## SILVER STRIKERS



## **CLUB**

## **NEWSLETTER**



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#### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Hello Fellow Silver Strikers,

I am home fresh from the convention. I sure had a great time and heard nothing but praises from all in attendance. I made lots of trades and played for a bunch of new strikes to add to my collection. I sure do enjoy the camaraderie and fun this hobby has brought to my life. The convention is the highlight of the year and is the culmination of a lot of hard work by the officers and staff of the silver strikers club. I want to say a thing or two to everyone who volunteered and worked for the betterment of the club. The hard work and effort you put forward for this club is testament to your devotion to this hobby and to our club. I personally want to say Thanks to each of you and that you deserve triple sevens on your next spin on the silver strike machines. Red, White and Blue in my eyes.

Lots of important items were taken care of during this years convention. The Silver Strikers staff had a meeting on Wednesday and discussed several items of importance. A board member from the CCGTCC was in attendance and explained why the chapter charters were revoked. It was necessary to protect the 501(c)3 tax exempt status of the CCGTCC. We talked about our continuing relationship and how we will work together in the future. The CCGTCC wants our participation and we have been assured that they will provide us space for our meetings and a table on the floor at future conventions. Next years CCGTCC convention will again be at the Riviera but the exact dates have not been set. We have been told that the dates available are the last week of July or the first week of August.

On Thursday at the Silver Strikers business meeting the group assembled voted to approve a new name and several other items for the club. The organization is now officially going to be called the Silver Strikers Club and will be incorporated in the State of Nevada as a not for profit organization. We will obtain a new taxpayer ID number and seek 501(c)7 status as a not for profit social club from the IRS. This will take some work and a little time but is something we can accomplish. It was also decided by a vote to allow the current slate of officers to

continue in their current positions as is necessary to complete the task ahead of us. A new constitution is in the works and will be voted on by the entire membership in an upcoming mailing. We also have a new committee that is working on a winter event for the silver strikers to attend. Look for more exciting things in the future. New Silver Strike machines are now in play at the El Cortez Casino, Las Vegas with more to come. It was great to see everyone and to renew old acquaintances and to make new ones. Until we can meet again in the Silver Strikers gold mine, Las Vegas.

Don T. Nesbitt, Jr., President

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### SILVER STRIKERS MEMBERSHIP DOES IT AGAIN! 106 NEW MEMBERS

The Silver Strikers membership had yet another great year signing up new members for the Club. We surpassed our goal of 105 new members by adding 106 to our roster. One of our members reached an award level for signing up new members. Sharon Pamperin lead the drive with 6 new members sponsored. She was awarded a \$25 Tiny Treasures Gift Certificate. The Club table was very busy during the convention. We signed up 33 new members, which brings our total active membership to 610. We also had 58 members renew their dues.

I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work this past year recruiting new members. Everyone did a great job!! A big THANKS also goes out to all the members that volunteered to help run the Membership table during the convention. You all did a terrific job and it was fun working with you. If you didn't get a chance to help out this year, consider doing so next year. It's a fun time and is a great way to meet other members and new ones as they sign up.

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

#### **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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#### NON NEVADA STRIKES - IOWA

The convention has come and gone. A good time was had by all and there were plenty of quality strikes to be had. I heard about the sale of the century. Congrats, Dennis and Bob. If you've never attended a convention, you should really try hard to come next year. It's worth it, if only to meet all the great collectors. Be sure to bring lots of money and some comfortable shoes because the casinos will keep you hopping with all the new releases.

This month we'll go over the strikes released from the casinos in Iowa. Iowa, at one time, had four casinos with strike machines. Dubuque Grayhound Park offered 20 different designs. The first set of four is the standard wildlife series: buffalo, deer, eagle and horses. The second set of four is the state series: state bird, state flower, state motto and state tree. The third set of twelve is the zodiac series. They all have .999 on the rim and the last 16 have the GDC mint mark.

Lady Luck Casino in Bettendorf, Iowa had eleven different ten dollar strikes. They used the wildlife series for the first four. They have .999 on the rim and have the GDC mint mark. After these, they got creative and changed their logo to their sports bar theme. There are four in this series: baseball, hockey, football and basketball. This set has the GDC mint mark and the .999 is on the rim plus on the silver. For the third set of 3, they changed the logo but maintained the sports bar theme and brought out three Babe Ruth strikes. This set has the S mint mark and the .999 on the silver. Lady Luck also had a set of four twenty dollar strikes. This set is extremely hard to find. It is the gamblers series and had the GDC mint mark.

Prairie Meadows is in Sloan, Iowa. This casino offered twelve different ten dollar strikes. The first set of four being the wildlife series. The second set of eight being the Hollywood Classics. All twelve have no mint mark and the .999 is on the rim. Five twenty dollar strikes were offered. This set has images of famous race horses: Seattle Slew, Sir Barton, Secretariat, Seabiscuit and Whirlaway. These have the S mint mark and .999 on the rim. Prairie Meadows also had a pounder which is the Walking Liberty and dated 1995. It has no mint mark.

Winnavegas Casino is also in Sloan, Iowa. In 1995, they released 2 sets of four, the wildlife series and the Indian Chief series. The 1995 date is on the logo side of these eight. In 1996, they changed the date on the logo side, brought out the same two sets of four and added a third set which was the Gamblers series. This makes the total of 20 strikes from this casino. They all are the GDC mint and have .999 on the rim.

No strikes are currently being offered at any casino in Iowa. And that does it for the state of Iowa. Until next month, happy striking. Christie Gregory

#### PETER'S PERSPECTIVES

Convention 2004 is over and after all the planning and waiting and anticipation it seems like it just flies by. Our unofficial opening for Silver Strikers was a Tuesday night trade session at the Las Vegas club, which I missed but heard was very successful with about 80 attendees. Good start to a Convention.

Many of us arrived Wednesday morning and found that the new venue, the Riviera, was not so bad. Parking and unloading was great for the dealers and we did not have the long hallways to contend with like the Tropicana. The registration people did their jobs well and all my materials were in perfect order - first time. The Convention floor opened for set up right on schedule and as dealers set up there was plenty of visiting and meeting in the hallways outside. Lots of reacquainting with old friends and meeting new ones - it was all very exciting. The only slow moment was hotel check in. They had the new computer units and this check-in process was tiresome and frustrating. I think, however,

it is the future for big hotels and all part of the "downsizing" trend. If you wanted to bypass this check in you had to wait a long time to speak with a clerk.

The early bird banquet was held in the penthouse of the Monaco Tower, which was a nice room. Food was okay, but the speaker, Robert Maheu was interesting. Closest advisor to Howard Hughes and his "alter ego," said he worked for Hughes for 17 years and never met the man, while making multi million dollar decisions on Hughes' behalf. Interesting guy. The usual awards and backslapping followed.

Thursday morning the doors opened for the public and it was a busy day for everyone. Strikers were well represented on the floor with about 14 tables of Silver Strikes and even a table of Catalogs, for the first time. Bill Cohenour did very well selling his superb catalog and if you bought one it was printed right there at the table with your name and membership number on the cover which is a great way to personalize your collecting materials. Dennis Finn's table had a fabulous old Baccarat Gaming chip tray, lovingly restored by our own Gary Curtis. This is a beautiful old piece and it was just fun to sit and run your fingers down the rows of strikes as they fit into the tray as if it had been custom built. Jack Haddock had a display about the history of Silver Strikes officially entered and as always, Jack's attention to detail is flawless and I hope people stopped and really looked at this display. It was interesting, educational and looked great.

The Thursday afternoon forum was well attended and a great session as most of our questions, pertaining to the new strike machines, were answered by our guest speaker, Rick Ronca, Of course the strike giveaway for attending was a great success and may have accounted for a packed audience. Perhaps we need to do the same thing to get our membership to attend the annual meeting. Our annual meeting produced the results we needed to move forward as an independent organization and Pam Martin now heads a new committee of Gary Heinz and Doug Conley to investigate the possibilities of having our own annual convention in January, likely to coincide with a silver strike tournament.

Lots of talk about the new machines, but everyone can read the comments on the Strike Point and make up their own minds. Some fine-tuning is obviously needed and I think the jury is still out on this topic. I did not get to play so will leave comments to others.

Three day goes quickly and all of a sudden I found myself at the "last dance" trading session Saturday night. I left this session at 8:30pm and it was still going strong. All in all Convention 2004 was a great success and Convention 2005 will be end of July or early August next year. See you there?

Peter Van der Kar

## **2004 Convention Observations**

Wow! What a great time at the Convention! For those of you who couldn't make it, my sympathies. For those who were here, I hope you enjoyed yourself as much as I did. Now that I've had a couple of days to come down, here are a few of my observations.

The Early Bird Trading Session, Tuesday night had a good turnout, about 85 members, and from the looks of it, there were lots of old friends meeting again, lots of lies swapped, a munchie or two eaten, and, oh yes, one or two strikes traded. Thanks to Freddie Maatouk and the Las Vegas Club for providing the room free of charge! We appreciate your support!

Who would have guessed that the El Cortez would have landed the first two new silver strike machines, and in time for the convention too! Kudos to Rick Ronca and the El Cortez. The machines were in play Monday night and the action was pretty much non-stop through Saturday. People either loved them or hated them, but played them regardless and with some success, too. Word is that there were three Red, White and Blue 7 combinations hit during the Convention. Congratulations to the lucky winners! I liked the machines and had so-so luck (\$70 face for \$100) including a \$40 strike, two Red Cap Silver Strike Club strikes (boy do they stand out!) and one clear "common". The "Ticket In, Ticket Out" feature is appreciated, and I liked being able to see that there were still red cap strikes in the machine when I sat down to play. I hated not knowing if there was a "chaser" left in the hopper when I played the old machines.

The CC&GTCC Early Bird Banquet, Wednesday night had the typical banquet food (so-so at best) but good company at our three tables of Silver Strikers. The speaker was excellent, well worth the price of admission by himself. And we should congratulate ourselves for being awarded a plaque as one of the 10 top sources of new CC&GTCC members last year.

Silver Strike Forum, Thursday afternoon. Rick Ronca from the El Cortez was the featured speaker — especially timely given that they just had the new strike machines installed. He made an excellent presentation, which was well received. The "Ask The Panel" session also went very well — many of the questions focused on the new silver strike machine. Many thanks to Dennis Finn, Jack Haddock and Peter Van Der Kar for giving their time and expertise to sit on the panel. Also, thanks to the volunteers who kept watch over their tables on the Convention floor so they could participate. The Forum was very well attended — over 150 people — which doubles the number who attended the Forum last convention.

Did I mention that the Palms came through in a big way again? Just like last year, they handed out a NCV token to all present at the Forum, this time featuring the Silver Strike Club logo. (Suppose anticipation of another Palms token had anything to do with the high attendance?) Thanks to Don Hallmark

and Gene Trimble of the Palms for their generosity. Gene also thanked us for voting another Palms strike as "Strike of the Year" for the second year running. Does it sound to you like they are doing something right?

Silver Strike Business Meeting, Thursday evening. The specifics of this meeting are covered in President Don Nesbitt's column. I'll limit myself to a few observations. First, there were about 80 members present. Considering that our membership reached 600 at the convention, this isn't the best turnout especially given that we were discussing the future of the club. Very positive outcome – we listened to the options available and chose the best course. Now we begin to build a new Club.

Congratulations (?) to Pam Martin. She brought up the idea of getting together in January and was appointed chair of a committee to look into getting it done. She has a number of volunteers to help her, so be on the lookout for more information, and keep a space open in your calendar for January 2005.

Based on what I observed and heard, this Convention was a BIG success for the collectors present. I spoke to many who were very pleased at the number of real "goodie" strikes added to their collections. I filled three "hard to find" holes in my collection thanks to the great strikes at the dealers' tables. Sounds like those with tables on the Convention floor also did pretty well. Rumor has it that Dennis Finn sold one strike for over \$16,000. And that's a fact!

And a special thanks to the El Cortez, Las Vegas Club, Palms and Plaza for putting out special Silver Strike Club strikes for the Convention. Doug Conley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

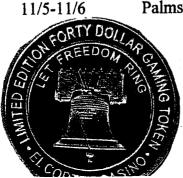
## **ARTICLES WANTED!!**

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.

## **2004-GAMING SHOWS**

9/17-9/18 10/27-10/28 10/16 Reno Casino Collectible Show, Golden Phoenix Colorado Casino Collectibles, Isle of Capri, Black Hawk Casinorama, Arcadia, CA

Palms Casino 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Casino Collectibles Show





### CONVENTION STRIKES OFFERED BY FOUR CASINOS

A total of 4 Silver Strike Club strikes were issued. One each from: El Cortez, Las Vegas Club, Plaza and the Palms who also issued a strike with the CC&GTCC logo. There were 750 of each of these strikes made. All the chase strikes were in blue cases except for the El Cortez, which was red.



#### BILL'S CASINO AT TAHOE SUPPORTS STRIKERS

Bill's Casino at Lake Tahoe is a small, friendly casino nestled between two giants – Harrah's and Caesars. Bill's opened in 1988 with table games and slots. Entertainment can be found at William's Back Door Blues Club and food at the Roadhouse Bar & Grill.

The casino's history with silver strikes began early in the Silver Strike program. In 1994, Bill's issued two strikes: "Wild Bill Hickok" and "Bill Shakespeare" were the characters that adorned the obverse of the two strikes issued.

The current program for Bill's silver strikes includes eight strikes, which depict the sporting activities found around Lake Tahoe. The release of these strikes over an eighteen-month period includes a \$200 strike, which has five sports represented. So far two \$10 strikes have been issued: kayaking, snowmobiling. Any day now the next strike, depicting golfing, will be put in play. The casino is also awaiting the delivery of two new strike machines. The \$200 strike is available by trading in any twenty ten-dollar strikes of the current series.

The future will probably include a \$40 strike. The casino is doing it's best to offer a silver strike program with the collector in mind. Collectors will find friendly service and a pleasant atmosphere.

## STRIKES ON THE WAY – Gaming Commission approved

Gold Coast, Las Vegas 6-\$10's Ping Pang Pong, Terrible Mikes, Cortez

Room, Kate's Corner, Arriva, Monterey Room

Slots-A-Fun, Las Vegas 3 - \$10's (Famous Landmarks) Grand Canyon,

Hoover Dam spillway & Time Towers

\$200 - Hoover Dam

Silver Legacy, Reno 9<sup>th</sup>

9<sup>th</sup> anniversary

#### BEATS FADED TEE SHIRTS

Not much was made of these, but what a money making project these were for us. Just think we don't have to wash them, they don't fade, and they come in one size, one color and guaranteed no holes. Yes! I am talking about the Silver Strikers no cash value coin, which brought in \$4,300.00. We still have a few available and will be an excellent addition for any members collection.

None of us know the hard work and dedication that went into the making of this coin, however a big thank you is due to Ed Ciesla and Dennis Finn. This was from scratch, design of the coin, having the art work completed, getting board approval, taking delivery of the coins, posting information for us to purchase prior to convention and the many trips to the post office making sure we received our coin prior to convention. These were also available to the membership at convention. Knowing all of the work that these two gentlemen put into the <u>first time coin</u> I feel a big **THANK YOU** is in order for their hard work and dedication for a successful fundraiser.

Hoping this continues next year, and we open it up as a contest and solicit ideas for the next design. If you are in favor of this we need to let the board know. Also don't forget to let Ed and Dennis know how much you appreciate the great job they did on the coin which now sits in our collection.



This strike is limited to 500 and only a few remain available. Contact the Club Treasurer if you wish to buy one for \$23.00.



## SILVER STRIKE AUCTION RESULTS 2004

	() PR	ICE REALIZED IN PARENTHSIES
LOT	DENOM	(sold for) DISCRIPTION
301	\$2	(\$25) ALADDIN, Las Vegas – full set of seven
302	\$7	(\$235) HARRAH'S, Laughlin – "LM" FULL REED
303	\$7	(\$140) KING 8, LV – Truck
304	\$7	(\$300) CALIFORNIA, LAS VEGAS – OAHU
305	\$7	(\$300) CALIFORNIA, LAS VEGAS – HAWAII
306	\$7	(\$310) <b>RENO HILTON</b> – HOTEL coin aligned
307	\$200	(\$700) FLAMINGO, L V – STATUE OF LIBERTY
308	\$10	(\$49) CAESARS TAHOE – HOT AUGUST NIGHTS
309	\$10	(\$310) SIERRA SIDS, Sparks – EAGLE / solid window
310	\$10	(\$60) FLAMINGO, Las, Vegas – 50th anav. Bold font
311	\$10	(\$56) <b>FLAMINGO</b> , LV – Bugsy "999" no dot
312	\$10	(\$160) GOLD RANCH, Verdi - PANNER
313	\$10	(\$100) GOLDEN NUGGET, Las Vegas – tarzan's
314	\$10 NO	SALE GOLDEN NUGGET, Las Vegas – parrots
315	\$10	(\$88) MESQUITE STAR, Mesquite – Six Shooters
316	\$40	(\$46) HARRAH'S TAHOE - golfer
317	\$10	(\$56) STATELINE, Wendover – 2-D
318	\$28	(\$80) <b>RIO</b> , LAS VEGAS – <b>RIO RITA</b>
319	\$28	(\$130) GOLDEN NUGGET, Laughlin – GOLD BOTH SIDES
320	\$28	(\$125) GOLDEN NUGGET, Laugh "LM" GOLD LOGO SIDE
321	\$10	(\$33) <u>2 STRIKES</u> / <b>RENO AIRPORT</b> – 1995 P-51 &
		PEPPERMILL, RENO – Slot August Night "GDC"
322	\$10	(\$17) RIVIERA, Las Vegas - 1995 Splash "CT"
323	\$10	(\$190) GOLDEN GATE, LV – Golden Gate Bridge
324	\$10	(\$90) RIVERBOAT, Reno – Far West
325	\$10	(\$110) RIVERBOAT, Reno – Sylvan Del
326	\$10	(\$52) HARD ROCK, Las Vegas – The Joint "G" mint
327	\$10	(\$575) GOLD COUNTRY, Elko – Train "G" mint
328	\$10	(\$125) MR. B'S, MILL CITY – 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
329	\$40	(\$105) TAJ MAHAL, A C – Empire State Building
330	\$40	(\$105) TAJ MAHAL, Atlantic City – Eiffle Tower
331	\$40	(\$105) TAJ MAHAL, Atlantic City – Taj Mahal
332	\$10	(\$630) ATLANTIS, Reno – Hotel ERROR
333	\$10	(\$500) BALLY'S, LV – RARE RUNNING 7/LV under
334	\$20	(\$60) ALADDIN, LV – Taj Mahal
335	\$10	(\$280) CIRCUS CIRCUS, LV – CLOWN ERROR
336	\$10	(\$35) RIVERBOAT, Reno – Rebecca Everingham
337	\$10	(\$1175) SUNDOWNER, Reno – 6 strikes

### 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. Benefits of belonging to CC&GTCC include a quarterly magazine, free admission to CC&GTCC events, enlarges your circle of collectors to over 2000, and gives ability to *VOTE* on elections, competitions, and policy changes.

The Silver Striker Club operates independently and a member DOES NOT have to belong to CC&GTCC. However, it should be noted that CC&GTCC is very much a "friend" of the Silver Striker Club. The hobbies go hand in hand, and will work together in the future.

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 Strikers Club sent you! Application enclosed in the center of the newsletter.

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### SILVER STRIKE OF THE YEAR

Nominees: Playboy rabbit \$10, Palms

Comstock Lode \$10, Sierra Sid's

Playboy 50<sup>th</sup> \$10, Palms Armed forces \$200, Palms Playboy \$200, Palms Elvira \$200, Four Queens Seattle Slew \$200, Palms

Playboy boxed rabbit \$10, Palms 2003 Chapter \$10, Las Vegas Club Emigrant Trail \$10, Sierra Sid's

WINNER IS: ARMED FORCES \$200, PALMS
Silver Strikers Sure Love the Palms!!

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Please review this Constitution for the Silver Striker Club as prepared by the acting officers. Make any recommendations by send them via email or written to the Club President: 12355 Tidwell Rd., #408, Houston, TX 77044-1132. Be sure to state why you support your recommended change.

#### The Silver Strikers Club, Inc. Constitution

#### ARTICLE ONE: NAME

The organization shall be known as "The Silver Strikers Club, Inc." AKA: Silver Strikers Club.

#### ARTICLE TWO: PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal place of business of this organization shall be listed as 780 N. McCarran Blvd. Sparks, Nevada 89431.

#### ARTICLE THREE: PURPOSE

- A. The purposes of this organization are: to promote good will and closer relationships among collectors of silver strikes, to encourage the study of silver strikes and other gaming and casino related memorabilia of all kinds, to form a close and continuing relationship with the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc., (CC&GTCC) and other clubs and organizations devoted to the study of and collection of casino and gaming related items.
- B. The Silver Strikers Club is the successor to the former CC&GTCC Silver Strikers Chapter and assumes all prior activities and history of the Chapter as its own.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Constitution or of the Bylaws, the Club is organized exclusively as a social club for pleasure, recreation, educational, and other similar nonprofit purposes and substantially all of its activities must be for these purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code. In general, the Club should be supported by membership fees, dues, and assessments and the Club shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### ARTICLE FOUR: OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1 A President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, and a Secretary shall govern the Club.

Section 2 A Board of Directors will be comprised of the five (5) Club officers.

Section 3 A. The President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary will be elected for a two (2) year term in each year

ending in an odd number.

- B. Nominations for officers shall be called for by written notification to all members in good standing not later than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the Club's next annual meeting in an election year. In order for a potential candidate to be declared an official nominee in any club election for office, the candidate must receive the equivalent of a nomination and a second in order to be listed on the official ballot as a valid candidate. To accomplish this requirement, a candidate must receive a minimum of two nominations.
- C. Election ballots will be mailed to each member in good standing not later than thirty (30) days prior to an election, and shall specify the procedure for casting ballots in advance of the annual meeting.
- D. Newly elected officers shall be installed every two (2) years at the Club's odd numbered annual meeting.
- E. The officers shall serve until their successors have been duly installed.
- F. Candidates for office shall be limited to all members in good standing of the Club.
- G. (i) In the event of a vacancy in any elected office, which vacancy occurs within the first year after installation of the officer, a special election shall be held to elect a successor to serve the remaining term of such officer. As soon as practicable after such vacancy occurs, the Board shall cause to be sent to each member in good standing a call for nominations. Regardless of the manner of mailing, the call for nominations shall be sent within thirty (30) days of the vacancy. The special election shall take place as soon as practicable after close of nominations, by mailing to all members in good standing.
- (ii) In the event of a vacancy in any elected office, which vacancy occurs after the first year following installation of the officer, the President shall appoint a member in good standing to hold such office until the installation of the officers successor.

#### ARTICLE FIVE: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Membership shall consist of four types of members:

- A. Charter Members: the 140 persons who formed the Silver Strikers Chapter in 1999.
- B. Regular Members: all members applying for membership after the Charter Membership period has closed;
- C. Associate Members: spouses and/or children residing at the same address as a Regular or Charter Member in good standing; and
- D. Life Members: (when implemented by the board) members in good standing

who apply, after completion of their third full year of membership for permanent membership status, and whose applications are accompanied by payment of an amount equal to fifteen (15) years' dues. Life Members are relieved from paying further annual dues.

Section 2 All members shall have equal status and shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of membership in the Club, except that no Club newsletter or magazine will be sent to Associate Members.

Section 3 Members in good standing are those members whose dues are paid currently, and who have not been subject to any discipline by the Club.

#### ARTICLE SIX: ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS

Section 1 This Constitution may be altered or amended. Alterations or amendments shall be presented in writing to the President who shall cause written notification to be provided to all members. Ballots containing any proposed alteration or amendment of this Constitution shall be mailed to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to an election, and shall specify the procedure for casting ballots in advance of the annual meeting. A two-thirds majority of those voting shall be required to amend.

Section 2 The Board of Directors shall have the power to make such prudential Bylaws and regulations, as they deem proper for the management and control of the business and affairs of the organization not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Nevada, and the Constitution of the United States.

Section 3 The Board of Directors is authorized to create regulations necessary for the organization to conduct its educational and other functions, to conduct annual conventions with exhibits of a competitive and non-competitive nature, and any other appropriate purposes.

#### ARTICLE SEVEN: DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal Government, or to a state or local government, for a

