

# SILVER STRIKERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Howdy Fellow Silver Strikers,

I am hoping that the membership is enjoying the fabulous things happening within the hobby of silver striking: (1) Mary Lou Waterbury on the club coin (2) the Kewl design on the June Strike release reminiscent of the "Rat Fink" and "CARtoons" magazine (3) let's not forget about the Jackpot spree that happened for so many strikers!

Good times for sure!

We are heading into that lull between the June and January event. If you find yourself thinking about ways to improve the club, please send those ideas to one of the club officers. The Silver Striker Club is not the Board of Directors, but the Membership body as a whole!

One of my goals for the near future is to learn how to post effectively and simultaneously to the Strikepoint BB, the items I will be posting on Facebook. I feel that I have not been sharing with those that do not "Do" Facebook. I will try to do better going forward.

Ever Foward,
Jamie Horvatic
Silver Strikers Club
President
SS-1407

#### Silver Strike Machines 18 Casinos with Silver Strike Machines 4 Silver Strike Club Members 474

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### Message from the Editor

Hello fellow strikers, what a busy summer!! Another successfull tournament in the books. In this issue we have lots of coverage of the tournament along with our table at the CCA Convention. Jamie continues to work with the CCA in mending old wounds from many years past and with this it will help both clubs to prosper in the years ahead.

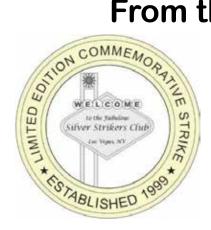
I have been working with a couple members in matching up the Chip Guide to our online catalogue. Both sites are great references with lots of information. The Chip Guide has some features for its members to allow you to keep track of your collection. I have done an article later on in this issue to show how it works. As Co-Editor of the CCA magazine, I try to make sure we have lots of coverage in each issue I do also.

Once again, if you have any topics or articles for the newsletter, please submit them to me. You don't have to be a writer or artist. I Just need the content and I will look after the layout. I can be reached by email at robb4640@outlook.com or by phone 519-577-7206 if you have any comments, concerns, questions or articles.

Happy Striking.

Robb McPherson SS1199

# From the Presidents Desk...





Howdy Fellow Silver Strikers!

Time flies when you are busy and having fun working with a great group of members who volunteer their time to make this one of the best clubs ever. Just under two years ago I was sworn in as SSC president. Since then I have been working with the other Board members, and those that support us, toward making the small improvements that have the biggest impact for the club. Without their advice, ideas and support I would not have been able to help them move the club in the direction it has gone. To each of you I extend my heartfelt "Thanks and Gratitude" and I look forward to a great future for the Club and its members as I finish out my term.

Saying a big "Thank You" to Shaun, Todd and the 4Q's for another great event is an understatement! Their theme for the June Silver Strike Slot Tournament was a big hit! Speaking of "Big Hits" how about all of those Jackpots, these will provide striker stories for years to come! I would also like to mention the staff of the Royal Pavilion room for the hospitality and dedication provided to the members making the experience very enjoyable and memorable!



Again I extend a big thanks also to all of the Club officers and members who helped out with the "chores" during the event, each of your contributions made the difference and are always welcome and appreciated.

So I want to take a few minutes to touch on a few other items,

The new interim Secretary was sworn in at the June event, Richard Dix volunteered and was appointed by unanimous BOD vote. He will be filling in until

the election process is completed at the end of this year. Welcome to the BOD and I look forward to working with you.

Speaking to that, this is election year for the (5) five Board of Director Positions. One of the most important benefits of membership is being able to nominate and vote for candidates to fill these important positions that have a direct effect on the operation of the club and its continued success.

While on the subject I want to mention the Mentorship program. This will allow members to learn about any position Elected or Appointed without full responsibility and with the goal of filling in if needed, leading finally to filling a Position full time. The Club needs to start getting the next generation of Silver Strikers involved so they can take over the "Reins" of the Club, The Clubs future depends on it!

I ask current members to refer new members to the New Member Information Package on the website for viewing or download, this will hopefully help new members get a head start as well as inform potential members who read it to see what we are all about and join the club.

I want to put out the call about expanding the clubs digital footprint, as of today there is the Strikepoint BB and the Facebook pages, and these do bring in new people interested in the hobby and new members. Imaging if we were on one or two more platforms? So if there are members that are willing to start up a social media format and moderate it please contact me or one of the club officers.

Lastly, I ask for your ideas and suggestions for the betterment of the club and if you would like to help out and/or participate in the new Mentorship program please contact me at;

#### president@silverstrikers.com.

Jamie Horvatic
Silver Strikers Club
President
SS-1407





# CCA EVENT REPORT

This was the Second year that the CCA extended their gracious offer to provide a table to the SSC for a Membership Drive at their annual event in Las Vegas. The SSC wishes to thank the CCA Officers and Convention chair for the table and allowing the SSC to sell club promotional items which directly support the treasury for the SSC.

I want to thank those club members who attended and supported this effort to provide a "Brick and Mortar" presence to the public. Their personalities and ability to relate the fun of the hobby to those event attendees who stopped by the club table can only be experienced in the flesh!





Photo Bv: Gail Warner

3 Day totals;

Visitors to table - 156

New Members - 2

Renewals - 5

2023 Coins sold - 9

Donations for MLW Autograph - 7

# **Membership Report**

By Alan Childers



As of June 30, 2023 our membership is at 474. For the 6 month period of January to June 2023, there was a net membership gain of 27 members. We had 70 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, 2620 N Constance Ave, Fresno, CA 93722.

New members from Jan. 2023 - June 2023:

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

Charlotte Briggs Tim Briggs **Deb Buros** Keith Butler **Dexter Coffman** Deborah Coleman Peter Coleman Allen Cross Billy Davis Susan Dix Tim Devine **Bailey Hagestrom** Angela Hansen Marlene Inouye Norma Jean Hartman Richard Harwood Betty Heldt John Jost Parker Kaeding Don Kingwill Pam Kottyan Nancy Lucchese Peter Lucchese John Mack David Madison Jennifer Medinger **Dennis Medinger Debby Perkins** William Perkins Michael Reves **Darrin Rogers** Jodie Stuhrenberg Steve Stuhrenberg Cheryl Varela **Amy Waterbury** Margaret Williams Gary Woodie

Thomas Buhrman Jr James Callan Seattle DeGroot Michelle Dondero Mark Hansen Dave Harvey Victoria Hembroff Janet Kellogg Tom Kottyan **Bryan Lugert** Tim Manning Sheryl Morgan Richard Powell Martha Sneed Jeremy Thompson Roger Waterbury

Shaunna Burgess Stacy Clearman Stephen Cotter **Amanda Devine** Patrick Gallagher Raymond Harris Carole Harwood **Brittny Huffman** Randy Kellogg **Greg Lougheed** Karen Lukacs Erik Marcussen Dale OBrien Jerry Ray Frank Solis Patricia Truex Saundra Waterbury

Allan Childers SS-0356 1st VP & Membership Officer

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# Treasurers/Social Director's Report by Carleton Lee - SS-1592



Hello Fellow Silver Strikers

June's Summer Tournament was a great success for the Clubs fundraising efforts. On Saturday June 24th throughout the day, we sold shirts, Club cions, and raffle tickets to raise money for the Club. That evening we had our Ice Cream and Cookie social. We sold raffle tickets up until it was time for the drawings. We had two different raffles, a 50/25/25 cash raffle, and a prize raffle. For the prize raffle the Club purchased several Silver Strikes for prizes. We also held an auction with items donated by fellow Club members. On behalf of the Silver Strikers Club, I would like to thank the Club Members who donated items to the raffle and Auction. Making it one of our best yet!

If you have a Silver Strike or other item, you would like to donate to the Club for a future fundraising event please let one of the Board members know. It saves the Club money on purchasing prizes.

#### Now for the Numbers:

Shirt Sales, we sold 7 Polo, and 28 T-shirts (which may be a record) raising \$595.

Club Coin Sales, we sold 27 Club cions from this year and one from last year raising \$975.

Cash Raffle 50/25/25, The Club sold 846 tickets for this raffle. Generating \$424 for the Club and two Club members winning \$211 each.

Prize Raffle, we raffled off some awesome Silver Strikes and ended up selling \$1179 in tickets.

Auction, there were a lot of great items donated by Club members that raised a grand total of \$1220 (which also might be a record).

We also received cash donations totaling \$80 thanks to Mary Lou Waterbury putting her initials on a few Club Coins we sold. Thank You Mary Lou.

All in all, the Club grossed a whopping \$4473.

These events were a huge success for the Club, and I am looking forward to doing it again in January 2024.

If anyone is interested in helping sell raffle tickets in January 2024 please contact me, Thanks.

Thank You everyone for supporting the Silver Strikers Club.

On a personal note, I would like to share the fact that I finally hit the triple double diamond jackpot for the first time. Woot Woot.



## Silver Strikers Club Profit & Loss

January through June 2023

	Jan - Jun 23	
Income		
Cash Donations	80.00	
Income		
Auction	2,135.00	
Coin Sales	6,835.00	
Dues Membership	3,805.00	
Interest	0.93	
Raffles	3,140.00	
Shirt Sales	883.00	
Total Income	16,798.93	
Total Income	16,878.93	
Gross Profit	16,878.93	
Expense		
Coin contest	524.11	
Coin Production Cost	1,056.41	
Office Supplies	415.96	
Pay Pal Fees	319.55	
Postage	418.60	
Raffle Items	895.00	
Shirts Cost	34.50	
Storage	590.50	
Tax Return	75.00	
Tournament Expenses		
Food Jan	1,306.12	
Food Jun	1,287.76	
Miscellaneous	56.74	
Total Tournament Expenses	2,650.62	
Total Expense	6,980.25	
Net Income	9,898.68	

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### Silver Strikers Club Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2023

	Jun 30, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Chase Cheking	4,900.01
Chase Savings	20,230.78
Pay Pal	1,974.10
Petty Cash	4,669.00
Total Checking/Savings	31,773.89
Total Current Assets	31,773.89
TOTAL ASSETS	31,773.89
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Retained Earnings	20,699.08
Unrestricted Net Assets	1,176.13
Net Income	9,898.68
Total Equity	31,773.89
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	31,773.89

### Webmaster Brief

(Jan. 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023) By Jim Quinn

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

New Strikes – 39

New Tokens – 7

Boxed sets - 0

Holograms - 3

Silver Bars - 2

Tournament - 1

Current news - 5

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:

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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: <a href="Internet Explorer">Internet Explorer</a> - <a href="http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/how-to-add-and-view-rss-feeds-in-internet-explorer.html">http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/how-to-add-and-view-rss-feeds-in-internet-explorer.html</a>

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: <a href="http://www.hongkiat.com/blog/detect-website-change-notification/">http://www.hongkiat.com/blog/detect-website-change-notification/</a> or Google tracking website changes for additional options.

Also I do not manage thestrikepoint 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 Silver Striker Club Webmaster

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

Warren Schaefer SS-185 <a href="mailto:schaef86@yahoo.com">schaef86@yahoo.com</a>

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# THE 13TH ANNUAL SUMMER SILVER STRIKE TOURNAMENT JUNE 23 - 25, 2023

The 13th Annual Summer Silver Strike Tournament turned to be another great event. The 169 spots were filled long before the

tournament day, once again continuing to be sold out!! Shaun and Todd keep making these tournaments exciting for all and the word keeps on

spreading. Be sure to make your reservations early as every tournament is selling out earlier now.



Before we get to this years tournament winners, lets recognize the great work that Shaun does for the Silver Striker Club!!



# **SOTY & HOF Report**

By: Al Varelas

I am happy to report that there was a record number of votes cast for the 2022 Strike Of The Year (SOTY) and Hall Of Fame Strike (HOF). This was also the <u>first time</u> that a casino has won both the Strike Of The Year & Hall Of Fame awards!

Congratulations to Shaun Webster (Slot Director) for accepting the dual award for Strike Of The Year: 2022 \$40.00 Halloween Witch and Hall Of Fame Strike: 2020 \$300.00 Spirit Of The Wolf II Total combined number of votes cast for both categories was: 274 There was 139 votes cast for the SOTY and 135 votes cast for HOF





Hello Everyone.

At the CCA convention this year I was honored to except the Silver Strike of the Year award on behalf of Shaun Webster and the Four Queens. Then getting the honor to present it to Shaun the following week at the Four Queens during the Silver Stike Tournament. I would personally like to thank the CCA for this honor, and to Congratulate Shaun and the Four Queens for receiving this award.

Carleton Lee - Treasurer/Social Director









# Random Tournament pics by Jeff Lyon - Club Photographer























This is a small sampling of the delicious food that was served at the Friday night Tournament Banquet provided by the Four Queens Casino.



Marlene Inouye won the red, white and blue 777 on the \$40 silver strike machine earlier this morning! Congratulations! That means jackpots hit on all three types of strike machines at the Four Queens Hotel & Casino in just 2 days, trifecta complete! I would venture to say the SSC members are definitely on a roll keep it going









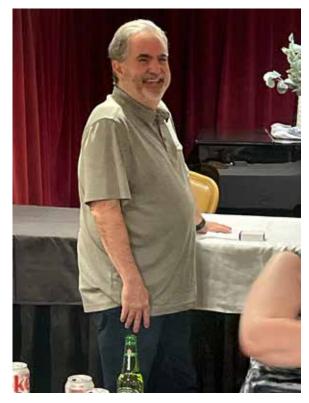






























## Silver Strikes on The Chip Guide

Alot of Silver Striker Club members are also members of the Casino Collectibles Association and will know about the Chip Guide, but there are many new members that may not know about it. There are alot of new features that current CCA members may not know about. So in this issue, I am going to take our members through the Chip Guide and how it ties in with the Silver Strikes.

Lets start with the mission statement:

The Greg Susong Digital Media Center is dedicated to Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club Hall of Fame member Greg Susong. Greg is one of those who brought the Internet to chip and token collecting. His website, The ChipGuide, was one of the first sites devoted entirely to chip and token collecting, and serves as a tremendous resource for collectors throughout the world. His work has been kindly donated to the Museum and will be continued to be updated here.

You may think the Chip Guide is all about casino chips, far from it, the Chip Guide is for all casino collectibles including Silver Strikes. It has taken some time for our strikes to get listed but back a few years ago Al Scalzo, Webmaster Assistant added all the Silver Strikes to the Chip Guide that he was aware of. Some images were added at the time but mostly added basic descriptions. Over the next few years alot people submitted images and updated info to fill in the blanks. Fast forward to a couple years ago, I decided it was time to get the Chip Guide and Silver Striker websites to match each other on information and images. As a Chip Guide administrator, I was able to take on this task on. I have been working with our Membership chairman, Allan Childers on getting alot of this information correct and in the correct order. The largest area was the Four Queens Casino, with 351 strikes and counting. Recently another major change took place. Up till a few weeks ago, there was only one type casino collectible listing for Silver Strikes which was Silver Strikes. I felt that the Tournament strikes and Club Coins do not meet the actual definition of a Silver Strike and should have their own collectible types. I started a conversation with Webmaster Charles Kaplan on adding these two new types. After much discussion, we came up with the new type "Silver Strike - No Cash Value". I decided to list all the Tournament Strikes under this type. I also created our club as a Casino Club under the Nevada casino listings. So our Tournament Strikes are listed under both the casino that the tournament was held at and under our stand alone club listing. Not to forget about our Club Coins, I chose to list them under the Silver Striker Club as they have no ties to any casino and they fall under the "Tokens - Other" type. Lets get to some screen shots to show what I just talked about.

This is the Chip Guide Main Page





Our club listing expanded when you click on the above listing.

Note: Tokens-Other has the listing of Club Coins and Silver Strike - No Cash Value has the Tournament Strikes



This is the same screen as above but I have expanded the Silver Strike - NCV screen by clicking on the green plus sign on the right side. Note the information on the right side of the images. This is the info that I add in when editing the any item on the Chip Guide.

This screen is what you see when you are not a member of the CCA or MoGH. There is a fairly new additional feature I would like to share with our members that would help you with keep track of your collection and is available to members.



This screen may look identical to the last one but there is one small difference. This is the same screen but I have logged in to the site this time.

Take note of 3 red circles beside the CG number. This is the key to what the Chip Guide can offer to help catalogue your collection.



Let's talk about these 3 red circles and what they mean. The first circle or button MC stands for **My Collection**, WL stands for **Want List** and the last one TL stands for **Trade List**.



Note in the next pic above the MC button is Green now. The difference is I clicked on the Red MC button and the screen refreshed and the button turned Green. So what does this mean for you. Well if you have one of the printed catalogues, it allows you to check off a box with a pen or pencil that you now have that particular strike in your collection. Clicking the button to make it Green is the same thing. Instead of carrying your catalogues around at a show or store, you can just use your cell phone, tablet or laptop to look up to see if you have a particular strike. The next button, the WL-Want List is another way mark off a particular strike you may be looking for. TL-Trade List button is a way to mark that you have an extra strike to sell or trade. At this point you may be reading this and think if I don't click on the MC button then it obvious that I need that particular strike so why would I need to click on the WL button. There is a reason for this which is what I will cover next.

Let's assume you went through your strike collection and clicked on all the MC buttons and now you want see what you own. The next few slides will take us through this procedure.



We are going back to the beginning now, the login screen. Once logged, you will see your name in Yellow on the black tool bar. For the purpose of what we are learning here we proceed to click on Search and then ChipGuide Query

Once you click on the CG Query Facility as noted above, this is the screen that will show up, all ready for you to fill in the necessary fields that will bring up the items we are looking for.





I filled in the following fields, Region (United States), State (Nevada), Collectible Type (Silver Strikes) and it brings back 56 pages of Silver Strikes with a total found of 2800. So this tells us there are 2800 silver strikes listed in the State of Nevada of all denominations as I left that field blank. You can they are listed in order of denomination first then alphabetical by casino name

In this screenshot, the only thing I changed was to change the Denomination field to \$10. So this is now showing us that there is 48 pages of strikes for a total of 2367 Silver Strike Listings. This is where I am trying to make sure every Silver Strike listed on our website is also listed on here.

If you are a member of CCA or MoGH you will also see the red buttons as I mentioned earlier.



Just a note here on this last screen, if you click on an individual picture it will open up a new window with a slightly enlarged picture. At this point also you can narrow it down to \$7 strikes if that is what you want to search for or \$40 strikes. You can change the State from Nevada to Colorado if you only want to see the Colorado strikes. Note if you really want to narrow down a search, you can search by city. So if you pick Las Vegas from the City dropdown menu, it will only show you strikes from Las Vegas. Next up I am going to show you what comes up when you click on the CG number under the image.



So from that last screen, i just clicked on the CG178874 that just under the 4 Red buttons. This is what will come up next. Here it shows us all the information on that strike along with an image of both sides of the strike. It also gives you all the information on the casino in the top half of the screen.

The strike information is usually from the person who submitted the strike image on the submission page or in my case, when I am listing or checking them, I take the information from the Silver Striker catolgue web page. This is where I am trying to make sure all the information from both sources all lines up. Sometimes I find info that I send to Silver Striker webmaster Jim for him to change.

If you are on the Chip Guide and see info that needs to added or an error, let me know. Allan Childers has been working with me on this and going through filling in the images and advising me of any errors. If you see an image that is blurry or not very good, you can send me new and better scans/photos if you have them. I have been using alot of images from the Silver Striker website and have permission in case your wondering from anyones submissions on the Silver Striker website.

Lets review up to this point, anyone from the public can see all the items on the Chip Guide and can use the search function as I have shown above.

Next for those that are members of the CCA or MoGH or anyone that may want to join these clubs for the added benefits, I will show you how you can keep track of what you have on here.



If we go back to the main search screen, under the Keyword field you will see it says List with a drop down menu. This list has the names of everyone that is using these features. So you can see I clicked on Robb McPherson - Collection. Now when I hit the Green Query button, it brings up every item that I have marked the little red button which turns green when I do that to show up here. You can see under each listing image the little green MC button is lit up. Right now it shows i have 52 items marked as in my collection.



In the dropdown list you can see it will query any items I have marked as wanted and if I had extras, I can show a list of what i have to trade or sell.

# Silver Strikers Club Membership Application



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) No newsletter		
I have enclosed dues as follows:		
Annual membership (\$15)		
Spouse membership (\$15)		
Club Roster (\$10)		
Total enclosed \$		
Complete and mail with payment to: Silver Strikers Club		
c/o Membership Officer		
2620 N Constance Ave		
Fresno, CA 92722-8764		
You may also submit form via email to: <a href="mailto:membership@silverstrikers.com">membership@silverstrikers.com</a>		

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

Check out our website at: www.silverstrikers.com