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Welcome Fellow Silver Strikers!

Check out our website at: www.silverstrikers.com for additional information!

What is your favorite part of the Silver Strike Club?

- The Silver in the coins
- The friendships
- Collecting the coins
- The Las Vegas Weather

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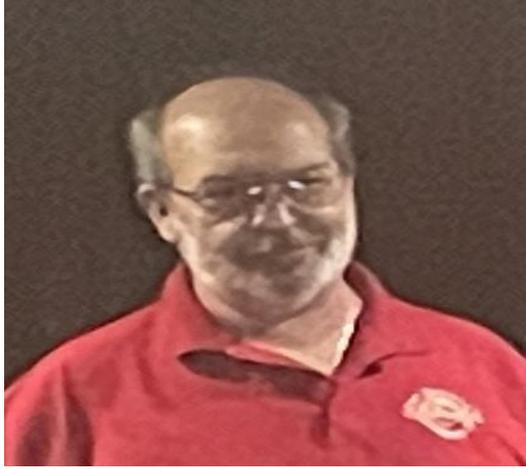
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Our New Board Members

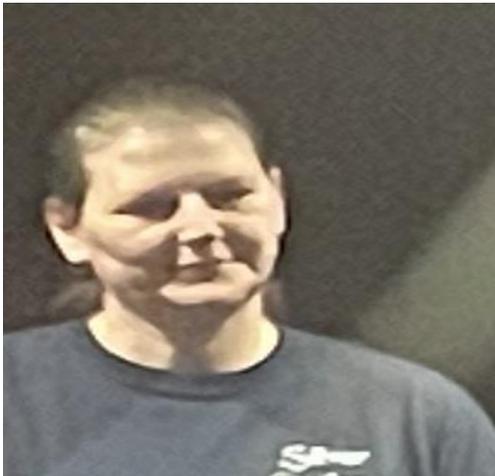
Ed Secord - **President**



Paul Cory - **1st Vice President**



Sandy Thomas
2nd Vice President



Jeff Bitzer
Secretary



Carleton Lee
Treasurer



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Hall of Fame/Strike of the Year Chair	Vacant	
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Photo by Jeff Lyons Club Photographer



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From the President

Hello Silver Strikers,

January's tournament was a blast, as always! I would like to thank the Four Queens for hosting this annual event. I also want to thank Shaun and Todd for all of the hard work they put into making it a success.

As many of you were present at the board meeting, the newly elected board and I were sworn in. I am hopeful we can do what is in the best interest for the club. If anyone has thoughts or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Just a little bit about me. I have been collecting for over 20 years, getting started when I found a machine at the airport. To say the least, I was hooked. After that I searched around different casinos every trip. It took a few years before I found out about the club.

Now it's been about 16 years of planning the Vegas trips around when the new strikes would be released.

Trading, buying and selling strikes all in the name of trying to fill the holes in the sets. Made many friends from all over the place and enjoyed their company. What more could you ask for?

Ed Secord SS-1205

Silver Strike Club President

Photos by Jeff Lyons, SS-1887



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Social Directors Report

Our January our fundraising event was very successful which consisted of a couple of raffles and selling Club shirts. We added a little incentive for members who bought shirts by raffling off a \$1 Nevada Gold back. We also held an Auction which included items donated or made by Club Members. Plus, we also Auctioned off another mystery box which held many treasures. On behalf of the Silver Strikers Club, I would like to thank everyone who participated, helped out, or donated items for this event. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Now for the Numbers:

- Shirt Sales; We made a total of **\$851**
- Cash Raffle 50/25/25; The Club sold 1040 tickets for this raffle which generated **\$520** for the Club and **\$260** each for the two winning Club members.
- Prize Raffle; We raffled off some awesome prizes and ended up raising **\$1568**. (New Club Record)
- Auction; There were eight great items that raised a grand total of **\$810** for the Club.
- Prize Raffle; We raffled off some awesome prizes and ended up raising **\$1568**. (New Club Record)

Total funds raised **\$3749**. On the financial side one of the biggest changes the Club has made was transferring our savings over to a Business CD Account which has earned over \$650 since July 2025.

Carleton Lee SS -1592

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Donations Wanted

The Silver Strikers Club

Is looking for donations for the June 2026 event. If you have a Silver Strike, Casino or Silver related item you would like to donate to the Club please contact me at:

carletonjlee@yahoo.com

You can also just bring your item with you to the June event. If you are not coming to Las Vegas in June and would like to donate an item for the Raffle or Auction,

You can mail it to the Club at:

Silver Strikers Club PO Box 777

Dundee, OR. 97115

Thank You

Taken at the January 2026 Tournament Photos by Jeff Lyons, SS-1887



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Financials

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Accrual Basis

Silver Strikers Club Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2025

	<u>Dec 31, 25</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Chase CD	39,000.00
Chase Cheking	3,553.56
Chase Savings	1,513.87
Pay Pal	227.54
Petty Cash	94.93
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Total Checking/Savings	44,389.90
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Total Current Assets	44,389.90
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TOTAL ASSETS	44,389.90
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Retained Earnings	20,699.08
Unrestricted Net Assets	18,403.08
Net Income	5,287.74
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Total Equity	44,389.90
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	44,389.90
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Profit and Loss

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Accrual Basis

Silver Strikers Club Profit & Loss January through December 2025

	Jan - Dec 25
Income	
Cash Donations	32.00
Income	
Auction	2,024.00
Coin Sales	100.00
Dues Membership	6,355.00
Interest	537.64
Raffles	3,341.00
Rosters	260.00
Shirt Sales	622.85
Total Income	13,240.49
Total Income	13,272.49
Gross Profit	13,272.49
Expense	
Office Supplies	887.18
ONA Dues	45.00
Pay Pal Fees	248.68
Postage	227.60
Raffle Items	1,342.84
Shirts Cost	556.83
State of Nevada	
Filing Fees	51.25
Total State of Nevada	51.25
Storage	2,988.00
Tax Return	50.00
Tournament Expenses	
Food Jan	1,405.67
Food Jun	101.70
Miscellaneous	80.00
Total Tournament Expenses	1,587.37
Total Expense	7,984.75
Net Income	5,287.74

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Secretary's Report

Carleton Lee as acting president opened the meeting at 6:05 pm Saturday January 24th.

Carleton called for reports to be read and Jeff Bitzer read the membership report stating that we have 405 current members including 26 new members who joined in 2025.

Carleton then read the Treasurer's report with the financial statements that will be published in the coming newsletter.

No other reports were available and at this point Jo Riefer swore in the new 2026/2028 board members:

- Ed Secord as President,
- Sandy Thomas as 2nd Vice President
- Jeff Bitzer as Secretary • Carleton Lee as Treasurer.
- Not present was Paul Cory as 1st Vice President who will take the oath at another time.

There was no new or old business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm motion first and seconded by attending members.

Jeff Bitzer SS-291

Secretary

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Membership Officer's Report for July to December 2025

As I slowly work into my new role as Membership Officer, the following update has been provided to me by Allan Childers. The summary for December 31, 2025 is presented below. These names and numbers do not reflect the January 2026 tournament sign-ups and renewals.

As of December 31, 2025 our membership is at 406. We had 27 new members join during this period.

All membership questions and issues can be addressed by email to "membership@silverstrikers.com" or by mail to: Silver Strikers Club, c/o

Membership Officer, PO Box 984, Powell, OH 43065

Cindy avers	Jennifer Beier	Ronald Beier	Kristi Chavez
Orlando Chaves	Maria Feld	Robert Feld	Dawn Sperry- Gribben
Robert Gribben	Robert Hester	Terry Kang	Jeffrey Konito
David Matthews	Kathleen McElhen	Charles Mitchell	Jake Nightingale
Tara O'Donnell	Ken Parsons	James Piper	Rachel Shipman
Thomas Stark	Matthew Tabor	Shelly Toth	NEW MEMBERS!

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Webmaster Brief (01 July to 31 December 2025)

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

- New Strikes – 28
- New Tokens – 3
- Sets – part of set 6
- Holograms – 0
- Silver Bars – 1 (gold Bar)
- Tournament – 1
- Current news – 8

Various items added & updated 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 typos and minor corrections) the RSS feed is updated.

Here's a couple of links that describe RSS feeds.

<http://www.whatissrss.com/> <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSS>

Here's what the RSS feed icon looks like for the silver striker's

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:

Firefox - <http://www.top-windows-tutorials.com/rss-in-firefox/>

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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. Microsoft Edge - Visit the Microsoft Edge Add-on store.

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

Also, I do not manage the strike point board it is administered by a CCA (CC>CC) member; you can go to the bottom of the page click the link trouble ticket to contact them. You can try emailing David Spragg at webmaster@ccgtcc.com.

Jim Quinn SS-254

The History of Silver Strike Coins from 4 Queens

The 1st Four Queens coin with 0.999 ne silver content was released in 1996. Starting in 2003 the 4 queens released a total of 4 blue cap strikes with 0.999 silver content. The following year in 2004 one additional blue cap with silver was released. These 5 have been the only blue cap strikes. In 2004 additionally a blue cap Club coin was also released.

In 2004 the 1st red cap was released by the 4 queens casino. Since then, there has been a total of 123 red cap strikes released by the 4 queens with the last once being released in June of 2025.

In January of 2018 the \$40 yellow cap was 1st released. It contained 1.05 oz of 0.999 silver. So far there has been a total of 27 yellow caps released. In 2004 the 1st \$200 was released with 0.999 ne silver at 12 oz. The last \$200 was released in October 2010.

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The only \$300 released with 0.999 silver at 12 oz was released in March of 2011. In June of 2011 the \$300 contained a 6 oz of 0.999 silver was released. In June of 2025 the final \$300 was released. There was a total of 30 of \$200 released and a total of 52 of \$300 was released.

There is a total of 33 Silver Strike Tournament coins with 3 ozt or ¼ troy pound. The 1st Silver Strike Tournament coin was released in January 2007. The latest Tournament coin was released this January in 2026 with notably only 1 oz of silver.

There is a total of 22 Club coins that have been released since May of 2004. This 1st coin was a blue cap of 0.999 silver. There has not been a Club coin issued every year in part due to the high price of silver and production costs. The 30th year anniversary club coin is also coming up.

Some of our club members are only into the strikes that contain silver. I believe that the majority of the club enjoy the friendship and the other benefits that the club offers. We meet here 4 times a year to celebrate, to renew friendships that we have made over the years. I for one do like the silver, but I love the people that I have come to know and appreciate.

Thank you to Shaun and Todd along with the entire 4 queens leadership team that has kept this going through some trying times. Thank You!

Article researched and submitted **by Freddie Patterson**

THE YEAR WAS 2003

Some quick facts: The Silver Strikers Club was still part of the CC & GTCC and their 2004 convention was going to be held at the Riviera. We had six newsletters during the year, just packed full of information regarding our club and its activities. According to the Novembers Newsletter, there were twenty-two casinos on the Las Vegas Strip with Strike Machines, six Downtown, nine Off Strip and seventeen in Northern Nevada.

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Wouldn't it be nice to return to those days? Membership goal for the year was 110 new members, and it was reached, as we added 114.

The year started with Mary Lou Waterbury still leading our club. At the June meeting Don T. Nesbitt, Jr. was elected as our new president.

Who owns the Silver Strike Trays? There was a lot of discussion as to the ownership of the plastic trays that hold the \$10 strikes. In actuality, they are "loaned" to the casino and are supposed to be returned by the casino to be reused,

In 2003 there was a lot of discussion on the value of strikes. Price guides are just that.... GUIDES. Nothing is cast in stone that a particular price cited in a reference guide, that a strike must be sold at that price.

In the previous January issue of the Newsletter, there were many interesting articles, such as: Why is the 98/99 Riverside "LM" so pricey, the \$2 Silver Strike, new concept in the Chase Strike, and Sparks Nugget to introduce new strike.

Do you know what a Silver Strike Mule is? A Silver Strike mule is the result of an unanticipated matching of dies that were NOT meant to be paired.

There is a wealth of information regarding strikes, along with pictures, etc., in the previous newsletters published in 2003. As a point of interest, I encourage you to examine these previous issues, which you will find on the club's website, listed under CLUB ARCHIVES on the left, then clicking on NEWSLETTERS.

Mike Hennessey, Club Historian

SS-493

Tournament Winners

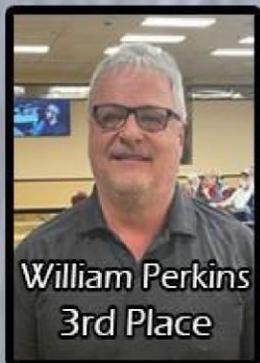
Tournament Winners January 2026



**David Kocharyan
First Place Winner**



**Ritchie Saucedo
2nd Place**



**William Perkins
3rd Place**



**Scott Seekins
4th Place**



**Brandy
Sanstrom
5th Place**



**Doug Buhrman
6th Place**



**Stephen Rahe
7th Place**

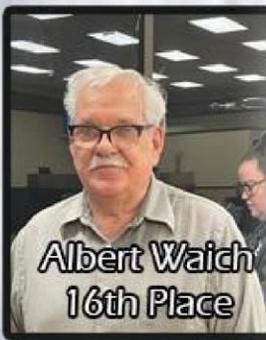
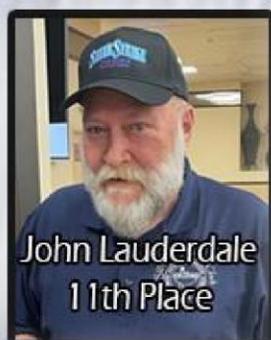


**Joseph Troth
8th Place**

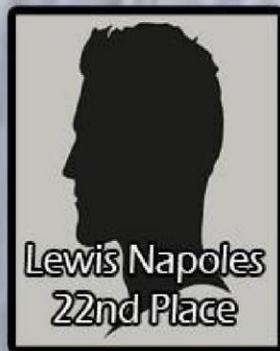


**Brenda Ice
9th Place**

Tournament Winners **January 2026**



Tournament Winners January 2026



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From the Editor

Thank you to all of the great members that we have in this club! I am honored to be a part of it. I hope to make Jaime proud. Thank you to Shawn, Todd and to the 4 queens' staff for continuing to support our club and its members. Please feel free to contact me with articles, suggestions for the newsletter, and anything else that I can help you with.

Sandy Thomas SS-1973

2nd Vice President

The following photos were taken by the club Photographer Jeff Lyons and Edited by Jo Riefer



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The Raffle Prizes



Our Cake



The Auction Donations



Swearing in Ceremony



Checking in for Tournament



Tee shirt Table