



How to Get the Most out of SpikeTrade

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Dear Member,

Thank you for joining SpikeTrade. Everything on our website seems clear and logical to those who have been with us for years – but it may seem a little overwhelming to a newcomer.

We designed this letter to help you get the most benefit with the least effort. We are building SpikeTrade with your interests in mind. In this letter:

- we begin by describing **TRACKING STOCK PICKS** on the website
- we continue by describing **FILTERING** – how to reduce the volume of data
- we address the **EDUCATIONAL** value – learning to become a better trader
- We conclude by showing how you can **PARTICIPATE** in SpikeTrade

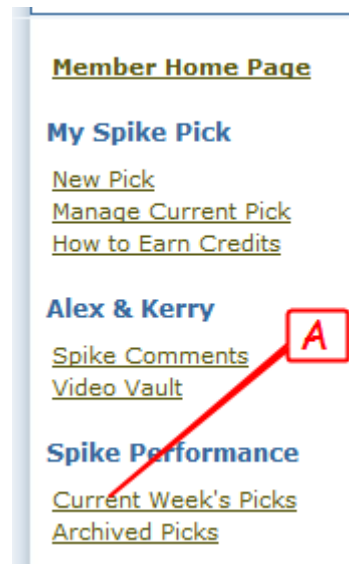
Tracking stock picks



Front Page – Tracking Top Performers

Our tour begins on the front page – www.spiketrade.com/members -w here you land after typing in your name and password. This page, updated every weekend, shows equity charts for our four

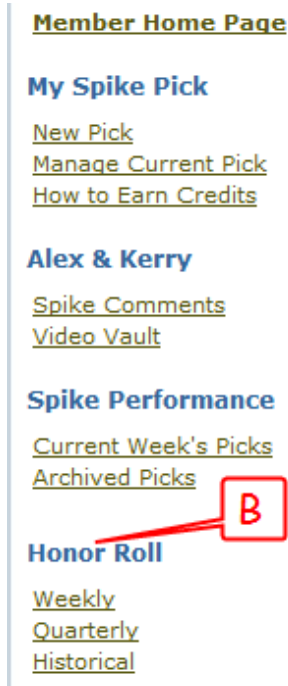
top equity gainers for the past 13 weeks. If your time is limited, you may want to focus on market analyses and stock picks from these four individuals. Past performance does not guarantee future results, but these are the folks who have been on a very hot streak for the latest three months.



Front Page – Tracking All Spike Picks

Spikers must submit their picks every weekend. Members may submit their picks on a voluntary basis. Clicking on a link marked A will take you to the page with all the picks – first all Spikers, alphabetically, then Members who sent in picks. Clicking on a Symbol for any pick will take you to a page describing that pick: entry, target, stop, and analysis. An asterisk next to the symbol tells you that the person added a chart to that page – a very nice feature.

With 20 Spikers and even more Members submitting picks, it is easy to become overwhelmed with the sheer volume of information. We need a filtering system! Here are a few suggestions.



Filtering – ‘follow the stars’

If you want to filter dozens of picks to a more manageable number, a good place to start is the Honor Roll section of SpikeTrade.com

- Click on the Historical line to see how long a Spiker has been a member and how many medals he or she won. New Spikers may be among the best performers, but if two Spikers have been members for the same amount of time, it pays who know who keeps winning medals.
- Click on the Quarterly line to see Spiker performance for every quarter – equity gain or loss and points won. This a wonderful tool for identifying winners.
- The Weekly tab shows you every Spiker’s current equity.

Traded Last Week:

My Pick Other Pick(s)

Yes No Yes No

Comments about last week's trade(s): I bailed
40- minute chart. That combined with the S&I

Traded This Week:

Pick	Trade Direction
WCN	Long
Stop/ Limit Stop	Stop/ Limit Limit
\$28.22	\$28.22
Risk	Reward
\$0.39 (1.4%)	\$3.28 (11.6%)

Discussion:

Filtering – Money

If you click on Current Week's Picks (shown above), it will take you to a page with a link Get PDF! Click on it and scroll down, looking at the % risk for every pick. Obviously, a pick with a 2% risk is quite different from a pick with an 8% risk.

Member	Symbol	Direction	Order Type	Entry
Bob B. - Sp	RJET	Short	Limit	
Colin B. - S	ABX	Short	Stop/Limit	
Dan K. - Sp	LRCX	Short	Limit	
Dave F. - S	MDP	Short	Market	
David M. -	BFS	Long	Limit	
Grant C. -	SKF	Long	Limit	

Filtering – Visual

Right next to Get PDF! Is another link with an Excel logo – Download the Current Week's Picks. Open this file and copy-paste all symbols into your program, such as TradeStation or TC. Flip through all charts and mark the patterns that visually appeal to you for a deeper study.

[My own method: I begin with Filtering-Visual and usually find half a dozen picks that look appealing. Then I apply 'Follow the Stars' by discarding picks from people who almost never win. Finally, I apply Filtering-Money, discarding picks with too high of a risk. I then work up the remaining picks using technical analysis and risk/reward parameters – AE].



Your Keys to the Video Vault

The Video Vault has a huge amount of useful, easily digestible information, free for SpikeTrade members. And best of all – if there is a video want and it is not there, send us an email, and chances are, we will put it in!

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These are the Website Tutorial topics. Watching these brief videos will put you in control of SpikeTrade! After you are done with this section, explore Day-Trading, Indicators, and Recent Spike Trades. And remember, we welcome your emails with suggestions for new video topics!



Comments by Alex & Kerry

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Clicking on Spike Comments will take you to the list of messages from Alex & Kerry. Here you will find three types of messages:

- NH-NL – nightly update of this indicator, often with additional comments and charts
- Comments – whenever necessary
- SpikeSpeak! – our Sunday newsletter

Readers sometimes ask for Alex & Kerry stock picks. We try to hold back on those and concentrate on bringing forth the awesome combined power of the group.

SpikeTrade Blog

Clicking here will take you to our blog, with its wealth of posts. Please explore and comment if you like. There is an instruction in our FAQ at the top of the homepage which explains how you can subscribe to receive a notice whenever our blog is updated.

Please click on the FAQ, above. If still unclear, please email us for quick assistance.

Participate



For More Experienced SpikeTrade Members

Once you get a hang of SpikeTrade, consider submitting your own picks on a voluntary basis. You earn credits for every submission, with a bonus if your pick reaches or exceeds the third best Spike pick for that week. The best performing members are invited into the Spike Group – most Spikers started out as SpikeTrade Members. It takes persistence and steady work to rise to the top!



Additional Questions

If you have any additional questions, please look into the FAQ file, shown above. If your question is not listed, please email us. Our staff is constantly monitoring incoming emails to provide quick and accurate answers.

It is good to have you with us on this journey. We wish you success!

Alex Elder & Kerry Lovvorn

Co-Managers