

Silver Strikers Club

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Silver Strike Machines
12

Casinos with Silver Strike
Machines
6

Silver Strike Club Members
491

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From the President:

Many thanks to Shaun Webster and our friends on the Four Queens team for another exciting slot tournament! Job well done.

I must admit that I am used to a curve ball or two thrown our way when we all go to Las Vegas. Most situations are minor and quickly resolved.

However, this trip was different. Jo Riefer, our 1st Vice President, couldn't make this tournament. Judy Barton, our Treasurer and official Club Social Director, stepped up and not only did her job, she did Jo's job and actually did part of mine. Judy collected and recorded dues, kept up the slot tournament top 20 list, took photographs and represented the club at the Social in my place. None of that is as easy as it may sound.

I also was informed that we had an item to auction, something we typically don't do in January. Jimmy Mahan, our 2nd Vice President, is our official Club Auctioneer. Jimmy does a great job behind a microphone. During our Las Vegas BOD Meeting, I simply asked Jimmy to "handle it". Jimmy took the bull by the horns and did a excellent job with the auction!

On behalf of the Club, I want to thank the Four Queens and Ralph Fajardo for their generous donations of a Silver Strike machine topper and the strike mounted base. There is more information on the auction in this edition of the newsletter.

Even as I returned home, a few hours ahead of the



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Great Atlanta Snowstorm of 2014, another unexpected curve ball was coming.

Two days after returning from Las Vegas, Al Lukacs, our Secretary and Coin Club Committee Chair, was hospitalized. After checking on Al, I sent out my first ever emergency action message. Within two hours, I received an email that Jo Riefer and Jeff Bitzer had everything under control. Despite my having told Al not to worry about anything but getting better, he is counting votes and keeping up on his club emails from his hospital bed. Al, get well soon!

Without our wonderful editor, Becky Bottemiller, our newsletters would not be possible. She is one of our many unsung heroes. There are several others who go above and beyond the call to assist the club in our regular operations and special projects.

So, what is the common thread throughout this article? One word comes to mind ... *Dedication*. Many club members are working to make sure you have the very best club possible.

Enjoy the newsletter

Joel Slack
President



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.*

*The Club thanks Darryl and Sandra Yonesaki for their
purchase of the \$200 Sirens at the June Club Party.*



Place Your Ad Here!

Advertise in the Silver Strikers Club Newsletter

COST of the Ads: \$15 per newsletter or \$30 per year (2 newsletters)

DEADLINE for ads in the next newsletter is June 30, 2014.

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

March 14, 2014	St Patrick's \$300 Strike Release	Four Queens Casino Las Vegas, NV
June 16-17, 2014	Four Queens Silver Strike Tournament (800) 634-6045, (702) 385-4011 Rod, Alba, or Arlene	Four Queens Casino Las Vegas, NV
June 18, 2014	Silver Strikers Annual Meeting & Silver Strikers Party	Four Queens Casino Las Vegas, NV
June 19-21, 2014	2014 CC>CC Conventions	South Point Hotel/Casino Las Vegas, NV
October 31, 2014	Halloween \$300 Strike Release	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. Deadline for the next

newsletter is June 30, 2014.

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	6
Johnny Nolon's	Cripple Creek	Colorado	1
Mirage	Las Vegas	Nevada	2
Sam's Town Hotel & Gambling Hall	Las Vegas	Nevada	1
Venetian	Las Vegas	Nevada	Coming Soon
Palazzo	Las Vegas	Nevada	Coming Soon

Total Silver Strike Machines 12

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

June 2013 thru February 2014

Anderson, Bob	Howard, Mike	Peachey, Jeffery
Barnes, Frank	Howard, Vicki	Pfuehler, Jay
Cooley, Gentry	Kane, Jason	Raymond, Paul
Cote, Shelby	Kendig, Don	Renault, Guillaume
Cogle, Arthur	Ker, John	Simeona, Eugene
Crawford, Michael	Kein, Ryan	Simeona, Flora
Culver, Richard	Klaszewski, Dennis	Simes, Douglas
Cutshall, Jerry	Koehler, David	Smith, Nancy
Davidson, Dennis	Liu, Stanley	Spinosa, Vincent
Dayhoff, Ray	Manly, Jim	Vergatos, Cynthia
Deava, Carmela	Matthews, Maverick	Weisenstein, Linda
Eller, Douglas	McKinney, Barbara	Wicks, Fred
Fanfassian, Gus	Milligan, William	Wong, Katherine
Foulks, John	Minguy, Pierre	Wong, Robert
Griffin, Robert	Minnick-Crude, Cathy	
Halbisch, Richard	Nelson, Steven	
Horvatic, James	Payne, Jackie	



2014 January Four Queens Silver Strike Tournament

Hosted by Shaun Webster & Company

We had a wonderful turnout! There were 127 entrants into the January tournament. Before the tournament, everyone was playing for the four new blue caps and one new red cap strike in the machines until Shaun added a twist to the game. He put some of the older silver red caps in the machines, which made play on the machines hotter than before.

I do believe that the people that came into Las Vegas from the Midwest and Northeast were really glad to be there. Las Vegas lows were in the upper 40's and highs were in the 60's with no snow!

The Friday night reception was great.

I think that all the players were anxious to begin the tournament. Everyone was there early and ready to go. The competition started at 9:00 am Saturday morning. Loud shouts of 7 - 7 - 7 could be heard all the way to the elevators.

Saturday evening was the trade session and social. Coffee, tea, soft drinks and 16 dozen wonderful cookies were served. The social was hosted by the Silver Strikers Club.

There was a good turnout for the trade session. Strike displays ran the whole length of the room.

Sunday afternoon, before the presentation of the tournament strikes, there was a surprise for the players in the tournament. Ralph Fajardo designed and donated a base with three Four Queens Silver Strikes mounted on it. The Four Queens donated one of the small Silver Strike topper signs mounted onto the base. All of this was wired up and lights were flashing everywhere! The sign really got your attention. Kudos to Ralph. The whole unit was auctioned off to the highest bidder and the money donated to the Club. Jimmy Mahan was the auctioneer and had the action going throughout the room. Richard Nelson, the tournament coin designer, won the bidding at \$1,250.00.

Leza DeLaCruz won the tournament with a high score of 15,856. Nancy Williams finished second with a score of 15,572. In third place was Judy Fajardo with a score of 15,474. Last place was claimed by Richard Harkins with a low score of 6,192. There was quite a range of scores.

We had a great time and missed all of y'all that could not be there. We hope to see you in June.



Winners of the Silver Strike Tournament January 2014

	NAME	SCORE
20	Whitney Anthony	13168
19	James Turnbow	13252
18	William Metten	13286
17	Helen Kingwell	13462
16	William Brooks	13804
15	David Dennison	13836
14	Dan Horton	13982
13	Rafael Fajardo	13988
12	Jeff Bitzer	14026
11	Richard Day	14068
10	Mike Donatelli	14194
9	David Heagerty	14504
8	Richard Halbisch	14986
7	John Foulks	15262
6	Stephen Cotter	15342
5	James Munding	15348
4	Jason Kane	15406
3	Judy Fajardo	15474
2	Nancy Willams	15572
1	Leza Delacruz	15856



Silver Strike Tournament
Winners, Top 3,
January 2014
Judy, Leza, Nancy

Photos by
Judy Barton

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 Pamphlet Other _____

Check out our Web Site: www.silverstrikers.com

Balance Sheet

December 31, 2013

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Checking/Savings Wachovia-7084	16,257.13	
Accounts Receivable	47.00	
Total Current Assets		16,304.13

Fixed Assets		
Silver for 2014 coin production	2,626.00	
Total Current Assets		2,626.00

TOTAL ASSETS **18,930.13**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Current Liabilities		
Total Accounts Payable	-15.00	
Total Current Liabilities	-15.00	
Total Liabilities		-15.00

Equity		
Retained Earnings	15,760.17	
Net Income	3,184.96	
Total Equity		18,945.13

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **18,930.13**



Club History

by Jeff Gaffke

Some events of 2011:

The new \$300 Silver Strike has been approved by Nevada Gaming, a 6 ounce center with a copper ring which is gold plated. The first new \$300 Silver Strike will be released the weekend of the Four Queens Silver Strike Slot Tournament.

Sam's Town has six new strikes available for play, four are from the original 12 cars which were approved last year, 70 Firebird, &! AAR Cuda, &! Formula 400, 71 Road-runner.

The membership roster as of January 2011 has 472 members.

Sunshine Mint has all rights to the Silver Strike program. As the El Cortez starts celebrating their 70th anniversary in May they plan on having two Silver Strike machines with four new house strikes and a red cap by June for CC>CC convention. Sunshine has been talking with the Mirage and Circus Circus about the installation of Silver Strike machines.

Gambling humor:

A woman was in a casino for the first time. The spinning of the roulette wheel has always caught her attention. She decides to play at the roulette table and she says, "I have no idea what number to play?" A young, good-looking man nearby suggested she play her age. Smiling at the man, she put her money on number 29. The wheel is spun and 36 comes up. The smile drifts from the woman's face and she faints.

The best bet for a player to make is what is called a "Mind Bet". You stand behind the game, watch the action and attempt to predict the winner. You never bet any real money, you only bet in your mind. Last week a friend of mine lost his mind three times.



Awards Ceremony
January 2014



Photos by
Judy Barton

Current Membership Report

As of February 15, 2014 we have 491 Members. We have enrolled 48 new members but sadly, we had 44 that did not renew. That makes an increase of 3 members over this period.

Please submit your dues when you receive a notice either by email or regular mail. Even though we are continuing to get new members we need to maintain all of our current membership. Each one of you is important to the health of our club. 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!

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



*Happy Spring and
Summer !!*

Club Coin Design Contest

By Jeff Bitzer

The six finalists were chosen during the Four Queens tournament and are now posted in this newsletter and on the club website. There will be a ballot enclosed for the membership to vote on and we will be ending the voting on the 10th of March so it will be a fine line to have all the members without computers to get their ballots sent in. Any entry with a postmark of on or before the 10th will count.

We had another fine group of entries this year totaling thirty-five drawings. I personally would like to thank all that entered for your continued involvement in the contest as well as our club.

Whichever coin that is chosen as the winner the artist will have the option to have it colored or leave it natural silver. Thanks to all who participated and made yet another contest successful

Profit and Loss

June 2013 - December 2013

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Income	
Advertisement	110.00
Convention Auction Sales	1,991.00
Donations	80.00
Total Income	2,181.00
Member Dues & Fees	
Membership Dues via Paypal	1,477.66
Membership Dues	1,995.00
Membership Roster	100.00
Total Member Dues & Fees	3,572.66
Total Sale of Strikes	2,792.00
Total Income	8,545.66

Expense

Coin Production	80.57
Postage	270.84
Nevada Dept of Taxation	2.75
Convention Expenses	175.00
Government Reporting	
Nevada Annual Report	27.75
Newsletter Expenses Printing	374.93
Office Supplies	
Postage	100.85
Supplies	138.48
Supplies—Other	184.91
Total Office Supplies	424.24
Silver Strike Tournament	2,638.25
Telephone (Board Meetings)	33.99
Uncategorized Expenses	34.00
Total Expense	4,062.32

Net Ordinary Income 4,483.34

Net Income **4,483.34**



Silver Strike Tournament
January 2014

Photos by
Judy Barton

Silver Strike Brochure Recruits New Members

The "Collect Silver Strikes" brochure that was created by club member Bill Metten for distribution by the Four Queens is recruiting new members of the Silver Strikers club as hoped. The 1,500 brochures were placed in plastic holders near the strike machines by the casino's Director of Slots Shaun Webster in March 2013.

"I have received eight membership applications that were actual brochures," says Jo Riefer, First Vice President and membership officer of the Silver Strikers Club.

"I have also received six applications that gave the Four Queens as the reason they joined. Since they came through PayPal I think the brochure also encouraged these people to join," Jo added.

Bill Metten developed the brochure, with help from club members Warren Schaefer and Bill Cohenour, to increase awareness of Silver Strike collecting, recruit new club members and promote the Four Queens' Silver Strike collecting program.

The initial 1,500 "Collect Silver Strikes" brochures were funded by the club and several anonymous members. They were quickly picked up by people playing the casino's six strike machines during several months.

Shaun Webster has agreed to reprint the informative brochure locally and refill the holders with more brochures as quickly as possible. Bill Metten has provided the printing information to him.

"Don't you love it when a plan comes together," said Bill upon learning about the brochures' success?"



Playing the Strike Machines, Jackpot Winner (bottom left) January 2014



Photos by Jeff Bitzer



2014 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 1st 2014 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 2014 Club coin contest.

How did the Treasure Island \$200 club auction come about?

Prior to this last convention, Bob Chambers, SS – 661, donated a Treasure Island \$200 strike to the club with instructions that it was to be sold via auction at the club party which was to take place during the convention. The bidding was to start at \$1000 and the full selling price would go to the club. During the convention just prior to the club meeting Bob informed the incoming President that he wanted to modify his donation, he changed it to one Treasure Island \$200 strike a year for the next five years. Yes, a total of five Treasure Island \$200s. All proceeds from each auction are to go to the club.

Bob stipulated that the club was to auction off one strike a year each year at the club's party held during convention for the next five years starting with the current convention. The first one to be auctioned would have a starting price of \$1000 and the selling price of the first donated \$200 would be the starting price of the next auction. This would continue on for all five auctions, that is the last selling price would be the starting price for the next auction. It was decided that Bob would hold each strike until time for the auction and should the club cease to exist the donation of any remaining strikes would be cancelled.

The first auction was held at the club party during this last convention. Don Barton was the winning bidder with a bid of \$1450.00. Next year's auction will start at \$1450.00. It began in June of 2009. The first to bid and win one was Don Barton in June of 2009. So four were left. The next year, 2010, there were no bids. Then in 2011 no bids. Then 2012, no bids. Then Darryl and Sandra Yonesaki won one in 2013. That makes it a total of five years and of the five, two were auctioned and the proceeds were given to the club completing Bob's agreement.

However, Bob is willing to add one more year (2014) to help out the club.

A big thanks goes to Bob Chambers!

NEWS FROM THE VENETIAN & PLAZZO

The Slot Manager from The Venetian/The Palazzo was at the Four Queens on Sunday evening talking with Bill and Sue Cohenour about their new strike program. The two casinos are treated as one and their TITO and chips are accepted by both. They will have the same multiple common clad silver strikes in both machines and they are also going to have a red and blue cap program along with the new six ounce three hundred coin. He was not sure if they were going to roll out the complete program at the start, his main focus was to get the new common strike artwork completed and produced to get their machines up and running. He was excited about the program and fully gets the red and blue cap concept. We look forward to welcoming them to our family.

Previously Unknowns

Strikes from the Flying Dutchman. Well, these error strikes may as well have been from that fabled ghost ship seeing as they possess no 'logo side' to promote the particular cruise ship and instead have two 'design' sides. The coin dies used to create these silver strikes were not intended to be used together, making these an error known as a 'mule' in the world of coin collecting, and there is no telling from which cruise ship line they may have been produced. An examination of the catalogs concerning non-Nevada strikes reveals that the four designs, Island Paradise, Lost Ship, Neptune, and Sunken Treasure have been utilized by the following cruise lines: Luxury Cruise Lines, Norwegian Cruise Lines, Princess Cruises, and Royal Caribbean. The Neptune design has also made an appearance on the Grand Princess Cruise Ship strikes. While the acquisition of these particular strikes seems to be difficult, based on searching the usual online resources, only one example of the Island Paradise/Neptune combination has been located at present but multiple examples of the Lost Ship/Sunken Treasure have been discovered over the past few years. As we have passed our second decade of the silver strike program, who knows what other curiosities may present themselves as we search for additions to our collections.

Robert W. Likes SS-329

