

The First *Silver Strikes Tournament*

by Mary Lou **Waterbury**

We have just come from the first Silver Strike Tournament that was held by O'Shea's Casino in Las Vegas. Several of us were working with Janel Cole of O'Shea's and the Flamingo Casinos to get this event shaped up. Our hats are off to those casinos for the way they put themselves out to make sure that all of the participants went home with delightful memories. Mission accomplished!!

I personally have never had so much fun at a tournament. It helped that we were all silver striker devotees so we had common ground established right away. The folks waiting for their turn were cheerleaders for all of us. When those red, white and blue sevens came up (in that order) the cheers were almost deafening. We were laughing so hard in my row that even if we did not have high numbers, we had formed a bond through laughter and jokes. What a time! We have been told there will be another tournament in the future, so keep tuned in to get the earliest information.

Many of us were able to get a hold of the "blue" Christmas strike at O'Shea's and all of us were trying to get enough extras from both casinos so that we could turn them in and get those new \$200's.

On Saturday night we went to the meeting room set aside for us in the Flamingo to do our trading in.

What a nice surprise waited us there. There were goodies to eat, coffee, sodas and drinks all provided by the Flamingo. Also we were surprised to learn that there were to be door prizes.

Sunday at 2 pm we were assembled in the banquet room. Before the awarding of the special numbered strikes to the top 50 winners, we were invited to partake in the buffet. We were used to the brunches put on back home at the casinos. Just let me say that once again the Flamingo Casino outdid itself and there were long tables crowded with all types of food that stretched from one wall to the other. There was also a table off to the side that had desserts to die for. Again, there were all kinds of beverages to compliment the meal.

Then it was time for the awarding of the special super strikes. Richard Rosales was the recipient of the strike which was 1 of 50. I regret that since I am not at home and am borrowing a computer from the Plaza, I do not have the list of all the winners. It is trite to say, but I feel that most of us felt that we were all winners in being able to attend this tournament. There were still more surprises as the Flamingo personnel had an armload of door prizes to give out at this time.

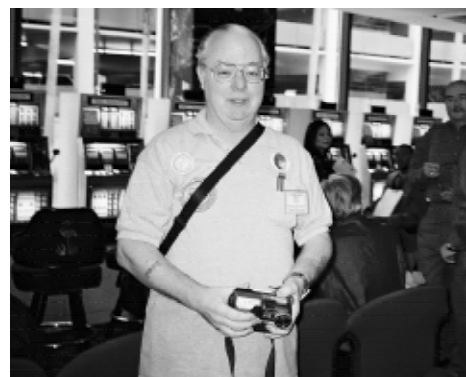
There will be a more in-depth report on the tournament in our newsletter.



Brunch spread at the Flamingo



Tournament action



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Unknown, Mary Lou Waterbury, & Lloyd Malani



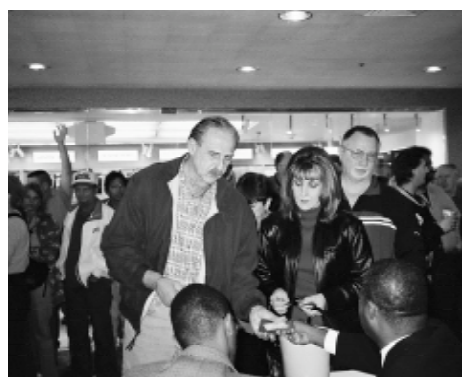
Manuel Orama, Jim Ward, & Janel Cole



Mel Jung, Don Muchow, Ron Kornicke, Randy Mortimer, Doug Jacob, & Mark Bufton



Manuel Orama, Peter Van der Kar, Janel Cole, Mel Jung, & Lisa Jungi



George & Anna Lisenko registering for the tournament. Gary Heinz looking on



Playing for a silver strike



Jimmy Mahan, Terry Roffell, Dave Ruffell, Gary Heinz, Kevin Pyles, Ray Moritz, & Roger Bryant



Jimmy Mahan, Dave Ruffell, & Ray Moritz



Michael Long, Johnny Long, Peter Van der Kar, Lloyd Malani, Ron Konicke, & Gary Heinz



Tournament action



Linda Zach, Dennis Finn, Steve Zach, Kevin Pyles, Mel Jung, & Murray Ballou



Mrs. Ciesla, Johnny Long, Michael Long, & Ed Ciesla



Desserts from the Sunday brunch



Marv Weaver



Janel Cole & Jim Ward presenting Mark Bufton a \$200 strike and \$1000 cash after hitting the first reported 7-7-7 on a silver strike machine.

I wish all of you could have been at the tournament and shared this experience. It is always a plus when we strikers get together, whether meeting for the first time or renewing our friendships.

Silver Strike Tournament Winners

Place	First Name	Last Name	Place	First Name	Last Name
1	Richard	Rosales	26	Johnny	Long
2	Mark	Gyde	27	Jay	Laird
3	Mel	Jones	28	Jennie	Laird
4	Judy	Barton	29	Bob	Buntin
5	Dorothy	Janich	30	Rob	Buntin
6	Richard	Ruffell	31	Don	Barton
7	James	McFadden	32	Carol	Heinz
8	George	Lo	33	Jackie	Finch
9	Dennis	Berry	34	Ed	Janich
10	Brian	Bishop	35	Pamela	Martin
11	Elliott	Granger	36	Carol	Chrzanowski
12	Kirk	Perusich	37	Brain	Manning
13	Douglas	Jacob	38	Anthony	Gregory
14	Richard	Anderson	39	Jack	Finch
15	Paul	Herrick	40	Norman	Chrzanowski
16	Ann	Brooks	41	Murray	Ballou
17	Arthur	Becker	42	Barbara	Sipes
18	Dale	Walkey	43	Terry	Ruffell
19	Leena	Mendenhall	44	George	Umberger
20	Gerald	Weisenbacher	45	Roger	Harrison
21	James	Smith	46	George	Lisenko
22	Jack	Oswald	47	Mildred	Berry
23	George	Janich	48	Susan	Lauderdale
24	Joyce	Bishop	49	Steven	Zacchi
25	Rod	Dickerson	50	Donna	Bjornson