

Scrap Iron News

Scrap Iron Banquet

The annual Scrap Iron banquet is set for Saturday, January 26th at the Lakewood Elks, 1455 Newland St., Lakewood, CO 80214. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. There will be Scrap Iron goods and Miken bats for sale at the banquet.

Banquet Raffle and Silent Auction

Part of our fund raising each year is the banquet raffle and silent auction. The Scrap Iron bat sales program should provide a few Miken Ultra II bats for the raffle. If you're planning to buy a bat through our Miken bat sales program, please do it ASAP so we can increase the number of bats available in the raffle. If you have items that you can contribute for the raffle or silent auction, please email Bart Prieve at bprieve@hotmail.com. We would like items valued at \$50 or more for the raffle, but smaller value items work for the silent auction. Bring your items to the banquet.

New Scrap Iron Teams

The Scrap Iron Board met on December 1st and accepted three new teams into the Club. They are the 55 Coyotes AA led by Kerry Byers, the 65 Diamonds AAA led by Bart Prieve, and a new 60 AAA team led by Larry Ouret.

We are losing two teams for the 2013 season. The 2012 55s, and 60 Master Collision teams will not be playing this season.

We have also been informed that there will be a 75s team in 2013. Congratulations to Jerry Reidy, and Bob Gryzmala for organizing this new team. This team should be accepted into the Club at our February Board meeting. Scrap Iron will then have at least one mens team at every age level in 2013. This should provide excellent opportunities for players to move up in the future.

There is also the possibility of a new 50s team for 2013. It appears that the Club will have 15 or 16 teams for 2013.

Medical Cards

Scrap Iron players are not immune from accidents and other medical emergencies at tournaments. Since 2008 we have asked that players voluntarily complete a medical information form that is transferred to a wallet size card. The goal is that each Scrap Iron player has a medical card on their ball bag in case the player has an emergency during play. If you do not have a card, please complete the attached form and send the form and a digital picture to Bob Parella at parella1@comcast.net. The completed medical card will be returned to you to attach to your ball bag.

Recording the Scrap Softball Club History

A goal of mine for 2013 is to record our Scrap Iron Softball Club history on our website. We are nationally recognized yet our history hasn't been officially recorded. Phil Field has been very helpful, and I have good information since the Club was incorporated in 2004. The Club had seven teams during the first year after incorporation. I also know that Scrap Iron started prior to being an incorporated club, and if I can piece together accurate information, I will add it to our Club history. If you have answers to any of the questions below, please contact me.

- When did the first team play under the Scrap Iron name, who was the coach, and what age did the team play? It appears that it was around 1988 and Murl Skalla was the coach.
- Who designed the Scrap Iron logo and when?
- When was a second, and third Scrap Iron team established? What were the team ages, and who were the coaches?
- I can identify the Club Presidents since incorporation. They are Phil Field, Bob Wiltgen, Dennis LeBlanc, Greg Broeckelman, and myself. Was there a Scrap Iron organization prior to incorporating? When did the organization start and who has been President?
- When did we hold our first banquet?
- I would like to establish a complete list of Scrap Iron teams that have won significant SSUSA Championships. I would like our website to show all of our SSUSA National Champions, World Champions, Tournament of Champions (TOC) winners, and Triple Grand Slam winners. The SSUSA website has good information back to 2005 for the World Champions and TOC Champions. If you know about Scrap Iron National Champions or Triple Grand Slam winners or World Champions in 2004 and earlier, please provide the information to me.

Tournament of Champions

Seven of our 13 2012 Scrap Iron teams qualified for the 2013 TOC to be held February 8-10. Congratulations to the 50 Rapid Erectors, 55 Northern, 60 Master Collision, 60 Freedom, 65 Phiten, 65 Classics, and 70 Reds for winning qualifying tournaments in 2012.

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