



Silver Strike Newsletter Issue # 96 Summer 2026

Greetings to all of our Club Members!

I want to start this Newsletter out by telling everybody how much the board and myself appreciate the support we received for the June Club Dinner. There was a lot of discussion and planning before we committed to having this event. As you all know, prices for food in Las Vegas have been on a steady rise since Covid, and the club had suspended our food service before the fundraising events. We wanted to find a way to bring back this social event and thanks to the great job by catering at the Four Queens and some spirited bidding at the auction, we were able to have a great event! We will try this formula again in January of 2027. By having club members offset some of the cost of the approximately \$60 per person charge, we have created an event we can continue for many years without depleting the club treasury. Please share any feedback you may have with myself or any other members of the board. It was exciting to be able to play for new Silver Strikes at both The Four Queens and The Plaza. Although the Plaza did not have any Blue Cap chasers in the machines, they did introduce three new \$20 tokens. Three of their four machines have been converted to 50¢ minimum bet so it was a \$1.50 per spin bet to win the new denomination strikes. We appreciate the great response from all of you to show the Plaza that the Silver Strikers were in town and The Plaza was very happy with the play on the new machines. Shaun also had five new strikes (Four Blue Cap \$10 and a USA 250 \$40 Yellow Cap) in play at the Four Queens. The wait times were not bad and everyone seemed to have a great time. A big thank-you to the great staff there for minimal down times while reloading all of the machines. We are looking forward to more great Halloween designs from The Four Queens and hope many of you can join us there in October. (continue on page 2)

Welcome Silver Strikers!

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

The Silver Strikers Club
Board **Welcome**

Our President Ed Secord



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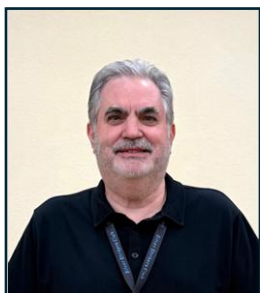
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We have talked to a lot of members about the club coin. Rest assured the Club Coin is not dead, we are currently trying to rework the program so that the new higher minting costs can be absorbed by making a few changes. The board unanimously decided to take advantage of the dip in silver prices to add to our silver bank at the mint. So, the first step has been taken toward reviving the Club Coin. Look for more discussion and details to follow later.

Thanks to all the members who have offered their thoughts to the new board. We are all slowly working into our new roles and we hope to make the club better for all of you.

Happy Striking,
Ed Secord, President



**1st Vice President
Paul Cory
Membership
Report**

As of June 30, 2026 we had 408 members. The absence of Silver in the Silver Strike program likely is partly responsible for the decrease in renewals. But we pretty much held our own with new members offsetting those who are no longer in club. We very much appreciate both the new members joining and the old members renewing their memberships. We have had 31 new members join the club and we had a handful of previous members rejoin us. Welcome all! January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026 New Members (Please send me correct spelling if your name is spelled wrong). I would like to mention that there are a lot of members who fill out the renewal paperwork that we never see a check. If you are not sure of your membership status, please email me and I will check it for you.



**2nd Vice President/
Newsletter Editor
Sandy Thomas**

Thanks to Shaun, Todd and the Four Queens casino for all of your continued efforts on our behalf as the Silver Strikes Club. As we move into uncharted territory with the 4 Queens casino remember that we are a social club and we choose to come together to be part of each other's company and comradery. I want to also give a special thanks to Paul Cory and Jo Riefer for their help, advice and many hours of editing to bring out the new and improved newsletter!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!	RJ Novak	Brian Lange	Jim Warner	Dana Novak	Erich Garinger	Jimmie Summerell	Kevin Thompson
Paul Vierling	Kenny Blacksmith	Mellissa Blacksmith	Jonathon Schulz	Duane Teter	Jo Teter	Greg Miller	Christopher Schnaubelt
Geri Aaberg	Matthew Selman	Rob Eilar	Mark Ogborn	Nick Dyer	Jake Quintana	Amy Quintana	James Burch
Julie Thompson	Todd Walsh	Jody Eilar	Gregory Johnson	Brandi McClellan	Darrell Craft	Richard Holtz	Stu Smith



Treasurer/Social Director's Report

Carleton Lee

Hello Fellow Silver Strikers, The Summer Dinner and fund-raising event on Saturday June 27th was a lot of fun and a smashing success. We Sold 82 Dinner tickets and invited a few Four Queens Staff members. We also presented Shaun a happy retirement card with a couple gift cards as usual we sold shirts and added hats this time. We sold raffle tickets throughout the day. We held Four different raffles, a door prize raffle for those who attended the dinner, a special raffle for those who purchased merchandise, a prize raffle and, a 50/25/25 cash raffle. Most of the prizes for the Prize raffle were donated by fellow Club members. The Club did purchase a few items. The auction items were a combination of items donated by Club Members and Shaun Webster representing the Four Queens. Thank You to all who donated items, and to all that purchased tickets. Plus, a Big Thanks to all who participated in the auction.

Now for the Numbers:

Shirt/Hat Sales; We made a total of \$485

Cash Raffle; 50/25/25; The Club sold 900 tickets for this raffle which generated \$450 for the Club and \$225 each for the two winning Club members.

Prize Raffle; We raffled off some awesome prizes donated and ended up raising \$1068.

Auction; The Auction was a record smashing event that raised a grand total of \$3090 for the Club.

Total funds raised \$5093

These events were a great success for the Club, and I am looking forward to doing it again in January 2027. If anyone is interested in helping sell raffle tickets in January please contact me, Thanks.

Thank You everyone for supporting the Silver Strikers Club.

You can also just bring your item with you to the event. If you are not coming to Las Vegas in January 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

Carleton Lee - Treasurer/Social Director.

Donations Wanted
For The Silver Strikers Club
Raffle and Auction

3:29 PM

08/11/26

Accrual Basis

Silver Strikers Club Profit & Loss January through July 2026

	Jan - Jul 26
Income	
Cash Donations	2.00
Dinner Payment	1,680.00
Income	
Auction	3,900.00
Dues Membership	3,255.00
Interest	373.45
Raffles	3,606.00
Rosters	150.00
Shirt/Hat Sales	1,336.00
Total Income	12,620.45
Total Income	14,302.45
Gross Profit	14,302.45
Expense	
Dinner Refund	40.00
Office Supplies	670.07
Pay Pal Fees	168.97
Postage	91.50
Raffle Items	816.75
Raw Silver	5,881.00
Shirts Cost	309.42
State of Nevada	
Filing Fees	51.25
Total State of Nevada	51.25
Storage	1,414.00
Tax Return	50.00
Tournament Coin	112.00
Tournament Expenses	
Food Jan	610.39
Food Jun	5,118.19
Miscellaneous	135.00
Total Tournament Expenses	5,863.58
Total Expense	15,468.54
Net Income	-1,166.09

3:32 PM

08/11/26

Accrual Basis

Silver Strikers Club Balance Sheet As of July 31, 2026

	Jul 31, 26
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Chase CD	32,000.00
Chase Cheking	8,921.60
Chase Savings	1,013.94
Pay Pal	1,048.57
Petty Cash	239.70
Total Checking/Savings	43,223.81
Total Current Assets	43,223.81
TOTAL ASSETS	43,223.81
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Retained Earnings	20,699.08
Unrestricted Net Assets	23,690.82
Net Income	-1,166.09
Total Equity	43,223.81
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	43,223.81



Jeff Bizer – Secretary

BOARD of Directors Meeting

March 29, 2026

Present:

- Ed Secord
- Carleton Lee
- Sandy Thomas
- Paul Cory
- Jeff Bitzer

Meeting called to order by Ed Secord President @12:02 pm

Topic 1

- June food
- 1 Find cost of a meal like Shaun does
- 2 Discussed possibility of members picking up half the cost
- 3 Email members with a questionnaire
- Ongoing discussions

Topic 2

- Possible Plaza Halloween Tournament

New Coins

Carleton meeting with Sue Ascanio General Manager in May about a tournament

Topic 3

- Membership
- Paul to go back several months and email dropped members to try and get them back
- Be flexible on membership dues letting relapsed members retain their old number
- Dropped members complained that the club didn't do enough to keep them
- Check into using Zelle as part of collecting membership dues.

First 40-minute secession ended 12:37

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Then Second 40-minute session began at 12:50Topic 5

- Clubs two slot machines
- 1 Are they functional
- 2 What does the club need to do with them
- 3 Paying for extra storage area for them
- 4 Pretty expensive to move them
- Nothing resolved

Other topics

- 1 Zoom calls once a month
- 2 what can the club do for Shaun Webster's retirement on June 30
- 3 Catch up HOF and SOTY selections and website pictures 2024-2026

Meeting adjourned 1:50

First by Ed Secord,

Seconded by Sandy Thomas

**BOARD of Directors Meeting
May 3, 2026**

Meeting called to order by Ed Secord President @ 12:12 CST

Present;

- Ed Secord
- Carleton Lee
- Sandy Thomas
- Paul Cory
- Jeff Bitzer

Topic 3

- Cake for Shaun to be discussed

Topic 4

- Plaza to possibly have 2 Twenty-dollar machines in June

Topic 1

- SSC Banquet
- Members/Club split the cost
- Members pay \$20.00
- No plated dinner
- Food served by staff
- Minimum of 40 people
- Carleton meeting with 4Q's May 3,4
- Advertise on Facebook

Topic 5

- Jeff asked about registered agent needing to be at a commercial address
- Carleton had looked it up and the new Nevada rules said it could be at a residential address.

Topic 6

- Discussion about storage units and their charges
- Commercial storage mandate insurance
- 2 Look at different locations
- 3 Sandy offered her garage

Topic 2

- Address our two strike machines
- Ask Shaun if his techs could look at them

Meeting ended @ 1:20 CST

\$20 For Your Thoughts

By Paul Cory

We are seeing a gradual transition in Las Vegas now toward updating the Silver Strike Machines to \$20 tokens. Although you may still find an old \$10 machine in play, expect all future releases (including Four Queens and The Plaza) to be \$20 or higher denomination Silver Strikes. This is not a matter of the Casinos trying to get more money out of us, it's simply related to the cost of manufacturing the Silver Strike Tokens and the cost of floor space.

Every casino in Las Vegas right now is working on ways to weather the downturn in tourist traffic and more importantly the decreased revenue. Every square foot of floor space has to be considered and when you have a minimum bet 25¢ slot machine on the floor, you will need lots of spins to pay for that space. So, the increase to 50¢ minimum bet (\$1.50 bet for \$20 Silver Strike) is part of this re-evaluation of space. It's not the main reason for the change, but it is a small part. There are casinos who have no interest in a 25¢ or 50¢ minimum bet machine though, so expect a \$1 minimum bet Silver Strike (\$3.00 bet for \$40 Silver Strike) machine to be part of any new casino adding the program in the future.

The overriding factor for the new \$20 Silver Strikes showing up is the cost to make a silver strike token now exceeds \$10. So, no casino is going to put out tokens for less than the manufacturing cost. Because of the way the programming works on a Silver Strike Machine, the minimum bet can be very easily set between 25¢, 50¢ and \$1. So, the transition to 50¢ has begun. I have been told that that is the only change to the machines and the payouts remain the same. So, in theory, if you play \$1000 through a Silver Strike Machine at 75¢ a spin and the same \$1000 through at \$1.50 per spin, you will end up with the *exact same dollar value* of Silver Strikes. It's just you will have *half as many tokens* worth \$20 than you would have had \$10 tokens. Of course, those dry spells in between wins will seem even worse, but I can assure you that those back-to-back or hot streaks will be even sweeter.

Our board of Directors

Jeff Bitzer, Sandy Thomas, Ed Secord, Carleton Lee, Paul Cory

Our Tournament Winners



1st Place
Dean Cugliotta



2nd Place
John Musto



3rd Place
Kaylee Myers



4th Place
Valerie Chun-Urma



5th Place
Julie Lou Brooks-Thompson



6th Place
Shanna Valenta



7th Place
Barry Sherwood



8th Place
Steven Anthony



9th Place
Matthew Pollack



10th Place
Whitney Anthony



11th Place
Carol Watkins



12th Place
Paul Dennen



13th Place
Nancy Williams



14th Place
Toma Schaeffer



15th Place
Erich Garringer



16th Place
Stefan Brand



17th Place
Valerie Phillips



18th Place
Marlene Inouye



19th Place
Alberta Sue Cohenour



20th Place
Carl Janson



21st Place
Jeaneen Waialae



22nd Place
Sylvia Horton (Fajardo)



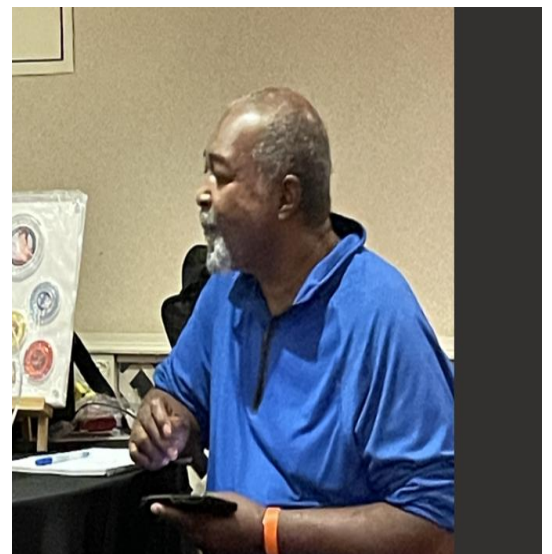
23rd Place
Terence Chang



24th Place
Linda Jollie



And Last Paying Spot To:
25th Place
Edmund Secord









**Our Auctioneer
Carleton Lee**



HILTON
SPACE QUEST
CASINO
1/4 POUND .999



Silver Strikers Club Membership Application

Name: _____

Spouse's name (if also applying for membership): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (optional): (_____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

Indicate your preference for receiving the Club newsletter:

☐ Email (Free) ☐ No newsletter

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

I have enclosed dues as follows:

Annual membership (\$15) _____

Spouse membership (\$15) _____

Club Roster (\$10) _____

Total enclosed _____

Payment Method:

Send application via email to: membership@silverstrikers.com

Or Zelle: Ssclubpayment

Or, complete this application and mail to:

Silver Strikers Club

c/o Membership Officer

PO Box 984

Powell, OH 43065-0984