SILVER STRIKERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Silver Strike Machines
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Casinos with Silver Strike Machines
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Silver Strike Club Members
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From the President's Desk

WOW, WOW, WOW 164 entries into the January tournament a new record. What a blast we all had to say the least. I can say again that I was beaten by my wife and I finished in the lower half again, darn. I can't begin to thank Shaun and Todd for all their hard work to put on such a great event for us all to enjoy. The reception party was great with its food and drink and the staff at the Four Queens made us feel right at home again, thanks to them. I want to thank all the members of the tournament for their patience with the cranky strike machine that the floor staff worked so hard to get working thank you, thank you so much on both our parts.

The give-a-way went smooth but very long and we need to think about whether we want to continue with it or has it worn out? Does everyone want to give their opinions and do a vote on keeping it or deleting it? We have a year to hash it over and decide on its fate. Another idea was brought up and that was to have the auction for the items the Four Queens donated be moved to the beginning of the evening's events, something else to ponder.

I do have to take a moment to brag, on Wednesday afternoon I hit the triple double diamonds!! First time in twenty years of playing the darn machines YIPPIE!!! It was quite a week, six triple double diamond hits in all, I think that will go down as another record.

So another tournament is in the record books with many great memories to retain until June 21, 22, & 23 when we do it all over again.

I was also asked about the new strike machines and when they will go into play. As of now I have no news either way as to what is going on. If I hear any news at all I will post it on the BB.

I am pleased to announce that Robb McPherson has taken on the role as our Newsletter Editor which also is the 2nd Vice President role. He comes with a lot of background in this area as he is currently one of the editors of the CCA magazine and also does the newsletter for his church. At this point as President of the Silver Strikers Club I officially appoint Robb McPherson as 2ndVP.

I would like to take a moment to thank Becky Bottemiller for all the work she has done on the newsletter over the last 10 years!

Thank You all who attended both members and non-members and I hope to see you all in June, until then Happy Striking!

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Publicity & Promotions Chair

The Four Queens had excellent turnout for their January 2019 Marilyn Monroe themed Silver Striker Tournament. Now it's on to St. Pat's Day for the Four Queens with a new $300.00, $40.00, red cap & blue cap strikes. Release date for the $300.00 is March 15th.

Route 66 News
Sunshine Mint has three of the four dies made for the Rt. 66 Casino in Albuquerque, New Mexico. When the forth die is finished PT strikes will be made and submitted to the casino for approval.
Warren Schaefer

TO THE SILVER STRIKERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP

It is with much debate and financial consideration that the current Board of Directors of the Silver Strikers Club has made the decision to re-evaluate the current membership dues structure. Due to the ever-rising cost of printing and postage it has become apparent that we need to move in a direction which will continue to keep our club financially sound in the years to come.

Members who have their newsletters and flyers digitally sent via email will continue to be charged $10.00 per year membership dues. For those members who **do not provide an email address** or **choose to have a hard copy sent via mail**, the membership dues will be $20.00 per year. The $10 extra being a Mailed Newsletter Surcharge to reflect the cost of printing & postage.

These prices will be in effect immediately for new member sign ups. For all current members, we have decided to start the new price structure at the beginning of 2020, giving members the opportunity to set up or change their information sharing options.

We have also reformatted the newsletter with consecutive pages making it easier to read online.

Any comments should be addressed to any of the current B.O.D. members via their Silver Strikers Club email found in this newsletter or on our club website under Officers.

Jeff Bitzer - President

Silver Strikers Club Membership Application

New Member: _____ Membership Renewal: _____

Name: _____

Spouse name (if also applying for membership: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

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) _____ Mail ($10 fee) _____ No newsletter

I have enclosed dues as follows:

Annual membership	($10)	_____
Spouse membership	($10)	_____
Club Roster	($10)	_____
Newsletter mailed	($10)	_____
Total enclosed	$	_____

Complete and mail with payment to:
Silver Strikers Club
c/o Allan Childers
2620 N Constance Ave
Fresno, CA 92722-8764

You may also submit form via email to: membership@silverstrikers.com

This application is also available on the Club website, with a link to PayPal to pay dues.
Check out our website at: www.stilverstrikers.com

Message from the Editor

Hello fellow strikers, I asked President Bitzer at the January Tourney, “How can I help out with the club”. Well he said, are you interested in taking on the newsletter. I said that would be a perfect fit but only if Becky was ready to pass it on. Well here we are, a call from your Treausurer Carleton, sealed the deal as he said “Well hello Mr. 2nd Vice President and newsletter editor” over the phone a week after the tournament.

First order of business is to thank Becky Bottemiller for 10 great years of creating a informative newsletter for all of the members.

A bit about myself to bring everyone up to speed. Lisa and I live in Brantford Ontario Canada. I had been a coin collector from a wee age. In the numismatic field, I had been President, director, newsletter editor of the Waterloo Coin Society for over 10 years, Was President of the Ontario Numismatic Association for 4 years, am now Treasurer and Convention Chairman for ONA. I am area director for the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association. I first came to Vegas in 2008 believe it or not and after going to the Four Queens, I seen the Silver Strike machines, well you can guess what happened then. I joined the club and that took me into collecting all casino related stuff. Then in 2012 I found the ChipGuide, well next thing you know, I became an administrator for that which lead to the CC&GTCC. I became Co-Editor of the CCA magazine in 2014. So now I bring my experiece to the Silver Strikers Club.

The format will be changing a bit now with my editing. The members who get the newsletter emailed in pdf will now be able to read it on a full 8.5 x 11 page in consectutive order. While the old format was nice for the printed copies, it was not as friendly for the email copies. Feedback will be very important going forward. Let me know if there is anything you would like to see or if something in the formatting could be changed. Also, if you are interested in a certain topic or would like to submit an article, please be sure to send it to me. Deadline for the next newsletter is July, 12, 2019

I can be reached by email at editor@silverstrikers.com or by phone 519-577-7206.

Robb McPherson
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FUTURE COIN RELEASES AND TOURNAMENTS

March 15, 2019, 10am - March $300 Strike Release Four Queens Casino Las Vegas, NV

Jun 21-23, 2019 - Four Queens Silver Strike Tournament (800) 634-6045, (702) 385-4011 Rod, Alba, or Arlene Four Queens Casino Las Vegas, NV

Place Your Ad Here! Advertise in the Silver Strikers Club Newsletter COST of the Ads: 2 lines of type $1, plus $.50 each additional line for 2 issues, $5 per 1/2 page for 2 issues, $10 per 1 page for 2 issues DEADLINE for ads in the next newsletter is January 15, 2020. Send your Ad via Email to Robb McPherson editor@silverstrikers.com Mail Payment for the Ad to Carleton Lee, P.O. Box 777, Dundee, OR. 97115 Ad will be published in the issue following receipt of payment. Classified Ads

Webmaster Brief

(01 July to 31 December 2018)
By Jim Quinn

Over the past six months we have added the following to the club website:
New Strikes – 47
New Tokens – 20
Boxed sets –2
Holograms – 0
Silver Bars – 0
Current news – 13

Various items added to the club archives.

Silver Strike Catalog Image Refresh completed: Nevada up to Reno Tahoe International Airport, still in progress. Following areas left to complete: New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, St. Maarten, Wisconsin, and Counterfeit Silver Strikes.

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:
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:
Internet Explorer - http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/how-to-add-and-view-rss-feeds-in-internet-explorer.html
Firefox - http://www.top-windows-tutorials.com/rss-in-firefox/
Chrome – 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: http://www.hongkiat.com/blog/detect-website-change-notification/ 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

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

Warren Schaefer SS-185
schaef86@yahoo.com

Bill Cohenour's Comprehensive North America (Non Nevada) Reference Catalog $30.00 + Shipping

THE OLD MACHINE

By Mike Hennessey - Club Historian

The Silver Strike machine came into existence, because Fitzgerald's in Reno was looking for a way to dispense pure silver dollars and/or specialty tokens for their players. They first prototype machine came out about the same time that bill validators were added to machines.

The first Silver Strike machine was placed at Harvey's in Lake Tahoe and soon after, another one was placed in Fitzgerald's. These early models dispensed solid $7.00 coins and they didn't have a capsule on them.

When I started playing a Silver Strike machine, which was on our first trip to Vegas, most of the machines were dispensing $10 Strikes. Once in a while you could find a twenty dollar machine. What I liked about the old machine was the fact that on some, you could win more than one Strike. Some early machines would dispense up to five coins on a single win. Even better, was the fact that if you did win and kept the Strike, you were going home with something to show for your money, when other gamblers possibly went home with nothing.

Although there were supposedly many service complaints about these machines requiring continual service, the only problem I ever encountered was a Strike getting caught now and then, requiring the slot attendant to come and correct the problem. I found the old machine to be, in most cases, friendlier than the new machines.

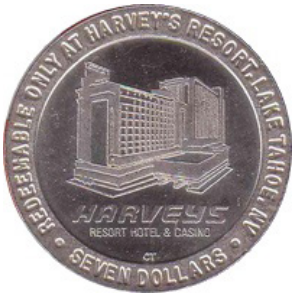
If you would like to read more about the old machines, as well, as the new, go on the internet and type in, A SILVER STRIKE COMEBACK. It's an interesting article on Striking, the machines, and what the future might hold for us collectors.

Another interesting article that can be found on the internet is, SILVER STRIKE! THE SLOT MACHINE THAT HANDS OUT A PRIZE.

Another way to learn about the "old" days of Striking, is to attend one of our clubs meetings. They are presently held twice a year at the Four Queens, in conjunction with their January and June, Silver Strike Tournaments. You do not have to participate in the tournament to attend the club meeting or the January party. If you're lucky enough to have an early collector at your table, or sit at a table with one, you can learn a lot about the early days of collecting, by listing to their conversations and yes, asking questions.

If you have some interesting facts on the early days of collecting or the Club, please share it by writing an article, or you can send me (pmhenn@sbcglobal.net) the details and I will place it into the newsletter.

Hope to see you at the June meeting.



IN THE BEGINNING

by Mary Lou Waterbury

Last time I was writing about setting up a meeting room to see if there was enough interest and people to start the Silver Strikers Club.

I called the person who was in charge of the CC&GTCC convention in 1999. I talked to him for over a month without getting anywhere. Finally my husband told me if the chip club was not going to help us then he would pay the money for a room.

Since Jack Haddock and I were the only ones setting up the program, he also said he would help. About this time I was finally told, "Oh, you have to talk to_____ _____. He handles the room assignments. I thanked him and wondered why it had taken so long to get that information as I had specifically told him what I wanted when we first started talking.

Anyway, I called the room arranger fellow and he told me that the only time a room would be available would be at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday morning. He said he was sorry as probably very few people would come that early in the morning. He also asked if there could be at least 50 people attending. With my fingers crossed I promised there would be at least 50 people there.

This was a tremendous act of faith as Jack had tried to set up a club a few years earlier in Reno and had hardly any people show. We were calling people, posting the time online trying to desperately see if we could get at least 50 people. As the day drew near I had nearly 33 people who promised to be there.

On that Thursday morning, I was there bright and early. The Orleans Hotel and Casino had provided us with coffee and donuts. Before I had a chance to shut the door, two of the chip people came in on their way to the convention room. I explained this was for the silver strikers. They completely ignored me, poured themselves a cup of coffee and grabbed a donut or two and went on their way.

Fortunately the room started to fill up with people collecting the silver strikes. By the time Jack and I started the meeting we had a great group of over 60 persons!

Mary Lou Waterbury
CHSS-0001

Membership Report

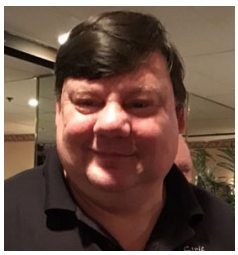
By Alan Childers

As-of the end of 2018, we have 404 active members. Membership seems to be dropping, but I think that if the promised new strikes in new casinos comes to pass, this will improve. We really need more than just one active casino (Four Queens) and one occasional casino (El Cortez) to keep people interested in the hobby and in the Club.

New members from July-December 2018:

Cortes, Ernest
Gavel, Neil
Harrison, Harold
Heller, Cheryl
Hidalgo Bahena, Lucia
Jenkins, Robert
Lambert, Rick
Lee, Dennis
Lemkuhl, Larry
Lowery, Jerry B.
Lowery, Cynthia
Mathaeus, Maverick
Midkiff, Richard
Musillo, Rose Ann
Nearing, David
Neves, Paul
Parsons, Ken
Rosenthal, Gary
Schaffer, Greg
Tanaka Cortes, Cindy
Tang, Michael
Torok, Mike
Weir, Mike
Weir, Sue
Wu, Eric C.
Yazzie-Schaffer, Tina

Treasurers Report - Carleton Lee



As most of you know we had our Winter Tournament in January. In order to raise money for the Club we held an auction on the 26th of January. Most of the items donated for the auction came from Shaun Webster on behalf of the Four Queens. The Club owes a big thanks to Shaun for the generous donations. One hundred percent of the funds raised during the auction goes to the Club. This helps to offset the two club dinners held during the Winter and Summer Tournaments. This January the Club raised $526.00 on the items donated. Also, we want to thank Rusty Udarbe who donated a $300 coin with the proceeds over the face going to the club.

The next auction will be held on June 22nd during the Summer Tournament. If anyone has anything they would like to donate to the Silver Strikers Club for the next auction, please bring the item with you in June.

A side note, the Club also raised $454.00 in Club coins and shirt sales during the Winter Tournament.

See you all in June
Carleton Lee
Treasurer
SS-1592

Silver Strikers Club
Profit & Loss
January through December 2018

	Jan - Dec 18
Income	
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Auction	1,650.00
Coin Sales	2,816.00
Dues Membership	5,569.00
Interest	2.08
Total Income	10,037.08
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Expense	
300 oz	
Raw Silver	4,422.00
Total 300 oz	4,422.00
Advertising	300.00
Bank Service Charge & Fees	5.00
coin contest	275.00
Coin Production Cost	1,187.26
Die cast	550.00
Membership Dues	-242.22
Miscellaneous	1,237.85
Office Supplies	855.56
Pay Pal Fees	79.41
Postage	881.90
Printing	346.47
Shirts Cost	212.14
State of Nevada	
Franchise Tax	19.26
Total State of Nevada	19.26
Tournament Expenses	
Awards	237.74
Food	4,649.46
Miscellaneous	50.00
Total Tournament Expenses	4,937.20
Transfer fee	1.04
Total Expense	15,067.87
Net Income	**-5,030.79**

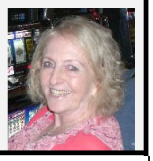
Silver Strikers Club
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2018

	Dec 31, 18
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Chase Cheking	4,543.38
Chase Savings	12,722.57
Pay Pal	3,651.97
Total Checking/Savings	20,917.92
Total Current Assets	20,917.92
TOTAL ASSETS	**20,917.92**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Advance	0.52
Pay Pal Money to Transfer	5,249.11
Total Other Current Liabilities	5,249.63
Total Current Liabilities	5,249.63
Total Liabilities	5,249.63
Equity	
Retained Earnings	20,699.08
Net Income	-5,030.79
Total Equity	15,668.29
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	**20,917.92**

January 25, 2019

Minutes of the Silver Strikers Club Annual Meeting

By Secretary Jo Riefer



Members:

	A	P
President Jeff Bitzer		X
1st Vice President Allan Childers		X
2nd Vice President		
Secretary Jo Riefer		X
Treasurer Carleton Lee		X

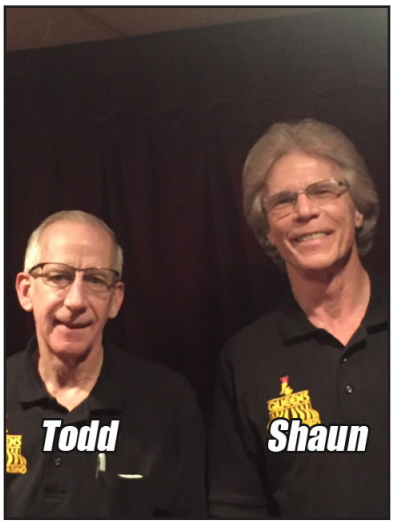
Guests: None

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Convene	The 20th Annual General Meeting convened at 6:30 PM on January 25, 2019 In the Royal Pavilion Room at the Four Queens Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada
Call to Order	President Bitzer called the meeting to order
Minutes of the Last Meeting	Secretary Jo Riefer read the minutes of the last Meeting. Motion to approve was made by Whitney Anthony and seconded by Kirk Rogers.
Treasurer Report	Treasurer Carleton Lee read the treasurer's report. Motion to approve was made by Mike Weir and seconded by Judy Lukacs.
Membership Report	1st Vice President Allan Childers read the membership report. Motion to approve was made by Carol Chrzanowski and seconded by Mary Lou Waterbury.
Old Business	President Bitzer called for Old Business. There wasn't any
New Business	President Bitzer called for New Business. There wasn't any
Comments	President Bitzer asked all of the Service men to stand and thanked them for their service. Whitney Anthony requested a moment of silence for Club Members who had passed away.
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM

For Sale

Treasure Island
$200.00 Silver Strike
2004 Sirens of T.I. (women)
24 KT. HGE., G Mint Mark
Only 100 minted - $1,400.00
Contact: Bob Chambers (302) 593-7576

THE 16TH ANNUAL SILVER STRIKE TOURNAMENT
JANUARY 25 - 27, 2019



Thanks to Shaun & Todd, another record breaking January Tournament. With a record 164 participants, the tournament was a great success!!

Just a small disclaimer:
Some of the pictures taken at the tournament did not turn out. We do not mean to slight anyone. It is hard to put everyone names with faces so if there is a wrong name is on a picture we did not mean any harm. The same goes for the ones without names. We wish we knew everyone's name. We are just not that good yet but we are working on it.

One of the first things to start the Tournament off was a presentation of 2017 Silver Strike of the Year award from the CCA. A fitting presentation was made to Shaun by your Editor who is also Editor of the CCA magazine. A plaque was presented to Shaun for him to hang in the casino. It just happens that the 2017 SSOTY was from the last Marilyn Monroe series from the 2017 January Tournament!

Silver Strikers Tournament
January 2019
Judy Fajardo
2nd Place
Scott Holmquist
1st Place
Manuel Orama
3rd Place
Gary Callahan
4th Place
Angela Moore
5th Place
Todd Crosby
6th Place

Carleton Lee

Jim and Kathy Quinn

Judy Lukacs and Karen Lukacs

Shane Sullivan
carhartt

Sue Bitzer

Terry Freeman

Sam
Previti

Rusty Udarbe

Richard Janson

Richard Hoffman
7th Place
Leza DeLaCruz
8th Place
Sandra Weir
9th Place
Mike Jung
11 Place
Kathleen Quinn
10th Place
Don James
12th Place
John Lauderdale
14th Place
Dennis Berry
13th Place
Al Varelas
15th Place

Pearl Ann and Kirk Rogers

Brent
Petersen
Randy
Petersen
Jim
Manly

Clinton Holeman
16th Place
Judith Lukacs
17th Place
Stephen Rahe
18th Place
Jose Fernandez
19th Place
Kathleen Donatelli
20th Place

Norman and Marsha Kaitoku

Bill and Nancy Metten

Mike
Hennessey

Warren and Nora Schaefer

Mike and Sue Wier

Mike and Kathleen
Donatelli

Mary Lou Waterbury

Luellen Newman
Del Kerns

Lisa McPherson

Carol and Gabe Dobos

Brenda and Robert Ice

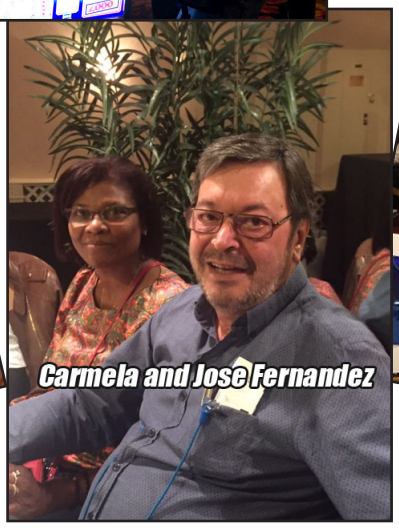
Carl and Connie Janson

Colin and Leza Highet

Double Diamond Winner
Jeff Bitzer

Kim and David Heagerty

Linda Jollie
Cheri Jollie


Carmela and Jose Fernandez

Debbie Horton
Doughty
Sylvia Fajardo
Horton
Judy Fajardo

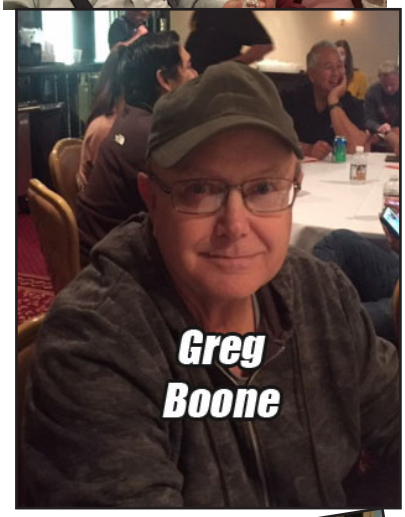
Judy and Ralph Fajardo

Jeff and Sue Bitzer

Rick and Jo Riefer

Henry and Barbara Brasco

Jay Jollie and Colin Highet
At the club give away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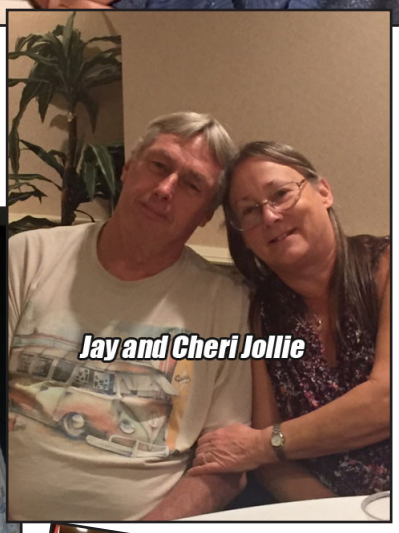
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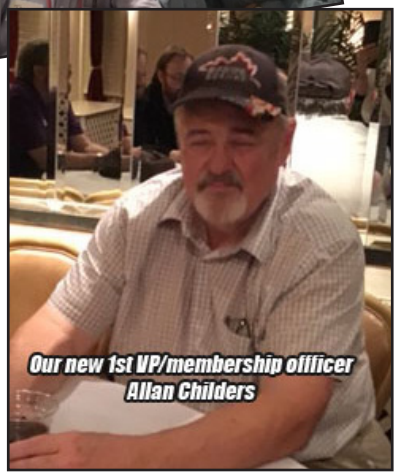
Al Varelas

Bill and Linda Jollie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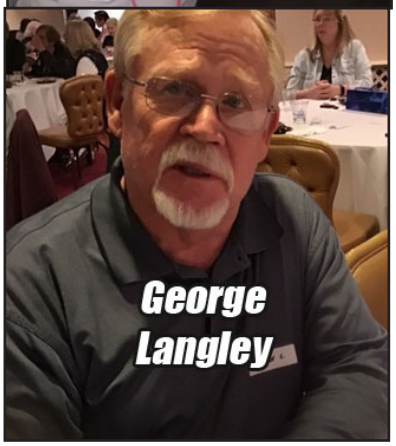
Allan Childers


George
Langley

Ann and Bill Brooks

Larine and Charlie Keppner

Carol and Norman Chrzanowski

Michael and Cathi Johnson

Shane and Crystal Sullivan

Freddie Patterson
Gloria Fuentes

Elsie and Jim Turnbow

Gary Callahan

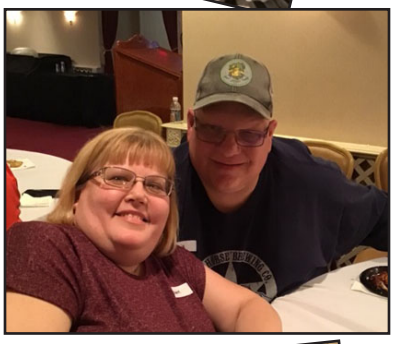
Bill Brooks
Richard Hoffman

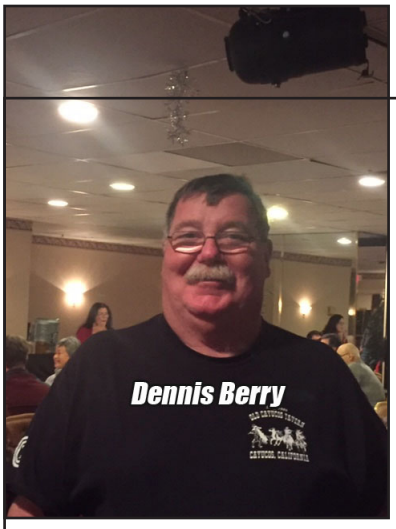
Bill Metten

Bob Chambers
Lorraine Yancosk

Bob Chambers
Norman Chrzanowski

Whitney Anthony



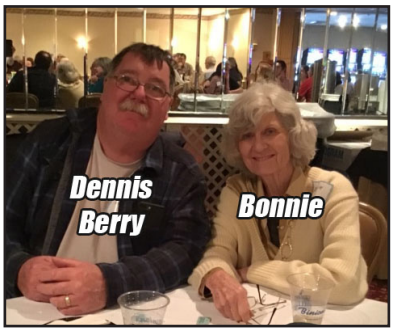


A Members Letter...

Well after a 11 years absence from being able to attend the tournaments due to work and family stuff I want to say...

A big thank you to Shaun at the 4 Queens for continuing all the tournaments for our Club. Where would we be without his continued support?

Also I want to send a big thank you to our Club President Mr. Jeff Bitzer for his continued pokes and downright harassment to make sure I was attending this time. And ALL of that harassment comes from our great LONG time relationship as friends. I could go on but somehow I am quite sure Jeff has the same relationship with everyone. Well, those that will tolerate Jeff, LOL . Thank you Jeff, you are the best.



And to the sweetest gal Jo, we finally got to meet up after so much emailing back and forth. You are surly just one of the many best assets this Club can have. I look so forward to any future dealings of whatever we do together. I know you will help me mutter through all my computer glitches. Great to meet the man (your hubby) who gets to have you in his life. 🙂

And Al, now what can I say about you. 😇So nice to actually meet up in person and visit. Though you are so much older than I am (inside joke) and a bit rounder. Meeting you was wonderful. And it was so apparent the Club loves you as well. Only thing I wish was that I could have met your blushing bride so I could meet someone who could put up with you 24 / 7 --- 365 . 😇Thank you Al, a pleasure meeting you.

And to my very old (in time not age) friend John Lauderdale, it was so great to hook up again and catch up on old times. Thanks for the trade and I look very much forward to texting and chatting in our futures. May they be long and prosperous.

And to everyone else, what a great time I had visiting with each and every one of you. Some long time past Club members and a bunch of you newer members I had never met. Such a great pleasure and so much fun.

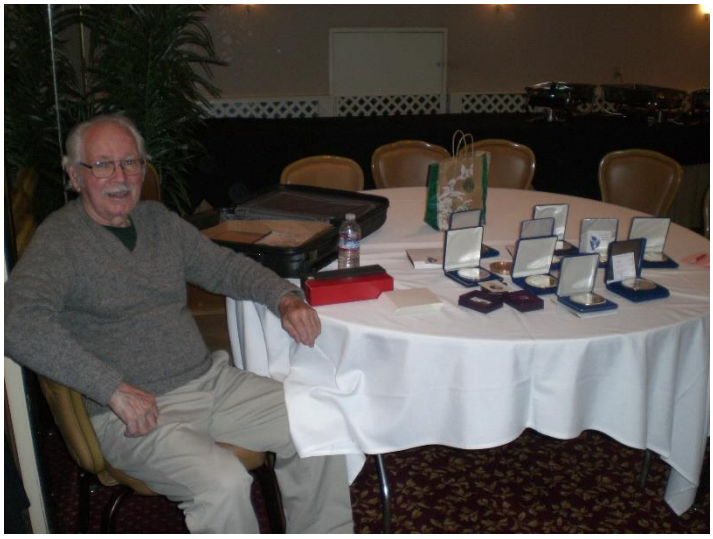
Thank you all,
Dennis
SS-094

A SAD OCCURENCE

It was brought to my attention that during the trade session one of the Trader/Sellers had a $200 strike go missing from their table this is so sad to report. If this was an oversight and someone has it they can return it to me no questions asked with no return address. Send to Jeff Bitzer, 1585 Freeman Rd, Hoffman Estates, IL. 60192 and I will see that if gets back to its owner. Thank You

Trade Session

We had a very good turnout for the trade session. There were many tables full of silver strikes. People came to look at the strikes then they would hang out and chat with other collectors. Really good to put names with faces. I hope many good trades were made.



Queen Marilyn

By George Langley

How 'bout those Four Queens. One must be named Marilyn. Marilyn's performance was truly outstanding at the winter tournament. But you guys already know that. This series of strikes pictured a young Marilyn on her way to stardom and are totally unique. My vote is that this is the best series of strikes ever created. I liked the Gambling Games strikes from Sam's Town and the Sam's Town Muscle cars are great, especially the $200 1967 Cobra GT. The Palms $200 Marilyn / Hugh Hefner strike is hot as well. But this Four Queens series of strikes are a tribute to an icon.

Marilyn Monroe on a silver strike has always been collectible. For the new collector, I have put together a list of casinos that have offered a MM silver strike. First off, Marilyn was one of the caricatures in the Hollywood series.
This series was offered at the LV Plaza in G and LM mint mark,
Non-Nevada locations:
Casino Rouge in Baton Rouge, LA (2 variations);
Grand Casino in Biloxi, MS (3 variations);
Grand Casino Generic Mississippi and Minnesota (5 variations);
Hollywood Casino,Tunica MS (3 variations);
Prairie Meadows, Altoona, IA;
The Grand in Atlantic City;
Trump Plaza, Atlantic City;
Trump's Castle, Atlantic City.

Marilyn strikes in various poses were offered at Nevada Casinos as follows:
Four Queens 2017 and 2019;
Harrah's Tahoe;
MGM Grand LV;
Opera House, LV;
Palace Station.
Non-Nevada casinos offering MM strikes included
Atlantis in St. Maarten (1 strike);
Sam's Town, Robinsonville, MS (5 poses);
Sam's Town Tunica, MS (4 poses).
The MGM Grand LV issued a Marilyn with the incorrect Smooth Lion Logo, this strike at one time commanded a several hundred-dollar premium. All Marilyn strikes usually command a premium.

In summary, Shaun and staff performed bigly. Our club is growing with over 160 tourney participants. Jay Jollie reminded me of late night phenom Johnnie Carson at the Reception and lottery – yes, he was that good.

I saw a lot of new folks this time. In fact, I met a couple who live only 7 miles from my resort home in the Hot Springs National Forest, Arkansas.

Strikes Out Since June 2018

4 Queens $300 Strikes

4 Queens $40 Strikes

4 Queens $10 Strikes

El Cortez $10 Strikes

2019 CLUB COIN CONTEST
These are the final six designs
You have one pick for the coin that will be minted.
Please mark your Ballot

#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 2019 TO BE COUNTED. SEND YOUR BALLOT VIA E-MAIL OR MAIL TO:

MAIL **Warren Schaefer**
1147 Light Sky Avenue
Henderson, NV 89074-8709

E MAIL **Clubcoinchair@silverstrikers.com**

Thank you for participating in the 2019 Club coin contest.

The reverse side

2018 SSOTY & HOF - By Al Varelas

The SSOTY and HOF awards are still running until **March 10, 2019.** If you haven't made your choices yet, now is the time to do it. You can make your selections online or by sending in your ballots from this newsletter to Al Varelas, 58 Lakevilla Ave. Springfield, MA. 01109

2018 Strike Of The Year

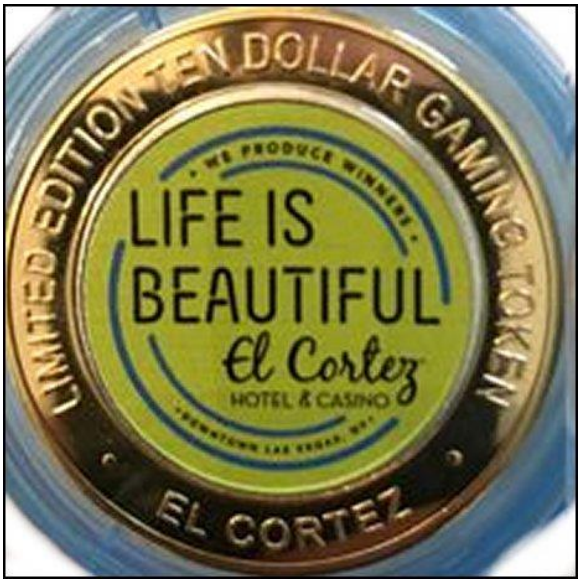
#1

$10 4 Queens Spirit Of The Wolf

#2

$300 4 Queens Spirit Of The Wolf

#3



$10 El Cortez Life Is Beautiful

#4

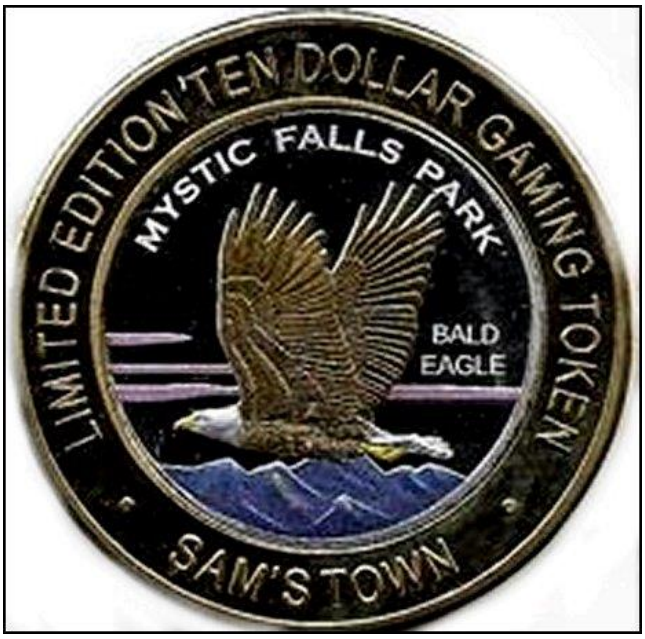
$40 4 Queens Goddess Hermera

2018 Hall Of Fame

#1

$40 Size Mohegan Sun Sachem

#2



$10 Sam's Town Bald Eagle

#3

$10 Bourbon Street Sax Player

#4

$10 Mesquite Star Skull - Spurs - Guns

Blast from the Past

Editors Note: Another new addition to your newsletter is I will be putting articles, pictures and interesting notes from previous issues to remind us of where we have been. If anyone has any old articles or pictures that may not have made it into one of the previous issue, please send them to me and we can publish them many years after.
I joined this club in December 2009. My first issue was Issue #57! Becky had just taken over the newsletter editor job so I saw it fitting to start with this issue for this column. I found a very interesting article from Bill Jollie that reminds us of where we were and where we are going.
So here we go, from Issue #57, Page 9...

The Past and the Future

Is it possible to keep the excitement of the past and move forward into the future with this club? The past performance with this club has been hands down fantastic. The bumps in the road that have caused a rocky couple of years are what we will fix for a great future. IGT has just about done all they can do to break us but have failed. We are more than collectors, we are a social giant that has held up and is fighting back. I believe that we have shown our strength as a club and will cause an increase once again in casino supporters. Meanwhile, we are making changes within the club to be ready when the casinos fight back harder and get strike machines back on their floor.

Club members are showing their commitment like Jack Haddock who is working with us on changing the resident agent. Jeff Gaffee has returned as our historian and Jimmy Mahon, Jamie Martin and Bill Brooks have volunteered to work on the audit committee. Bob Chambers has donated five TI $200, Becky Bottemiller has volunteered to be the newsletter editor and plans to make big changes beginning with this edition. Cheri Jollie wants to update the club by bringing back from the past Silver Strike T-shirts and has other exciting ideas that will help us in the future.

Remember our future is driven by our past and as long as we get together for tournament, convention, Halloween, New Year's Eve and/or Superbowl we can hang in enjoying each other's talent and knowledge about our collections until the program kicks into a higher gear and I believe it's very close to happening. So many of you have shared ideas that help us to do our best and I want to thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at some of the functions in 2010.

B Jollie

2018 BALLOT

SOTY & HOF

NAME: _____

SS#: _____

Circle 1 For HOF & 1 For SOTY

HOF #1 HOF #2 HOF #3 HOF #4

SOTY #1 SOTY #2 SOTY #3 SOTY #4

2018 BALLOT

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