

### Silver Strikers Club

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# SILVER STRIKERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Silver Strike Machines  
12

Casinos with Silver Strike  
Machines  
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Silver Strike Club Members  
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### From the President:

Greetings Fellow Strikers! The Summer has flown by quickly and it is already Fall. Before we know it, the Atlanta Falcons will be in the Super Bowl and it will be time for the Four Queens January Slot Tournament. After all of the Club events of June, I decided to give the Board of Directors a well deserved break. I suspect that a couple of officers didn't take this opportunity because when it came time to get back to work, they were ready to roll. The following are several projects which have been accomplished or are in the works by the Board.

### Election of Officers

A very important time for the Club is coming soon. It will be time to elect your officers for the upcoming term. Every position on the Board is subject to this election. The Silver Strikers Club is governed by the Board of Directors. Now is your opportunity to get involved and have a voice in the administration of your Club. If you are interested in any office, you may even nominate yourself. **All nominations require a second (or basically two nominations). If any Club member in good standing would like to be nominated, you may contact any Board member and automatically receive a second.** Please refer to other articles in this newsletter for information on elections. The future direction of the Club depends on you. It is important for each member to nominate and vote on the members that you believe will be the best to serve our Club for the ensuing term.

### SSC Forum

As an added benefit to being a Club member, the BOD has approved and the Webmaster has developed the Silver Strikers Club Forum. This Forum provides a new, informal method for communications within the membership. The Forum is moderated, so please keep your posts positive and civil. Many thanks to Jim Quinn for all of his hard work on this project.

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### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!

It is that time once again to ask for nominations for club officers. If you know or any club member interested in running for an office, please let me know. Nominations will open on December 1, 2012 and will Close on February 1, 2013. I would like to thank our current officers for their dedication to the club. We appreciate all their efforts. All Board positions are up for election. President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The description of Officer duties are listed on the club website.

Regards,  
Carol Chrzanowski  
Nominating Committee Chair

Send your nominations to  
Carol Chrzanowski  
5325 Sterling Avenue  
San Bernardino, Ca 92404-2901  
Or  
Carol Chrzanowski email: carolmustang2000@yahoo.com



I would like to nominate \_\_\_\_\_

For the Position of \_\_\_\_\_

### Classified Ads

*Bob Chambers has donated a  
TI \$200 Sirens to benefit the Club.  
The Strike is still available for \$1,450.00.*

*If interested,  
please contact any Board Member.*



#### Place Your Ad Here!

Advertise in the Silver Strikers Club Newsletter

COST of the Ads: \$15 per newsletter or \$50 per year (4 newsletters)

DEADLINE for ads in the next newsletter is December 31, 2012

Send your Ad via Email to Becky Bottemiller: [moresunplz@aol.com](mailto: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

10/16/12 7:30pm	Meeting So Cal Casino Collectors Club Jim Nool <a href="mailto:jenca@pacbell.net">jenca@pacbell.net</a> <a href="http://www.freewebs.com/scaclub">http://www.freewebs.com/scaclub</a>	Hollywood Park Casino 3883 W Century Blvd, Inglewood, CA (310) 330-2800 (800) 888-4972
1/25 - 1/27/12	Four Queens Silver Strike Tournament (800) 634-6045, (702) 385-4011 Rod, Alba, or Arlene	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](mailto:moresunplz@aol.com). Deadline for the next

newsletter is December 31, 2012.

### 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	5
Johnny Nolon's	Cripple Creek	Colorado	1
Mirage	Las Vegas	Nevada	2
Sam's Town Hotel & Gambling Hall	Las Vegas	Nevada	2

**Total Silver Strike Machines 12**



## WELCOME To Our New Members



<i>Arthur Richard</i>	<i>sponsored by</i>	<i>Club Website</i>
<i>Daryl Ponder</i>	<i>sponsored by</i>	<i>Larry Jones</i>
<i>Frank Gordon</i>	<i>sponsored by</i>	<i>Club Website</i>
<i>Ronald Bambula</i>	<i>sponsored by</i>	<i>Club Website</i>
<i>Gary J. Bird</i>	<i>sponsored by</i>	<i>Shirley Slack</i>
<i>Michael Hermann</i>	<i>sponsored by</i>	<i>Club Website</i>

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Treasure Island

#### **DOWNTOWN:**

California, El Cortez, Fitzgeralds, Four Queens, Golden Nugget, Las Vegas Club, Plaza

#### **OFF-STRIP:**

Gold Coast, Hard Rock, McCarran Airport, Orleans, Sam's Town, Silverton, Primm Valley (Primm), Buffalo Bill's (Primm)

Fast forward to 2012 and several of these properties no longer exist, including Barbary Coast, Boardwalk, New Frontier, and Stardust, so those are obviously off the list -- but so, too, are most of the others. Today, Silver Strike machines are to be found only at El Cortez, Four Queens\* (which hosts annual Silver Strike tournaments, the next one being scheduled for Jan. 25-27, 2013), the Mirage, and Sam's Town. Check out silverstrikers.com, the official site of the Silver Strikers Club, for details of where on the casino floor the machines are located.

\*There's a Silver Striker and LVA member who always helps us out with these answers, and informed us on this occasion that Four Queens is issuing special limited-edition Halloween strikes, in both \$10 and \$300 denomination. They'll be hitting the casino floor on Oct. 31, appropriately enough, but if you want a shot at winning one, be aware that every Silver Striker who can make it will be after 'em, too! (Thanks, as always, for the tip, Pam!)



### FOUR QUEENS WINTER TOURNAMENT

THE DATES ARE SET

JAN. 25, 26, & 27

2013

TIME TO START LOOKING FOR AIRFARE



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#### **Committee Appointments**

**Audit Committee:** Recently, I appointed a standing Audit Committee. The members of this committee are Shirley Slack (Chair), Judy Lukacs, and Sue Bitzer. These ladies have considerable professional experience in both the legal and financial fields. The Club Officers appreciate their willingness to serve the Club on this very important committee.

**Bylaws Committee:** Because of actions taken by the Club officers, the Bylaws are in need of being amended. I have appointed a Bylaws Committee to revise the Club Bylaws. The committee members are Joel Slack (Chair), Al Lukacs, and Bill Cohenour. After the Bylaws have been revised, and pending approval of the Board of Directors, the revisions will be posted on the Club Website and this committee will be dissolved.

#### **PayPal Account to Pay Club Dues**

As a convenience to our members, the BOD has approved and established a PayPal account for the payment of annual dues. The information for the PayPal account has been posted on the Current News page of our website and in the Forum. It is a fast, easy way to pay your annual dues.

#### **Projects and Events**

We have had several Club members step up to assist the BOD and Committees on some projects and events. Your participation in these different projects and events is appreciated. It certainly helps the Club officers and Committee chairs when Club members take an active role in their Club. I hope to see many more members, and even new members, participate in the projects and events that are in the works.

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Now is the time to make your arrangements for the Four Queens January Slot Tournament. Let's have a BIG turnout from our members and show our support for the Four Queens! I am looking forward to seeing you there!

-- Joel Slack, President



*Happy Halloween  
and Thanksgiving !!*

## SILVER STRIKERS CLUB MINUTES

9-11-12

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



## TOPIC DISCUSSION NOTES

- Convene - The Board meeting convened at 3PM EST.
- Old Business - Discussed audit schedule and dates to audit. ([Judy to coordinate with Audit committee.](#))
- New Business - President Joel has formed a new committee to review the Clubs by-laws. The committees members are Joel Slack, Bill Cohenour and Al Lukacs.
- Elections - Discussed upcoming BOD elections, voting dates, announcement in newsletter and on club website. ([Coordinate with Election committee chair, Carol Chrzanowski.](#))
- Membership - Jo Riefer reported that while we lost members, new members resulted in a net gain. Membership changes day to day but is still hovering around 475 members. Jo announced that she had setup the Paypal account so members, old and new, can pay their dues online. Jo and Judy Barton will be handling the account and detail will be posted on the club website and in the next newsletter. ([Jo will followup with instructions on how to use the Paypal .](#))
- Newsletter - Costs involved with printing and mailing of the club newsletter have gone down in the last year due to more members using the internet. All reports and articles will be sent to Becky by Sept 30. ([No further action needed](#))
- Adjournment - There being no other business Joel moved to adjourn without objection. The meeting adjourned at 4:35pm EST.

**SSOTY & HOF**

Hi Fellow Silver Strikers,

It is getting towards the end of the year and we will be voting on the Silver Strike of the Year and the Hall of Fame Strikes. On January 1st, we will start the selection process and I already have four volunteers for the subcommittee. They are Colin Hight, Darryl Yoneski, David Niver and Melvin Romans. A special thanks goes out for them! Anyone interested in becoming a subcommittee member for 2013, let me know. All you have to do is pick two strikes for the SSOY and two for the HOF. I will put together a ballot from these nominations. Strike of the Year has to be a strike produced in the year 2012 and the Hall of Fame strike can be any strike prior to 2012. The finalists will be chosen before the January tournament and the ballots will be in the February newsletter.

Sue Cohenour  
SSOY & HOF Committee Chair  
wcohenour@att.net



## Recent and Upcoming Releases

**SILVER STRIKERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Complete the application below and send to:

Silver Strikers  
c/o Jo Riefer  
2283 Panoramic Dr  
Concord, CA 94520

Check here if this is your annual renewal 

Collecting Interests:

All  \$2  \$3  \$7  \$10  \$20  \$28  \$40  \$200  \$300  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

All  Nevada  Colorado  Atlantic City  Riverboats  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

May we publish the above information in the Club Roster?  Yes  NoDo you want the Club Newsletter e-mailed to you (no extra cost):  Yes  No

I have enclosed my payment for:

Annual Membership - \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Spouse Associate Membership Fee - \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

SS Club Roster - \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** (payable to: Silver Strikers) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Membership sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_

## Pam's Corner

By Pam Martin



Its Halloween and time to head to Vegas. There are three Four Queens Halloween strikes, a red cap, a blue cap and a three hundred. The scans of the strikes and the flyer for the Four Queens Silver Strike Tournament, January 25, 26, and 27, 2013 are in the newsletter.

Silver Strikes made the question of the day at [www.LasVegasAdvisor.com](http://www.LasVegasAdvisor.com) Hope you enjoy reading.

Jessica has always supported silver strikes and when there is a question I usually hear from her. She always posts the Silver Strike Tournaments on their current news when I sent them. A big thank you to the Las Vegas Advisor.

**Q:**  
Back in the '80s and '90s, casinos had slot machines that dispensed a silver/gold medallion imprinted with that casino's logo. I noticed they all started disappearing and now I can't find any. Are there any left?

**A:**  
The slots you're referring to are called Silver Strike machines, which pay out prizes of limited-edition minted coins, issued as prizes from special Silver Strike slot machines, originally introduced by Anchor Gaming and now manufactured by IGT (which took over Anchor some years back). The strikes are encased in a protective plastic holder known as a "cap" and, unlike other tokens issued in the casino, which are generally virtually worthless in themselves, these coins actually have a face value -- generally of \$10, although some are worth \$300. In the past strikes have been issued with redeemable values of \$2, \$3, \$5, \$7, \$12, \$20, \$28, \$40, and \$200 and ranged in size from 1-1/2 inches to 3-1/2 inches in diameter, depending on the value (the \$2 and \$3 strikes were actually made of brass, not silver) but all of these have since been withdrawn.) In terms of composition, \$10 strikes have a .999 Silver center insert, with an outer ring of brass. The approximate silver weight of the insert is 0.60 troy ounces, although some of lesser weight/value were issued in the mid-2000s. Taking into account their collectibility, strikes often have an immediate street value far higher than their face value.

As to the game itself, it's a reel spinner with a top prize of 2,500 credits. You must wager three credits to be eligible for the Silver Strike prize. If you win one, you have the choice of redeeming it for cash or keeping it as a souvenir. It's best to keep it, because it appreciates in value (which often doesn't take long, since each casino regularly issues different strikes, all in limited-edition runs; check out [www.jackpotauctions.com](http://www.jackpotauctions.com) or eBay to see how collectible these tokens are).

The first time we addressed a QoD on strikes was back in November, 2005, and at that time machines were to be found all over town. Here's the participating casino list from back then:

### LAS VEGAS - STRIP:

Aladdin (now Planet Hollywood), Bally's, Barbary Coast, Bellagio, Boardwalk, Caesars Palace, Circus Circus, Imperial Palace, Mirage, Monte Carlo, New Frontier, New York-New York, Palms, Slots A Fun, San Remo (now Hooters), Stardust,



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## Membership Update

This is a three month report. Reminders were sent to 78 members that were due for the months of July, August and September. Of those members who received the reminders, 62 have renewed their memberships. We have enrolled 6 new and returning members. The Current roster is now at 462. Even though we are continuing to get new members, you need to remember to submit your dues when they are due so the club will continue to grow. Please remember it is our membership that provides your Board members with the leverage they need when talking to casinos and trying to convince them to reinstate their Silver Strike Programs.

WE NEED YOU! Please help to keep our club strong and **renew today**.

Thanks for Striking,  
Jo Riefer CHSS- 0033  
1st Vice President/Membership



The following members will be due for renewal during the July thru September quarter

### OCTOBER

Last Name	First Name
Brady	David L.
Brady	Candi
Bullock	Thomas W.
Choquette	FV
Dillard *	Richard L.
Donatelli	Michael
Feehan	Kevin J.
Harrison	Linda K.
Harrison	Roger G.
Haselhoff	Bernard J.
Jones Jr.	George E.
Kaitoku	Noman T.
Kaitoku	Marsha
Leas Jr.	Donald E.
Miller	Jacqueline M.
Miller II	Robert J.
Pamperin	Ted J.
Sculky	Milton L.
Shobe	Richard M.
Snyder	Jerry
Snyder	Brenda
Stetz	Tom
Tackeff	Steven J.
Turnbow	Aaron
Turnbow	James A.
Choquette	Paula

### NOVEMBER

Last Name	First Name
Apedaile	Janice M.
Chaffin	Robert P.
Chaffin	Kathy
Cohenour	William L.
Cohenour	Sue
Cole	Sherry L.
Cosby	Don A.
Cosby	Janice P.
Dalzell	Jim
Duholke	Brian
Fite	Jim
Gamrat Jr.	Andrew A.
Johnson	Peggy
Johnson II	Walter R.
Kareiva	W. J.
Laflamme	Theresa
Malinowski	Richard C.
Nakao	Janeen
Peterson	Clarence A.
Potter	Joel D.
Rasmussen	Wesley A.
Rasmussen	Judy A.
Stevenson	Russell L.
Yonesaki	Darryl
Yonesaki	Sandra Y. E.
Laflamme	Joseph

### DECEMBER

Last Name	First Name
Baxter	Robert C.
Bergiel *	Alan J.
Bitzer	Jeff
Bitzer	Sue
Boone	Greg T.
Cook	Tammy A.
Drayer	Louis L.
Drayer	Gary M.
Ebbert	Kenneth P.
Fajardo-Horton	Sylvia
Haglund	Ronald E.
Horton	Scott
Jones	Caleb
Lamphier	Robert W.
Levy	Ralph
Lo	George S.
Mancinelli	Ralph F.
McNeil	Malcolm
McPherson	Robb T.
Middendorf	H. Joseph
Middendorf	Debbie
Mondragon	Theresa
Rolinski	Joseph J.
Rolley	Brent A.
Williams	Mark
Wilson	Susan
Wilson	Mark R.
Yuen	John
Haglund	Sharrol
Levy	Barbara

# SILVER STRIKE

## \*\$10,000 SLOT TOURNAMENT

**January 25, 26, & 27, 2013**

### Package Includes

- Three night stay at the Four Queens Hotel & Casino
- Welcome Cocktail Reception-Open Bar
- Awards Ceremony with Cake and Champagne
- Limited Edition Silver Strike Token
- Entry into the \*\$10,000 Slot Tournament
- **3 ROUNDS**

\*With 1<sup>st</sup> Place taking home \$4,000

### Schedule of Event

#### Royal Pavillion

#### Friday, January 25, 2013

4:00pm – 6:00pm

Welcome Cocktail Reception and Hors d'oeuvres  
Slot Tournament Registration

#### Saturday, January 26, 2013

9:00am

Slot Tournament 1<sup>st</sup> Round

1:00pm

Slot Tournament 2<sup>nd</sup> Round

**6:00pm**

**Free trading session**

#### Sunday, January 27, 2013

9:00am

Slot Tournament 3<sup>rd</sup> Round

2:00pm

Slot Tournament Awards Ceremony with Cake and  
Champagne

Space is limited so call Room Reservations today at  
**(800)634-6045 (press #1) OR (702)385-4011**

Ask for Theresa, Alba, or Arlene.

\*Slot Tournament prize money is based on 150 participants and will pay 20 places.

Prize money will be adjusted based on actual entries.

Based on space availability. Prior reservations required. Package price is per person and based on double occupancy. **Single and No Room Needed Packages Available—please call for details.** Packages cannot be split. Tournament entry is non-transferable. Must be 21 years of age or older to enter. Offer may be modified at anytime. Tournament rules available at Welcome Party. Management reserves all rights.

**FOUR QUEENS**  
HOTEL & CASINO

## Balance Sheet

August 31, 2012

### ASSETS

Current Assets		
Checking/Savings Wachovia-7084	15,386.21	
Total Current Assets		15,386.21
Other Assets		
Deposit To Nevada	154.84	
Total Other Assets		154.84
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>15,541.05</b>

### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Current Liabilities		
Total Accounts Payable	-131.55	
Sales Tax Payable	40.64	
Total Current Liabilities		-90.91
Total Liabilities		-90.91
Equity		
Retained Earnings	18,306.89	
Net Income	-2,674.93	
Total Equity		15,631.96
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		<b>15,541.05</b>



Silver Strike Convention  
June 2012

Photos by  
Bill Cohenour



## Profit and Loss

June 1, 2011 - August 31, 2012

### Ordinary Income/Expense

<b>Income</b>	
Income	
Advertisement	65.00
Convention Auction Sales	70.00
Donations	80.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>215.00</b>
<b>Member Dues &amp; Fees</b>	
Membership Dues	1,650.00
Membership Roster	70.00
<b>Total Member Dues &amp; Fees</b>	<b>1,720.00</b>
<b>Total Sale of Strikes</b>	<b>1,804.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,739.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Coin Production	2,392.25
(368.75 from 2012 coins)	
Postage	235.88
<b>Convention Expenses</b>	
Business Meeting	2,719.23
Officer Awards	27.80
<b>Total Convention Expenses</b>	<b>2,747.03</b>
<b>Incorporation Fees</b>	
Easy Mail	50.00
<b>Total Incorporation Expenses</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Newsletter Expenses</b>	
Printing	690.14
<b>Total Newsletter Expenses</b>	<b>690.14</b>
<b>Office Supplies</b>	
Postage	21.70
Supplies	76.70
Supplies—Other	76.02
<b>Total Office Supplies</b>	<b>174.42</b>
Sales Tax Paid	11.00
Telephone	36.26
Uncategorized Expenses	49.77
Website Domain Fee	197.89
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>6,584.64</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-2,845.64</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-2,845.64</b>



## Jim Turnbow: Silver Strike Pioneers

by Bill Metten



*Seventeenth in a series of articles about club members who started collecting strikes in the early days and have contributed to the club's success.*

Silver Striker Jim Turnbow has fond memories of Harvey's Casino in Lake Tahoe, one of the first casinos to offer silver strikes.

"I won one of the casino's first \$7 strikes and one of its last \$10 strikes. I also have one of only four sets of two \$200 strikes, one from Harrah's and one from Harvey's in Lake Tahoe. Each casino released only four \$200 strikes before ending its silver strike program, making them rare and valuable," says Jim.

Since 1992 Jim and his son Aaron diligently pursued Nevada silver strikes to grow their collections, and they joined the Northern California Chip and Silver Strike Collectors Club before joining our club in 2007.

Aaron sold his silver strike collection several years ago. He had all the \$7, \$10 and \$200 strikes.

Jim is still collecting and trading. His collection includes two complete sets of \$7 strikes and all of the \$200 issues. His favorite number is 20. Most of his \$200 strikes are numbered 20.

While building his collection one strike at a time, Jim says that he was helped along the way by many people, especially those in the casinos, many of whom he tipped for their timely assistance.

"One time I went to Bally's looking for a particular \$10 strike. The woman at the cage said that a couple of \$200 strikes were turned in earlier in the day and asked if I wanted them. 'I'll take them', I replied. To my surprise, one was the Bally's two line, the other a Bally's four line. Both are very hard to get and high-value strikes," Jim says.

At Harrah's in Las Vegas, Jim recalls a friendly cashier who brought up bag after bag of \$40 strikes for him to rummage through for rare ones. He didn't find any.

"Another time I was able to cherry pick all of the hard-to-get \$7 and \$40 strikes at Harvey's before they discontinued their strike program," Jim says.

"On another occasion, the late Dennis Finn, a club member and avid strike collector, called me from Las Vegas to tell me that the Sundowner Casino in Reno was going to close and advised me to quickly play their strike machine for the very limited number of Western-themed strikes. He wanted some for his collection. So did I.



"I got there as quickly as I could, played the strike machine all day and won many of the sets of six strikes except the horse's head.

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When I was told that it would be available the next day I decided to spend the night. I was sitting on the strike machine when they added the horse's head strikes early the next day and was able to win as many of the last strike in the set as Dennis and I wanted. The Sundowner closed shortly thereafter," recalls Jim.

Jim and his wife Elsie live in Sacramento, California. On many of Jim's visits to Las Vegas he plays Pan, a Rummy-like card game with his friend of many years, Jackie Gaughan, owner off the El Cortez Casino.

Jim was born in Weed, California, located near Mt. Shasta. He hunted the beautiful wooded environment around his home as a youth, which he is revisiting and sharing in a book he is writing called *Mt. Shasta's Bears and Bucks*.

Jim and Elsie have attended most of the club's Silver Strike tournaments. He hopes that more people will start collecting strikes to revitalize the hobby he loves.

Jim retired from the Western Electric Company after 37 years of service in China, Northern California and Nevada.



## Club Coin Design Contest

Come Join the Fun! Now is your chance.

Now is your opportunity to design a silver strike. Contest begins October 1, 2012 and closes December 15, 2012. Rules for the contest are posted on the Club Website ([www.silverstrikers.com](http://www.silverstrikers.com)) and posted in this newsletter. Please read the rules before entering.

We are celebrating our 14th Anniversary and the design should reflect that theme.

To enter, send your design to Al Lukacs either by email or US Postal Service, information at bottom of article.

Should you have the desire to have your design computer enhanced, send them to Jo Riefer either by email or by US Postal Service, information at bottom of article. Jo will return the design to you. You may then decide if you want to submit your original or use the enhanced version. Jo does not submit any drawing; this must be done by the artist. Submit your approved drawing to Al Lukacs.

The judging of the drawings for the six finalists will be held at the Four Queens at the end of January. Voting will start the next day for those in attendance. Ballots will be included in the Newsletter and on the Club website as soon as possible.

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## Webmaster Update September 2012

Website Updates:

1. Rotating Logo at top left of home page.
2. Added link to Silver Strikers Forum from the home page.
3. Many new strikes and tokens added (see RSS feed).
4. Added PayPal link to Club Application page, thanks to Jo Riefer.

Silver Strikers Forum is up and running with 35 Club members so far. We are open for suggestions from Club members to add new categories and new boards within the categories. What we have now are just the best your webmaster could think of.

Examples from the SSC Forum:

Category – Buy, Sell, Trade

Buy, Sell, Trade

Board - Sell

Sell  
Silver Strikes for Sale

Each change (except most corrections) to the Club website is followed by an RSS feed entry, example below:

### Glory Hole Casino

Friday, September 14, 2012, 16:00:00 PM →

Added GHcnco-001, GHcnco-002, GHcnco-002-V1, and GHcnco-003-V1 strikes to page 1.

### President's Message

Friday, September 14, 2012, 12:05:00 PM →

Information about PayPal added to the current news page.

If you want to track the latest changes to the Club website. Here's a couple of links to learn more about RSS Feeds and how to use them.

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



## Our MEMBERSHIP CONTEST!!

Membership contest is underway! Last year, the Membership Contest brought in 28 new members. We have a way to go to beat last years total of 28. We have 6 new members since July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Let's beat the total for 2013!!  
The contest will run from July 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>.  
**so lets get busy recruiting.**

There are two criteria for new recruits:

- 1) They must be **new** members (if they were previous members that had a lapse in their membership, they are not eligible for this contest), and
- 2) they **must** list the sponsor's name on their application for the sponsor to receive credit.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

For 3 new members you will get a **Free Roster**  
For 6 new members **Free Roster and 1 year free membership**  
10+ new members **Free Roster and 2 years free membership**

In addition to the above awards, if there are members who recruit 10 or more people, the top recruiter will be recognized during convention for their contribution to increasing membership and will receive a plaque commemorating their outstanding efforts. Again, help us make the club bigger and better – **START RECRUITING TODAY!**

Jo Riefer CHSS-0033  
1st Vice President/Membership

## Silver Strikers Club 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Strike Club Coin Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Nevada County \_\_\_\_\_ for Sales Tax Payment by Club

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ 2012 Thirteenth Anniversary@ \$34.00 ea.

**CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MADE OUT TO: SILVER STRIKERS CLUB  
SEND TO:**

**G. Allan Lukacs  
5507 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW  
Bradenton, FL. 34209**



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## Club Coin Design Contest Rules

as of 07/01/12

- The contest will start on October 1. Contest entries must be received either by Email or US Mail not later than December 15. Entries arriving later than December 15th will not be entered into the contest.
- The strike theme is the Anniversary for each year unless otherwise stated.
- Any member can enter as many as six (6) different designs.
- Previous entries may be resubmitted with the new anniversary theme.
- Entrants may choose to have their drawings computer enhanced or leave as submitted.
- Committee Chairperson (the Club Secretary) will select a committee of eight (8) to select the finalists. There will be a total of six (6) finalists. The Club Secretary will only vote in the case of a tie.
- The judging of the strike design will be made at a meeting conducted during the January Silver Strike Tournament.
- The finalists will be voted on by the entire membership in good standing. The finalists will be published in the newsletter and posted on the club website.
- Voting will begin as soon as the finalists are selected or within ten (10) days from selection.
- Voting will close 30 days after voting starts.
- The winner will be awarded a plaque with a strike and the other five finalists will receive a new club strike at the Convention. The winner's initials will be displayed on the coin.
- The strike will be minted and ready for sale by Convention time.
- The strike will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Members must be in good standing in order to purchase a strike (restricted to one strike per member in good standing until June 1st - at the time it will be open to anyone in any amount).
- No member may have more than one drawing in the finals. In the event that a member has more than one in the finals with the same number of votes, that member will be able to select which drawing is eliminated.
- No trademark infringements are allowed.
- All drawings will become the property of the club and *the club will be held harmless for omissions and errors.*

## OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP

December 1st is the start for the call for officers and elections for the Silver Strikers Club. I'm truly concerned about the survival of our club. If you want the club to continue into the future new members need to step up and become involved in the leadership positions it takes to run this club. Now is the time to get involved in your club affairs so don't leave it to "the same old group" they have done more than their share to keep the club alive. There will be nominating ballots in this newsletter for you to "step up" and volunteer to be nominated for one of the five positions. The term of office is only two years not a lifetime but it's your chance to make a difference in your club and how it is run. These choices are yours to become part of the Silver Strikers Club Officers and to help drive the club into the future and keep the spirit of collecting silver strikes alive.



Silver Strike Convention  
June 2012

Photos by  
Judy Barton



### Member Display

Attached is a picture of a Silver Strike Sign which I purchased on Ebay a few years ago. A frame shop here in Dayton Ohio did the framing, inserting two Four Queen Tournament Strikes and eight other Strikes, including a Club Strike. I had it framed with glass on both sides so light could come through. I have it hung with my Vegas collection, with lighting behind it. Although it took about three years to get the project completed, the sign really looks great and was worth the wait. Don't tell a framer, no hurry.



The picture is also on his web-site at [www.facebook.com/customframeservices](http://www.facebook.com/customframeservices). Click on PHOTOS then THE WALL PHOTOS.

Mike Hennessey SS493

### Club History

by Jeff Gaffke



Some events from the year 2000

At the beginning of 2000, the club treasury held a balance of \$1,206.82.

A new type of strike, labeled with the word "MILLENNIUM", was all the rage during this year.

This is a great group of silver strikes to collect and are making for many new collectors as well as providing a sharp looking display. Many new ones yet to come both regular and millennium.

Some prices that were realized for this period:

San Remo strike with .999 silver on the rim \$300 plus

Bellagio strike with backwards Chinese letters \$35

Four Queens removed their machines within weeks of putting their millennium strikes in play. Each of the 4 designs was worth \$75.

Tidbits of Las Vegas history:

In 1930, the population of Las Vegas was 5,165.

In 1945, after WWII, Tourism and Entertainment were the largest employers in the area.

The Lido de Paris show ran for 31 years at the Stardust Hotel and Casino.

