



Honoring our Hall of Fame

What an honor to be recognized by our peers and to be inducted into such a prestigious Hall of Fame as offered by our Scrap Iron club. January is the month we nominate and induct the class of 2019. How fitting we recognize and salute our Hall of Fame.



I am the second person in my family to be in a "Hall of Fame." My father is a member of the Cass County, Iowa Cattleman's Hall of Fame. I knew about the unique things my father had pioneered in cattle feeding in his local area which resulted in recognition by his peers, but his response to the recognition was quite different than I expected. He didn't mention anything that he had done, just the important people whom helped him get started and the large group of cattle feeder peers whose friendship he had enjoyed for over fifty years. As I reflect on being a member of the Scrap Iron Hall of Fame, I too have always been thankful to Mike Massong and Bill

Nero for convincing me that I would enjoy tournament softball and to the great longtime friendships I have developed with good men like Ken Hiatt. Scrap Iron is full of outstanding people and my association with each of you in the words of the Master Card commercial is "Priceless."

Alan Wiechmann

Class of 2013 Player Category



Being picked to the 2008 Scrap Iron Hall of Fame was an honor for me because you were picked from your peers for a special recognition. To me Scrap Iron was establishing itself as a top notch Colorado softball organization that people recognized as a class organization whether we were winning tournaments or playing games against other very good softball groups from all over the country. We made friends everywhere from many age groups and my teammates are some of my best friends now and always. THANKS!!

Arlen Amundson

Class of 2008



I was inducted into the SI Hall of Fame in 2007 and then to the National Senior Softball Hall of Fame in 2015. Most people inducted into the Hall of Fame are because they are excellent players but I'm more proud of what I've done for senior softball in Colorado being the CSSTL commissioner for three years and then President of the SI Club for three years. People reviewing my submission liked that also and helped me get votes for the Hall of Fame. So for the future of the club and senior softball in Colorado, please "step up to the plate" and get involved off the field also.

Greg Broeckelman,
Class of 2007



I was inducted into the Scrap Iron Hall of Fame in 2014, it was and still is an honor I cherish. I have three great memories in my 14 years playing senior softball, one was almost winning the Las Vegas Worlds tournament in 2016, our team just kept winning, it was an awesome experience just going to the championship game at worlds, however losing by one still stings a little. So winning the Las Vegas world tournament is still on the bucket list. Two, was in 2010, my team insisted that I receive the Scrap Iron MVP Award. But the greatest accomplishment so far was the day I was inducted into the Scrap Iron Hall of Fame. I have had the privilege to coach every age group so

far 50's, 55's, 60's, and now 65's I can't see any reason to stop, coaching 70's is in sight. I'm very proud to be part of the Scrap Iron family. ***Winning or losing enjoy every minute of every game!***

Art Graebe,
Class of 2014.



When I started playing on a Scrap Iron team about 13 years ago, I was excited to play at a better level (than on Wednesday). Over the years, my wife and I have enjoyed the travel especially to some places we had never been before. We also met so many wonderful people. I never played softball to earn awards. I played because it was fun and because I enjoyed playing with my teammates. So in 2015, when I was selected to the Scrap Iron Hall of Fame, I was astonished. To be included with all the talented, amazing players in this organization was truly something. I was then and am now very humbled to be part of this group. ps- this is what an old softball player looks like coming out of a corn field at the Field of Dreams

Ken Hiatt
Class of 2015



Having coached Scrap Iron teams at the 60, 65, and 70 levels, my two best memories were winning the 2010 World Championship and having a "perfect" tournament in Reno, batting 1.000! I have really enjoyed playing with and managing some great players and great people. Here's a picture of me catching a ball in the outfield; someone pointed out that Jack Eberhard captured this photo at the perfect time — with both my feet off the ground! I've also enjoyed serving for several years on the Scrap Iron board and as the fundraising chairperson.

Bart Prieve
Class of 2016



I first met Murl Skalla in 1975 at an old watering hole in Denver called Zang Brewing Company. I was sitting at the bar having a cold one when a guy next to me with a raspy voice asked "hey, you're a pretty big guy, do you play softball?".

This was the beginning of a great friendship between us. Murl's life revolved around softball and through the years I played both against Murl's teams, and with them. I also helped sponsor his teams when I worked with Worth sports and helped Murl supply awards for his tournaments. Murl had many weekend tournaments. Some of us played with Front Range

Steel, Empire Staple, and Murl's along with other sponsors he had.

He then began Scrap Iron teams and I worked with him to produce his new logo on caps, shirts, etc..

In 1999 we used the Scrap Iron name, along with Debeer Softball, on our Travel team shirts. We won the Albuquerque Tournament and then the big LVSSA World Invitational in Vegas. It was nice to bring the name of Scrap Iron to New Mexico, Nevada, Texas, California, and other states.

This got me hooked on Scrap Iron and I have been involved for the past 20 years. As a Scrap Iron member I have been fortunate to play on three World Championship teams and one Triple Grand Slam winning team in 2005. I was also given an all tournament award for the 2013 World Championship team in the SPA organization. I cherish the friendships I have made throughout the years and have committed myself to helping the club as much as I can. It is not often we can get people together from different races, religions, political preferences, and other differences to play a game we love and use it as a friendship bond. When we go out on the field we have one goal. That is to win and represent our Scrap Iron brothers, and club, in the best possible way. It is an honor to go to tournaments and have other teams recognize the Scrap Iron organization. Thank god for our wives, girlfriends, and families that support us in this endeavor.

I was elected to the Hall of Fame in 2009. Both of my sons were at the banquet when I received this honor. My oldest came in from Alaska and I will never forget sharing it with them and my wife Janice.

Mike Massong

Class of 2009

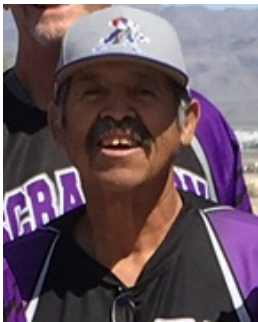


I was first introduced to Scrap Iron by Terry Goodrich, but at that time I still didn't have a clue what it was all about. So, I went to a tournament (Huntsman) with Bart Prieve's team to see what this going out of town to play softball was all about. What the heck I'll go once anyway. I think everybody knows how it went. A year or two later Dick Moore said something about being the treasure, then Alan Wiechmann approached me about it and I finally said sure. What could be involved writing a few checks! Soon an amazing thing happened, I started meeting and getting to know these terrific coaches and players and their wives! Then it hit me

what an honor it was to be the treasurer of this amazing organization and be able to interact with these terrific people. 7 years later I still feel blessed to be given this chance. Thanks to everyone this opportunity!!!

Jim Caswell

Class of 2017



I joined Art's Scrap Iron 50's team in 2006, Immediately I was addicted, I love playing the game and traveling out of state to play is the best. I have met many friends in many states who share this same passion. I feel very lucky to be part of the Scrap Iron club and to be part of the family of such great people. Being in the Hall of Fame with others I have admired over the years is such an honor.

Andy Jaramillo

Class of 2018



I am very grateful to be a member of the Scrap Iron Hall of Fame. The club has made me friends with many new people which I cherish. Please remember when the time comes and you stop playing you are still a member of the Family so, please try to attend the annual dinner or support the club. Thank you all for a wonderful twenty years of great memories and friendships. Have a great year.

Mark Soloway

Class of 2016



It has been an honor and privilege to play top level softball for Murl Skalla, Kenny Green, Mike Massong, and Larry Alma. Bob Parella and Vince Micucci managed my teams during a couple of years and they did a fantastic job, as did my other managers. The managers are critical to the team success and are amazing. During the years I played, my teammates were awesome and made the game worth playing. We supported each other through ups and downs and enjoyed our times together on all the many trips together to play tournaments....and we have great stories about the trips. We had a great group of guys who moved up together through the years and it took us until we turned 60 to start winning National Tournaments...but once we got the taste, we kept winning. One of our best wins was against The Old A's in the Reno Championship after we got moved to Major Plus. We had to play the A's in almost every tournament so it was most satisfying to win that one. Oh, one other notable win against them was in Winnipeg when we scored 24 runs in the top of the 7th inning to beat them on a rain-soaked baseball field. One other notable person is Jack Eberhard, who was a great teammate and friend, but is the outstanding photographer for Senior Softball. I will never forget all my outstanding Scrap Iron teammates and friends, and particularly my roommates and traveling companions Bob Parella and Mike Rossi. Our significant others are most important of all, so Special recognition to my wife Sandy for encouraging me to play softball

Bob Sims
Class of 2005



I had the pleasure to play for Bill Nero's Scrap Iron teams for 12 years, where I met and played with some fine men. I have great memories of the fun, challenges, and the successes my team mates and I had on the ball field.

They were not only good guys but they were talented ballplayers. Many of our wives accompanied the team which added to the camaraderie at ball tournaments.

A severe quad injury ended my playing with Scrap Iron. I continue my long coaching career by working with my grandsons' baseball teams. I felt very honored and humbled to have been selected to the ScrapIron Hall of Fame. I wish continued success for the Scrap Iron Organization.

Rich Bonacquista
Class of 2012



Fifteen years ago in 2003 I played in my first senior tournament at the Winter Worlds in Las Vegas as a 49 year old. I was lucky to play with Wil Wilmer and the great Master Collision team. We won the tournament. Wow! We are world champions and we now have that coveted ring. At the time I thought this was easy -- we're going to be world champs every year. As we all know that's not the case but I was hooked anyway. Fast forward to 2018. I'm now 64, and aging up -- again! I just played the Winter Worlds in Phoenix in the 65 Major division with the great High Octane team. The desire to compete and win remains the same and the chase for another World Championship never gets old.

Scrap Iron, thanks for the journey of playing fifteen years of senior softball and all the great memories. Most of all, thanks for keeping my passion for the game alive and thriving! Looking forward to the 2019 season!

Jamie Gowdy
Class of 2015



I was entered into the SI Hall of fame in 2005. I'm not sure I deserved such an honor, because I was an average ball player and enjoyed teams that were as average as myself. We won a tournament in Omaha with limited number of players and beat another SI team for the Championship. The tournament win in Reno in 2008 was with a team that was very under maned, but with a huge heart. A number of them have since passed away, but will never be forgotten. After winning the final game and having a team picture taken, we had all of the Scrap Iron players and their wives come out on the field and have their picture taken with us. They were there to cheer us on

through the game. Folks, that is what Scrap Iron is all about.

Jerry Reidy
Class of 2005



An invitation from Murl Skalla to see what Senior Softball had to offer, started me on a 12 year adventure with the Scrap Iron Club. We had the opportunity to travel all of the United States and play a wide variety of teams from all areas of the country. Starting with Mike Massong's Scrap Iron 50's team and then 10 years with Wil Wilmer's Scrap Iron Master Collision teams , I played with many outstanding players. Everywhere we played, Scrap Iron was recognized and respected. We had great success, and sometimes, after getting moved up in classification, we experienced humbling defeat. Win or Lose, we had a great time and made close friendships that will be treasured for the rest of our lives. Thank You Scrap Iron founders and leadership, for providing Colorado Senior Softball with the opportunity to play the game we love. I am proud to be part of this incredible organization.

Rick (Bert) Hertzke
Class of 2010



When Mike Massong wrote about the 1999 team he forgot to add that most of them were moving up to 55's and he was responsible to recruit new players for the 50's team. My softball brother Bert Hertzke and I were invited to try out for the new team and eventually made the team. So in 2000 there were two Scrapiron teams and we got to play in a World Tourney in Winnipeg Canada and came in 2nd and the USSSA world Tournament in Denver with a 3rd place finish.

In 2002 through the leadership and sponsorship of Will Wilmer we became Scrapiron Master Collision. The highlight of that year was winning the AAA division of the SPA World Tournament in Plano Texas. For the next 10 years Scrapiron Master Collision was a major force in Major and Major + senior softball, winning lots of trophies and individual awards while having a lot of fun at the same time. According to my 70 year old memory I had 20 teammates that became Hall of Fame members either the USSSA Colorado HOF, the Scrapiron HOF or both, and according to the Scrapiron newsletter many are still playing today.

I get a kick when reading the newsletter about how far Scrapiron has come since the meager beginnings in 1999. I also am reminded of the three **C's** when thinking of Scrapiron teams. When other teams play a Scrapiron team they know they are from **Colorado**, will be extremely **Competitive** and will play with a lot of **Class**. GO SCRAPIRON!!!

Bob, John Rocket Ricketts
Class of 2009



Terry Goodrich
Class of 2015

I was extremely honored when the Scrap Iron Club presented me with the Hall of Fame award at the banquet in 2016. As I said that night, I thought only my mother thought I was “special”. I especially appreciated that Kristie, my sons and their spouses could be there to share the honor. I’ve been blessed to receive a few honors from Scrap Iron over the years but this one is the most SPECIAL! Thank you.

I was fortunate to able to start playing softball in my retirement years. And even more so to have been awarded the Scrap Iron Hall of Fame membership in 2005 at age 73. It has been a wonderful experience to play with so many new friends in tournament ball supported by the Scrap Iron Softball Club which helped make it a reality. I am proud to be a member of a club which must be the envy of Senior Softball.

David A Bray
Class of 2005



From 1978 to 2010 I had coached and played local slow pitch softball in Colorado. At that time I was playing, coaching or watching my wife play slow pitch softball 5 nights a week. In 1992 I started playing local senior slow pitch softball for a Broomfield team on Saturdays. In 2001 I had the great experience of playing on a Murl Skalla team at the Huntsman Senior Games. Dick Carlson asked my age to play on Ray Heisler’s team in 2006 and I started playing on my first Scrap Iron travel softball 60s team. In 2008 I started coaching and playing with the Scrap Iron 60s Diamonds. Since 2008 I have had the fun, frustration and honor to coach a Scrap Iron travel team. In 2009 with the passing of Kenny Green I have been responsible for the merchandise and uniform ordering for the Scrap Iron Club. The camaraderie and lasting friendships I have made during my playing and coaching with the Scrap Iron organization has been a highlight in my softball life.

Larry Alma
Class of 2012

Congratulations to the new inductees to the Scrap Iron HOF. I played baseball and softball from the time I was 7 years old until I was 70. My years playing senior softball with the Scrap Iron Club were some of the most memorable and enjoyable of those years. While I had many memorable moments on the field by far the best memories were those of the friendships with teammates and even competitors. These were truly very special years.

Thank you to all of the individuals who organized and continue to perpetuate this wonderful organization.

Jack Davis

Class of 2009



Congratulations to Stan Suichta he has been inducted into the National Senior Softball Hall of Fame, class of 2018.



Photo taken at our banquet in 2010. These were the Hall of Fame members in attendance. What a great looking group!



Baseball/Softball is a game of talent, strategy and statistics, what a great game. I enjoy the game of baseball and softball both as a player and a spectator that appreciates the skills, talents and the mental aspects needed to play the game. It is a pleasure to work in the industry that I enjoy.

Scrap Iron epitomizes what I enjoy about my job. Working with great people who have great attitudes about life. The Players, Managers, Equipment Managers and Board Members that I have met enjoy what they are doing and want to bring other likeminded people into their organization for the benefit of all. To be included in

your organization as a vendor is a great honor. It is my hope that I can be involved with the Scrap Iron organization for many years to come as your organization not only allows us all to be young in spirit, but to help offset the actual effects of aging and to be with people who enjoy life.

Fred Jacobsen
Class of 2017

Gary Glick



Glick in 1958

No. 27, 26, 21, 47, 43

Gary Glick, was inducted into our Scrap Iron Hall of Fame in 2006, sad to say he has passed on. We want our members to know who Gary was, not only a great Scrap Iron club member he was also a pro football player, coach, and scout, he was the number one player drafted in the 1956 NFL draft, and still the only DB that was ever drafted number one overall in the NFL.

Mike Massong says "I enjoyed talking to him and watching the older guys playing. As with many of the Scrap Iron group, some of our guys have some hidden, and sometimes surprising pasts."

Gary Glick
Class of 2006

Personal information

Born: May 14, 1930
[Grant, Nebraska](#)

Died: February 11, 2015 (aged 84)
[Fort Collins, Colorado](#)

Height: 6 ft 2 in (1.88 m)

Weight: 195 lb (88 kg)

Career information

College: [Colorado State](#)

NFL Draft: [1956](#) / Round: 1 / Pick: 1

Career history

- [Pittsburgh Steelers](#) (1956–1959)
- [Washington Redskins](#) (1959–1960)
- [Baltimore Colts](#) (1961)
- [San Diego Chargers](#) (1963)

Career highlights and awards

- [AFL champion](#) (1963)

Scrap Iron Hall of Fame

2004-2017

2017

Special Category - Fred Jacobsen

Special Category - Andy Jaramillo

Special Category - Jim Casswell

Old Timer Category - Bob Parella

2016

Player - "Doc" Demarco

Player - Mark Soloway

Player - Dow Whitlow

Special Category - Bart Prieve

2015

Player - Ken Hiatt

Player - Jaimie Gowdy

Special Category - Terry Goodrich

Old Timer Category - Joe Decristofaro

2014

Player - Skip Walker

Manager - Ron Howard

Special Category - Art Graebe

Old Timer Category - Gordy Ledford

2013

Player - Alan Wiechmann,

Manager - Bil Nero

Old Timer Category - R.W. "Chris" Christopherson

2012

Player - Rich Bonaquista,

Manager - Wil Wilmer

Special Category - Larry Alma

2011

Player - Rob Clark

Player - Jim Davidson

2010

Player - Rick "Bert" Hertzke

Player - Bob Bennett

Player - Dean Neff

Player - Larry Neal

2009

Player - Bob Ross

Player - Jack Davis

Player - John (Rocket) Ricketts

Special Category - Mike Massong

2008

Player - Arlen Amundson

Player - Dennis Lutz

Player - Stan Suichta

Manager - Harry Newman

2007

Player - Greg Brockelman

Player - Bob Wiltgen

Player - Don Pierson

Special Category - Jack Eberhard

Special Category - Phil Field

2006

Player - Gene Anderson

Player - Gary Glick

Player - Fred Johnson

Player - Hervey "Mac" Macferran

Player - Ernest "Ernie" Wesswick

Player - Bill Brown

2005

Player - Bob Sims

Player - Dave Bray

Special Category - Mariano "Sig" DeCola

Special Category - Jerry Reidy

Special Category - Ken Green

Manager - Murl Skalla

2004

Special Category - Bob Gryzmala

Scrap Iron news

Remember Scrap Iron Banquet Saturday January 26 at the beautiful Denver Aquarium

Remember purchase your tickets through your team manager.

Remember this year we are having a luncheon 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Remember parking is free for us, just tell the parking attendant your with the Scrap Iron Banquet.

Remember this is the one and only time a year we get together as a club. What a great time to visit with all the boys of summer!

Scrap Iron would like to thank the following for their awesome service and support in 2018.

