

# SILVER STRIKERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## From the President's Desk

**SOLD OUT, FULL, NO MORE ROOM**, 169 entries how cool. What a blast, the "I got this" was flying everywhere. It was funny, it was fun everyone had a blast. Thank you so much Shaun and Todd we love you guys.

Sorry to say I wasn't quite up to snuff but when upright I had a great time. Thanks to Jo Riefer for filling in for me.

I would like to personally thank the Four Queens staff, from the Banquet room to the casino floor slot ladies and slot techs and waitress's they made us feel so welcome. Also thanks to Rosemary and Alex for their devotion to keep the machines full.

I am sure everyone had a great time. I know we are already looking forward to next January and another great tournament. We hear rumors that Route 66 will have strikes before then.

Silver Strike Machines 14  
Casinos with Silver Strike Machines 3  
Silver Strike Club Members 405

Check out our Website  
[www.silverstrikers.com](http://www.silverstrikers.com)

## BULLETIN.....BULLETIN.....BULLETIN HOT NEWS we have been waiting for...

The Rt. 66 Casino in Albuquerque, New Mexico has put (2) silver strike machines in play on July 10, 2019.

There are (4) new clad \$10.00 strikes in play.

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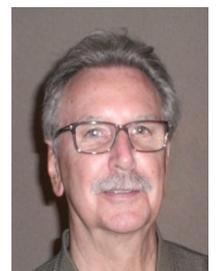
### **2019 Anniversary Club Coin**

We are very sorry for the problems we had getting the strikes. This was due to some problems but they were worked out and we had the strikes in hand by the tournament. The ones who were lucky enough to come to Las Vegas was able to pick theirs up there. We have had a tremendous response for the 2019 Anniversary Silver Strikers Club Coin.

We have ordered 250 and have sold 245. That leaves us with 5 unsold strikes. We do have the option to order more if there is enough interest.

Warren Schaefer ( SS-0185)

Club Coin Chairman



## Message from the Editor



Hello fellow strikers, while I wasn't able to attend the tournament this summer, I heard that it was an overwhelming success! Let's hope the trend continues. Now that we have finally got another casino that has Silver Strike machines, let's hope that trend continues also and that more will come online soon.

This newsletter ended up being a bit later than expected, with the summer holidays right after the tournament, I had planned on going out to Western Canada to see my relatives out there and tie it in with the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association Convention in Calgary this year. So that meant almost 3 weeks of no time to work on the newsletter. At least I was able to pick up 3 strikes from the bourse floor at the convention. I actually found two of the Colorado American Wildlife series strikes and the \$7 strike from Fitzgeralds in Vegas.

If you have a story or article, please feel free to submit it to me. The more we have the better the newsletter. It could be about a particular strike you have or how you came about finding one or how you became interested in Silver Strikes.

I can be reached by email at [editor@silverstrikers.com](mailto:editor@silverstrikers.com) or by phone 519-577-7206.

Robb McPherson  
SS1199

## Treasurers Report - Carleton Lee



Hello Fellow Silver Strikers

As most of you know we had a record turn out for the June tournament, 169 people participated.

Here is a summary of what the Club spent and raised during the month of June.

On Saturday June 22nd we had a Club pizza party and auction. We ordered about 50 pizzas, and about 225 sodas. The total cost of the pizza party was \$1,668.71. During the party we held the auction. The Club raised \$71.00 off of the four signs donated by Ralph Fajardo on behalf of the Four Queens. Thank You Ralph. The Club raised \$30 off of the Four Queens memorabilia (1970s Nylons) donated by Al Varelas. Thank You Al. We also spent \$90 for plaques and \$55 on shirts that we gave away as prizes.

With this being the 20th Anniversary of the Silver Strikers Club we had a full ounce silver club coin made this year. The Club awarded \$310.00 to this years six winners of the design contest. Each of the six winners also received a Club coin. The Club sold 36 coins at the tournament bringing in \$1260.00. If you would like a 20th anniversary Club Coin you can still order online at the Silver Strikers Club website. The Club owes a big thanks to Warren Schaefer for taking on this task.

The Club also raised \$314.00 in t-shirt sales.

On a personnel note I finished 24th in the tournament my personal best ever!

Carleton Lee  
SS-1592  
Treasurer

# Membership Report

By Alan Childers



As of June 30, 2019, we have 405 active members. From January 1 to June 30, we have added 40 new members. We really need more than just one active casino (Four Queens) and one occasional casino (El Cortez) to keep people interested in the hobby and in the Club.

New members from January-June 2019:

John M. Cronin  
Joshua Martelli  
Ian Minney  
Peter Welty  
Peter Rosenbach  
Eva Rosenbach  
Amanda Teper  
Jason Teper  
BJ Thumser  
Stephen Rahe  
Michael Johnson  
David Lai  
Chris Kolls

Bob Moritz  
Justin Harnum  
Kerry Yamashige  
John E. Pedrotti  
Brian N. Johnson  
Jeff Ferguson  
David Larita  
Craig Laginess  
Pimrose Boone  
Luis Napoles  
Tracy Pikul  
Bill Rianda  
Dan Vaugro

Mary Ann Boyle  
Wayne Nishiura  
William Johnson  
John De La Garza  
Katherine Ellis  
Paul Garant  
Kelvin Arndt  
Ryan Miskura  
Dan R. Rhoden  
Lynne Monson  
Toni Barton  
Chris Barton  
Michelle Brooks

## NOTICE TO OUR MEMBERSHIP

Your Board of Directors have had many discussions about our current Club Coin Contest and the direction it has been headed so we have decided to change things up for the 2020 contest. After fourteen years we are going to do something different.

During one of our rap sessions with Shawn Webster at the Four Queens about the contest we asked him if he would be interested in designing the 2020 coin for the contest giving us two versions for the membership to vote on. He said he would love to do that. So for 2020 we are thrilled to have Shaun involved in our club coin design. This will only be a one year departure from our standard all membership design process.

## Letter to the Editor

I would like to comment on the announcements made at the pizza party, Saturday evening, at the June 2019, Four Queens Silver Strike Tournament.

If we need additional funds to operate the Club, then there should be a dues increase, however, club funds should not be used for parties, which only serve a limited number of dues paying members. Charging to send a printed copy is a step in the right direction.

The January exchange should not be eliminated, but needs to be improved, by using larger number, so they can be read, and more help for distribution, allowing the distribution process to move more quickly. We need this kind of fun event and its success is evident by the number of items which are brought.

The June party should not be eliminated, but become an event for which members and guests pay to attend. We could even consider have a dinner. This is our opportunity to socialize at the tournament.

An outsider should NOT be designing the Club Coin. Even if there is only one submission, it should be designed and if necessary, voted on by the membership.

I have already been told that I'm in the minority on some of these items, however. If you feel the same way I do on any of the above, please take time to let our officers know.

Mike Hennessey, Club Historian



# Webmaster Brief

(01 January to 30 June 2019)

By Jim Quinn

Over the past six months we have added the following to the club website:

- New Strikes – 51
- New Tokens – 7
- Boxed sets – 0
- Holograms – 0
- Silver Bars – 0
- Current news – 17

Various items added to the club archives.

Silver Strike Catalog Image Refresh completed: Nevada complete, New Jersey still in progress. Following areas left to complete: New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, St. Maarten, Wisconsin, and Counterfeit Silver Strikes.

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.

Also I do not manage the strikepoint board it is administered by a CC&GTCC member; you can go to the bottom of the page and click the link to send a trouble ticket to them.

Jim Quinn

Bill Cohenour's  
Comprehensive  
Nevada Silver Strike  
Reference Catalog  
\$30.00 + Shipping

Warren Schaefer SS-185  
[schae86@yahoo.com](mailto:schae86@yahoo.com)

Bill Cohenour's  
Comprehensive  
North America  
(Non Nevada)  
Reference Catalog  
\$30.00 + Shipping

# The Year Was 1999

By Mike Hennessey - Club Historian

Although this has nothing to do with our Club's history, I must compliment Shaun, Todd and the Four Queens, on the great June tournament. Largest participation, yet things went very smoothly and, I believe, everyone had a good time, even if, like me, they weren't in money. Hope to see you in January!

The Silver Strike Chapter of CC&GTCC began with 147 charter members. Mary Lou Waterbury was elected the first president and by the way, she participated in the June tournament. In the first newsletter, issued in September of 99, she outlined the need for volunteers and we still need them, members and we still need to requite and to be more educated about our delightful hobby.

Mary Lou's final statement in that issue was "the tasks that we officers have set for ourselves, we never want to lose sight of the fact that this is a club for collectors. We have high hopes that in bringing the Silver Strikers together that we will make and forge .999 stellar friendships.

Of the seven page newsletter, two pages were devoted to classified ads. From June 1, 1999 to August 21, 1999 the Club operated at a profit. It also listed that there were thirty-nine new Nevada Silver Strike Machines put in play. There was also a page devoted to lucky winners.

Issue two of the newsletter came out in November with a new header. Mary Lou report that our club now has 157 members and the goal is 300 by next July. She also wrote about the market being a little volatile and that some strikes were being offered at quite extravagant prices.

She also reminded members that you represent the Chapter and to conduct yourself to always bring honor the Chapter.

Ray Moritz, who was First Vice President, reported about casinos that were discontinuing the strike program. A situation that we hope will be changing in the near future, with the introduction of the new machines that should be in play next month

One page was devoted to the listing of new members, with addresses. This newsletter consisted of six pages and again had a story about a lucky winner.

If you want to read, or print, these newsletters, just go to Club Archives on the web site.

If you have some interesting facts on the early days of collecting or the Club, please share it by writing an article, or you can send me ([pmhenn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pmhenn@sbcglobal.net)) the details and I will place it into the newsletter.



# Blast from the Past

Reprinted from SSNL Issue #06 July 2000

## **DID YOU HEAR?**

(Jack Haddock)

Cactus Pete's in Jackpot pulled both the \$10 and \$20 silver strike machine out of service, NO strikes left!! They are going to cancel the tokens where they do not have to redeem them. They never minted any strikes with the "S" mint mark.

The reason Circus Circus in Reno pulled their machine is due to the fact that the license to use the Emit Kelly artwork had expired.

The Flamingo in Reno will NOT be issuing the approved "bowler" silver strike, These strikes have not been struck and since the bowling tournament is over, there is no need to.

Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas is planning to put their machine back into play.

Sierra Sids in Sparks put the remaining strikes in their 7 token series on June 1, The others were retired as of that date.

You already know that the Reno Airport is still using the 1999 silver strikes, Well, doesn't mean anything bad, a matter of fact they are working on a grand silver strike display to surround the silver strike machines which will be the home of some new strikes. Stay tuned!

Red Garter in Wendover will have new silver strikes - the art work has been approved.

The Eureka Casino in Mesquite is the former Ranch Mesquite and will have their strikes in play by the end of July - if not by convention time.

Global Mint "G" has taken over the production of the silver strikes at the Gold Country in Elko. If you collect the different mint marks, you need to find the Pony Express and Train silver strike.

Bally's has only removed their silver strike machine temporarily. Needed to revamp the machine. The already scarce Eldorado Casino in Reno silver strikes with the ill placed "bridge" has taken another twist, The "GDC" minted strikes occurred just before they went out of business. The "bridge" wasn't supposed to be but the casino needed the strikes while waiting for the millennium dies to be cut. The Global "G" mint got the dies, put on there mint mark and created an even more scarce strik., NOW, it has been discovered that somewhere in the last run, Global used the reverse logo they were to use on the millenium strikes on the "bridge" strike. If you're lucky enough to own a "G" mint "bridge" strike, check out that logo - small "Eldorado" or larger. If it's small , you've got a real "GOODIE"

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 January 15, 2020. Send your Ad via Email to Robb McPherson [editor@silverstrikers.com](mailto:editor@silverstrikers.com) Mail Payment for the Ad to Carleton Lee, P.O. Box 777, Dundee, OR. 97115 Ad will be published in the issue following receipt of payment. Classified Ads

## Delta Does It Upside Down

Saloon in Virginia City, Nevada. The new design is the Train Engine from the old V&T RR, minted S. Alas, the logo, is upside down, and also right side up. It is reported, but not verified, that 150 were delivered to the Delta Saloon and the counts for Coin Aligned and Medallion Aligned are not known. Bidders on eBay responded to the medallion aligned strike by bidding it to \$22.25 and the coin aligned strike to \$315.00. This gives us an indication of our experience with coin aligned issues. When did you last run across a Riviera 1996 Comedy Club coin aligned strike or perhaps a Westward Ho Ho-Waiian coin aligned strike, and when were they cheap?

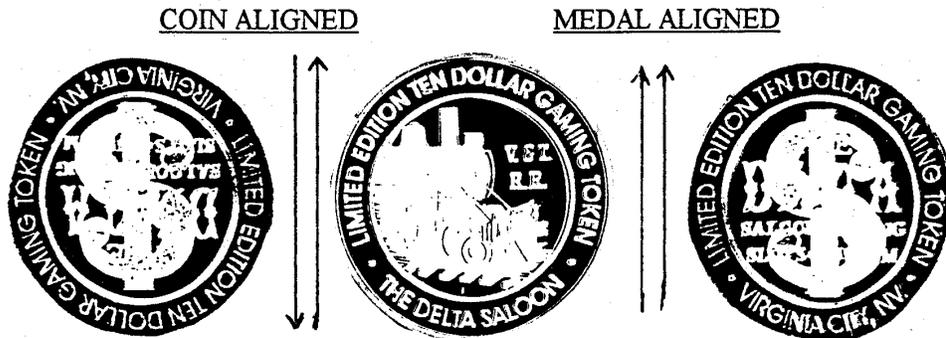
From our records and catalogues we find that there were a few early \$7 strikes minted coin aligned, but quickly changed to medallion aligned, i.e., Harvey's Stagecoach and the Silver Club and Comstock Panner. Also a Reno Hilton Hotel. All very scarce and only about 4 out of a \$7 Nevada collection of approximately 100.

In the \$10 issues they are even rarer considering quantities of strikes issued. Documented and catalogued are a Riviera, 1996 Comedy Club, Westward Ho, Ho-Waiian and a Gold Coast Slot Machine. We also know of a 1996 Riviera Crazy Girls, found at Convention 2000. Although there may be catalogue prices on some of these they are far lower than the actual trading value of these strikes. Two other coin aligned strikes are a Treasure Island Parrot, and a Puttin' on the Ritz, from the Westward Ho. Neither of these are catalogued. And, there may be a few more undiscovered. In this hobby new variations are part of the treasure hunt.

The only \$20 coin aligned we know of sold for \$2000 at the Convention 2000 and is the elusive Hard Rock, HR, first edition S series.

As for the status of mistake, error or illegal, what does it matter if the strikes are unavailable? Coin Aligned strikes fall into the category of variations, but variations with value. They are rare, highly sought after and we are obviously willing to turn our pocketbooks and wallets **UPSIDE DOWN** to get one.

Editor



# Food and Drink with attitude, when Micky D's just won't do.

Whenever I head to Vegas I try to see or do at least one thing new, I know I am not the only one that has similar plans, as I witnessed one of our 70+members fly over my head on Freemont street Superman style on the zip-line we have all looked up at while on the Freemont Experience. During this last visit I was able to enjoy several great things, besides the Silver Strikers, the Tournament and the hospitality of the Four Queens hotel, but two of them stand out and I would like to share them with you so that you might consider experiencing them for yourselves. One of them I was invited to attend by others a few years back, they have been partaking of it for 20 or more years , and I look forward to it every time now.

The first is a dinner and cocktail place located in El Cortez Hotel, once owned by Bugsy Siegel, hence the name "Siegel's 1941" they are open 24hrs, have great appetizers, entrées and classic cocktails. The atmosphere is old school and comfortable, and I recommend asking for Ms. Linda Fay as your server she never disappoints. You can pop in and out or slow dine finishing off a good bottle of wine or some desert with a cup of Joe. Whether you go with a large or small group this is a fantastic midrange priced venue perfect for an evening shared experience.

The next one three of us shared for the first time together and I bet I won't have trouble talking them into going again soon.

This place is located in what, was at one time the tallest building in Las Vegas, and is now known as "The Mob Museum" (which I highly recommend touring) and located in the basement of the building. The Venue is known as "The Underground" however it is most commonly referred to as "The Speakeasy" and as with this type of place there is a code word necessary to gain access, which can be acquired on social media or learned by asking at the front desk at the museum entrance during the daytime operating hours. The door for the Speakeasy is on the side of the museum and down a short flight of stairs. (Hint; look for the whiskey barrel marking the top of the stairwell. They serve signature cocktail made from spirits distilled on site and there is a light appetizer menu. The atmosphere is beyond words, whatever you do be sure to look around and investigate the entire place you won't be disappointed. On a side note, Jazz combos perform on Friday and Saturday nights and seasonally on Thursdays as well. Be sure to plan to arrive early for good seating. The big bonus is this is one of the few bars that are totally Non Smoking.

Both are a short walk/taxi/Uber from the Four Queens.

Just a side note to all of my fellow Pizza/Craft beer/Cigar fans I can't say enough about Four Queens own Chicago Brewery. Great staff and prices. This place has a comfortable atmosphere perfect for conversation without having to yell.

All are a perfect get away from the casino floors to recharge the batteries.

Siegel's 1941 <https://elcortezhotelcasino.com/dining/siegels-1941/>

The Speakeasy <https://themobmuseum.org/exhibit/the-speakeasy/>

J. Horvatic  
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# THE 10TH ANNUAL SUMMER SILVER STRIKE TOURNAMENT

## JUNE 23 - 25, 2019



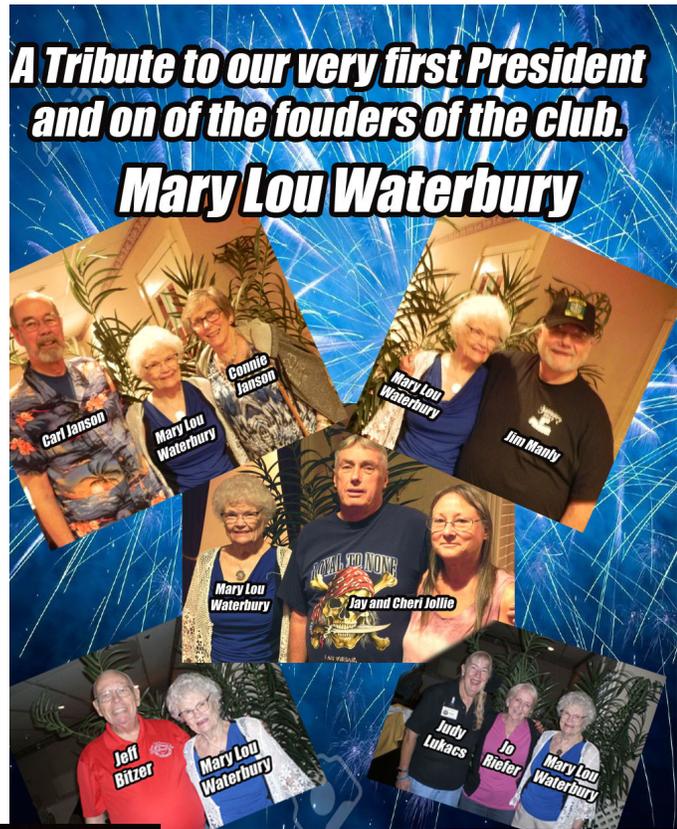
Thanks to Shaun & Todd, another record breaking June Summer Tournament. With a record 169 participants, the tournament was a great success!!

Just a small disclaimer:

Some of the pictures taken at the tournament did not turn out. We do not mean to slight anyone. It is hard to put everyone names with faces so if there is a wrong name is on a picture we did not mean any harm. The same goes for the ones without names. We wish we knew everyone's name. We are just not that good yet but we are working on it.











**Paul Corey**



**James Horvatic**



**Dale Waich**



**Pearl and Kirk Rogers**



**Freddie Patterson**



**Lori Wentz**



**Mike Hennessey**



**Meesh Gauce**

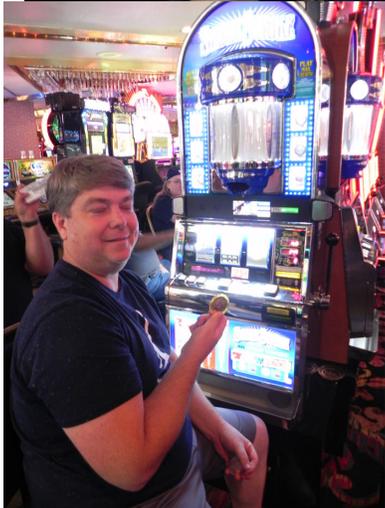
**Bill Brooks**

**Gary Callahan**



**Lori Wentz**

**Jim Manly**





## FUTURE COIN RELEASES AND TOURNAMENTS

October 25, 2019, 10am - March \$300 Strike Release Four Queens Casino Las Vegas, NV

Jan 25-26, 2020 - Four Queens Silver Strike Tournament (800) 634-6045, (702) 385-4011 Rod, Alba, or Arlene Four Queens Casino Las Vegas, NV

## New Machines



# June 2019 Summer Tournament Releases

## Four Queens – Las Vegas



**\$300 Strike**



**Tournament Strike**



**\$40 Strike**



**Blue Caps  
Silver Clad**



**Red Caps .999 Pure  
Silver**



# 2018 "Strike Of The Year & "Hall Of Fame Strikes Announced

**Official Silver Strike Collectors Club "Strike Of The Year" Winner**

**2018 SILVER STRIKE "STRIKE OF THE YEAR" WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT**

**With all the voting ended for the "Strike Of The Year" (SOTY) the results are in  
The newest winner of "SOTY" voting will be going into the "Silver Strike Of The Year"  
club archives.**

**Congratulation to the Four Queens and their L.E. \$300 "Spirit Of The Wolf" strike**

**SSC#: FQlvnv-251 / Issued: June 23, 2018**

**Congratulations to Shaun Webster / 4 Queens on the winning design**



**Official Silver Strike Collectors Club HOF Winner**

**2018 SILVER STRIKE HALL OF FAME WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT**

**With all the voting ended for the "Hall Of Fame" (HOF) Silver Strike the results are in**

**The newest winner of "HOF" voting will be going into the "Hall Of Fame"**

**Congratulations to Sam's Town and their L.E. silver strike depicting a colorized bald eagle**

**SSC#: STlvnv-070-V1 / CLAD / Blue Capsule / Issued: June 2016**

**\*\* NOTE \*\* This was the last strike Sam's Town commissioned for their strike machine**

**The silver strike was a Limited Edition of only 500 pieces in a blue capsule**



**Al Varelas / USMC**

**SS-1654**

**SOTY & HOF Committee Chairman**

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## *Silver Strikers Club Membership Application*

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New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse name (if also applying for membership): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Email address is required for members residing outside of the U.S.)

For a Renewal, your Silver Strikers Club Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Indicate your preference for receiving the Club newsletter:

Email (Free)  U.S. Mail (**\$10 fee**)  No newsletter  
(Due to cost of mailing, Silver Strikers Club does not mail newsletter outside the U.S.)

I have enclosed dues as follows:

Annual membership (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse membership (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_

Club Roster (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter mailed (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and mail with payment to:

Silver Strikers Club  
c/o Allan Childers  
2620 N Constance Ave  
Fresno, CA 92722-8764

You may also submit form via email to: [membership@silverstrikers.com](mailto:membership@silverstrikers.com)

This application is also available on the Club website, with a link to PayPal to pay dues.

Check out our website at: [www.stilverstrikers.com](http://www.stilverstrikers.com)