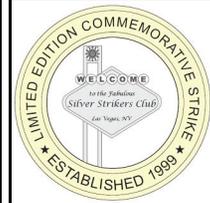


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## **From The President**

**by Bill Jollie**



Well, the first year of our term is up and the time flew so much faster than I ever thought it would. Besides Cheri, Becky and Judy who all worked so diligently for the good of the club, I want to thank others who made my Job so easy with their hard work and support. Jo Reifer and Jeff Bitzer who worked so hard to put out this years' club coin, Sue and Bill Cohenour who worked on

Strike of the year and Hall of Fame Strike along with others who supported them. Additionally, Bill has been taking pictures for the newsletter for years. I would like to thank Bill Brooks for his work as grievance chair as well as his input and direction when requested. Bob Chambers for guidance and club support, Archie Black for support, Ralph Fajardo for his kick in the rear get started support, Milton Sculky for his support and Peter Van der Kar who was the first friend I made in this club and was one of the people who made me feel that being with this club and this group of people would be a positive experience. Thanks Peter for your time that now seems so long ago.

There have been so many people this past year who have reached out to help, Bill Metten on the newsletter along with many others who have contributed to our newsletter and Jimmy and Ed for handling most of our fun at the annual party. Another major supporter, someone I have never seen, I haven't met or even spoke to him directly, yet he has been very helpful. His name is Jim Quinn and he is our Web Master. I hope I've let you all know how grateful I was and am today. Next to last, but by far the most help and support came from someone that was ALWAYS there when I asked for some guidance or historical perspective on an issue. Someone who took the time to introduce me to many slot managers and to this day helps in any way she can, Thanks to Pam Martin.

Last of all, to all of the members new and long term who have stuck with this great gathering of friends and wonderful people I say thank you from the bottom of my heart and top of my thoughts.

Thanks again to all for your support during my first year in office.

B Jollie



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### Club History

By Jeff Gaffke

In 2002, some of the E-Bay auction results showed that the O'Sheas \$10 silver strike for the CC&GTCC sold for \$117.00 and the Circus Circus clown error strike went for \$393.00.

A special report was issued to the membership to charge a \$5 processing fee for all new members, and a 30 extension to members if they missed paying their dues on time. The cost of a roster would be \$8. At this time in March of 2002, membership was over 425.

At this time, because of the attack on September 11, art work had been approved for patriotic silver strikes. Las Vegas Club, Plaza, Flamingo, and Imperial Palace were to issue \$200 strikes. Several \$10 strikes were available at Las Vegas Club, Gold Coast, Bally's, and Imperial Palace.

In May of 2002, members were requested to provide wording for the definition of a silver strike to be used for the purpose of "Silver Strike of the Year" and "Hall of Fame" selections. A list of recommendations would be sent out for review by the Membership.



### Classified Ads

Selling all silver strikes and bezels, including own collection.

40% off listed price.

E-mail Lisa Jung, [lisa@lvha.net](mailto:lisa@lvha.net)

For a list of strikes for sale, see web page: <http://chippermel.lvha.net>

"One of a kind" silver strike collection from every casino, cruise ship and islands known to me. Over 260 in all including from closed casinos and many scarce strikes. Also club special strikes and others, all in display cases. Complete list sent on request. Will consider all offers. E-mail Mary Lou Waterbury, [mlh20bury@aol.com](mailto:mlh20bury@aol.com)

### 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 September 30, 2010

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

### Upcoming Gaming and Coin Related Events

7/20/10 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
8/17/10 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
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10/16/10 9am	Casinorama Jim Munding (626)919-0603, (626) 893-7926, <a href="mailto:mun3335@aol.com">mun3335@aol.com</a>	San Marino Masonic Center 3130 Huntington Dr San Marino, CA
2/4/2011 & 2/5/2011 9am	8th Annual Super Collectables Show Jim Munding (626)919-0603, <a href="mailto:mun3335@aol.com">mun3335@aol.com</a>	Arizona Charlie's Hotel & Casino 740 S Decatur Blvd 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 September 30, 2010.



### Locations with Silver Strike Machines

Casino	City	State	Qty
Delta Saloon	Virginia City	Nevada	1
Four Queens Hotel & Casino	Las Vegas	Nevada	5
Johnny Nolon's	Cripple Creek	Colorado	1
Palms Casino Resort	Las Vegas	Nevada	2
Sam's Town Hotel & Gambling Hall	Las Vegas	Nevada	2

**Total Silver Strike Machines 11**

### Welcome New Members

Date	Name	Member #	Sponsor
April 2010	Abbott, Robert D.	SS-1222	Baxter, Robert
May 2010	Steinmetz, Andy	SS-1223	Club Webmaster
	Fox, James	SS-1224	Ronald E. Schmidt
	O'Dell, Bob	SS-1225	Eric O'Dell
June 2010	Anderson, Pau	ISS-1226	Frank Gilwa
	Anthony, Steven	SS-1227	Judy Barton
	Sipe, Stephen	SS-1228	Edmund Secord
	Cahill, Michael	SS-1229	

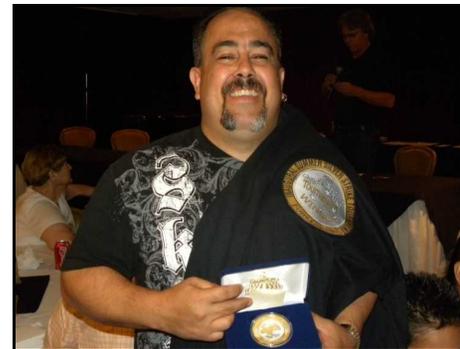
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1. Added club history section.
  - m. Adding 2007 & 2008 newsletters to the archive.
2. Future goals:
  - a. Obtain missing images for the online strike catalog.
  - b. Obtain missing information for strike text as available.
    - i. Continue updating the Archives section
  - c. Add a Education section .
    - i. Silver Strikes 101
    - ii. Cleaning Strikes
    - iii. Glossary
    - iv. Conditions
    - v. Library
    - vi Other items ????
  - d. Hyperlink strike images to original full size image as submitted.
  - e. Complete SSC# (Silver Strikers Club) for each strike in the catalog.
3. Distant future goals:
  - a. Redesign the site using PHP modular approach.
  - b. Utilize PHP to make the site dynamic.
  - c. Implement a database online strike catalog.
4. Questions , corrections or criticism for the club web site email me at web-master@silverstrikers.com

Have a great time at the convention.

Jim Quinn

### June Silver Strike Tournament



Dean Hyde - Winner Silver Strike Tournament

Photos by  
Judy Barton



Norm & Carol Chrzanowski



Helen Lee



Jeff & Sue Bitzer



Sean Webster—2009 Silver Strike of the Year



## 2011 Club Strike Design Contest

By Jo Reifer

The contest went very well and we have a new logo for our club strike. If you haven't purchased one it is not too late. We still have 24 left of the 2010 strikes and still a few of the 2009. The order form can be downloaded from our club web site. You can also email me and I will send you a form. We also will accept a hand written form. We need your name and address, and what year strike you want. Don't forget to enclose your check.

**Jamie Martin will head the Design Contest Committee** this next year. I will still computer enhance designs. If you want them done on computer send them to me and I will enhance them and send them back to you then you can submit them to Jamie. You must submit them to Jamie before they are entered into the contest. You have about six months until they have to be submitted. The deadline will be announced later but it is not too early to get started.

This year will be the anniversary of our 12<sup>th</sup> year as the Silver Strikers Club. That will be the theme for the strike. If you have entered the contest in previous years and not won you can re-enter that idea making it for the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It has been my pleasure to have worked with the Design Contest.

### For computer enhancement send to:

Jo Riefer  
2283 Panoramic Dr.  
Concord, CA 94520  
silver.striker41@hotmail.com

by James Martin

I have been volunteered to head up our club strike contest for 2011, Luckily Jo Riefer and Jeff Bitzer have offered to continue their excellent support of this contest. Jo has offered to help anyone who wants to submit a design with her computer graphic skills. Jeff also has offered to continue dealing with the mint.

### Submitting an entry send to:

James Martin  
9395 Lake Hickory Nut Dr  
Winter Garden, FL 34787  
msailfish@aol.com  
407-877-7548



### Rules for entry.

- You must be a Member of the Silver Strikers Club current with dues
- This is a Design for the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- No registered trademarks allowed
- Entries must be received by **December 30, 2010**. I will be the only person to know who submits the designs. (Ok Pam will also know but she has to keep it secret also.)
- Multiple entries are eligible
- Previous entries may be re-submitted
- Note: all designs become the property of the Silver Strikers Club and may be submitted to casinos for their use.
- The designs will be submitted to a committee, selected by me, voted on until seven lucky finalists have been chosen. I hope to have this done at the January Silver Strike Tournament.
- The seven finalists will be published in the newsletter and voted on by the entire membership, in time to have the club coin available for the CC&GTCC convention next June 22-25, 2011.

## Recent and Upcoming Releases



## SILVER STRIKERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Complete the application below and send to:

**Silver Strikers**  
c/o Cheri L. Jollie  
P. O. Box 291537  
Phelan, CA 92329-1537



Check here if this is your annual renewal

Collecting Interests:

All  \$2  \$3  \$7  \$10  \$20  \$28  \$40  \$200  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  No

Do you want the Club Newsletter e-mailed to you (no extra cost):  Yes  No

I have enclosed my payment for:

Annual Membership	- \$15	\$ _____
New Member Processing Fee	- \$ 8	\$ _____
Optional Spouse Associate Membership Fee	- \$15	\$ _____
Name: _____		
Additional SS Club Roster	- \$10	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b> (payable to: Silver Strikers)		\$ _____

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

### Silver Strikers Party

On Friday night we had the Silver Strikers Party for everyone to come for food, prizes and great conversation. There were also a presentation of coins to the finalists of the 2010 Coin Contest. There was also a dice table made by Milt Sculky to be raffled off and ½ of the proceeds to go to the Silver Strikers Club, which was won by Jay Jollie. We also had an auction of club coin sets in presentation boxes, a total of 3 sets were sold for a total of \$235. The auction for the TI Siren donated by Bob Chambers had no bids starting at last years sales price of \$1450.

Jimmy Mahan was at his comedic best as usual for the Jimmy show, which involved the giving away of a large quantity of door prizes, so many in fact that only 2 tickets were not picked for prizes. Great fun was had by all 80 plus people in attendance.



Charlie & Lorraine Kepner  
50th Wedding Anniversary



Dice Table made by Milt Sculky



Jimmy Mahan Show



Door Prizes—only 2 non-winners, Sue  
Cohenour & Ann Brooks

Photos by  
Judy Barton

### Membership Contest Results

#### NEW MEMBERS

January	19
February	2
March	2
April	1
May	3
Total	<u>27</u>

#### SPONSORS

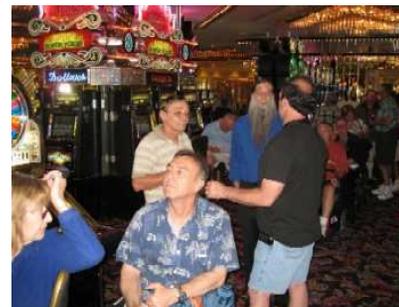
<u>Member</u>	<u>Recruited</u>	<u>Won</u>
Robert Chambers	5	Roster
Michael Donatelli	3	Roster
Norman Kaitoku	2	----
John Villsmeir	2	----
David Dunn	1.5	----
Robert Baxter	1	----
Becky Bottemiller	1	----
David Brady	1	----
Jimmy Mahan	1	----
Eric O'Dell	2	----
Ronald E. Schmidt	1	----
Rusty Udarbe	1	----
Ruth Dunn	.5	----
No Sponsor/Web Site	5	----

#### PRIZE STRUCTURE

<u>For</u>	<u>Receive</u>
3 new members	Free Roster
6 new members	Free Roster and 1 year free membership
10+ new members	Free Roster and 2 years free membership

Cheri Jollie, #SS-0537  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Membership

Four Queens Line for the Release  
of 11 Years of Silver Striking \$200



Photos by  
Bill Cohenour



## Convention Week



What an amazing time! Linda and I arrived on Sunday at the Four Queens both raring to get started on our three week vacation.

We started playing for the red caps and needed twenty clears for the \$200. Scott Tenley was on the machine by the elevators and having a bad run. I would have sympathy for anyone else but hey it's fun to mess with Scott.

He happily gave up the machine and waited to make sure that I struggled the way he did. Didn't happen, with all the payback I was lucky enough to pay about \$80 for thirty clear and two red caps. Mean while Linda won about \$1400. What a great start to our vacation week.

The Monday and Tuesday tournament was so much fun I wouldn't do justice to it in this article so I won't try. Besides Dean, the winner of the Four Queens tournament has agreed to write that article.

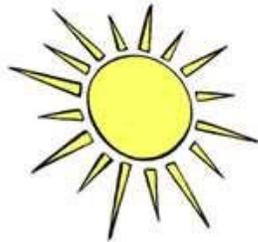
Wednesday we moved to the South Point so we would be close to the action there. What a great experience, I call it trial by fire. But we will get to that in a minute. First we took our turn at the silver strikers table. It was easy work because Judy Barton had everything we needed. Then we went through the convention floor and I bought all I could until Linda put the brakes on my spending.

Next was the forum with Sean Sarr as our guest speaker. He was great. He was full of information, starting with the beginning of the actual creation of the silver strike. There were about 60 plus in attendance including Jenny Jensen and Mike Needham from Sunshine Mint. Next came the annual meeting. What I referred to as the "Trial by Fire". Actually, it was the highlight of my week, my first chance to face the music for all, we the board, had done or hadn't done during our first year in office. To my surprise, it was fun running the meeting. Our only disappointment was the low attendance, mainly due to so many people having to leave so early.

Thanks to all, God Bless and see you in January.

Bill Jollie

P.S. Sending to Becky from Lake Tahoe



## Tournament Notes

By Jim Munding

Also, I had a very unusual run of luck at the Four Queens....We arrived early and I put \$100 in a machine in the three-pod area. Lost \$50 WITHOUT A STRIKE, then the machine cut loose.... hitting four different big payouts involving double diamonds and 7s.....since I had the redcaps from this machine, I moved over to the machine by the cage, where I won another big payout.....over all, I netted 32 strikes for \$100.00, 27 clears and 5 redcaps....this was a record day for me...thanks FOUR QUEENS, I had a great time at the tournament....

## Pam's Corner

By Pam Martin



A big thank you to Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens Collectors Club, the Four Queens and Sunshine Mint for making our 11th anniversary a great success. CC&GTCC gives our club the opportunity to continue the Forum and club meeting along with all the convention events.

The Silver Strikers Club Forum guest speaker was Sean Sarr from Sunshine Mint, Jenny Jensen and Mike Needham were also able to be at the Forum from Idaho. Sean gave us a great history of the minting process of silver strikes. A special thank you to Sunshine Mint as one of our biggest supporters of the silver strike program. We are hoping that good news will be coming soon for the silver strike program. Sean, Terri Sarr, Jenny and Mike joined us for our club party on Friday night and brought a great gift from Idaho for the give away. It was a pretty 1 oz silver bar with Sunshine's emblem on the back. Lucky Jimmy Mahan walked away with that one!

The Four Queen's Summer Silver Strike Tournament was another perfect tournament at the Queen's. Tournament play was Monday and Tuesday ending that afternoon with a very nice banquet, complete bar and the tournament coin, the Little Duce Coup with the number 11 celebrating our 11th anniversary. A big thank you to Shaun Webster and Richard Nelson, the coin is Beautiful!

Sam's Town and the Four Queens both had new red caps in play for the convention and also released new \$200. Thanks again to both of these casinos for their continued support of the silver strike program.

Our events ended on Friday night at the Four Queens with our club party. Thank you to the board for making this another year of great events and all the work that you put forward for the Silver Strikers Club. Its only 11 months away before next year June 22-25, 2010 convention.

The Four Queens will be releasing their new \$200 Queen of Diamonds on August 27, 2010.

### The Chase, The Quest

Your heart beats a bit faster  
as you approach the machine  
Your eyes are led to the red  
it's the Chase Strike you've just seen

All the Strikes are beautiful  
yet some mean more than the rest  
For while the Chase is in your hand  
the Silver is in the Quest



James A. Ruma, 2009

**Balance Sheet**

June 30, 2010

**ASSETS****Current Assets****Checking/Savings**

Wachovia-7084

17,703.97

**Other Current Assets****Undeposited Funds**

2,313.00

**Total Current Assets**

20,016.97

**Other Assets****Deposit To Nevada**

154.84

**Total Other Assets**

154.84

**TOTAL ASSETS****20,171.81****LIABILITIES & EQUITY****Liabilities****Current Liabilities****Accounts Payable**

Accounts Payable

-131.55

**Credit Cards**

10.81

**Sales Tax Payable**

40.64

**Total Current Liabilities**

-80.10

**Total Liabilities****-80.10****Equity****Retained Earnings**

20,622.45

**Net Income**

-370.54

**Total Equity**

20,251.91

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY****20,171.81**Please check the website at [www.silverstrikers.com](http://www.silverstrikers.com) under financials to see all of the statements.**Webmaster Brief 2010**

1. Completed goals:
  - a. CSS implementation for entire site.
  - b. Utilized PHP for web site templates.
  - c. Added 20 missing casinos.
  - d. Organized the site into folders.
  - e. Standardized folder and filename convention.
  - f. All images to 400 x 200 pixels.
  - g. Adding additional fields to strike description.
  - h. Added an RSS feed.
  - i. Added copper rim strikes.
  - j. Created a web site manual to document web site.
  - k. Added an Archives section for research/reminiscing (to include but not limited to):
    - i. Events
    - ii. Financials
    - iii. News.
    - iv. Newsletters.
    - v. Past club officials

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**Silver Strikers Forum**

compiled by Becky Bottemiller



I took some very cryptic notes from the Forum meeting as I thought that our speaker was very interesting and had some great information that I would try to share with everyone. Hopefully, I have captured the most information and remembered it correctly for everyone's enjoyment.

Guest Speaker – Sean Saar from Sunshine Mint

**List of Mints/Companies that Ran the Silver Strike Program**

Letcher Mint

Lancaster Mint

Anchor Gaming

Global

IGT

Sunshine Mint

**Notes on the various denominations of strikes**

\$7 - 0.8 oz of silver, the first \$7 strike

\$7 - 0.65 oz of silver, the majority of the \$7 strikes

\$28 – Added gold, on the Aladdin, created a dip in the coin and added 8 grains of gold to the cavity, then the coin was struck

\$28 – Gold Plating was then introduced as it was an easier process

\$10 – 0.5 or 0.6 oz of silver

\$40 – Silver coin with Gold Plating, it took 20 people to do a few 1000 in a day. (very work intensive)

\$20 – Silver coin with Gold Plating. Started with \$10 strike size, then because of problems with misidentification in the cage so they moved to the larger size.

Copper Rims – same metal as the brass rims, they just had a heating problem in the furnace which caused the different colorization. It would have taken to long to redo them so they were circulated.

Sunshine Mint has purchased the rights to the Silver Strike program for 5 years and they have 2 ½ years left on that contract. Sunshine reopened Global in Vegas to manufacture the clad strikes.

Q: How many strikes can be stamped from a single die?

A: 5,000 – 20,000. Some of the more common strikes can have the die break. For the Red Cap and \$200 strikes the dies can last for a complete run.

Q: Why is there full and partial reeding?

A: The reeding is created when the die is struck. The collar that holds the blank during striking determines the reeding.

Note: provided by member. Silver Dollars were full reeded coins and were often mixed up by cage personnel with the full reeded \$7 strikes, so they went to partial reeding on the \$7 silver strikes.

Q: Is the mintmark part of the die or an insert into the die?

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## **Meet John Vilsmeier: Silver Strike Pioneer**

by Bill Metten



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

Dedicated Silver Strikers Club Charter Member John Vilsmeier has pursued all type of strikes from Atlantic City's casinos to Biloxi/Gulfport, and Tunica, Mississippi, to Reno, Las Vegas and beyond.

"My collecting experiences started in Atlantic City about 1992, when I went there by bus from Philadelphia," says John.

"The Trump Taj Mahal casino had ten strike machines on the wall coming from the bus parking lot. The ten dollar machines received a lot of play. The larger denomination machines did not. Quite a few other Atlantic City casinos had strike machines. Eventually, they all disappeared. The last to go I believe was Caesars," he recalls.

"One day I stopped at Caesars, went to the cage and asked the cashier if she had any strikes. She went for the manager, who asked me how many I would like. He said they had all denominations. I bought all they had for \$1,020 and went home a happy camper," John says.

His next memorable striking adventure was at Atlantic City's Tropicana casino, where the tellers and floor people insisted there were no silver strikes. "As a last resort, I asked again in the high limit slot area and an employee told me there were all kinds of strikes in the back. She took me to an employee window and there they were, in boxes. I finally hooked up with the manager who gave me permission to get strikes any time I wanted," he says.

On another occasion, John took one of the resort's Jitney buses to Harrah's casino, where he bought from the vault for \$500 some of the casino's remaining \$20 strikes. Unfortunately, he only had a clear plastic bag to put them in. When he got off the Jitney in front of the Claridge casino, a stranger saw what he was carrying and started to follow him. "But, as luck would have it, I arrived at the Claridge door first," John says.

"From Atlantic City, my next strike outing was to Biloxi/Gulfport, Mississippi and the Grand casino, which had 135 different \$10 strikes. I am only missing two or three. After many visits to the area, the managers at both Grand casinos would sell me strikes," he recalls.

*(Continued from page 11)*

Pam's Corner, Silver Strike Pioneer article, membership articles, approvals, financials, information on the tournament, and pictures from the various events. Will have Tournament winner write an article. Jo Reifer will write an article on club coin preordering. Will obtain convention articles from several people showing their perspectives.

- [Becky to obtain all newsletter items and prepare July newsletter.](#)

Final Membership Contest Results and Membership Count 27 new to date; total members 476 (no change from last newsletter).

- [None required.](#)

Coin Boxes/Plaque for Winners Bill will check with Jo to see if the plaque and coin boxes are ready for the winner and other semi-finalists of the club coin contest.

- [Bill to check with Jo on plaque and coin boxes.](#)

Club Party & Payment How do we handle the \$5 donation? Bill will confirm procedure.

- [Bill to confirm procedure.](#)

Should we send a reminder about bringing gifts? More gifts, more fun. Becky will send out a reminder.

- [Becky to send reminder about gifts.](#)

Should we have a 50/50 drawing at the party? After party starts, ask members if they want to do. If majority wants, do; if not, don't.

- [None required.](#)

Judy has confirmed everything with the 4 Queens and will be sending payment in the next day or two. During the first two hours, there will be a cash bar.

- [Judy to pay for party.](#)

Raffle for Dice Table; Auction for \$200 TI and Club Coin Sets A dice table has been donated to the club to raffle off. The proceeds will be split 50/50 with the person that donated the table. The table normally sells for \$400 and costs \$180 to make. Tickets will be \$5 each. A motion was made to accept the donation and 50% of the proceeds from the ticket sales. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- [None required.](#)

Bill will consult with the person that donated the \$200 TI strike on what to do if there is no opening bid on it.

- [Bill to consult with person that donated \\$200 TI.](#)

Made two box sets of four club coins (2007, 2008, 2009 & 2010) and one box set of three club coins (2008, 2009 & 2010) to auction off. A motion to approve the sets for auction was made. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- [None required.](#)

Club Insurance The club liability insurance was renewed. The Board briefly discussed the coverage it provides.

- [None required.](#)

Treasurer's Report: Starting balance was \$20,909.07. Deposited \$1,355.00. Paid invoices totaling \$964.46. As of today, have 21,299.61 in the bank.

- [None required.](#)

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



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A: The mintmark is part of the die.

Q: What creates coin-aligned strikes?

A: The die is medallion aligned at the start of a run, sometimes one of the dies can shift during the stamping process creating offset strikes.

Q: Why are some strikes frosted and others not?

A: Strikes will be most frosted at the beginning of a run. The die will get hazy or have stress marks after a time and then the die is polished to remove these. Due to the polishing the relief on the design becomes less defined.

Q: When is gold plating done?

A: The gold plating is done after the striking of the coin.

Q: On one strike there is a mintmark of a S over a faint G, how did this happen?

A: This mintmark was welded over and a new one re-carved creating a faint shadow.

Q: Does Sunshine Mint provide blanks to the US Mint?

A: Yes, as well as other mints, there is a large demand for silver coins and they are trying to keep up with demand.

Q: When did the \$10 strike transition from 0.6 to 0.5 oz?

A: They started in 2002 and transitioned through 2007 as new dies were created for the casino. The 0.5 oz could not be stamped using a 0.6 oz die.

Q: Is the die for the \$10 strikes one piece or two?

A: The \$10 die is a one piece die.

Q: When were the clad strikes started?

A: Clad strikes were started in Nov 2007 at the Four Queens.

Q: Did you have to start making the clad strikes?

A: If there were no clad strikes, there would be no strike program. The cost of silver is prohibitive for silver strikes. The mint has tried to compromise by having the commons silver clad and doing red caps and the \$200s in .999.

Q: Is the un-struck blank one or 2 pieces?

A: \$10 blank is created from 2 pieces, the copper rim and the silver center or silver clad center that are struck together.

Q: Can they use the same dies for the clad strikes as the silver strikes?

A: Dies for clad strikes need to be new dies, they are created with a different process.

Q: Why do the RWM and G mint strikes have flaws in them and the S mint have nicer looking strikes?

A: Sunshine Mint has always created the best quality coins. Global had more demand which created a lower quality product. Roger Williams Mint had a lower quality process.

Q: Where does Sunshine mint want to take the silver strike program?

A: They would like to modestly grow the program.



Four Queens  
Silver Strike  
Tournament  
Party

Photos by  
Bill Cohenour



John also acquired all strikes but one from the Bay St. Louis casino. "I sent a couple of friends there who cleaned out the vault and sent me some of their \$40s," he says.

Next memory, the seven casinos in Tunica, Mississippi and a mistake he wishes he never made. "I called the cage at Fitzgeralds and asked if they would sell me any \$40s and \$200s. Yes, they would. However, the woman at the cage talked with the manager who said I would have to come there to pick up the strikes. By the time I was able to book a flight, all of their strikes were gone, including the rare \$200s. There is only one that has been accounted for," John says.

"Then a friend and I started visiting Vegas several times a year. There were lots of strikes at that time. I was able to pick up a Rockettes that someone had just turned in," says John.

It gets better. He got the rare Running 7 from the cage at Bally's and the manager sent him out a \$200 silver strike since the machine was gone. At Circus Circus, John also obtained quite a few of the Reno Clown errors.

"When the Frontier closed, I was told the management was going to sell any remaining strikes to the public on Monday. This was Friday. I pleaded with the manager and two employees to buy the last two strikes, and I said I would tip them well. A half-hour later they presented me with the Gilley's strikes I was looking for. They said there were more so I put the information on the Internet. Someone replied that they went there on Monday and there were no more strikes!"

John also recalls finding a Sam's Town error, NY NY Key to the City, I Love NY, the complete Millennium series from the Four Queens and many other hard-to-find strikes.

As John looks back, he remembers many good times and the people who were instrumental in founding the Silver Strikers Club. "We traded by telephone in the early days. It's always been a great hobby, a lot of fun and we all made many friendships along the way. And we cannot forget some of the slot managers who helped our hobby, especially our friend Shawn Webster and his team at the Queens," John says.



*Happy Summer &  
Fourth of July !!*

### Membership Update



Reminders were sent to 32 members that were due 5-1-10, 64 members that were due 6-1-10, and 46 members that are due 7-1-10. To date, 92 of those members who received the reminders have renewed their memberships. As of 6-30-10, including new/returning members and removing members that have not renewed, the current roster is now at 477 members.

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

JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name
Binder	Ron	Bonomo	Julie	Cook	Kenneth
Butler	Geraldine	Brandon	John	Cronin	John
Collett	David	Bratu	Alex	Ebert	Douglas
Cory	Paul J.	Caslow	Carol Ann	Ebert	Ginny
Danner	Karen A.	Glaze	Tommy	Fernandez	Ernest
Guay	Christina L.	Hall	Janice	Hayes	Sandra
Hall	Tony	Hall	William	Kam	Sanford
Hitchcock	Don	Hanold	Gary E.	Likely	Ken
Hitchcock	Gerry	Houwerzyl	Sherry	McElvain	Rod
Hodkey	Denise E.	Ingalls	George	Munn	Jerry
Hodkey	Dennis E.	Jenkins	Jack	Pyles	Barbara
Huetter	Robert A.	Jensen	Phillip	Stoops	Kitty
Huffer	Gregory L.	Kingwill	Jim	Swensen	Gerry
Janich	Ed	Lange	William A.	Swan	Andy
Jones	Larry	Long	Johnny		
Jones	Shirley	Lopez	Tom		
Jones	Walter D.	Nelson	Richard A.		
Leckinger	Kathy	Nesbitt, Jr.	Don		
Rosales	Richard L.	Noble	Menina		
Schrodt	C. J.	Orama	Manuel		
Schrodt	Dorothy	Pasternack	Mike		
Sipes	Kevin	Perito	Rocco		
Ulinski	Kathleen	Quinn	James J.		
Wong	Gordon	Reed	Lynn		
		Riefer	Jo		
		Riefer	Richard		
		Rohloff	Gary		
		Schmidt	Bob		
		Steenberg	Clayton		
		Sulik	Mary Anne		
		Trovero	Heather		
		Trovero	Len		
		Wilson	Jerry		
		Wilson	Robert F.		
		Rynes	Patti		
		Wyant	Jim R.		

Thanks for striking,

Cheri Jollie, #SS-0537  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Membership



### SILVER STRIKERS CLUB MINUTES

5-25-10

Members:	Absent	Present
William Jollie, President		X
Cheri L. Jollie, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President		X
Rebecca Bottemiller, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President		X
Judy Barton, Treasurer		X



#### TOPIC DISCUSSION NOTES

Convene Board meeting convened at 5:30 p.m.

Follow-Up Items from Previous Meetings

- Appoint a Silver Strikers Hall of Fame Committee – Pending. [Bill to appoint members.](#)
- Renew Agreement with New Resident Agent – Judy sent e-mail today asking for invoice for July 17, 2010, thru June 2011 and listed contact information. The new Resident Agent's name is Heather. We do not yet know her last name. If she does not respond, we will look for someone else.
  - [Judy to follow up with new Resident Agent.](#)
- Marketing Items (T-Shirts, Buttons, Tote Bags, etc.) – Getting quotes. Will send to Board when have all the info. Only need a week lead time to get.
  - [Cheri to follow up on marketing items.](#)
- Becky to follow-up with the Historian.
  - [Becky to contact Historian.](#)
- Bill to meet with Planet Hollywood representative in March. Couldn't find anyone to meet with. Harrah's took over 4-1-10. He was there two weeks ago. Still no one knew anything. Information was unattainable from PH personnel. This item will be removed from the Agenda.
  - [Unsuccessful – remove from Agenda.](#)
- Bill to check with Pam on status of invited guests. Pam has a list of people and will handle.
  - [Bill to check with Pam on invited guests.](#)
- Update on updating the Archives (Becky) - Completed. Becky made a motion to post newsletters one year after the date of publication. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
  - [Completed – remove from Agenda.](#)
- Update on Audit Committee. Bill Brooks and Jamie Martin have completed their review. Information is being sent to Bill to review.
  - [Bill to complete review for Audit Committee.](#)
- Sean Sarr – Forum Speaker. Bill will review the information Sean is speaking on. Bill also has a list of questions he would like Sean to address.
  - [Bill to review what Sean Sarr will be speaking about at the Forum.](#)

Becky – Thoughts on Newsletter (4<sup>th</sup> of July theme) Will include President's letter,

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