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SILVER STRIKERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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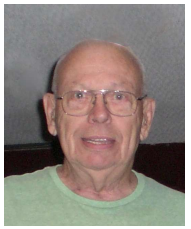
From the President:



The 17th Annual Four Queens Silver Strike Tournament is now history
and what a great time it was, thanks to Shawn and Todd for being terrific hosts. We missed a few of our family members due to health issues and personal commitments but we managed to have 92 on hand.

I owe Ralph Fajardo an apology not having his plaque present at the awarding of his Coin Contest winner announcement on Saturday night. Other than that I think the weekend went very smooth.

We had a surprise guest at the tournament, Mary Lou Waterbury our founding Club President was present and we thank her for joining us. She even won an award at the tournament she accomplished a very hard feat, she finished dead last. **Atta Girl!!** ☺
We are still struggling to find a Club Historian so if anybody would like to step up it would be appreciated.

I would like to thank the folks at Sam's Town for their new colored blue cap Eagle and silver Eagle. Their machine was a little cantankerous to play but yielded a couple of very nice strikes. Thanks also goes out to the Venetian for their new .999 silver red cap, it's nice to see new coins come out.

I'm looking forward to this coming January for the next Silver Strike Tournament and hope more members that haven't participated in one to make it their first tournament.
So, see you in January.

Jeff Bitzer
SSC President

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Publicity & Promotions Chair

by Warren Schaefer

The Venetian/Palazzo still have red & blue caps in both machines and a new clad strike is also available. There is a new .999 fine silver Gondola red cap in both Machines.

The Four Queens still have red & blue caps in all of their machines as of July 20th.

The Sam's Town strike machine is a little temperamental but is up and running with a new clear cap & blue cap Eagle. The blue cap has a colored eagle.

Nothing new at the El Cortez.

As for the new Silver Strike machines that have been predicted they are still a work in progress and are probably a couple of months away from being in play.

Classified Ads

HELP WANTED

Club Historian

please contact director of personnel
Jeff Bitzer - jbitzer1@comcast.net

Place Your Ad Here!

Advertise in the Silver Strikers Club Newsletter
COST of the Ads: 2 lines of type $1, plus $.50 each additional line for 2 issues,
$5 per 1/2 page for 2 issues, $10 per 1 page for 2 issues
DEADLINE for ads in the next newsletter is December 31, 2016.
Send your Ad via Email to Becky Bottemiller: moresunplz@aol.com
Mail Payment for the Ad to Judy Barton: 3917 Cartist Drive, Ft. Worth, Texas 76116-7703
Ad will be published in the issue following receipt of payment.

Upcoming Gaming and Coin Related Events

Oct 28, 2016	Halloween $300 Strike Release	Four Queens Casino Las Vegas, NV
Jan 27-29, 2017	Four Queens Silver Strike Tournament (800) 634-6045, (702) 385-4011 Rod, Alba, or Arlene	Four Queens Casino Las Vegas, NV
Jan 28, 2017, 5pm	Silver Strike Tournament $300 Release	Four Queens Casino Las Vegas, NV

Editor's Note

If you would like to submit articles or pictures for future newsletters, please send to moresunplz@aol.com. Deadline for the next newsletter is December 31, 2016.

Locations with Silver Strike Machines

Casino	City	State	Qty
El Cortez	Las Vegas	Nevada	1
Four Queens Hotel & Casino	Las Vegas	Nevada	8
Johnny Nolon's	Cripple Creek	Colorado	1
Sam's Town Hotel & Gambling Hall	Las Vegas	Nevada	1
Venetian	Las Vegas	Nevada	1
Palazzo	Las Vegas	Nevada	1

Total Silver Strike Machines 14

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

A big welcome to all our **New Members** from January 1, 2016 to May 31,

Barth, David	Hirouji, Dennis	Shelt, Gary
Boyd, Ann	LaNave, Michael	Stucke, Sheri
Brown, Lois	Lee, Carleton	Taketa, Dale
Brown, Ronald	Patterson, Freddie	Torgerson, Wendy
Cauble, Christina	Peck, Steven	Weirich, Matthew
Cisnerios, Freddy	Perrine, Bob	Wuest, Kelli Elam
Eramdjian, Jack	Ponte, Jamie	\Wuest, Larry
Hanson, Joy	Ponte, Dennis	
Hirouji, Clarine	Rowe, Randy	

MEMBERS WEBSITES

In the early days of the club when newsletters were published they had a list of members with websites and also contact information on local clubs. I would like to revert back in time and revive some of the early newsletter features. We will publish any member's website free of charge along with any local clubs that are still in existence which pertain to our hobby. We don't care if it's an eBay store or personal website it gives our members another outlet to fine strikes for their collections.

MEMBERS WEBSITES

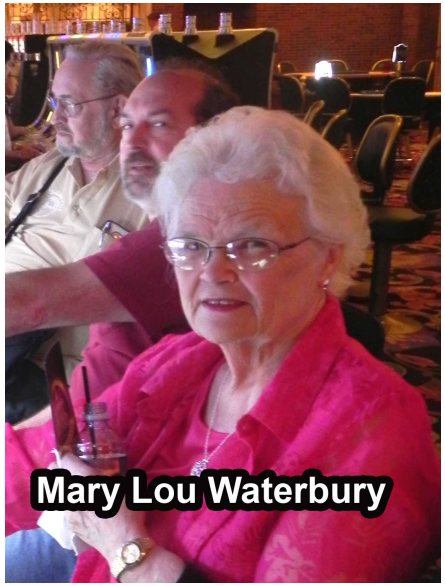
Buy, Sell, Trade

Peggy Place deaconpeg@yahoo.com
http://stores.ebay.com/puresilvercasinostrike seller

Dave Wills use website contact
http://www.silverstriketokens.com

Our First Silver Strikers Club President

Mary Lou Waterbury was very instrumental in setting up this club. It was her and Jack Haddock which set up the club. We owe much to the both of them.
This tournament we were very fortunate to have Mary Lou come. It is very nice to see someone who has contributed so much to our club. Mary Lou we thank you for all you did.



Grievance Chair

Things are going along very well. There are no new grievances to report. Hope things continue to run smoothly in the future. We all enjoy the tournaments and getting together. Being a club member also gives us contracts for making trades and buys.

The Grievance Chair
Bill Brooks

STRIKE MACHINE UPDATE

Things are looking very promising for the new Silver Strike machine to come online. When the Strike program was purchased from IGT the software link between IGT's proprietary lower reel machine was part of the deal. We now have a new version of the strike machine and the two sides are working out the terms of usage to link them together. I've been told that the deal is very close and the prototypes will soon have a new home. I was not given a time frame.

Tee-Shirt Sales

The Tee Shirt Sales were very good at the tournament and we have some left in assorted colors from small to 3x. If anybody would like to order one let us know your size and we will check on which colors we have left.

Don't forget this is a fund raising function of your club. There will be a small charge added for
Shipping which we will quote you at the time of purchase.

Introducing our new Club Photographer

We are so pleased to have a Club Photographer. Jim Dalzell was so kind to volunteer for the position. We feel having the photos enhance the newsletter and for those of you who were unable to attend it gives you a glimpse of the tournament.

Jim Dalzell Club Photographer

Recent and Upcoming Releases

Balance Sheet

December 31, 2015

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Wells Fargo Savings	3,500.00	
Checking/Savings Wachovia-7084	23,002.19	
Accounts Receivable	263.00	
Undeposited Funds	46.00	
Total Current Assets		26,811.19
TOTAL ASSETS		**26,811.19**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Current Liabilities		
Total Accounts Payable	34.09	
Total Current Liabilities	34.09	
Total Liabilities		34.09
Equity		
Retained Earnings	26,976.42	
Net Income	3,949.18	
Total Equity		30,925.60
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		**30,959.69**

Trades, Trades and More Trades

Silver Strike Tournament Results June 2016

1	**BELINDA**	**MOON**	**17522**
2	CATHRINE	JOHNSON	15930
3	JUDY	FAJARDO	15598
4	CAROL	CHRZANOWSKI	15202
5	GLORIA	MARTIN	14702
6	STEFAN	BRAND	14596
7	BARBARA	EZELL	14590
8	ROBERT	CHAFFIN	14118
9	MARY	BOYLE	14066
10	STEVEN	ANTHONY	14036
11	BRADLEY	PAYNE	13758
12	CAREL	JANSON	13754
13	DELTON	KERNS	13584
14	JUDY	BARTON	13234
15	ROBERT	MARTIN	12898
16	RAFAEL	FAJARDO	12750
17	JAMES	HORVATIC	12702
18	LUELLEN	NEWMAN	12608
19	LARAINE	KEPPNER	12552
20	MARK	HINKLE	12448
92	MARYLOU	WATERBURY	6266

2017 Silver Strikers Club Coin Contest

Drawings will be accepted starting Oct 1st, 2016. The ending date is Dec 15th, 2016.

Send entries to:

Al Lukas email - ableto wn.aol.com

Al Lukas

5507 4th Ave N.W.

Bradenton, FL 34209

SILVER STRIKERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Complete the application below and send to:

Silver Strikers
c/o Jo E. Riefer
2283 Panoramic Dr.
Concord, CA 94520-1316

LIMITED EDITION COMMEMORATIVE STRIKE ★ ESTABLISHED 1999 ★ WELCOME to the Fabulous Silver Strikers Club Las Vegas, NV

____ Check here if this is your annual renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: (____) _____-_____ E-Mail: _____

Collecting Interests:

___ All ___ $2 ___ $3 ___ $7 ___ $10 ___ $20 ___ $28 ___ $40 ___ $200 ___ Other: _____

___ All ___ Nevada ___ Colorado ___ Atlantic City ___ Riverboats ___ Other: _____

I have enclosed my payment for:

Annual Membership Fee	$10	$_____
Optional Spouse Membership Fee	$10	$_____
Spouse's Name_____		
Additional SS Club Roster	$10	$_____
If you would like the Newsletter mained to you please add	$ 2	$_____
Receiving your Newsletter by E-Mailing is Free		
TOTAL ENCLOSED (payable to: Silver Strikers Club)		**$**_____

May we publish the above information in the Club Roster? ___ Yes ___ No

Pay by PayPal using email address: membership@silverstrikers.com.

Membership sponsored by: _____

Did you hear about us by: Internet___Friend___ Phamphlet___Other_____

Check out our Web Site: www.silverstrikers.com

2016 SILVER STRIKERS CLUB COIN CONTEST
THE WINNER

FIRST PLACE
RALPH FAJARDO

2ND PLACE
WARREN SCHAEFER

3RD PLACE
PEGGY JOHNSON

4TH PLACE
WALT JOHNSON

5TH PLACE
COLIN HIGHET

6TH PLACE
GREG BOONE

Congratulations to RALPH FAJARDO for his first place winning entry. A big thank you to all the club members who entered the contest. A very special thank you to Jo Riefer for her computer enhancing and Jeff Bitzer for working with the Sunshine Mint to produce our strike. To the 7 Judges who had the difficult task of narrowing 31 awesome entries down to six finalists, thank you very much.

Al Lukacs

Membership Contest 2016

As most of you know we have a contest every year to increase the membership.
The contest runs from **January 1st through December 31st**.
This year we have increased the prizes.

- 3 new members during the contest year you will receive a free roster and a Club Tee Shirt.
- 6 new members you will get a $25 gift certificate and a Club Tee Shirt.
- 8 new members you will get a $50 gift certificate, a Club Tee Shirt and one year's free membership.
- 10 new members you will get a $75 gift certificate, a Club Tee Shirt and Two year's free membership.

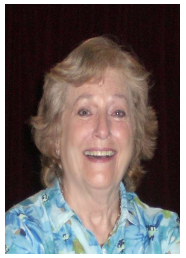
A big thank you to everyone who has recruited even one new member.
It is important to keep our Club growing. So…. lets get busy sponsoring new members.

For the year 2015:
Whitney Anthony sponsored 4 new people and has won a free roster and Club Tee Shirt.
John Vilsmiere sponsored 3 new people and has won a free roster and Club Tee Shirt..

2016 Club Coin Contest

We are proud to announce the winner of the 2016 club coin contest.
Congratulations go to Ralph Fajardo. This is a very unique design.
Good job Ralph!

Ralph Receiving a plaque and his design.



Profit and Loss
June 2015 - May 2016

Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Income			
Advertisement	250.00		
Convention Auction	195.00		
Convention Tshirt Sales	292.00		
Donations	3.00		
Total Income		740.00	
Member Dues & Fees			
Membership Dues	9,055.00		
Membership Roster	150.00		
Member Dues & Fees—Other	144.00		
Total Member Dues & Fees		9,349.00	
Sale of Club Strikes	4,250.00		
Total Income			**14,339.00**
Expense			
Coin Production		3,046.43	
Postage		484.27	
Advertisement		100.00	
Bank Charge		19.00	
Convention Expenses			
Business Mtg	2,694.09		
Officer Awards	73.70		
T-Shirts	396.95		
Convention Expenses—Other	2,752.62		
Total Convention Expenses		5,917.36	
Government Reporting			
Nevada Annual Report	63.22		
Government Reporting—Other	69.00		
Total Government Reporting		132.22	
Incorporation Fees—Easy Mail		50.00	
Newsletter Expenses			
Printing	405.11		
Other Expenses	398.19		
Total Newsletter Expenses		803.30	
Office Supplies			
Postage	18.80		
Office Supplies	49.77		
Other	1,046.62		
Total Office Supplies		1,115.19	
Total Expense			**11,667.77**
Net Ordinary Income			**2,671.23**
Net Income			**2,671.23**

Webmaster Brief 2016

(01 January to 30 June 2016)

Over the past year we have added the following to the club website:

New Strikes – 51
New Tokens – 6
Holograms – 0
Silver Bars – 0
Current news – 16

The following new entries were added to the Related Tokens catalog menu; Mesa Grande Sovereign Nation and Bay 101 Card Room.

I've started a new update to the website called **Image Refresh** which includes the following: adding a PDF by clicking on the strike image (it has a red dotted boarder), straightening the images, removing excess spacing of the image, updating/correcting image text fields, Adding More Images field (creating original image) to all catalog pages.

Silver Strike Catalog Image Refresh current status: completed Silver Strikers Club , Silver Strikers Tournament Tokens, Aruba, Bahamas, California, Canada, and Colorado.

Follow changes to the club website using an RSS reader. Every time a change is made to the club website (except typo's and minor corrections) the RSS feed is updated.

Here's a couple of links that describe RSS feeds.
http://www.whatisrss.com/
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSS
Here's what the RSS feed icon looks like for the silver strikers website

The most common color used is:
However, the RSS feed icon can be any color.

RSS feed depends upon which browser you use, below are some links for the different browsers:
Internet Explorer - http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/how-to-add-and-view-rss-feeds-in-internet-explorer.html
Firefox - http://www.top-windows-tutorials.com/rss-in-firefox/
Chrome – in the browser click on Customize and Control Google Chrome icon, select more tools and click on Extensions. You may then search for RSS reader and other extensions.

Another way to track website changes is to use one of free programs at: http://www.hongkiat.com/blog/detect-website-change-notification/ or Google tracking website changes for additional options.

Jim Quinn

Strikers Club Coin

You can still buy your 2016 Club Strike
Order today

Name _____
SS# _____
Address_____
City_____
State _____ Zip _____-
Nevada County_____
For Sales tax payment by club

Quantity _____ 2016 (17th Anniversary)
$27.00 Each
CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MADE OUT TO: SILVER STRIKERS CLUB
SEND TO:
Silver Strikers club
Jeff Bitzer
1585 Freeman Rd.
Hoffman Estates, IL. 60192
PAYPAL at membership@silverstrilers.com

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There is still time enough for others to do the same.
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Membership Report June 2016

We are managing to maintain our membership. Each month we lose a few but we also pick up New Members.

As of June 2016 we have 454 Active Members.

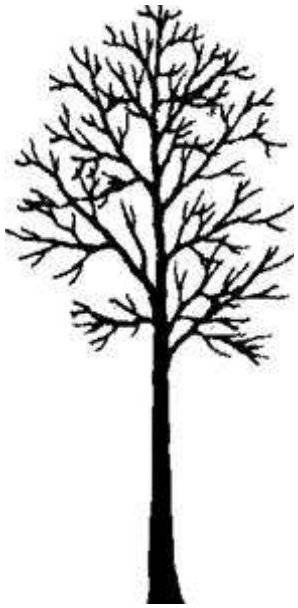
Even though we have not lost members this last six months we still need to try to recruit new members. Whenever you play a strike machine talk to the people around you. You would be surprised most people do not even know there is a Silver Strikers Club.

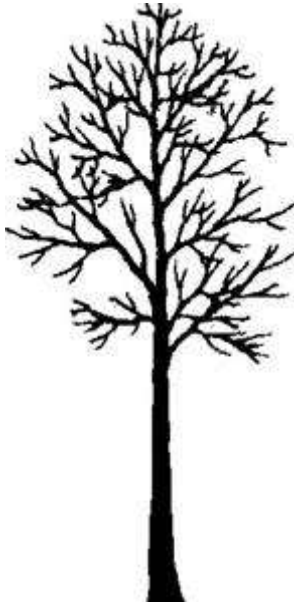
Most new members are from the web site and the brochures at the Four Queens.

Happy Fall & Winter !!

Best Strike of 2015

Casino: Four Queen's
Denomination: $300.00
Description: Lady and Pumpkin 2015
City: Las Vegas, Nevada
Issued: October 20, 2015





Hall of Fame 2015

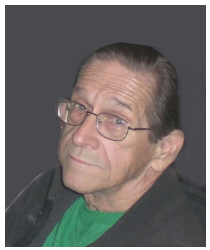
Casino: Four Queen's Casino
Denomination: $300.00
Description: Soldier and Flag
City: Las Vegas, Nevada
Issued: 2012

SILVER STRIKERS CLUB MEETING MINUTES 6-24-16

Members:	Absent	Present
Jeff Bitzer, President		X
Jo Reifer, 1st Vice President		X
Sue Cohenour, 2nd Vice President		X
Al Lukacs, Secretary		X
Judy Barton, Treasurer		X

TOPIC DISCUSSION NOTES

- Convene - The Board meeting convened at 3 P.M., at the Four Queens Hotel and Casino.
- Trade session - Changed trade session from Saturday night to Saturday morning. An announcement will be made Friday night at the Four Queens dinner to that affect. Sue made a motion to accept the changes in the trade session. Judy2nd the motion, the motion passed 5-0. Jeff to remind Shawn about change announcement.
- Treasurers report - Judy read the treasurers report that will be printed in the newsletter.
- Officers terms - Judy Barton announced that after 10 years she will not run for reelection to the office of Treasurer. Solicit people to run for the office.
- Officers Duties - Each officer has their job description and duties in the Club Constitution and By Laws. These are general rules. Each officer will developed a S.O.P. packet with details his/her successor will need to perform their jobs on the first day in office. No vote but total agreement that this should be done to make life easier for new officers.
- Club Coin - Sunshine mint did not color the lettering at the bottom of the design. We discussed different solutions to the error. Jo made a motion to leave the strike as is Judy 2nd the motion Passed 4-0 with Jeff abstaining.
- The Strike Point - Discussed giving the Strike Point a donation of $200.00 for the club banner/ad. Motion to donate $200.00 made by Al, 2nd by Jo passed 5-0 in favor.
- Link to Club website Jim Quinn is going to look into linking our website to others, for advertising the club.
- Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.



A New Link for Silver Strikers

By Paul Cory

I have discussed with other club members at length why so few people use the bulletin board linked to the Silver Strikers website. The most common comment is that people don't want to use it for just simple question or comments. So, I decided that the options available to Facebook users would add another way for us to communicate with each other, especially during strike events. Also, it is very simple to add pictures to any facebook posts!

First, to access the group, you have to have a facebook account. If you don't have an account, it is free and easy to set up at facebook.com . Second, you go to the Casino Silver Strikes Facebook Page:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/353030691516499/

and request to join the group. I cannot automatically add people unless they are my "Facebook Friends". Then I will add you to the group. The reason I have it as a closed group is so that the general public doesn't know when or where we all are. I'd hate for us to be talking about meeting up in Vegas and telling the world none of us are at home! So, everything is visible only to members of the group. I can add moderators anytime if we get a lot of new members.

The Casino Silver Strikes Facebook Page is meant to be very casual, very laid back. You can use it to tell other members about new strikes, use it to sell or trade or just ask folks in the group what they are up to, etc. If anybody has any questions, they can email me atpcory8681@gmail.com.