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SILVER STRIKERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Silver Strike Machines
12

Casinos with Silver Strike
Machines
6

Silver Strike Club Members
473

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From the President:

The January Slot Tournament was an outstanding success. I want to give a big thank you to Shaun Webster and his staff at the Four Queens. They did their usual fantastic job and I believe each Tournament is better than the last. There were a good number of members, with many new members in attendance. I don't think I've ever seen so much trading going on as there was with the blue caps. The Social event was very successful and, pending consideration from the Board of Directors, may be an event we will have again in the future.

The voting on this years club coin design has already started. We had a large number of entries with many exceptional designs. In my book, they are all finalists. I am glad I wasn't a Judge. That had to be a tough job! Thanks to all the designers that made a submission. We appreciate your participation. The voting deadline for this year's design is March 9th.

I am pleased to report that a major project is nearly completed. The Club brochure was just an idea last June. Bill Metten, with assistance from Warren Schaefer, picked up the ball and ran with it. Within weeks, Shaun Webster and I had a rough draft of the brochure. The BOD voted twice (unanimously each time), first to approve the project at our fall meeting and secondly to fund the project at our Las Vegas meeting. Jimmy Mahan and Jim Quinn contributed 50% of the production costs. As a result of this project, a very professional color prototype brochure was presented to the BOD for consideration. Pending final approval from the Four Queens, we expect the brochure to go into immediate production.

The Club brochure was a complicated project, which could not



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NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS 2013

Nominations are open. Please nominate anyone who you feel would do a good job. You may nominate as many as you like. Your nomination must reach the Elections Chair by the Deadline March 31, 2013. You may submit by email or regular mail.

Submissions are to be sent to Carol Chrzanowski.
Email: carolmustang2000@yahoo.com
Mail: Carol Chrzanowski
5325 Sterling Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92404-2901

President _____

1st Vice President _____

2nd Vice President _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

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 April 30, 2012

Send your Ad via Email to Becky Bottemiller: 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

3/19/13 7:30pm	Meeting So Cal Casino Collectors Club Jim Nool jenca@pacbell.net http://www.freewebs.com/scaclub	Hollywood Park Casino 3883 W Century Blvd, Inglewood, CA (310) 330-2800 (800) 888-4972
6/17 - 6/18/13	Four Queens Silver Strike Tournament (800) 634-6045, (702) 385-4011 Rod, Alba, or Arlene	Four Queens Casino Las Vegas, NV
6/19/13	Silver Striker Club Events	Four Queens Casino Las Vegas, NV
6/19 - 6/22/13	CC>CC Convention http://www.ccgccc.com/2013Conv.pdf	South Point Hotel & 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. Deadline for the next newsletter is April 30, 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>Albanese, Stephen</i>	<i>Kaapersek, Gerald</i>	<i>Schrader, Teresa</i>
<i>Craighead, Gary</i>	<i>Kovalcin, Joe</i>	<i>Sikora, Chuck</i>
<i>Craighead, Wendy</i>	<i>Mueller, Tony</i>	<i>Stonerock, Chris</i>
<i>Georgevich, Dan</i>	<i>Nylin, Keith</i>	<i>Toyama, Reginald</i>
<i>Harada, Calvin</i>	<i>Previti, Sam</i>	<i>Williams, Nancy</i>
<i>Ignacio, Alfred</i>	<i>Rhoden, Dan</i>	<i>Williams, Sharlene</i>
<i>Inferrera, Robert</i>	<i>Riviere, Jean</i>	<i>Wright, David</i>
<i>Janson, Christopher</i>	<i>Sanderson, Russell</i>	

Balance Sheet November 30, 2012

ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings Wachovia-7084	15,733.89		
Accounts Receivable	15.00		
Total Current Assets		15,748.89	
TOTAL ASSETS			15,748.89
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Current Liabilities			
Total Accounts Payable	-15.00		
Total Current Liabilities	-15.00		
Total Liabilities			-15.00
Equity			
Retained Earnings	18,091.14		
Net Income	-2,327.25		
Total Equity		15,763.89	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY			15,748.89

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have been completed without the work of many individuals. I have no doubt that, with dedicated Club Members, Shaun Webster, our Board of Directors and our Committee members, we can accomplish anything! Congratulations on a job well done.

The Four Queens has installed an excellent digital sign at the Silver Strike Machines. I heard many positive comments and Club Members were very impressed. This signage, along with the Club brochure, will give the Silver Strike program and the Silver Strikers Club a constant, year round presence at the Four Queens.

The Board of Directors and Committees are starting to gear up for our upcoming Club events. This is an important time as you nominate and elect the Officers to lead our club into the future. Please don't forget to vote for the SSOTY and the HOF strikes. Also, remember to vote for your choice in this year's Club Coin design.

In conclusion, I want to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to Pam Martin for her many years of service to the Silver Strikers Club. Pam has resigned as the Chair of the Publicity and Promotions Committee. Pam has served as President and has always been involved with the Club. I know that Pam's resignation was a difficult decision for her.

I have appointed Warren Schaefer to Chair the Publicity and Promotions Committee. Warren has the knowledge and experience necessary to continue the high standards of this very important position.

Start planning soon for the upcoming Summer Slot Tournament and Club events. The Slot Tournament will be held on June 17th and 18th, with the Club events on June 19th. It will be here before you know it!

To our new members, welcome aboard!

Joel Slack
President



Silver Strike Tournament
January 2013



Photos by
Shirley Slack



SILVER STRIKERS CLUB MINUTES

1-26-13

Members:	Absent	Present
Joel Slack, President		X
Jo Reifer, 1 st Vice President		X
James Mahan, 2 nd Vice President		X
Al Lukacs, Secretary		X
Judy Barton, Treasurer		X
Guest : Jim Quinn		

TOPIC DISCUSSION NOTES

- Convene - The Board meeting convened at 4 P.M. All Board members were in attendance. Jim Quinn the Club Webmaster was also in attendance.

- Promotions Chairperson - Joel announced the resignation of Pam Martin from her long held position. As the chairperson of Publicity and Promotions. A discussion of a replacement followed. A list of possibilities was made. ([Joel to find a replacement.](#))

- Advertising Flyer - In cooperation with the Four Queens Hotel and Casino Bill Metten with the assistance of Warren Schaefer developed a flyer to advertise the club and the Casino. A prototype in black and white and another in color, along with costs was presented to the board for review. Shaun Webster of the Four Queens had previously expressed his endorsement of the colored version. After considerable deliberation and review of the costs involved, Jo Riefer made a motion to approve the color version and expenditure of funds for the flyers. Judy Barton second the motion. It was approved without objection 5-0. Jim Quinn and Jimmy Mahan generously donated 50% of the cost of the first printing to the Club. Shaun Webster will present the prototype flyer to the Four Queens management for their approval before the flyer project proceeds any further. ([Awaiting approval from the Four Queens Hotel and Casino.](#))

- Audit Committee - Audit committee to have report ready before next board.

-Treasurers Report - Judy Barton read the Treasurers Report and it was accepted into record.

- Newsletter - President Slack talked about the possibility of reducing the number of newsletters printed per year. There was no discussion of the matter. A discussion of increasing membership dues for those members who wish to have a printed copy mailed to them rather than an email copy was discussed. Charging more for printed copies of documents is a standard business practice since the advent of email. No action was taken. ([The board will review the popularity and possibility of an increase.](#))

- Adjournment - There being no other business to discuss Jimmy Mahan called for adjournment, there being no objection Joel adjourned the meeting at 4:30pm.



*Happy Valentine's Day
and Easter !!*

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 94520-1316



Check here if this is your annual renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____

Collecting Interests:

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

All Nevada Colorado Atlantic City Riverboats Other: _____

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	- \$10	\$ _____
Optional Spouse Associate Membership Fee	- \$10	\$ _____
Name: _____		
SS Club Roster	- \$10	\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (payable to: Silver Strikers) \$ _____

You May also Pay by Paypal. Go to our club web site for a link to Paypal.

Membership sponsored by: _____

Did you hear about us by: Internet Friend Phamplet Other _____

Check out our Web Site: www.silverstrikers.com

Pam's Corner

By Pam Martin



It seems each tournament turns out to bring an unexpected pleasure and this year is no exception. Who would have thought that the red caps would come so easy and the blue were a great challenge. Shaun did it again with the 4 new blues. It was just like old times with everyone talking with old friends and making new friends because of all the trading. Seems like one group needed Summer and then another group needed Winter, I think in the end everyone had a set of four. I haven't seen so much trading in a long time, it was great.

A big THANKS to the Four Queens and Shaun Webster for another successful tournament. A special thanks to Jaime as she once again tried to take everyone picture and this year all the ones I saw turned out great. Not only is it a nice memory but shows how each year we change.

Jim Moser (our first webmaster) and Jim Quinn (our present webmaster) met each other for the first time. It was such fun to listen as they talked about the web site. A big thank you to both of them for creating such a wonderful site for Silver Strikers. Our club website has been used by many including club members, casinos, slot directors, Las Vegas Advisor and others. It is also one website to be proud of.

I would like to thank everyone for all the good comments I get from writing Pam's Corner, it has been such a pleasure to express my love for this club, silver strikers and its members. Silver Striking has given Jamie and I such fun, memories and great friends. Now it's time for me to meet another challenge with Jamie and I want to give all my support to him at this time. I have resigned from Publicity/Promotions Chair and Pam's Corner will retire also. I thank you for the memories, and love these last 14 years and we are both are looking forward to seeing everyone in June for the Four Queens Summer Silver Strikers Tournament.

Pam Martin
Silver Striker

Charlie Kepner Hits the
Double Diamonds
January 2013

Photos by
Bill Cohenour



Membership Update

This is a 4 month report.

Reminders were sent to 127 members that were due for the months of Oct, Nov, Dec, and January. Of those members who received the reminders 98 have renewed their memberships. We have enrolled 15 new members during that period. The Current roster is now at 473 that is including what we picked up at the Tournament. Even though we are continuing to get new members we need to remember to submit our 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 January thru March:



JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH	
Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name
Bloxham	Sandi	Anderson	Richard B.	Bak	Dennis W.
Bloxham	Keith	Bottemiller	Rebecca A.	Baum	Stuart F.
Cotter	Stephen M.	Chlebowski	Joyce	Butler	Marc A.
DeLangis	Maria	Chlebowski	Michael E.	Chambers	Robert
Dupuy	Craig S.	Clem	Dale Norman	Chavez	Robert A.
Granger	Ed	DiPietro	Thomas	Copeland	Kenneth
Gutwiler	Sharon M.	Draper	Linda	Courter	George E.
Gutwiler	Patrick J.	Holtz	Kathleen R.	DeLaCruz	Leza
Harrison	Bill	Jollie	William	Fisher	William J.
Kessler	Eugene E.	Jollie	Linda	Highet	Colin
Udarbe	Hedy	Miller	Catherine	Hinkle	Mark
Udarbe	Rusty	Miller	Ronald L.	Kalwarczyk	Robert J.
		Moser	James A.	Lee	Helen C.
		Mosley	Roosevelt	Lee	Joshua A.
		Petersen	Scott S.	Likes	Robert W.
		Roberts	Timothy F.	Naumann	Carl Thomas
				Newman	Luellen
				Reigner	Donald K.
				Rey, Jr.	Louis
				Scott	Alvin L.
				Sheldon	Katherine J.
				Yancoski	Lorraine
				Yee	Gary

New Brochure Promotes Silver Strike Collecting and Club Membership

By Bill Metten (SS-668)

Many of us became Silver Strike collectors after meeting and talking with a club member at a Silver Strike machine. The idea occurred to me that, in the absence of a club member at a strike machine, an informative brochure at the machine could explain Silver Strike collecting to "newbies", some of whom may become members of the Silver Strikers Club.

I reasoned that the Four Queens was an ideal place for such a brochure because of the casino's excellent Silver Strike program and our club's special relationship with the Four Queens that has spanned many years.

That's why I produced a Collect Silver Strikes brochure for consideration by our club's Board of Directors and the Four Queens. The full-color brochure is illustrated and educates newbies about Silver Strikes – What is a Silver Strike?; What is the Silver Strikers Club?; How long has the Four Queens offered Silver Strikes?; What is the silver content of Silver Strikes?; How many different Silver Strikes have been issued?; Four Queens Silver Strikes through the years; and an application form for Silver Strikers Club membership. I am indebted to club member Bill Cohenour, Keeper of the Silver Strike Knowledge, and Warren Schaefer, veteran Silver Strike collector, trader, buyer and printing authority, for their assistance.

Shaun Webster, Director of Slots for the Four Queens, was supportive from the beginning and the approval of our club's Board of Directors was unanimous. As of this writing, the brochure is being reviewed by the Four Queens management. Upon approval, our club's Board of Directors voted to provide 1,500 of the Collect Silver Strikes brochures to Shaun Webster for placement at the Four Queens strike machines.

I hope the brochures will inspire Silver Strike newbies to become members of the Silver Strikers Club and also contribute to the continued success of the Four Queens Silver Strike program.

I see it as a win-win partnership.



OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP

By Jeff Bitzer

As everybody is aware, we are coming up to one of the most vital times in our club's existence, the elections of officers. Our club runs with volunteers and that's the only way we can survive. I hear so much talk about "the good ole boy's clicks". Well folks it seems that "THEY" are the only ones concerned if this club succeeds or fails. It's time for some of our new members to step up and join in. Nominations are now open and the nominating ballet is in this newsletter. It's time to throw your names in the ring. I'm challenging our membership to get involved.

Profit and Loss

June 1, 2011 - November 30, 2012

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Income	
Advertisement	65.00
Convention Auction Sales	70.00
Donations	80.00
Total Income	215.00
Member Dues & Fees	
Membership Dues	2,230.00
Membership Roster	90.00
Total Member Dues & Fees	2,320.00
Total Sale of Strikes	2,144.00
Total Income	4,679.00

Expense

Coin Production	2,392.25
(\$2,023.50 from 2013 coin production)	
Postage	350.35
(\$124.50 for Summer Newsletter mailing, mailing coins to Canada stamps, mail 2008 die to Sean Sarr for mint to keep all dies mail supplies to Al, Fall newsletter)	
Bank Charge	155.00
(Bank error-wrong account-reverse in December)	
Convention Expenses	
Business Meeting	2,719.23
(Total Cost of June party at Four Queens)	
Officer Awards	27.80
Total Convention Expenses	2,747.03
Government Reporting	
Nevada Annual Report	25.00
(Listing of Officers to State of Nevada)	
Total Government Reporting	25.00
Incorporation Fees	
Easy Mail	50.00
(Registered Agent for Silver Strikers Club in Nevada)	
Total Incorporation Expenses	50.00
Newsletter Expenses	
Printing (Summer and Fall Newsletter)	690.14
Total Newsletter Expenses	690.14
Office Supplies	
Copies (Envelopes for coins, mailing of ballots)	59.59
Postage (Mailing for Cheri, Judy, Al)	218.55
Supplies (Ink for Cheri)	76.70
Supplies—Other (Paper, Cards)	76.02
Total Office Supplies	430.86
Sales Tax Paid (Sale of coins to Nevada Residents)	11.00
Telephone (Board Meetings)	77.67
Uncategorized Expenses (ink for Judy)	49.77
Website Domain Fee (web service)	197.89
Total Expense	7,176.96

Net Ordinary Income -2,497.96

Net Income -2,497.96

Hi Fellow Strikers: We need to pick a Strike of the Year for 2012 and Hall of Fame for 2012. You can pick one from each category and send to me via mail or e-mail. Deadline is April 1 Thanks for your support.
 E-mail at hofssoychair@silverstrikers.com or wcohenour@earthlink.net
 Sue Cohenour
 11206 Saticoy St.
 Sun Valley, CA 91352

2012 Strike of the Year Nominations



1 - Four Queens, Witch/Pumpkin/Ghost 2012



2 - Four Queens, America's Armed Forces 2012



3 - Mirage, Winston Colored



4 - Four Queens Queen Hippolyta 2012

2012 Hall of Fame Nominations



1- Sam's Town Casino Games



2 - Four Queens Iolani Palace 2010



3 - Four Queens Girl/Pumpkin 2011



4 - Sam's Town 1967 GT 500



2013 SILVER STRIKERS CLUB COIN CONTEST BALLOT

These are the six final designs, mark your choice.



#1 _____



#2 _____



#3 _____



#4 _____



#5 _____



#6 _____

Name _____ Member # _____

YOU MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING TO VOTE. BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 9TH 2013 TO BE COUNTED. SEND YOUR BALLOT VIA E-MAIL OR MAIL TO:

MAIL G. ALLAN LUKACS
 5507 4TH AVE. N.W.
 BRADENTON, FL. 34209
 E MAIL albtown@aol.com

Thank you for participating in the 2013 Club coin contest.

From Warren Schaefer

The Silver Strikers Club Board has asked me if I would be willing to take over the Publicity & Promotions Chair from Pam Martin.

Pam Martin has held this position for a very long time and has left some very large shoes for me to fill. Even through I have no experience at all in this capacity I promise I will give it my best to be a worthy advocate for the interests of our club.

I have been an active member of the Silver Strikers Club for a very long time now and have lived in the Las Vegas area for the past 14 years and have either bought, sold or traded silver strikes with many of our club members.

Warren Schaefer SS-185
schaf86



**Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!**



Club History

by Jeff Gaffke



More Silver Strike memories from the year 2000 The issue of trading in Silver Strikes was discussed in the newsletter. Some of the casinos that would not trade were Barbary Coast, Gold Coast, Fiesta, Bellagio and the Sahara. At this time, the Hard Rock and Sierra Sid's were the best places to trade.

In July of 2000, the membership of the club was 220 members.

The Circus Circus machine in Reno was pulled off the floor due to the fact that the license to use the art work of legendary clown Emmett Kelly has expired.

The Peppermill casino in Reno provided a special Silver Strike in conjunction with the "Slot August Nights" area event. There were 5 varieties of the coin going back to 1994.

A little gambling humor:

Rodney Dangerfield joined Gamblers Anonymous. They gave him three-to-one he wouldn't make it.

What's the difference between prayer in church and prayer in a casino? In the casino you really mean it.

A bum asks a man for \$2. The man says "Will you buy booze?". The bum answers "No". The man asks "Will you gamble it away?". The bum answers "No". So the man says "Will you come home with me so that my wife can see what happens to a man who doesn't drink or gamble?"

Our MEMBERSHIP CONTEST!!

Membership contest is underway! Last year (July 2011 to May 2012) the Membership Contest brought in 28 new members. We have a way to go to beat last years total of 28. We have **36** new members since July 1st. Ten of those joined during the tournament in January. That is outstanding. Let's keep the momentum going.

**The contest will run from July 1st to May 31st 2013
Let's all 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



Photos by
Judy Barton

