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Pam's Corner by Pam Martin

A Silver Strike special event for the 2009 Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens Collectors Club Convention

Monday morning 123 Silver Strikers entered the Palms Casino and proceeded to the Key West room. Upon entering we were greeted by the entrance to a Silver Strike mine, complete with small mountains, and the miner's wagon. What a perfect touch to start of the Palms Casino and Hotel first Silver Strike Slot Tournament. This was also the most popular place for picture taking. There were 40 slot machines behind the silver mine plus a few tables and chairs where we gathered.

The first day we all registered and played our first round. Each session was 10 minutes and believe me hitting that button for 10 minutes is a long time and no matter how fast or slow you hit you will need plenty of red, white, and blues to pay off. The scores were high and hopes were up for many. Each participant was given a buffet ticket for that day and the rest of the day was free, except for the few who were able to get on a silver strike machine. I know the Palms noticed all of us strikers, in fact I think Craig got a call saying they couldn't believe so many strikers could fit around one strike machine. Everyone at the Palms was great. This was their first event for silver strikers but before the day was over they were having as much fun with us as we were having being there.

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Welcome New Board of Directors

At the Silver Strikers Club meeting held at 6pm on Thursday June 25, 2009, the outgoing BOD members were given appreciation plaques for their work for the last two years with the Silver Strikers Club. The incoming Board of Directors were introduced and sworn in. The new board, led by President Bill Jollie, First Vice President Cheri Jollie, Second Vice President Becky Bottemiller, Treasurer Judy Barton, promises to lead the club in new and exciting endeavors in the upcoming term.

Please join us in welcoming our new officers to their new positions and let us give them the full support of our members.



Leroy Rico, Dan Hanagriff, Judy Barton, Ralph Fajardo
Old Outgoing Board of Directors

Becky Bottemiller, Cheri Jollie, Bill Jollie, Judy Barton
New Incoming Board of Directors

Silver Strikers Club Secretary Needed

The Silver Strikers Club is looking for a volunteer to be the club Secretary for the 2009-2011 term. If you wish to help your Silver Strikers Club and be club Secretary, please contact club President Bill Jollie at: president@silverstrikers.com

Classified Ads

Selling all silver strikes and bezels, including own collection.
30% off listed price.

E-mail Lisa Jung, lisa@lvha.net

For a list of strikes for sale, see web page: <http://chippermel.lvha.net>

Place Your Ad Here!

Advertise in the Silver Strikers Club Newsletter

COST of the Ads: \$15 per newsletter or \$50 per year (4 newsletters)

DEADLINE for ads in the next newsletter is September 1, 2009

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

Upcoming Gaming and Coin Related Events

7/21/09 7:30pm	Meeting So. Cal. Casino Collectors Club Jim Noll jenca@pacbell.net http://www.freewebs.com/scaclub	Hollywood Park Casino 3883 W. Century Bl. Inglewood, CA (310) 330-2800 (800) 888-4972
8/18/09 7:30pm	Meeting So. Cal. Casino Collectors Club Jim Noll jenca@pacbell.net http://www.freewebs.com/scaclub	Hollywood Park Casino 3883 W. Century Bl. Inglewood, CA (310) 330-2800 (800) 888-4972
9/15/09 7:30pm	Meeting So. Cal. Casino Collectors Club Jim Noll jenca@pacbell.net http://www.freewebs.com/scaclub	Hollywood Park Casino 3883 W. Century Bl. Inglewood, CA (310) 330-2800 (800) 888-4972
10/17/09 9am-3pm	San Marino Show (CASINORAMA) Jim Munding mun3335@aol.com	San Marino Masonic Lodge 3130 Huntington Dr. San Marino, CA
1/29/10-1/31/10	Four Queens Silver Strike Slot Tournament (sponsored by the Four Queens, not the Silver Strikers Club)	Four Queens Hotel and Casino Las Vegas, NV
2/5/10-2/6/10	7 th Annual Super Collectables Show Jim Munding mun3335@aol.com	Arizona Charlie's Hotel & Casino 740 S. Decatur Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89107

Editor's Note

If you would like to submit articles or pictures for future newsletters, please send to moresunplz@aol.com and karcher101@gmail.com. Deadline for the next newsletter is September 1, 2009.

Palms Silver Strike Slot Tournament



Photos courtesy of Pam Martin



Tournament Registration



Palms Tournament Second Place Winner Don Barton



Third Place Winner Warren Schaefer
Photo courtesy of Bill Cohenour

Four Queens Slot Tournament

(Note: This event is sponsored by the Four Queens, not the Silver Strikers Club)

SILVER STRIKE

Room Package & *\$10,000 SLOT TOURNAMENT

January 29, 30, & 31, 2010

Package's Include

- Three night stay at the Four Queens Hotel & Casino
- Welcome Cocktail Reception-Open Bar
- Awards Ceremony with Cake and Champagne
- Limited Edition Silver Strike Token
- Entry into the *\$10,000 Slot Tournament

PRICE FOR ROYAL PLAYERS CLUB MEMBERS

Per Person	Single	No Room
<u>Double Occupancy</u>	<u>Occupancy</u>	<u>Needed</u>
\$ 276.29	\$ 352.55	\$ 200.00

PRICE FOR NON-MEMBERS

Per Person	Single	No Room
<u>Double Occupancy</u>	<u>Occupancy</u>	<u>Needed</u>
\$ 333.91	\$ 467.81	\$ 200.00

Space is limited so call Room Reservations today at

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Ask for Rod, Alba, or Arlene.

*Slot Tournament prize money is based on 150 participants and will pay 20 places.

Prize money will be adjusted based on actual entries.

Based on space availability. Prior reservations required. Package price is per person. Packages cannot be split. Tournament entry is non-transferable. Must be 21 years of age or older to enter. Offer may be modified at anytime. Tournament rules available at Welcome Party. Management reserves all rights.

FOUR QUEENS

Meet Peter Van der Kar: Silver Strike Pioneer



by Bill Metten

Fourth in a series of articles about club members who started collecting silver strikes in the early days and have contributed to the club's success.

Silver Strikers Club Charter Member Peter Van der Kar and his partner, Charter Member Lloyd Malani, began collecting silver strikes in 1998 for Lloyd's sister in Hawaii. After winning their first strike from Harvey's in Lake Tahoe, they began collecting for themselves.

"We did not realize there were silver strikes at other casinos so we drove all over Nevada from Laughlin to Jackpot and every city and town in between, going into each casino with our sample asking if they had these coins," says Peter. "What a couple of years that was. We had a wonderful time."

They collected all denominations. Lloyd focused on \$7 strikes, Peter collected the \$20's, \$40s, and then the \$200's. "And we collected all the \$10s we could get," Peter says. Like other strikers, Peter was a collector as a kid, collecting stamps. He sold his collection, recalling "something about being young and a new car."

Peter and Lloyd attended their first CC>CC convention in 1998, adding to their collection by trading.

"Before eBay there were only the trade shows and few silver strikers, mostly chippers, so we would tailgate and trade at chip shows. Gary Heinz, Ralph Bjornson, Rich Rosales and a bunch of us would all trade for strikes we needed to complete a series. Those were the good old days, before silver strikes became the popular collectible they are today," says Peter.

Peter likes "the search" aspect of strike collecting." I liked going to pawn shops and finding some great strikes before the catalogs were printed. I also liked trying to finagle a deal or buy a strike from the casino cages.

Peter and Lloyd vividly remember two "great finds" while collecting.

One day it was raining and they were at Treasure Island. Peter went to the cage and asked if they had any of their \$40 strikes. "They just laughed at me," he says.

"A little later a security guard asked me if he could help me. I probably looked like a vagrant, all sopping wet. I told him about my experience at the cage. The guard said he knew the Comptroller and if I gave him \$40 he would get me one. He disappeared for about twenty minutes and then came back with the strike and a document that I had to sign, saying it was for collection only. I tried to give him a twenty-dollar tip and he refused. In those days, a TI \$40 strike was going for about 2 grand. We did not know the value of the strike at that time, only that it existed. Later we discovered the value and realized how lucky we were," said Peter.

Their other find was at one of the Tropicana shows. "Lloyd was carefully looking through a box of strikes which had been searched by many others. He found the first

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Palms Tournament Pics by Bill Cohenour



Craig Karnatowski and Debbie Rigel of the Palms presenting Tournament Strikes to Second Place Winner Don Barton and First Place Winner Dorothy Kelnhofer

2009 CCGTCC Convention



Don Barton,
Judy Barton,
Dave Dunn
At the 2009
Convention Silver
Strikers Club Table



George Payne, Bill Cohenour, Sue Cohenour, Neil Willman at Sue and Bill Cohenour's table at the 2009 CCGTCC Convention



Jim Munding at his 2009 Convention table

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of the Riviera's Crazy Girl coin aligned strikes. To date I think there is only one other. Thoroughness found that strike, which is one of the great things about collecting. You think you know it all and something like that shows up. We made a lot of money on that strike when it was sold," Peter said.

Peter and Lloyd were present when the club was formed. "The very first meeting was run by Mary Lou Waterbury and Jack Haddock and there were probably 100 or so people there, maybe more. We voted to become a club. We nominated Mary Lou and Jack to become our president and vice president and they asked for volunteers for other offices."

"Lloyd punched me in the ribs and said, 'you can write. Why not do the newsletter or be the treasurer?' So I, perhaps foolishly, put my hand up and was elected newsletter editor, though I wanted the treasurer's job. Evelyn Grosklaus was elected treasurer," Peter said.

"I had no experience with a computer and Jack sent me an envelope of stuff. I had to start from scratch, format and all. If just kind of evolved," said Peter.

Members were asked to contribute to the newsletter. Most of their experiences were complaints. Peter did not want to print anything negative about the casinos because he thought that such publicity would harm the fledgling hobby. So he printed "only the light hearted stories and the amusing ones that I wrote myself." The newsletters are in the archives of the club's website.

More recently, Peter has the distinction of winning the club's first silver strike design competition, commemorating "7 Lucky Years." He and Lloyd also have had a table at the convention for the last 9 years.

As for the future of the club and strike collecting, Peter says, "A lot of the future depends on club management and participation. Do we elect the right people to represent us? People who will get the job done and listen to the membership about what they want. As more casinos drop silver strike machines from play it becomes harder to attract new collectors so great communication with casinos is necessary to rebuild their interest in silver strike machines, slot tournaments, and the hobby in general.

The Strike Point is a good reference for the interest people have in the club and that seems to be doing well. I would say there is a future, but we need to encourage it with patience and intelligence."

Looking back, Peter and Lloyd also collected many friends while collecting strikes. "We became close with a number of them, and still are. We have even gone on cruises together, one through the Panama Canal with Strikers and Chippers," he said.

Newest Post Office mailing rates effective May 11, 2009

by Dan Hanagriff

Please note: The Post Office says that the prices for mailing services will continue to adjust each May. Prices for most shipping services, including Express Mail and Priority Mail were adjusted in January and did not change in May 2009.

Prices furnished by the post office in Westlake, LA. Check your local post office for any additional information or answers to any questions you might have regarding mailing of items.

First Class Mail

Letters – first ounce	\$0.44
Large envelopes – first ounce	\$0.88
Parcels -- first ounce	\$1.22
-- Additional ounces --	\$0.17
Post Card	\$0.28

First Class Mail International

Postcards and Letters	
Canada	\$0.75
Mexico	\$0.79
All other countries	\$0.98

Extra Services

Certified Mail	\$2.80
Return Receipt	
Printed copy	\$2.30
Electronic copy	\$1.10
Money Orders	
Up to \$500	\$1.10
\$500.01 to \$1,000	\$1.50
Delivery Confirmation (retail)	
Priority Mail	\$.70
1st Class Mail (parcels only)	\$.80
Signature Confirmation (retail)	\$2.35

Insurance

Up to \$50	\$1.75
\$50.01 to \$100	\$2.25
\$100.01 to \$200	\$2.75
\$200.01 to \$300	\$4.70
\$300.01 to \$5,000	\$4.75 PLUS \$1.00 for each \$100

Recent/Upcoming Releases



Silver Clad Brass Strikes (below) do not have '.999 Fine Silver' on them.



Locations with Silver Strike Machines

Casino	City	State	Qty
Delta Saloon	Virginia City	Nevada	1
Four Queens Hotel & Casino	Las Vegas	Nevada	3
Johnny Nolon's	Cripple Creek	Colorado	1
Palms Casino Resort	Las Vegas	Nevada	4
Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino	Las Vegas	Nevada	3
Sam's Town Hotel & Gambling Hall	Las Vegas	Nevada	2
Total Silver Strike Machines			14

Welcome New Members

Date	Name	Member #	Sponsor
Mar. 2009	Kameron Christensen	SS-1172	unknown
	Stephanie Christensen	SS-1173	unknown
	Dean Hyde	SS-1174	Jim Munding
	Marlene Mayor/Hyde	SS-1175	Jim Munding
Apr. 2009	Tatiana Lee Montez	SS-1176	Edwin Sugai
	Jack Jensen	SS-1177	Erik Quint
May 2009	Richard Harkins	SS-1178	unknown
	James Spence	SS-1179	Athey Spence
	Jerry Rogers	SS-1180	unknown
	OVJ Loan	SS-1181	John Ruppert
	Mark Lykken	SS-1182	unknown
	Jun 2009	Marcus Cisneros	SS-1183
Jun 2009	Tammie Phipps	SS-1184	unknown
	Dewey Reed	SS-1185	Convention Table
	Dottie Reed	SS-1185-A	Convention Table
	Dennis Coppess	SS-1186	Convention Table
	Kim Hawkins	SS-1187	Convention Table
	Freda Hawkins	SS-1187-A	Convention Table

UPDATE for August

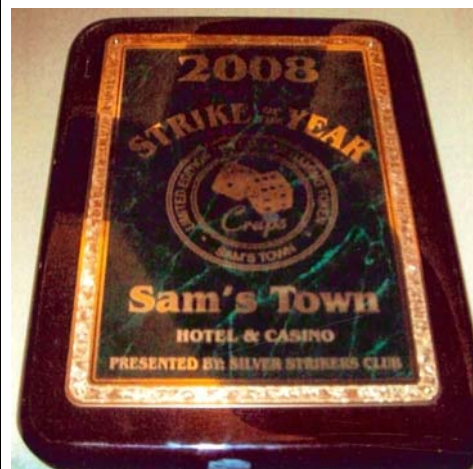
The Four Queens will be releasing their new \$200 Queen of Hearts plus a red cap to match at 10AM Friday August 28, 2009.

Sam's Town is HOPING to release their new \$200 of their Gaming series and their 30th Anniversary strike in August as well.

Check silverstrikers.com website for updates as new info becomes available.

Strike of the Year 2008

After the Silver Strikers Club Forum, Pam Martin presented the 2008 Strike of the Year plaque to Tom Curtin, who accepted the award for Sam's Town.



2009 Club Forum Speakers

Four Charter members spoke at the Club Forum, bringing back memories of the original founding of the Silver Strikers Club 10 years ago.



Jimmy Mahan, Norma King, Jack Haddock, Dave Ruffell

Silver Strikers Club Party



Sean Sarr, Terrie Sarr, Pam Martin, Jamie Martin, Shawn Webster (4Queens), Linda Jollie

\$200 Treasure Island Silver Strike
 Donated to the Club by Bob Chambers (left)
 to be Auctioned off
 Won by Don Barton (right)



Photo courtesy Jim McFadden

Ed and Jimmy Mahan giving out door
 prizes at the Club Party



Silver Strikers Club Membership Application



Complete this application

below and send to:

Silver Strikers

C/O Cheri Jollie

P.O. Box 291537

Phelan, CA 92329-1537

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

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

Collecting Interests:

____ All ____ \$7 ____ \$10 ____ \$20 ____ \$40 ____ \$200

____ All ____ Nevada ____ Colorado ____ Other

Publish the above information in the Club Roster? ____ Yes ____ No

Do you want the club newsletter E-Mailed to you (no extra cost)? ____ Yes ____ No

If Yes, E-Mail address to send it to: _____

I have enclosed my annual dues for:

____ Annual Membership	\$	15
____ New Member Processing Fee	\$	8
____ Optional Spouse Associate Membership	\$	15
____ Additional SS Club Roster	\$	10
Total Enclosed	\$	____

Spouse's Name: _____

Membership Sponsored By: _____

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Our second day was filled with two rounds of tournament play and a buffet ticket for lunch. The rounds produced many players getting lots of red, white and blue 7's. The scores were going higher and higher. Everyone had guesses of who was the leader but in the end we were all surprised when the first place winner was announced. And the winner was Dorothy Kelnhofer from Pahrump, NV. She loves playing for strikes at the Palms with her son and daughter in law. Our second place winner was Don Barton, oh by the way didn't Judy Barton come in second at the Four Queens Silver Strike Slot Tournament? Glad to see you can keep up with Judy! Each session there were two \$25 of free play and it was a really nice treat as I happened to have my name pulled. I have never gotten into the tournament money but it is nice to not be a complete loser, session money works well too.

It was two days just filled with fun, seeing old friends, making new friends, playing for strikes. The Palms did a fantastic job!! There were plenty of strikes to play for at the Palms, three red cap 10's, one 7, two 77 and three 777. The 1/4 pound tournament token was beautiful and of course there were two \$200 before the week end was over. A big THANK YOU to Craig and Debbie, they out did themselves with so many special touches. Craig has announced plans for continuing the Silver Strike Slot Tournament next year and I know many of us will be looking forward to it.

Pam Martin

Strikers Tales: And the Winner Is...

I'm 81 years old, and have lived in Pahrump, NV for about 25 years now. My husband and I were full timers in our RV and used Pahrump as our home base. Our son Gary came to visit and fell in love with the desert, so he moved here also. After my husband passed away, my son married, and he and his wife Diane insisted that I live with them.

We enjoy going to the Palms in Las Vegas and playing the silver strike machine in particular. We are not serious collectors of the smaller strikes, but prefer to trade up to the \$200 coins. When we received invitations from the Palms to enter the slot tournament, we were tickled to death. We met so many great folks at the tournament. We are also hoping the Palms will host another event next year and look forward to seeing all those nice people again. My thanks to the Palms for putting on this wonderful tournament and for the thrill of winning.

Dorothy Kelnhofer, Palms Tournament First Place Winner

Party Pics by Jim McFadden



What Happened To My Points

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Almost all casinos have a time limit on how long players points will be kept in their computer system from the time points are earned. If these points are not used within a certain time limit then they will expire and not be available to use for comps, cash back, rooms, etc. Suggestion: clear up/use your point account before you leave a casino before you go back home. They might not be there when you go back to Las Vegas. ALSO learn which casinos you play in are owned by what entity or corporation.

Below is a list of Las Vegas casinos, with the club name, & how long players' points remain in their computer system. This is not a list of ALL Las Vegas casinos just the casinos that I feel would be most likely used by SS club members. Also some casinos point information was not available at this time.

Casino Name	Players Club Name	Points Deleted if not used
ALL Arizona Charlie's owned	A.C.E Ultimate Rewards	18 months (begins to drop off)
ALL Harrahs owned	Total Rewards	6 months
ALL MGM-Mirage owned	MGM- Mirage Players Club	18 months
ALL Station Casinos	My Rewards or Boarding Pass	12 months NV resident 24 months out of state resident
Binions Gambling Hall	Club Binions	18 months
ALL Boyd Gaming	B - Connected	12 to 18 months
All Coast Casinos (owned by Boyd)	B -Connected	12 to 18 months
East Side Cannery	Can Club	12 months
El Cortez	Club Cortez	12 months
Ellis Island Casino	Passport Players Club	12 months
Encore or Wynn	Red Card Players Club	12 months from date earned
Fitzgeralds	Club Fitz	13 months
Four Queens	Royal Players Club	Between 13 - 16 months
Golden Nugget	24 Carat Club	18 months
Hard Rock	Rock Star Club	6 months
Hooters	Owl Reward Club	13 months
Las Vegas Club or Plaza	Plaza/LV Club Players Club	14 months
Las Vegas Hilton	Resort Destination Club	6 months
Palazzo or Venetian	Club Grazie	12 months
Planet Hollywood	A - List Players Club	18 months
Riviera Casino	Club Riviera	12 months
Sahara	Club Sahara	13 months
Silverton	Silverton Players Club	18 months
Terribles	Terribles Players Club	18 months
Palms	Club Palms	13 months
Treasure Island	In Transition	In Transition

If NOT SURE of when a casinos points expire JUST ASK at the casino players' club desk.

US Post Office -- Flat Rate Deals *by Dan Hanagriff*

As Silver Strike Collectors we find this collecting hobby can be a somewhat expensive hobby. So why pay more then necessary to ship Silver Strikes to other collectors. Or pay higher than necessary shipping cost to a seller of silver strikes when there is a cheaper way to ship strikes. ESPECIALLY when more than a few strikes, OR \$200 strikes are involved in the transaction. ALSO it doesn't take many Silver Strikes to add up in weight thus causing a higher postage shipping cost. Let's face it, silver strikes are HEAVY.

Below is a list of presently available Post Office deals using - priority flat rate mailer & boxes -. Please NOTE: we all know the - US Post Office - the prices for the priority flat rate can easily change. So check with your Post Office before you mail your strikes. ALSO NOTE: use ONLY mailer or boxes that are MARKED PRIORITY FLAT RATE to get this special rate. Or else you will be charged the higher priority rate. The - weight - of the item to be mailed - does not matter - when using priority flat rate. As long as it is within the normal postal weigh limits and fits properly in the mailer or box. --- " Also the priority mailer or boxes are supplied by the post office free at NO extra cost to the person wanting to use these post office priority flat rate deals."

Check with your post office for any further information needs concerning flat rate deals.

Deal # 1 --Flat Rate Priority *MAILER ENVELOPE* -- \$4.95 -- Thick extra heavy duty cardboard/paper type envelope. 8 ½ inches wide X 12 inches long X about ¼ inch thick -- It will expand some to accommodate some thicker items. NOTE: If you want to use - *extra tape* - to seal the mailer, I suggest that you ask PO clerk first if OK, as this extra tape could void the flat rate savings and upgrade the mailer to a higher priority mailing rate.

Deal # 2 -- Flat Rate Priority *SMALL BOX* -- \$4.95 -- 5 ½ inches wide X 8 ½ inches long X 1 ½ inches deep. -- NO tape limit

Deal # 3 -- Flat Rate Priority *MEDIUM BOX* -- \$10.35 -- 8 ½ wide X 5 ½ inches long X 1 ¾ inches deep. -- NO tape limit

Deal # 4 -- Flat Rate Priority *LARGE BOX* -- \$10.95 -- 11 ½ inches wide X 13 ½ inches long X 3 3/8 inches deep. -- NO tape limit

Deal # 5 -- Flat Rate Priority *EXTRA LARGE BOX* -- \$13.95 -- 12 inches wide X 12 inches long X 5 ¾ inches deep.- NO tape limit

The next time a collector plans to mail out some strikes, check to see if using post office flat rate will save them some money. I don't know about other collectors but I would rather use my money for strikes than for paying unnecessary higher shipping costs.