

Silver Strikers Club

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Silver Strike Machines
15

Casinos with Silver Strike
Machines
8

Silver Strike Club Members
482

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From the President:

As many of you know, I declined the nomination for Club President to serve another term. This decision was not an easy one to make. When I became the Club President some three and a half years ago, it occurred to me that some changes were needed. Following the same organizational paradigm for fifteen years wasn't necessarily the most expeditious way of conducting the business of the club. I wanted to streamline the operations of the club with the assistance of the Board of Directors. We have accomplished this primary goal. Considering this, I believe the best way to get things done is often the simplest way. We have increased the balance of the treasury by several thousand dollars. I don't believe there is such a thing as having too much money. We established a Paypal account to make it easier for members to purchase their club coin and pay annual dues. Due to our policy of purchasing silver low, we have been able to reduce the price of the coin every year, passing the savings to the membership. We developed a brochure for the strike program, with the help of some of our members. This program has since been taken over by the Four Queens. We reduced the number of newsletters by half. We are in the process of moving the dates for the Annual Meeting and club party to January. These changes will become effective starting this coming June and would have already been done if not for the election of officers. The dates for June have been moved back a week to get them off the holiday weekend, hopefully reducing travel cost for our members who fly to Las Vegas. We started having a social time at the other tournament weekend which has been well received by the membership. The Board of Directors only has four meetings a year with two of these meetings being held in Las Vegas.

I could not have been the President of the club without the support and dedication of our Board members. To this day, I don't know how to make a club coin, run a website or issue a newsletter. Thanks to

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our committee chairs and members, I didn't have to know.

It has been a privilege for me to serve the club as the President. Jeff Bitzer will begin his term at the time of his installation at the next Annual Meeting in June. I know you will support Jeff and the next Board of Directors as they begin their new terms.

Joel Slack
President

ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

By Carol Chrzanowski

NEW CLUB OFFICERS—Term Starting June 1, 2015

President - Jeff Bitzer
1st VP - Jo Riefer
2nd VP - Sue Cohenour
Secretary - Al Lukacs
Treasurer - Judy Barton

Classified Ads

Bob Chambers donated one last TI \$200 Sirens to benefit the Club. The Strike was available for \$1,450.00 the Club held the auction at the June meeting and it was won by Shirley Slack. The Club sincerely appreciates both Bob and Shirley for their continued support of the Silver Strikers Club.



Place Your Ad Here!

Advertise in the Silver Strikers Club Newsletter

COST of the Ads: \$15 per newsletter or \$30 per year (2 newsletters)

DEADLINE for ads in the next newsletter is June 30, 2015.

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

March 31, 2015	St Patrick's Day \$300 Strike Release	Four Queens Casino Las Vegas, NV
June 26 - 28, 2015	Four Queens Silver Strike Tournament (800) 634-6045, (702) 385-4011 Rod, Alba, or Arlene	Four Queens Casino Las Vegas, NV
October 30, 2015	Halloween \$300 Strike 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 June 30, 2015.

Locations with Silver Strike Machines

Casino	City	State	Qty
Delta Saloon	Virginia City	Nevada	1
El Cortez	Las Vegas	Nevada	1
Four Queens Hotel & Casino	Las Vegas	Nevada	6
Johnny Nolon's	Cripple Creek	Colorado	1
Mirage	Las Vegas	Nevada	2
Sam's Town Hotel & Gambling Hall	Las Vegas	Nevada	1
Venetian	Las Vegas	Nevada	4
Palazzo	Las Vegas	Nevada	1

Total Silver Strike Machines 15

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Alarcon, Jeannette	Hertz, Robert	Pierson, David
Bandy, Clint	Kendra, Ken	Pfuehler, Jay
Bell, Ronald	Koonce, Don	Reyna, Ray
Bowler, Everett	Koonce, Gerry	Rhed, Richard
Bressette, Carol	Levitan, Steve	Schrader, Teresa
Bressette, Jack	Levitan, Steve	Smrka, Sean
Cash, Corette	Marinko, Linda	Sokoloshi, Kenneth
Cash, Mike	Martin, Ray	Spinks, Lisa
Crisanto, Joseh	Meduna, Mary	Vensand, Alric
De Sanctis, Deborah	Meduna, Ron	Williams, Jacob
Foster, George Jr.	Ngo, Vicky	Workman, Jeff
Franklin, Sam	Noble, Mike	
Gaunce, Michae	Pastorins, Kimberly	



Pam's Corner

Winner!, Winner!, Winner!

Everyone at the Four Queens Silver Strike Slot Tournament is a winner. A wonderful weekend filled with good times and lots of memories. Thanks to the Four Queens, Shaun, Todd, and the rest of the crew for a perfect time. The winner of the slot tournament was Joshua Lee, Helen Lee's son and second place went to Kathy Quinn, Jim Quinn's wife, (Jim is our club webmaster).

Sean Sarr, Shaun Webster and Todd Rumpel still have a special place in their hearts for strikes and silver strike club members. They have been big supporters these last years and I hope everyone gets to experience at least one tournament. Its the people who make it special, I know you can run into someone not so pleasant occasionally but most of the people are there to have a good time, see friends, make new friends, collecting strikes and trading strikes. It was great to see so many at the trade session.

Thanks to Ralph Fajardo as he donated another prize silver strike item to be auctioned off again this year and Jim Quinn was spending Kathy money before she got it as he won the auction. Its nice to put the tournament money back into the club. Good job.

Richard Nelson and Shaun did a fanatic job creating beautiful strikes. A complete set of 4 blues, one red, \$300 and one tournament strike. What a good haul.

There were a few of us who had some challenged last year but it was good to see so many of us there kicking up our heels, the only problem is some of us aren't kicking as high as we use to. There are a few who are facing some challenges this year, Shaun Webster had surgery right after tournament but he is home and doing well. Please send him your good wishes.

I would also like to welcome a new board coming in this June, President will be Jeff Bitzer and Sue Cohenour will be will 2st VP. staying on is Jo Riefer, 1VP, Judy Barton, Treasurer and Al Lucas, Secretary. Looking forward to a good year of striking.

A special thank you goes to all our past board members, our committee chairs, Becky Bottemiller for our newsletter, and many more who have donated their time and love to this club. Its great to see so many that are still here all these years and so many new faces coming in. The years of friendship, fun and all that silver! !! Its really been a special club.

We can now vote on the club website, please vote for our Hall of Fame and Strike of the Year plus our club strike which will be out in June. Hope the club brought silver when the price was low!!

Hope to see everyone in June

Pam Martin

January Four Queens Silver Strike Tournament

A great participation of Silver Strikers were present at the January Silver Strike Tournament - a total of 120 people. A lot of razzing going on in the room about high scores and a lot of people trying to get to the low score.

Lowest score was Mike Hennessey with 4,408

Winners of the Tournament were as follows:

1. Joshua Lee 17,552
2. Kathleen Quinn 17,434
3. Nora Schaeffer 16,738
4. Stefan Brand 16,458
5. Richard Halbisch 15,308
6. Edward Mahan 14,954
7. Norm Clem 14,616
8. Rafael Fajardo 14,604
9. Carol Dobos 14,592
10. Pam Martin 14,474
11. Colin Highet 14,338
12. Barbara Ezell 14,080
13. Brent Peterson 13,940
14. Marcus Cisneros 13,674
15. Pearl Rogers 13,442
16. Shirley Slack 13,394
17. Edmund Secord 13,382
18. Judy Rasmussen 13,374
19. James Turnbow 13,266
20. Larry Jones 13,254

A lot of completion between husbands and wives on scores, especially with Shaun and Todd pushing it on .

Can hardly wait until June to see what happens then.



Nora Schaefer-3rd place, Joshua Lee-1st place, Kathleen Quinn-2nd place

Recent and Upcoming Releases



Photos by
Judy Barton



Trade Session
January 2014

Balance Sheet

December 31, 2013

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings Wachovia-7084	20,539.22
Accounts Receivable	277.00
Undeposited Funds	28.91
Total Current Assets	20,845.13

Fixed Assets

2015 Silver purchase	1,522.50
Silver for 2014 coin production	2,626.00
Total Current Assets	4,148.50

TOTAL ASSETS**24,993.63****LIABILITIES & EQUITY****Current Liabilities**

Total Accounts Payable	-15.00
Wachovia Debit/Credit Card	6.00
Total Current Liabilities	-9.00
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Equity

Retained Earnings	18,945.13
Net Income	6,057.50
Total Equity	25,002.63

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**24,993.63**Photos by
Judy Barton**Club History**

by Jeff Gaffke

Some events from the year 2001:

Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas developed a \$5 Strike Machine where one could also have a chance to win a \$200 face value pound of silver. Also, a \$40 strike could be won. Both new strikes were of the "Winged Victory" design.

The Reno Airport has a new design, "The First Man on the Moon".

The Union Plaza will offer a \$200 one pound of silver, Silver Strike for a trade in of twenty \$20 strikes.

The Imperial Palace in Las Vegas will offer a 25th Anniversary Silver Strike in 2001.

The Flamingo Hilton will remove the name "Hilton" from all of their strikes for 2001. A new variety is born.

Gambling Facts:

The first neon sign appeared in Las Vegas in 1954 at the Boulder Club.

The bell is the oldest symbol still used on today's slot machines.

It's against the law to pawn your dentures in Las Vegas.

According to supplies, purple is the favorite ink color in daubers used by Las Vegas bingo players.

**Publicity Report**

By Warren Schaefer

I spoke with the Management in the High Roller area at the Mirage about doing a silver center strike with the picture of Terry Fator on it and putting it in a red case. Also colorizing their \$300 to make it look different, they are thinking about it. I also talked to the Venetian/Palazzo to see if they had any new designs in the works for their \$10.00 and \$300 strikes. There's nothing new in the near future.

The El Cortez still has the same clads in their machine and have not returned my emails. At Sam's Town they still have Blue caps eight apart and are as the clads the same old designs. They also have not returned my emails.

As always another great tournament At the Four Queens and a good time Was had by all that attended.

Membership Report January 2015

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

As of January 2015 we have 482 Active Members.

Even though we have lost a few of our members that did not renew we had an increase of 17 New Members over the last 2 months. Most were from the web site and the brochures at the Four Queen

SILVER STRIKERS ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 1-24-15

Members:	Absent	Present
Joel Slack, President		X
Jo Reifer, 1 st Vice President		X
James Mahan, 2 nd Vice President	X	
Al Lukacs, Secretary		X
Judy Barton, Treasurer		X

TOPIC DISCUSSION NOTES

- Convene - The Annual Board meeting convened at 10:15 P.M. At the Four Queens Hotel & Casino.
- January Newsletter - Remind Boiard members, committee members, and anyone with an article to forward them to Becky ASAP.
- 2nd VP duties - Jo Reifer made a motion to include as part of the 2nd VP's job description will include things like get well cards, condolences, etc. on behalf of the Club. Judy 2nd the motion passed 4-0. [Will get Jim Quinn to add to job description on web site.](#))
- Club Coin - Discussed cost's an d schedule of Club Coin from Sunshine Mint.
- June Events - Discussed possible events in January at the Four Queen's..
- Adjournment—Meeting adjourned at 11:00pm.

Profit and Loss

Sept 1, 2014 - Nov 30, 2014

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income	
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2014 Club Strike	1,327.50
Total Income	1,327.50
Member Dues & Fees	
Membership Dues	2,323.15
Membership Dues	442.00
Membership Roster	50.00
Total Member Dues & Fees	2,815.15
Total Income	4,142.65

Expense

Coin Production	2,050.87
Bank Service Charges & Fees	3.00
Nevada Dept of Taxation	10.34
Newsletter Expenses Printing	386.45
Office Supplies	
Supplies	32.46
Supplies—Other	157.94
Total Office Supplies	190.40
Telephone (Board Meetings)	43.33
Total Expense	2,684.39

Net Ordinary Income 1,458.26

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Al Lukas and wife

Jim Quinn won the machine topper at auction



Photos by
Judy Barton

SILVER STRIKERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Complete the application below
and send with Payment to:

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



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 _____

SS Club Roster \$10 \$ _____

Mailing of newsletter _____ \$ 2 \$ _____

To receive your Newsletter by E-Mailing is Free

TOTAL ENCLOSED (payable to: Silver Strikers Club) \$ _____

Do you want the Club Newsletter e-mailed to you (no extra cost): Yes No

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

You May also Pay by PayPal. Go to our club site for a link to PayPal.

Membership sponsored by: _____

Did you hear about us by: Internet Friend Phamplet Other _____

Check out our Web Site: www.silverstrikers.com

There's Silver in them there hills:

As silver strikers we have a common interest in silver. Unfortunately we are realizing that the amount and value of the silver in our collection is becoming the most reliable basis for the valuation of our strike collection. I once sold a McCarron Black Jack Spade for \$1,000 and more recently sold 2 McCarron Black Jack Spade strikes for less than \$300 total. For strikers like us the question eventually becomes will silver appreciate or depreciate in the future. The answer to this question is of course yes. The next questions are why will the price change; how long will be price action last; and how will we know when to sell?

Silver is unique being a store of value and a component in many products and industrial processes. Silver is a component in electronics, solar panels, medicines, batteries, cleaners, photography and numerous other products as well as jewelry, coinage and silver strikes. There are silver mines but most new silver is derived as a by-product of lead, copper and tin mining. A typical year's production will be close to a billion ounces and silver production from prior years in the form of coinage, bullion, jewelry and scrap can be reclaimed rather easily. Silver used in many industrial and electronics products is not reclaimed based on the economics. In 2010, the global silver reserves amounted to 530,000 million tons.

Silver gives us pleasure to hold, hoard and admire. In our lifetimes we have seen silver rise to around \$50 when the Hunt Brothers attempted and failed to corner the silver market in 1980 and also in April 2011 based on concerns regarding quantitative easing and monetary policy. We have also seen silver in the \$3.00 range.

Warren Buffet bought 130 million troy ounces of silver in 1997 for around \$4.50 the ounce and closed his position in May of 2006. JP Morgan has been accused of manipulative activities surrounding silver. As of March 2008, silver hovered around \$20 per troy oz. However, the price of silver plummeted 58% in October 2008, along with other metals and commodities, due to the effects of the credit crunch. Current prices in the \$17/\$18 range were seen in 2009 and 2010 prior to the run up in April 2011. We have seen silver prices go up and go down and now silver is priced as it was 5 or 6 years ago.

What will determine silver prices in the future? Silver's future will probably be a repeat of the past. There will be manipulation, margin requirements were "adjusted" 5 times in the days prior to the April 2011 peak. Fear of governmental fiscal policy and central bank monetary policy will move silver prices. At present the financial turmoil in the Euro Zone is moving silver and gold but remember that there is a Value Added Tax on Silver (not Gold). The purest driver of silver pricing would be an application like maybe solar panels, which would create a billion ounce annual demand. (annual Silver usage in solar panels is estimated at 70 million ounces in 2016)

When should I sell my silver? Maybe when every TV program is sponsored by a gold/silver brokerage firm... LOL out loud.

I would like to recognize assistance from Wik Pedia, Leonard Google and Joe Yahoo.

George L



2015 SILVER STRIKERS CLUB COIN CONTEST BALLOT

These are the six final designs, mark your ONE choice



1 _____



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____



5 _____



6 _____

Name _____ Member # _____
YOU MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING TO VOTE.

BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE **MARCH 15** TO BE COUNTED.
SEND YOUR BALLOT VIA E-MAIL OR MAIL TO:

MAIL G. ALLAN LUKACS
5507 4TH AVE. N.W.
BRADENTON, FL. 34209
E MAIL albtown@aol.com

Thank you for participating in the 2015 Club coin contest.

2014 Club Coin Sales

Good News!

The new colorized Silver Strikers Club Coin
Has been minted and is on sale now.
We have limited numbers of coins left to sell (9) and no more will
be minted.
This is a limited edition of 175 coins.
Only the obverse is colorized.



Please send:

Name _____

Address _____

Street City State Zip

And \$32.00 for each strike.

To:
Jeff Bitzer
1585 Freeman Road
Hoffman Estates, IL 60192-1675

Checks and Money orders will be accepted. We are pleased to be able to accept PayPal.

Hi Fellow Strikers: We need to pick a Strike of the Year for 2014 and Hall of Fame for 2014. You can pick one from each category and send to me via mail or e-mail. Deadline is April 1 Thanks for your support.

E-mail at hofssoychair@silverstrikers.com or wcohenour@earthlink.net

Sue Cohenour

11206 Saticoy St.

Sun Valley, CA 91352

2014 Strike of the Year Nominations



1 -
Four Queens,
Alice &
Queen of
Hearts



2 -
Venetian,
Rock of Ages



3 -
Four Queens,
Happy St Pat-
rick's Day



3 -
Four Queens,
Hobo Clown

2014 Hall of Fame Nominations



1-
Sam's Town,
67 Cobra



2 -
Four Queens,
2010
Halloween



3 -
Four Queens,
2012 Armed
Forces



4 -
Four Queens,
2007
Christmas
Cabin

June Meetings

At our Club meeting last June 2014 we discussed and voted on moving our meeting and party to the January tournament time frame to facilitate having more members present to enjoy the club events and functions. We also discussed moving the June tournament ahead one week to avoid interfering with the Father's Day weekend which also was voted on and approved at the June general meeting. The only problem this creates is that we will need to plan our last June 2015 meeting and party in between and around the Four Queens's events. This will also involve doing the same in January with working a new schedule around the Four Queen's events. It looks like we can accomplish this by having the Club meeting soon after the last round of the tournament on Saturday say about 4pm – 5:30pm then an hour break to allow The Four Queens time to set up for our club party and trade session to start about 6:30pm. We should be able to follow the same format in January 2016. Then in June of 2016 we can have the Social followed by a trading session.

Webmaster Brief 2015

Silver Strikers website now has a new feature, on-line voting. No more printing ballots, snail mail and stamps (you still have that option). No need for email client the web server will create the email and send it to the appropriate club official in charge of the voting. This all started with the membership application, then the SSOY & HOF voting and now with the club coin voting.

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.

Jim Quinn



12th Annual Silver Strike Tournament

With 120 Silver Strikers in attendance, the January 23-25, 2015 Silver Strike Tournament at the Four Queens was a memorable event.

As always, the sweet spot of the event was the tournament play on the Red, White and Blue machines. Each of the three five minute sessions generated vociferous emotions for players and their cheering friends around the twelve machines. Many first round high scorers were jubilant after first rounds, only to experience disappointment after the next round. As so it went for all three rounds.

Congratulations to Joshua Lee for winning the tournament!

Between tournament rounds each of the Queens' six silver strike machines were busy as strikers sought four blue capsules – hearts, diamonds, clubs, spades – and one red cap representing all four suites. The \$300 strike depicted the red cap design.

Once again each participating silver striker received a ¼ Troy Pound silver tournament token – “Come Alive at the Four Queens” – numbered for each strikers' tournament placement score.

Friday night's registration included an open bar and a nice buffet dinner. A trade session was held following release of the \$300 Silver Strike.

Other memorable moments included an auction of an illuminated Silver Strike topper, hand-crafted and donated by member Ralph Fajardo. The proceeds went to the club.

All those present also enjoyed a slice of the Silver Strike cake and a glass of champagne during the presentation ceremonies.

Start planning NOW to enjoy the next Silver Strike Tournament June 26-28 at the Four Queens.

See you there!

Bill Metten, SS-668



Silver Strike Tournament
January 2015

Photos by
Bill Cohenour

Release Dates

These are the release dates for 2015 \$ 300:

Jan. Tournament January 23-25
\$300 Release 24th Saturday at 5pm

St Patrick's on March 13 at 10am

Tournament Fri June 26 thru 28
\$ 300 on Sat June 27 at 5pm
Flyer to follow at a later date

Halloween Oct 30 at 10am

The Red and Blue caps are usually 2 days prior to the release of the \$300

Silver Strikers Club Membership Contest

As most of you know we have a contest every year to increase the membership.

The contest runs from **June 1st through May 31st.**

If you get 3 new members during the contest year you will receive a free roster.

If you get 6 new members you will get a free roster and 1 year membership.

A big thank you to everyone who has recruited even one new member.

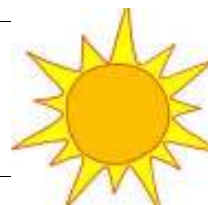
**We have one member that has recruited enough to earn a free roster. There is
Still time enough for others to do the same.**

It is important to keep our Club growing. So.... lets get busy recruiting.

Grievance Committee Report

By Bill Brooks

All is well, all members playing nice together.



*Happy Winter
and Spring !!*