

Scrap Iron News

April 15, 2015

Four Scrap Iron Teams Win at Spring Worlds

Thirteen Scrap Iron teams went to Mesquite, NV for the Spring Worlds and six brought home first, second, or third place awards. Most of our team haven't played since November, so considering that most of the 88 teams in the tournament were from California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Nevada and have never stopped playing over the winter, Scrap Iron did well. Our top finishers were:

70 Legacy – Winners of the 70 Major division

70 Reds – Winners of the 70 AAA division

65 Phiten – Third place in the 65 Major division

60 Diamonds – Third place in the 60 AAA division

60 Freedom – First place among 60 AA teams and second in the combined 55/60 AA division

55 Coyotes – First place among 55 AA teams and first in the combined 55/60 AA division

These teams earned the reward of All Tournament selections: Some of our coaches have provided me with their selections:

70 Legacy

Mike Smith, Don Pierson, Dale McLaughlin, Jack Robinson, Dick Schimmels

65 Phiten

Sebastian 'Seb' Muzio, Alan Wiechmann, Don Carpenter

55 Coyotes

Bruce Brothis, Jay Yoakum, Tony Cooper, Dave Miller, Eddie Buonaiuto

Picks for the other three teams were not received in time for this newsletter, and will be in the next newsletter.

SPA Visits Denver and Colorado Springs

Ridge Hooks, SPA Executive Director, and Don Cherry, SPA Tournament Director visited Denver and Colorado Springs, in late February to tour the Aurora Sports Park and hold meetings with the Aurora Parks and Rec. Department, Visit Aurora, and Scrap Iron members. The SPA Western Nationals are scheduled for Thursday, June 11th through Sunday, June 14th. Only the 70s, 75s, and 80s will play on Thursday. SPA is using the Western Nationals as their entry into the western U.S. They visited Colorado Springs to tour the Skyview Park fields. In the future SPA would like to hold additional western U.S. tournaments and Skyview is a possible site.

President, Andy Shapiro, and members Greg Broeckelman, Alan Wiechmann, Larry Haden, and Rick Keller met with Ridge and Don to go over what Scrap Iron can do to make the tournament a success.

Senior Softball News Adds a “New Feature”

Most of you receive the Senior Softball Newsletter via email. Did you notice the new feature called “Featured Club?” SSUSA’s first featured club is the Scrap Iron Softball Club. I believe this is another statement that we are the largest and most successful senior softball travel organization in the country. Because of visionaries in our past, and great current leaders and volunteers, we are known wherever we play.

Some of you may not be on a current Scrap Iron roster at SSUSA and did not receive their newsletter. To make sure every Scrap Iron member sees the write-up we have included the newsletter as an attachment to this blast.

Keep Using Your Grocery Gift Card

Our teams are going to more tournaments than ever so to have the funds to support the increased team budgets we all need to keep using our grocery gift cards.

Alan Wiechmann