strikes" were by far the striker's number one choice

**HOW WOULD YOU CHANGE THE NEW STRIKE MACHINE:
multi pays of strikes**

WHAT DENOMINATIONS OF SILVER STRIKES DO YOU COLLECT: All 40% \$10's only 28% \$10 & others 32%

DISCONTINUANCE OF THE \$40 & \$200 STRIKES

IGT sent out a memo to the casinos with Silver Strikes that they would no longer authorize the production of \$40 or \$200 silver strikes and that the casinos could only issue the inventory on hand. All indications are that this is an IGT accounting decision. Only the strikes on hand were allowed to be distributed with no new production to take place regardless of whether approved by Nevada Gaming Commission or not.

Not many of these offered on any auction site after the announcement. Never give up hope but it does look like collecting these other denominations is to remain status quo. Apparently, chase strike are still to be!

NEW SILVER STRIKE MACHINES

Las Vegas casinos with the NEW machine:

Mirage	Aladdin	*Four Queens	Gold Coast
L. V. Club	Silverton	El Cortez	*Stardust
*Monte Carlo	*Westward Ho	Golden Nugget	Plaza
California	Bellagio	Treasure Island	Barbary Coast
Caesars Palace	Palms		

Reno casinos with the NEW machine:

Sparks Nugget	Reno Hilton	Sands	Atlantis	
Eldorado	*Bills Tahoe	Sierra Sid's	Peppermill	*Mr. B's
Delta, VC	Caesars Tahoe	Reno Airport	Stockman's	Red Garter
	Fitzgerald's	*Tamarack Junction	Silver Legacy	

*NEW strike in plays and bold is NEW location

2004-GAMING SHOWS

1/21-1/23, 2005	Silver Strike meet-tournament, LV Club
2/3-4, 2005	Super Bowl Casino Show, Arizona Charlie's
8/03-8/06, 2005	CC>CC Convention – Riviera - Las Vegas, NV

JANUARY SILVER STRIKE CLUB GET TOGETHER

At the June convention, the membership voted to explore having a winter get together and Pam Martin was appointed to chair a committee to look into making it happen. We will have a Silver Strike Club informational meeting and a Saturday night trading session.

TOTAL PURSE \$10,000.00 * PLUS **** EVERYONE WHO ENTERS THE TOURNAMENT WILL RECEIVE A QUARTER POUND, TWO AND ONE HALF INCH DIAMETER, .999 FINE SILVER TOKEN IN A PRESENTATION CASE, NUMBERED TO COINCIDE WITH PLACEMENT IN THE TOURNAMENT.**

January 21st-23rd, 2005

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Schedule of Events:

Friday, January 21st

Hotel Check-In 4:00-6:00p.m. Slot Tournament Registration, Welcome reception and cocktails (Banquet Room, 3rd Floor North tower).

Saturday, January 22nd

8:00a.m. Late Registration (Tournament Area, by Ultimate Club Booth)

9:00a.m. Round 1

1:00p.m. Round 2 6:00pm - Club meeting followed by trading session (Banquet Room, 3rd Floor North tower).

6:00pm – Club meeting (dessert and coffee served), Banquet Room, 3rd Floor North Tower, **MEMBERS ONLY**

6:30pm – Trading session, Banquet Room, 3rd Floor north Tower.
OPEN TO ALL

Sunday, January 23rd

9:00a.m. Round 3 2:00p.m. Awards Presentation (Banquet Room, 3rd Floor North tower).

Prize Structure

1st Place.....\$5,000.00

2nd Place.....\$2,000.00

3rd Place.....\$1,000.00

4th-5th Place.....\$500.00

6th-15th Place.....\$100.00

**Prize Structure based upon 200 Entries. Prize structure will be adjusted if less than 200 entries are received. All players must be 21 years of age. **

SAMPLE OF THE "TOURNAMENT SOUVENIER"



E-BAY RESULTS

<u>CASINO ISSUING STRIKE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>HIGH BID</u>
\$10 STRIKES		
Flamingo, LV	Rockettes	\$506
Mr. B's, Mill City	Eagle	\$179
Opera House, LV	Slot machine	\$127
Opera House, LV	Monroe	\$101
Opera House, LV	Dean	\$87
Reno Airport	Pitts S-2A	\$59
Golden Gate, LV	Trolley	\$228

OTHER DENOMINATIONS

Palms, LV	\$200 Playboy	\$409
Palms, LV	\$200 Seattle Slew	\$290
Harrah's, LV	\$40 Bourbon St. 1994	\$143
Trop World, Atlantic City	\$40 steel Pier	\$123
King 8, LV	\$7 Slot Machine	\$98
McCarran Airport, LV	\$7 LV Sign	\$74



NON NEVADA SILVER STRIKES - MICHIGAN

Hello from beautiful Indiana. I wish I could offer a list of strikes from here but we were never lucky enough to have any. The Grand Victoria Casino in Rising Sun offered some cute little tokens for sale in their gift shop a few years ago but not strikes.

Michigan is the state we'll go over this issue. There were 4 casinos in Michigan offering strikes. Chip-In-Casino in Harris, Mi. had 2 issues of the same four strikes. They are all GDC mint mark. They are a Bear, Beaver, Deer and Eagle. The first four had no date on the logo. The second four had 1997 on the logo. The 1997 Beaver is an error strike. It has the Beaver from the Grand Casino Coughatta instead of the Beaver from the first issue. The casino changed it's name to Chip-In's Island before the third set was introduced. This set is the Angelfish, Cruise Ship, Dolphins and Parrots. The last I knew they still had machines in play.

Lac Vieux Desert Casino in Watersmeet, Mi. had 2 sets of the wildlife series – Buffalo, Deer, Eagle and Horses. The first set had no date with the second set having 1996 on the logo. These strikes have no mint mark.

Traverse Bay Casino in Peshawbestown, Mi. put out a set of five strikes, these being Eagle Flying in Moon, Dreamcatcher, Wolf Howling at Moon, 3 Bears in Circle and Eagle. Interesting enough, these five strikes were also issued in copper. These all have the G mint mark.

Victories Casino in Petoskey, Mi. offered five strikes. They are Race Car, Basketball Player, Baseball Player, Football Player and Hockey Player. They have the G mint mark.

That's it for Michigan. They didn't have any other dollar value strikes. These are all \$10s. Thanks for reading and I'll be getting ready for my next article on Minnesota which is pretty extensive.

Until then Happy Striking,
Christie Gregory



BY YOUR UNANIMOUS VOTE, THIS
COMMEMORATIVE STRIKE HAS BEEN PLACED IN
THE "SILVER STRIKE HALL OF FAME"



TI \$200 ENDS AN ERA WITH A BANG!!

Treasure Island was the last casino that had an inventory of yet to be issued \$200 strikes when they were discontinued by IGT. The stories vary, but somewhere between 50 and 75 of these strikes went to the avid collectors. TI kept some in inventory for future projects. A total of 100 are supposed to have been produced. Do note the "questionable" artwork on the strike – how did this get approved??



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