

Scrap Iron News

December 1, 2014

Strong Scrap Iron Start to the New Roster Year

The Winter Worlds in Phoenix, the first event of the 2015 roster year, was a success for Scrap Iron teams. Five of our teams finished in the top three with the 70 Legacy winning the 70 Major Division. The 55 Coyotes were a second place finisher, and the 50 Moore Plumbing, 60 Freedom, and 65 Diamonds all brought home third place finishes.

Huntsman Games Winners

Two of our older teams got medals at the 2014 Huntsman Games in St. George, Utah. The 70 Legacy were gold medal winners and the 75s brought home silver medals.

Please consider making a donation to the Scrap Iron Softball Club!

It's that time of year when many of us make year-end contributions to charitable and educational organizations. The Scrap Iron Softball Club is a 501c3 organization and your contributions are tax deductible like other charities, museums, and educational organizations you may support.

Please make your check out to Scrap Iron Softball Club and send it to our treasurer:

Jim Casswell
PO Box 260699
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Scrap Iron Board Holds Fall Meeting

Our Scrap Iron Bylaws specify an end of year and a start of the year meeting of the Scrap Iron Board of Directors. The SI Board is made up of one voting member per Club team. The Board makes decisions on major matters such as, member dues, team budgets, and any changes to Club Bylaws or policies. The Board also elects the seven member Executive Committee which makes most of the smaller decisions. The Board met on Saturday, November 29th and made the following decisions:

New Teams – For the first time in several years, there are no additional teams requesting to join the Scrap Iron Softball Club. There were a few moves among existing teams. The 55 Rockies will play as a 60s team in 2015, and the 65 Reds have moved to the 70s division. The 65 Classics have moved up to AAA for 2015, and they are having a contest to determine a new name.

Policy Changes - Our Player Dues Policy was changed. Previously, member dues for players 74 and older were half of the regular member dues. This was changed to 75 and older during the dues paying year. This change reflects the end of SSUSA's exception where players 74 years old were able to play on a 75s team.

Our Fill-in Player Policy was changed for players who are not Club members. A player who is not a member of the Scrap Iron Softball Club may play no more than one (1) tournament per year with Scrap Iron teams. The full membership fee is required if he is to play any additional tournaments in that year.

Dues Decision – It appears that the Club will end the year with an approximate loss of \$1,300. **This decrease is mostly attributable to the King Soopers and Safeway Gift Card Program producing less revenue than anticipated.** While we will net nearly \$6,000 in 2014 from the gift cards, only a small fraction of our members are participating actively. Thirty regular users have generated most of the income. A doubling or tripling of active participants would help our team budgets immensely. Ten of our 17 teams could have used a larger budget in 2014, and it is likely that tournament registrations will increase slightly for 2015. Team budgets will be approved at the February 7, 2015 Board meeting after we have a clear picture of fund raising. Ways to increase income by \$5,000 were discussed. The approach chosen was a \$20 dues increase where every member will receive a \$10 grocery gift card. The card is as good as cash and anyone who prefers to not continue using it can make a purchase and then discard the card. Every member will have a chance to try the card and see how painless it is to raise money for the Club. **We hope that this approach will add 20-40 regular users to the program.**

Dues for 2015 are \$195 for regular members and \$102.50 for members 75 and older in 2015. Dues for members 75 and older are slightly more than half due to the \$10 benefit returned.

Hall of Fame (HOF) Committee – The HOF Committee has three new members. The Boards elected Mark Haupt, Arn Richardson, and Alan Wiechmann to join former members, Greg Broeckelman, Mike Massong, and Art Graebe. Many thanks to Bob Wiltgen, Arlen Amundson, and Bert Hertzke for years of service on this committee.

Executive Committee – Five of the seven 2014 Executive Committee members were willing to continue in their positions. Alan Wiechmann and Bill Fleming asked to step down from the committee. Andy Shapiro was nominated as President, and Ron Howard as a new At Large member. *The Board approved the following members for the 2015 Executive Committee:*

President - Andy Shapiro

Vice-President – Terry Goodrich

Secretary – Arn Richardson

Treasurer – Jim Casswell

At Large Members – Mark Haupt, Bart Prieve, Ron Howard

Minutes of the Board meeting will be available on our website shortly.

Hall of Fame Nominations

It is time to make nominations for the 2014 Scrap Iron Hall of Fame. **Any manager or player may submit nominations in any of the four categories** of Special, Player, Manager, or Old Timer. Your nominee must be at least 60 years of age (72 for Old Timer) and must have been a member of the Scrap Iron organization for at least 5 years.

Attached are copies of the Hall of Fame Procedures and a Nomination Form. Nominations must be completed no later than December 24, 2014. Completed nomination forms can be mailed to Mike Massong at 6011 S. Quail Way, Littleton, CO 80127 or emailed to amassong@aol.com. Call 303 324 6421 or email Mike with questions.

There are 38 Current Hall of Fame Members:

Bob Gryzmala, Special 2004	Dennis Lutz, Player 2008
Dave Bray, Player 2005	Harry Newman, Manager 2008
Mariano 'Sig' DeCola, Special 2005	Stan Suichta, Player 2008
Ken Green, Special 2005	Jack Davis, Player 2009
Jerry Reidy, Special 2005	Mike Massong, Special 2009
Bob, Sims, Player 2005	John 'Rocket' Ricketts, Player 2009
Murl Skalla, Manager 2005	Bob Ross, Player 2009
Gene Anderson, Player 2006	Rick 'Bert' Hertzke, Player 2010
Bill Brown, Player 2006	Bob Bennett, Player 2010
Gary Glick, Player 2006	Larry Neal, Player 2010
Fred Johnson, Player 2006	Dean Neff, Player 2010
Hervey 'Mac' MacFerran, Player 2006	Rob Clark, Player 2011
Ernest 'Ernie' Westwick, Player 2006	Jim Davidson, Player 2011
Greg Broeckelman, Player 2007	Rich Bonaquista, Player 2012
Jack Eberhard, Special 2007	Larry Alma, Special 2012
Phil Field, Special 2007	Wil Wilmer, Manager 2012
Don Pierson, Player 2007	Bill Nero, Manager 2013
Bob Wiltgen, Player 2007	R.W. 'Chris' Christopherson, Old Timer 2013
Arlen Amundson, Player 2008	Alan Wiechmann, Player 2013

The 2014 Inductees will be announced at the Scrap Iron Banquet on January 24, 2015.

Don't Miss Our Annual Banquet on January 24, 2015

This year's banquet should be better than ever! Our banquet has grown in status just like the Club. This year the banquet will be January 24, 2015 at The Franciscan Event Center, 6553 S. Revere Parkway, Centennial, CO 80111. The cost is \$30 per person. Please pay your manager before January 10th. Managers will make out one check per team. The social hour starts at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00.

Banquet Silent Auction and Raffle

The silent auction and raffle have been fun parts of our annual banquet for years. In addition to the fun, last year we raised \$1,977 from these activities. **We need raffle gifts and silent auction merchandise.** If you have something to donate, please inform Bart Prieve at bprieve@hotmail.com or Jim Casswell at jimcasswell@hotmail.com.

Banquet Matching Gift Challenge

A member has pledged a \$1,000 gift if we can match that amount of donations at the annual banquet. Please help us achieve this amount.

Scrap Iron Bat Sale Program

Mike Massong is working on another bat sale program to benefit our members and the Club. Information will be out soon.

Scrap Iron Christmas Gifts

We have many good looking items of Scrap Iron merchandise which can be given as gifts. Check our website at scrapironsoftball.com. Also, if you give cash to adult children or grandchildren, consider having one of our grocery gift cards loaded with the amount of your gift. If this interests you, contact our treasurer, Jim Casswell at jimcasswell@hotmail.com for assistance.

Future Scrap Iron News

Even though I am no longer the President of Scrap Iron, I have agreed to continue writing the Scrap Iron News for the near future. Please send your requests for news items to a.wiechmann@comcast.net.

Alan Wiechmann