

SILVER STRIKERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Greetings to all my fellow club members. Welcome back to another great issue of our Newsletter. With the advent of vaccines hitting the market I hope everyone is attempting to get vaccinated to eliminate this dreadful virus. Our health and wellbeing are most important today. With June just around the corner, the excitement is building again to be able to travel to Las Vegas for fun and relaxation.

At the recent Board of Directors meeting many issues were discussed including the decision to have a Club Silver Strike struck this year. The price of Silver has skyrocketed in the past year, and we will have to wait to see if it can become feasible in the short term.

The virus has put a damper on our membership numbers and what is required now from our members is for everyone to reach out and do some recruiting. If each club member could reach out and sign up just one member we could theoretically double our size. The viability of our club depends on all of us getting involved in this project.

Please contact Allan Childers (membership@silverstrikers.com) our Membership Director for any assistance you may need. He can provide you literature and brochures.

As always please take care of yourself. Stay Safe and Healthy

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Message from the Editor

Hello from the Editors desk, well here we are, a year into this nasty pandemic. Everybody is hoping to get back to normal and that means attending the June tournament. Now that the vaccinations are well underway and restrictions being lifted slowly, Shaun may be able to organize a tournament. While we have been waiting for new strikes, the

Plaza has released a new blue cap strike commemorating their 50th Anniversary. Another concern these days is the price of silver, it makes all the older strikes more valuable but also makes it too expensive for any new ones to be made. This may affect the clubs decision to have another club coin this year. As always end your thoughts to Jerry and I. I can be reached by email at robb4640@ outlook.com or by phone 519-577-7206.

Robb McPherson SS1199

Treasurers Report - Carleton Lee

8:37 AM 01/26/21 Accrual Basis

Silver Strikers Club Profit & Loss

January through December 2020



	Jan - Dec 20
Income	
Income Auction Coin Sales Dues Membership Interest	280.00 6,349.12 4,942.00 1.75
Total Income	11,572.87
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Gross Profit	11,572.87
Expense Coin Production Cost Office Supplies Pay Pal Fees Postage Raw Silver	1,087.50 648.96 291.49 462.11
Raw Silver Total Raw Silver	1,820.00
Shirts Cost State of Nevada	162.15
Easy Mail Filing Fees	50.00 50.00
Total State of Nevada	100.00
Tax Return Tournament Expenses Awards	250.00 7.00
Total Tournament Expenses	7.00
Total Expense	4,829.21
Net Income	6,743.66

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

Warren Schaefer SS-185 schaef86@yahoo.com Bill Cohenour's Comprehensive North America (Non Nevada) Reference Catalog \$30.00 + Shipping

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8:31 AM 01/26/21 Accrual Basis

Silver Strikers Club Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2020

	Dec 31, 20
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Chase Cheking	5,197.92
Chase Savings	21,225.90
Pay Pal	1,297.03
Petty Cash	23.87
Total Checking/Savings	27,744.72
Total Current Assets	27,744.72
TOTAL ASSETS	27,744.72
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Equity	
Retained Earnings	20,699.08
Unrestricted Net Assets	301.98
Net Income	6,743.66
Total Equity	27,744.72
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	27,744.72



Membership Report

By Alan Childers

As of February 28, 2021, the Club membership is at 428, a net loss of 13 members during this period (49 members did not renew, 36 new members joined).

All membership questions and issues should be addressed by email to membership@silverstrikers.com.

New members from July 2020 - February 2021:

Thank you to all the new members who have joined the Club:

Rose Barrington	Vickie Barrington	Joseph Bellomy	Dave Blanton
Lois Blanton	John Cafarelli	Terri Croan	Frankie Cruz
Jeannette Cruz	Cory Curley	Tommy Daniels	Brittany Estrada
Marcel Fournier	Robert Furman	Harry Hackett	Rich Halbisch
James Hansen	Diana Houston	Jimmy Houston	Tanya Johnson
Gordon Johnston	Timothy Jones	Joe Klein	Scott Krammer
Angela LoBracco	Randall Mcgraw	Frieda Rosenthal	Brigit Maria Ryan
Don Sherwood	Jerome Slack	Brad Swanger	Cae Swanger
Jerrod Tracht	Debra Turnbow	Brad Veech	John Zmuda

Allan Childers SS-0356 1st VP & Membership Officer



Webmaster Brief

(July 1 - December 31, 2020) By Jim Quinn

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

New Strikes – 37

New Tokens - 7

Boxed sets -0

Holograms – 0

Silver Bars – 0

Current news - 1

Various items added to the club archives.

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/

<u>Chrome</u> – 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 thestrikepoint board it is administered by a CC>CC member; you can go to the bottom of the page and click the link to send a trouble ticket to them.

Jim Quinn Silver Striker Club Webmaster

Publicity & Promotions Chair



All of the 2020 Club Coins have been sold, Thank You to all of the Silver Strikers Club members that made that possible.

The Plaza Hotel & Casino is planning a 50th Anniversary \$10.00 (CLAD) silver strike to be released by the end of March.

There is still a chance there will be a Silver Strikers Tounament at the Four Queens in June 2021. It's a wait and see for now depending on Nevada lifting the occupancy limits.

Warren Schaefer (SS-0185) Club Coin Chairman

New Strike - Plaza Casino



Even in the midst of a pandemic, the Plaza Casino was able to get a new Silver Strike into the machines.

The Plaza Casino is celebrating its 50 anniversary this year. The new strike is a celebration of that anniversary. They have been placed in Blue capsules and they only ordered 1,000 strikes!







Hot News 03-23-2021 Four Queens June 2021 Tournament

We just wanted to let all of you know that the Four Queens is putting everything together for a June Tournament. This is a process due to all of the restrictions we are under due to covid. At this time I can only give you the dates that we are looking at (June 25,26.27 2021). As I get more information I will post for all of you. I've got my fingers crossed and the artwork is at the mint.

Shaun Webster, SS-1093

Strikes issued for the CC>CC and Silver Strikers Club

All are \$10 strikes unless otherwise noted

By Allan Childers

El Cortez, Las Vegas, NV

One strike issued in 2003. [Blue capsule]

Silver Strikers Club logo (miner & stagecoach) ---- "Silver Strikers Chapter" "11th Annual CC>CC International Convention" "June 25-28, 2003" "Ltd 750"



One strike issued in 2004. [Red capsule]

Silver Strikers Club logo (miner & stagecoach) ---- "June 16-19, 2004" "Ltd 750"



Two strikes issued in 2005. [Red capsules]

Gaming paraphernalia ---- "Preserving Gaming History" "August 3rd-6th, 2005" "Since 1988"

Silver Strikers Club logo (miner & stagecoach) ---- "Since 1999" "August 2nd-6th, 2005"







One strike issued in 2006. [Red capsule]

Silver Strikers Club logo (miner & stagecoach) ---- "7th Anniversary June 30-July 1 2006"



Four Queens, Las Vegas, NV

Two strikes issued in 2005. [Red capsules]

Gaming paraphernalia "Preserving Gaming History" "August 3rd - 6th, 2005"





Silver Strikers Club logo (miner & stagecoach)
"Since 1999" "August 2nd - 6th, 2005"





One strike issued in 2006. [Red capsule] Lucky Seven Anniversary "Silver Strikers" "June 28th-July 1st, 2006"





One strike issued in 2010. [Red capsule]
Silver Strikers logo 11 Years of Silver Striking"

"At the Four Queens 2010"





Las Vegas Club, Las Vegas, NV

One strike issued in 2002. [Blue capsule]

Gaming paraphernalia ---- "10th Annual CC>CC International Convention" "June 5-8, 2002" "Ltd 1000"



One strike issued in 2003. [Blue capsule]

Silver Strikers Club logo (miner & stagecoach) ---- "Silver Strikers Chapter" "Ltd 1000" "11th Annual CC>CC International Convention" "June 25-28, 2003"



One strike issued in 2004. [Blue capsule]

Silver Strikers Club logo (miner & stagecoach) ---- "2004"



One strike issued in 2005. [Red capsule] Silver Strikers Club logo (miner & stagecoach) "Since 1999" "August 2nd-6th, 2005"



O'Sheas, Las Vegas, NV

One strike issued in 2001

Gaming paraphernalia ---- "Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club" "2001 Convention"



Palms, Las Vegas, NV

Two strikes issued in 2003. [Blue capsules]

Gaming paraphernalia ---- "11TH Annual CC>CC International Convention" "June 25-28, 2003" "Ltd 750"



Silver Strikers Club logo (miner & stagecoach) ---- "Silver Strikers Chapter" "Ltd 750" "11TH Annual CC>CC International Convention" "June 25-28, 2003)"



Two strikes issued in 2004. [Blue capsules]

Gaming paraphernalia ---- "June 16-19, 2004"



Silver Strikers Club logo (miner & stagecoach) ---- "June 16-19, 2004"



Two strikes issued in 2005. [Red capsules]

Gaming paraphernalia ---- "Preserving Gaming History" "August 3rd-6th, 2005"



Silver Strikers Club logo (miner & stagecoach) ---- "Since 1999" "August 2nd-6th, 2005"



Plaza, Las Vegas, NV

Two strikes issued in 2001

Gaming paraphernalia ---- "Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club" "2001 Convention" "Ltd. 1500"



Silver Strikers Club logo (miner & stagecoach)
"Silver Strikers Chapter" "CC>CC 2001 Convention" "Ltd. 1500"



One strike issued in 2002. [Blue capsule]

Silver Strikers Club logo (miner & stagecoach)
"Silver Strikers Chapter" "Ltd. 1000" "CC>CC 2002 Convention"



One strike issued in 2003. [Blue capsule]

Gaming paraphernalia ---- "11th Annual CC>CC International Convention" "June 25-28, 2003" "Ltd 1000"



One strike issued in 2004. [Blue capsule]

Silver Strikers Club logo (miner & stagecoach) ---- "2004"



One strike issued in 2005. [Red capsule]

Gaming paraphernalia ---- "Preserving Gaming History" "August 3rd-6th, 2005"



One strike issued in 2006. [Red capsule]

Silver Strikers Club logo (miner & stagecoach) ---- "Celebrating Silver Strikers 7th Anniversary"



Slots-A-Fun, Las Vegas, NV

One strike issued in 2005. [Red capsule]

Silver Strikers Club logo (miner & stagecoach) ---- "August 2nd-6th, 2005"



All images courtesy of the Chipguide.

Here is Page 6 from SSNL #11 - May 2001, 20 years ago, the copper rim strikes had just been released and discovered amongst collectors.

"COPPER" RIMS APPEAL TO "COLLECTORS"

On some of the casino orders in early 2001, the outside rims appear to be copper. This was caused by a processing problem with the supplier to Global Mint. Global decided to use the delivery though not the normal color. It has caused a stir among several collectors and some have brought nice premiums. Most are hard to come by at this point and have been replaced by the normal brass rims. If you know of one not listed, please let us know.

Northern Nevada

Reno, Hilton - #1,2,3,7,8,9

Eldorado - Building & Brew Brothers
Flamingo - Hour Glass & Egg

Reno Airport - Skier, F-16, Bull Rider

Man on Moon

Fitzgerald's - Mr. O'Lucky

Peppermill - Y2Play

Harvey's - Pinecone

Mr. B's - Cowboy

Boomtown - Boot

Sundowner - Bareback, Bear Hunter

Calf Roping

Nugget - Millennium

Gold Country - Train, PE, Cougar, Ram

Southern Nevada

Bally's, Bellagio, Boardwalk, Buffalo Bills, Flamingo-Laughlin, Golden Gate, Golden Nugget, Hard Rock, Hilton, Imperial Palace, Las Vegas Club, Luxor, Main Street Station, Mandalay Bay, McCarran Airport, Monte Carlo, New York New York, Plaza, Primm Valley Resort, Treasure Island and Westward Ho (The actual strikes are too numerous to list - however, not all issues from these casinos have the copper colored rims).

Jack Haddock - 2nd Vice President

Ebay RESULTS

These results are from recent eBay auctions. Not always a perfect reflection but offering an opportunity to reflect on recent prices of your strikes in the open market. Bid results are approximate and most in the last 30 days.

\$7 Aladdin in Las Vegas - Ali Baba	\$ 43.00
\$7 Stardust in Las Vegas - with Stars	\$ 38.00
\$7 Riverside in Laughlin - Don w/NO DATE	\$ 64.00
\$10 Gold Ranch in Verdi - Elk	\$205.00
\$10 Silver City in Las Vegas - Puffless Pete	\$188.00
\$10 Bellagio in Las Vegas - Chinese New Year	\$ 86.00
\$10 Plaza in Las Vegas - #2 error, missing 'I'	\$ 61.00
\$10 Las Vegas Club - NHL Hockey with logo	\$ 50.00
\$10 New Isleta Casino	\$ 38.00
\$20 Trumps Castle in AC - Lighthouse	\$ 61.00
\$40 Harvey's - 50th Anniversary - small	\$250.00
\$40 Harrah's in Las Vegas - Sax w/Alligator	\$159.00
\$40 Flamingo in Reno - Bowling Flamingo	\$140.00
(Jack Haddock - 2nd Vice President)	

Silver Strike Memories

Mary Anne Sulik Silver Strike Club Member SS-0715, Casino Collectibles Member R-6947

All of us have interesting collecting stories. My husband Alex and I travel all over, including Vegas once a year. We've been collecting Silver Strikes for 30 years and now own over 1,300. We LOVE our Silver Strikes! And over the years have had some adventures!

We were in the Bellagio early Thanksgiving morning (there were no other customers there) and our machine ran out of strikes. Because of the holiday, they were short-handed so we had to wait a while to be refilled. The slot boss came with a full rack but before loading the machine, took a strikeout of the rack and threw it in the tray as a thank-you for being patient.

I particularly like Luxor's Egyptian strikes so we kept playing the machine until we had all of them except King Tut's Mask. We played and played to no avail. We asked the slot attendant to slot the Mask in first when she refilled but she refused. The machine got hot and we REALLY started getting strikes, but no Mask. The slot attendant, I think, figured we were winning too much and wanted us to leave. She came over and asked "which one do you want?" and made sure to slot in Tut's Mask first. We got the Mask and left.

Another trip we found out to our delight that one Sahara machine gave refunds! Every time we put in 3 quarters, the machine gave us one back! And still spun! We picked up all the Genies that day!

And the day we got the Pink Las Vegas Sign in Slots-a-Fun was great! But the 3 Double Diamonds at Sam's Town giving us \$500 was better!! This \$500 win also happened at the Mirage.



The cage lady at Bill's Lake Tahoe, when we saw that they had taken out their machines, was nice enough to go into the safe and sell us (at face value) the ones we didn't have. As did the Comstock lady in Reno, who sold us all she had. (The 11 duplicates she sold us we are using to swap.) And the cage lady at Sierra Sid's in Sparks, when she saw that we had gotten a previous year's clear-capped Jake, said, "Oh, we are putting our old ones in red caps," and



Silver Strike 500 dollars

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swapped out the case. (But Janice O'Neal told me it was still considered a clear cap).

And the one that got away: while in Harrah's Laughlin, we saw the machine had already been emptied before removal and asked could we buy the 5 strikes on the top display, but were told no. Oh, well.

I was doing my daily walk in Reno and stopped into the Gambler on a whim. I put in 3 quarters and got all 3 different strikes ON MY FIRST spin!

We were coming back from dinner and noticed that the Silver Legacy strike machine was jammed. Alex went up to our room while I waited for a slot person to unjam it so I could play. The slot lady unjammed it and a silver strike fell out. She started to walk away and I told her that neither the strike was mine nor the 64 quarters left in the machine. She said "well, it's yours now" and left. Thank you, Silver Legacy!

But the best Reno story: we were in the airport and those days the machines had 3 lines of purple bars. A line of 3 single bars paid one strike, 3 double bars paid 2 strikes and 3 triple bars paid 3 strikes. Well, we got 3 double bars on one pay line and 3 triple bars on another, and FIVE strikes fell out! And 2 were blue caps, one "R" and one "N', finishing off our blue-capped "RENO" set! I screamed so loudly that Alex is permanently deaf in one ear!! (Just kidding)!



And one non-silver strike story: Alex was playing a Bally's machine which malfunctioned and all these quarters started dropping. The machine completely emptied and the tray was FULL. Alex (being the incredibly honest person he is) asked me to find a slot person so that he could return the money. The floor person who comes says 'Oh, that's a runaway machine and in all my time here, I've seen only 3". She gets the boss who immediately tells Alex "that's not your money, it belongs to the casino". "I know", Alex says and waits for the boss to tell him to give it back. Well, I guess the boss felt bad and wouldn't actually do that so they dance around a little with the boss repeating that it isn't Alex's money. Finally, the boss asks Alex how much he had in the machine and Alex says "about \$20". So, the boss picks up one of the big plastic cups and asks "if I filled this up, would you get your money back?" Alex agrees and we take the full cup to the cage. \$175!! There must have been over \$1,000 in that tray.

The people we've met have just been so generous. The guy at the Fitzgerald's machine who gave me a strike we didn't have. (I passed that on by giving Leroy from Hawaii one HE didn't have). Richard Anderson (writer of the original Silver Strike catalogs) whom we saw in the Palms gave us an empty brand-new red cap case (out of his attaché case full of them) when I told him one of ours was cracked. Charlie Keppner who, when we were all standing in line at Sam's Town to swap our \$10's for the \$200, made sure we all had ours before he swapped for a second one. And of course, Janice, whom we originally met at the Gamblers Store, and Jerry O'Neal who started us on our quest by generously sharing so much information. (Although I will say, that when we were over their house and saw that she had 3 full sets of the 4 Queens blue-capped Kings, I was a little envious! We still don't have any of them.)

Finally, a big THANK YOU to Shaun Webster at the Four Queens, who for many years has single-handedly kept the hobby alive with new strikes. Keep 'em coming, Shaun, we appreciate you!

We belong to the Silver Strikers Club and I encourage everybody to join. We have a Players' Tournament every year plus we piggyback onto the Casino Collectibles Convention. Our website is silverstrikers.com. The nicest people plus beautiful Silver Strikes!

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2020 "Strike Of The Year" & "Hall Of Fame Strike Voting By Al Varelas

There is less than one month to get your votes in for the SOTY and HOF strikes. Voting is done online. If you have not voted, you can click on this link to vote. Rules/Notes posted below.

https://www.silverstrikers.com/Web/Archives/Events/Year2021/Ssoy-Hof-Finalists-Voting-Form-Email-2021.php/

NOTE FOR ON-LINE VOTING BALLOT

- #1 Must be current member Silver Strike Club, Membership number with ballot
- #2 Vote for 1 only HOF Strike & 1 only SOTY
- #3 Voting closes on April 30, 2020
- #4 Winner will be announced June 2020
- #5 Any questions, contact me at: alvarelas@gmail.com email to: hofssoychair@silverstrikers.com

Let me know if you need anything else - appreciated

Al Varelas, SS-1654 Hall of Fame & Strike of the Year Chair





THE SILVER STRIKE "MULE"

If you know much about how a "mule" is created, you know it has to do with a horse and a donkey getting together. Hence, neither a horse nor a donkey has been created, but instead you have a mule. Oh well, let's consider a silver strike. A "mule" in this case is the result of an unanticipated matching of dies that were NOT meant to be paired. Example: Mr. B's where two reverses were mated to make a "mule." All "mules" in the silver strike world are rare and desirable.

Others include:

The CLASSIC! Gold River, Laughlin mixed with Isle of Capri, (Biloxi, MS)

(each casino is pictured on their respective side)

Fremont Hotel /Sam's Town Casino (3 designs)

98-99 Don Laughlin ("LM" mint with "G" mint)

Gold Country (Pony Express & Train "G" mint instead of "LM")

Reno Flamingo Tiger (.999 on rim instead of silver center)

San Remo Roll into the Millennium (.999 on rim instead of silver center)

Eldorado, Reno (building with bridge (GDC design) - small logo "G" mint)

Pioneer, Laughlin (6 designs where millennium logo should have been used)

Silver Strikers Club Membership Application



New Member: M	embership Renewal:		
Name:			
Spouse name (if also applying for membership:			
Address:			
	State/Country:		
Zip/Postal Code:	Phone: ()		
Email: (Email address is required fo	r 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.)			
	(\$10) (\$10) (\$10) (\$10)		
Total enclosed	s		
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

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

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