



September 2020



We've had a few tournaments open up for us and it's great to be back on the ball field. Most of our teams attended the Western Nationals in Saint George, Utah this past week. The fears of the SSUSA/LVSSA World Masters Tournament being cancelled are over, SSUSA just announced that sessions 1 & 2 (55-60 & 65-85) September 21-23 will be held in Saint George, other divisions will be announced soon. Hopefully, it will be much cooler then, it was 100-104 during the Westerns.

Many of us are able to get some batting practice in at various fields and several teams are able to scrimmage. Not the same as in years past, but being able to put a bat in your hands and hit the ball with your friends is priceless!

King Soopers enrollment for Scrap Iron

One fine gentlemen on our team today asked about signing up for the King Soopers (Kroger) non-profit rewards program. As most of you know, Scrap Iron Club is a 501c3 non-profit organizations. By signing in for the King Soopers rewards program, King Soopers will allocate a charitable portion to the Scrap Iron Club. The information on how to is located on our website. Go to <https://www.coloradoseniorsoftball.net/scrapiron-grocery-cards>. I have also copied the same document below for the senior internet challenged individuals. If you haven't signed up for this program, there is no cost to you and it directly benefits our softball club and all 18 participating teams.

KING SOOPERS NONPROFIT REWARDS PROGAM

How the program works?

King Soopers will pay out \$2.5 million quarterly, to be divided amongst all registered nonprofits with a maximum payout of \$125k to any one organization. The amount received by Scrap Iron Softball Club is our percentage of spend in relation to the total spend of all King Soopers Community rewards organizations. For example, if the total spend in a quarter comes to .1% of the total for all organizations; we get \$2,500 for the quarter. Our objective is to increase our percentage of the total spend.

How does the Club earn money?

The Scrap Iron Softball Club supporter must enroll in the program on the King Soopers website and designate Scrap Iron Softball Club as the beneficiary. Enrollment steps are easy for our supporters. First they need to have a King Soopers loyalty card or their Alt ID number which should be their telephone number. Once enrolled in the loyalty program, simply swipe the loyalty card or enter the Alt Id number before completing a purchase at King Soopers or any Kroger affiliate. The purchases are automatically applied to Scrap Iron Softball Club's apportionment.

How do I enroll?

Open website KingSoopers.com and sign in. You will need to enter your email address and password. If you don't remember your password, click Forgot Password?

On top ribbon to the left, click Menu, then scroll down to Savings and choose King Soopers Community Rewards

Click See more details and enroll today!

In the Search box, type in Scrap Iron Softball Club or JJ493 and click Enroll Done.

What about out of state participants?

Out of state participants must choose a Colorado Store on their MY ACCOUNT page on the King Soopers website. If you have an out of state store selected for their account, the search engine will not find Scrap Iron Softball Club. The individual would need to sign in and go to My Account page, select Communications and Change Preferred Store before proceeding to the

enrollment steps above. The preferred store has to be a Colorado Zip code. You can use my zip code, 80122 and select a store location.

Any purchases not applied to the card?

There is a list of purchases that do not qualify for rewards earnings. Alcohol, Tobacco, Government Assisted Pharmacy Expenses, Postage Stamps, Kroger Co. Family of Stores Gift Cards, Green Dot Prepaid Reloadable Products, MoneyPaks, 1-2-3 Rewards Reloadable Visa PrePaid Debit Cards, MasterCard Variable Load Gift Cards, Bottle Deposits, Western Union, **Fuel**, and Sales Tax. However, regular in store gift cards from other businesses that are not discounted do apply to reward earnings.

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I asked our team managers to tell us ***“what’s special about your team”*** here are the replies I got. Thank you team managers for your input.

Scrap Iron Rockies 60’s

I think that the best thing about our team is the friendship that we share. We are able to pick up a team member when they are down, and celebrate with them at all times. We also have great fans who are there to give us a cheer or give us hell. (As well as bring drinks and snacks.)

Here’s to a strong finish to 2020, and being back to the game we love.

I appreciate my wife Debbie’s assistance with managing the team, and she also is good at giving me hell. Joe Hernandez

Scrap Iron Rocky Mountain Thunder 60’s

To me, senior softball is primarily about building personal relationships. Long standing, great relationships. As a manager of a Scrap Iron team now for 9 years, it is interesting to note and recognize how many players have played more than a couple years on my teams. Some of the 22 players named below have come and gone and come back to my teams, but that was mostly due to age group changes over those 9 years.

Secondarily, talent matters too. 7 of those 22 players have had the honor of being inducted into the Scrap Iron Hall of Fame for their superior performance on the field of play. Several others, in my opinion, deserve this honor as well and should be recognized soon.

Years	Players	Player Names
9	4	Ecker, Edginton, Haupt, McTigue
7 or 8	1	Troxel
5 or 6	9	Bryant, Dix, Donnelly, Gowdy, Kunkel , Lostroh, Morten, Schultz, Stillwell
4 or 5	3	Dilley, Edwards, Oliverson
3	5	Antonczyk, DeJarnette, Harper, Mouton, Whitlow
	22	Bold indicates Scrap Iron Hall of Fame member

Finally, winning is fun, especially when shared with great friends. In the 9 years I’ve managed this team, we’ve had some memorable victories. And none was bigger than the 2018 SPA World Championship at 55 Major. We also achieved a 2nd and two 3rd place finishes over the years in this World tournament. Our best finishes in SSUSA Worlds was a 5th place finish in 2014 and a 2nd place finish in 2015. Numerous other significant tournaments have been won by this group including Spring Worlds, the Southwest Championships, Rock ’N Reno, Western Nationals and the Rocky Mountain Championships.

So lasting relationships, talent and winning is what makes my team special to me. Mark Haupt.

Scrap Iron Alliance 50/55

Here's what makes this team a special group. Not just the bond on the field but the fact that the majority of the roster has served this great country. Either through the military or law enforcement. A lot of the players are still serving in law enforcement or as government employees. The country is going through some tough times right now and it's awesome when you can come together and share a brotherhood through softball. John Karagiannes

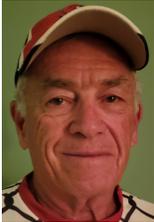
Scrap Iron Diamonds 65's

What's not special about our team! I have been blessed beyond any thing I could imagine being the team manager of this team. I have 2 players Andy Jaramillo & Marce Leija who have been with me for going on 17 years! I have several other players who have been with me going on 10 years, the chemistry on this team is tremendous! New players coming on our team from time to time have been the icing on the cake, great support and great attitudes. Rarely do you here a discouraging word and if it slips out it's so quietly heard as if it was never said. We do have fun, I have been told by umpires, field directors, and people in the bleachers that they have fun just watching our team play. A couple years ago fans from another team stayed around and watched us play our next game and cheered us on, they said we were so much fun to watch. To be told by others that my team has great sportsmanship is very rewarding to me. Art Graebe

Scrap Iron 65 Classics is a Special Team. No one thing makes us special, but like Grandma's favorite, unwritten recipe, it's a blend of many things in unknown quantities. We are a blend of past SI teams with a few new members sprinkled in mix. Most of us previously played for the Freedom, 5280 or Legends 60+ teams and have known one another casually or as friends and teammates for many years. The few 'newer players' on the roster have fit right in as we know and feel this is a new team and not a revitalization of an older team. Each of us has been a starter before but realize we cannot all start at the same time, and therefore each is willing to share playing time. Team leadership is a cooperative effort between players, rather than just the coach saying this or that. This has given each of us, I believe, a feeling of ownership in the team and its success. As players, we never quit and we hold each other accountable for our play and batting, but never point fingers when things go wrong. It is always support and how do we do better. But most of all, we respect one another knowing we all have strengths and weaknesses and treat one another as a person and friend regardless of what may or may not happen on the field. Yes, we are human and tempers and emotions sometimes flare, but it never lasts long or made as personal attacks. At the end of the day, win or lose, we walk away as a team and friends. And no matter who makes a tournament, we blend together who we have and what strengths we bring, and it comes out as a great team having lots of fun playing Scrap Iron Softball with friends and family. These and many other qualities about this group of men that are hard to put into words (much less into a single paragraph) are what makes the 65 Classics a Special Team.

As you can see above only 5 team managers replied back to me, if your team is not mentioned above you can reply back to me from a players point of view, tell us what's special about your team or tell us what's special about your team manager.

Introducing Orville Strain



Hi. My name is Orville Strain. I was asked by Art to introduce myself. I am a relatively young player in the Scrap Iron organization. As far as softball background I have been playing since 1965. I started playing Fast Pitch on a company sponsored recreation league in Grand Junction until I went into the service. I joined the U.S. Navy, Seabees. Having some extra time after off duty hours I tried out for the Seabees baseball team. Since I played 4 years of baseball in high school and summer break, I thought that I might have a chance. But since activity in Viet Nam was moving along the Naval Construction Battalion had other plans for me. I ended up in Viet Nam. Since I had construction and engineering experience prior to going in I was placed in H Company doing engineering work. But to my surprise there was down time after our daily work hours. At the time we were in a secure location in Da Nang. There was an existing fast pitch softball league already started. When we arrived the Marines, Army and other Seabee Construction battalions stationed there participated in rivalry ballgames. Of course, I had to get involved and our company won the Tournament that season.

After being discharged from the service, my wife and new daughter settled in the Denver area working for Stearns-Rogers. They also had 2 fast pitch softball teams. Over a course of 10 years I graduated from one team to the other. I moved to other companies; however, I continued to play slow pitch softball for 30 years.

We moved to Evergreen where I helped start, organize, and played on our church team which competed against other churches in the area. That started 20 plus years ago. At the same time, I was playing on several Denver teams.

After retiring I started looking for another team to play on. I met a gentleman at a gathering, and he was wearing a senior softball jacket. I asked him that I was wanting to start playing again. The following spring, he called and said that they were starting to practice and asked if I was still interested. Of course, I said YES.

It turned out to be that the team was part of Bill Fleming and Bob Rossi who were the coaches for the Blue Jays. Jerry Reedy and David Bray who were on the team suggested I play on a traveling team. They convinced me to try out. Mike Massong called and asked if I was still interested. I joined the 3n2 Majors team, which became the Scrap Iron Legends traveling team in the 70's age bracket. Currently I'm playing on Dennis Lutz and Don Carpenter's summer league team and Larry Alma's Red's traveling team.

Memories from the Ball Field

By Bart Prieve

We were playing in a Las Vegas tournament, and many of my team members were staying in condos at the Cancun Resort. If you are familiar with that resort, it has several high rise buildings; each condo has its own private balcony. One of my player, staying alone in a one bedroom unit, late at night, decided, after taking a shower, to use his balcony to dry off before retiring for the night, so, minimally clad, he stepped out onto his balcony, sliding the glass door closed behind him.

Well, since he did not like to be disturbed by pool noise, he had requested a unit facing the parking lot. When he closed his balcony door, the latch closed, trapping him outside with somewhat less than a full set of clothing, not even a towel! What to do? He was on the 4th floor with no way back into his room and no one in the parking lot to yell for help. So he climbed across the gap (remember he was 4 stories above ground level) to the neighboring condo's balcony trying very hard not to fall and hoping not to scare the occupants at the sudden appearance of this unknown, mostly nude guy on their balcony. No one was in the living room and the sliding glass door was unlatched, so he opened the balcony door and ran through the living room to the door to the outside. He was very lucky that the occupants were sleeping.

Now all he had to do was get back into his condo, but he had no key with him, so he walked over to the main desk to ask for assistance. Well, they want to see id, but he had none. No cell phone either (everything was safely locked in this condo).

Eventually he got a security guard to go with him back to his condo who tried to let him back and check his I'd. But Norm had put the security bar on the door. Fortunately, the guard knew how to defeat it, so they were able to get in and check id. So the adventure came to a satisfactory ending. To this day, the same security guard is working at Cancun, and when he sees Norm, he remembers him and warmly greets him with a greeting of "you're back".

Hello

I have been involved with Scrap Iron Colorado softball for 6 years now....late starter.. Over these 6 years I have met some absolutely wonderful people...Scrap Irons and our opponents...

At each of these tourneys I'm fortunate enough to bring my wife with me..

But there is one guy that is fortunate enough to be able to bring his mother with him...

67 year young Mike Arisman and his mother Jan , at a very spry and witty 84 , are at all the Scrap Iron Diamond 65 tourneys..and almost every Scrap Iron player knows her simply as "mom".Call her mom and get a hug ..for those of us who no longer have a mom on earth it's great to see Mike take care of his the way he does...

Jan,"mom",

will chat you up with anything baseball...and if you try to get under her skin she will give you a polite reminder to watch your P's and Q's...

Like I said before...Scrap Iron has some wonderful people...these 2 definitely fit the bill.

Thank you

Gregg Pearson

Scrap Iron 65 classics



Team News

The 55AAA Mile High Team traveled to Salem for the Northwest Championship. The schedule makers were kind and gave us the early games on Friday. After going 1-1, the team rushed back to their hotels, cleaned up and headed to the coast for the rest of the day. The rest of the Tojo was full of heartache as we dropped a couple of 1 run games to finish up 1-3.

Picture of Steve Dissler, Mark Pritchett, Paul Rodriguez and a masked photobomber



Scrap Iron Rockies 60AA travelled to Yuma, AZ to play in the Southern California championships in June, and finished 4th among 5 teams, 4 of them being AAA. We went 1-1 in seeding and then went 2-2 in the brackets. We played very well as a team, without getting any playing time since the February Tournament of Champions. We saw good defensive performance from all team members, and enjoyed playing in a very nice complex.

We travelled to Salem, Oregon in July and ended up as Northwest Champions of the Jim Sherman Memorial tourney. This was a really fun tourney, in the light of increased precautions that Salem implemented. Fans were required to sit outside the fence and cheer us on from afar, while players wore masks most of the time. Through this we persevered and came out on top. We went 1-1 in pool play, and then 2-0 to win! The team voted all tourneys to Joe Hernandez, Tony Cooper, Jay Yoakum, Dennis Bret, Rey Granillo.

We had good offense and defense in this tourney, and all of our team members were key performers.

Scrap Iron Mike High Hitmen, As a first year team, we are still getting to know each other. We have a great group of guys, who play hard, play serious, but also have a good time on and off the field. We finally, for the first time all year, put our whole team on the field at the same time in Shawnee Kansas last weekend.

Game #1 we played Maher Homes from Nebraska. We came out on fire and had them down by 13 runs. We won that game by 7 runs.

Game #2 we played Past our Prime from Joplin Missouri. We played pretty good the first 3 innings, went cold with the sticks in 4, and 5. We ended up losing by 2 runs in the second game.

Game #3 was our first bracket game. We ended up as the 5th seed after 1-1 in pool play. We drew Maher Homes from Nebraska again. We stayed hot against them, and beat them by 6 runs.

Game #4 was the quarter final game against KC Vintage from Missouri. The guys I play with on Wednesdays', the Longmont Bombers, warned me of the heat, humidity, and heat index in Shawnee in July. They weren't kidding. We were definitely feeling it on the fourth game of the day. This game was at 5pm. We battled through the elements, and put it on KC Vintage with a hitting barrage, and won 28-10. The Mile High Hitmen were in the Semi-Finals in Bracket play after this win.

Game #5 was the semifinal game against the 417 Legends from Strafford Missouri. It was a defensive battle the first few innings, as runs were few and far between. Both Teams started to heat up with the bats. We went ahead in the top of 7th inning, and we were leading by 3 runs going in to the bottom of the 7th. We were up one, and had a chance to win with two outs. We bobbled a ground ball, which would have been the 3rd

out, and the next batter hit a gapper for the win. We lost the semifinal game 17-18. It was a tough loss for us, but we weren't quite done yet.

Game #6 was against the KC Monarchs from Kansas City. The weather was heating up, and humidity started coming in to play. We put up 5 runs each inning for the first 5 innings. The Monarchs had played 3 games before playing us, and they ran out of gas. We beat them 28 to 26, and we didn't have to hit in the bottom of the 7th.

Game #7 was the Championship Game. We once again faced the 417 Legends out of Missouri. We both came out pretty hot. The game went back and forth from inning 1, through inning 6. They were the visiting team, and they went up by 2 runs in the top of the 7th. We had the top of the line-up coming up in the bottom of the 7th, and were positioned to score. First batter got a single. The second batter got a single, sending the runner on first to third. The third batter got a single, scoring the runner on third, and sending the runner on first to third. The clean-up batter hit a home run, unfortunately we were out of home runs. That would be out #1. The 5th batter also hit a line drive homerun, out number 2. The sixth batter hit a hard grounder that the third baseman made a good play on, and the game ended on a fielder's choice. We lost the Championship Game 17-18.

I was extremely proud of my team, and how the players battled for both days. We played great competition, we battled the elements, and we hopefully represented the Scrap Iron Organization with integrity, grit, hard play, and sportsmanship. I was pretty impressed that we played that well, considering this is the first time all year, practice or a game, that I had all 14 guys on the field at the same time!

Scrap Iron 5280' went to the Northwest Championship in Salem. OR and won the 70/75 division in July. The win earned us a TOC invitation. We ran the table with a 6-0 record. The division was made up of AA, AAA, and Major teams. We got 5 runs from a major team and gave 7 runs to the AA team. In our final two games we flip flopped a 75 major team twice.

Everything was working for us – offense and defense. We averaged almost 20 runs per game and turned 17 double plays as well as throwing out 5 guys at the plate. The team batting average was 712. We voted Pat McGuigan, Mark Soloway, Jerry Bost, Ed Clark, Randy Huls, and Don Carpenter as our MVPs but it was truly a team effort.

The Covid rules at Salem are worth mentioning. Oregon was spiking and the Governor threatened to shut down the tourney several times. There were safety personnel patrolling to enforce mask and social distancing rules. Our spectators were not allowed inside the park. They had to set up outside the outfield fences. The rules evolved over three days but by the last day infielders, batters, runners, base coaches, virtually everyone had to wear a mask. It was incontinent but necessary to play safely.

Alliance/Scrap Iron 55, finally was able to debut there 55 team at the Wes Weddle Classic, 25-26 July. The team won its first game 18-15. Then lost 7-6 on a two-run walk off homer to eventual Champion KC Stampede. Alliance placed 3rd after pool play with a record of 1-1. The first bracket game was a lopsided 19-6 win. That effort went the other way in the team's second game losing 27-19. The team rebounded with a hard fought 22-21 win. Now heading into the third consecutive game of the day Alliance just ran out of gas losing 14-9. Alliance finished with

a record of 3-3. Coach John Karagiannes along with many team's members were pleased with the results for the first time on the field together. We met a couple guys in person for the first time ever and they'll be welcomed additions to the team. But trying to compete with just 12-13 players in that heat is almost impossible stated Karagiannes. Leading hitters were John Maldonado .800, Jeff Cox .727, Scott Graham .708, and Ken Zito .682. This is a good tune up before the Western National Championships said Karagiannes. We are looking forward to taking the field and learning from our mistakes.

Alliance/Scrap Iron 50, made the return trip to the Wes Weddle Classic as the defending Champions in 50 AAA. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic it's been very tough to field a full team. A lot of our players are Mission Essential and time off is tough. Coach Will Connor was able to pick up three good ballplayers from local Colorado Springs team Good Times to help out in Shawnee. The team won its first game handily 18-6. Then lost a heartbreaker 24-22 with the tying and winning runs on base in the bottom of the 7th. With some key injuries during the pool play the team struggled with their rotation during bracket play. Assistant Coach Sean Moyer did his best to juggle the line-up with limited healthy bodies. Alliance came out on the short end of both their bracket games. Leading hitters were Joe McDonald .866, Tony Jones .667, David Mattson .667, and Eddie Perez .642.

On a side note the Alliance/Scrap Iron combined 50/55 team has won two events at Skview in the last three weeks. Both times the team went 4-0 winning their pool. This last Saturday all four games were won by the run rule. It's been a pleasure competing against the young players and showing the old guys can still play. Top hitters from the second event were Sean Moyer .909, Scott Graham .900, Doug Wesselink .857, and Alan Hom .800.

Not much news to report from **High Octane**. We went to Tulsa as reported in the last newsletter. We're preparing to go to the Western Nationals in St. George next week. Really looking forward to real competition and we'll get it with 10 teams in our bracket including 2 Major Plus teams.

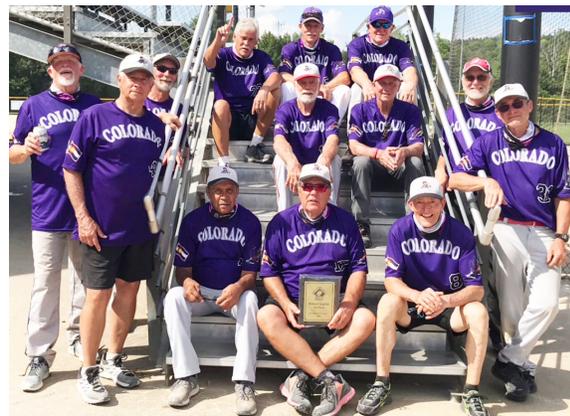
Our very first game in St. George is against our long time rival, Top Gun Elite. We've gone back and forth with them for years and we know each other well. Top Gun had some tragedy effect their team recently. They lost one of the teammates to the Covid Virus. Their big power hitting 3rd basemen, Nolan died about 3 weeks ago. When news like this come along it puts everything of importance in order. We hope to give them a good game in St. George while at the same time honoring their fallen Brother.

We've often wondered what it would be like when we can't play softball any more. I think we're getting a taste of that this year. Interesting how some of the Guys I've talked to think that, just maybe, they'll still survive without it. The one thing we know we can't go without is all of the friendships we've made thru softball. No matter what we'll

continue with that well after our softball careers are over. Stay safe and be smart and we'll all get thru this together.

Dave Adams, High Octane

Scrap Iron Diamonds 65's, we are floating on cloud 9, with back to back tournament wins. In July we were successful in Shawnee, Kansas by winning the "IF" game by one run in the 7th, always helps to be the home team! We want to thank Don Carpenter, Dennis Lutz, and Stan Suichta for helping us out. In Saint George at the Western Nationals we double dipped the Las Vegas Heat to win the championship and be crowned the Western National Champions! Our all tournament players were Andy Jaramillo, Joe LaRoue, Marce Leija, and our fabulous score keeper Mary Pena. Mary keeps us all in line as well as the umpires. Our team had a batting average of .840. Just look at these happy guys.



Scrap Iron Heavy Metal make the trek to the furnace that was St George for the Western Nationals. After Day 1, Metal was the #1 seed out of 13 team with a record of 2-0 and allowing only 8 runs against. The defense played great all tournament with very few unearned runs allowed. Spirits were high after Day 1 especially since we did not have to play in the heat Friday at 5 or 6:30! We ran into the buzz saw of Cut Loose Saturday morning losing by 14. This began our our run through the elimination bracket, knocking off the Advil Knights (for the second time, 20-7), the Sin City Raiders 22-17 and the Weekend Warriors 21-16 before losing to the Yeahos in the 3rd / 4th place game. This left Heavy Metal the fourth place finishers out of a very respectable and tough 13 team field.

Defensively, Metal continued to shine, as they have all of 2020, with very few physical and mental errors and included some awesome pitching by Arthur "Pops" Talbot, 4 throw outs at the plate by Eddie Buonaiuto and John Kirar, vacuum plays by the rookie third baseman, Jeff Veenstra, some outstanding snags in the outfield by Carl Bennett,

John Kirar, Mark Gembarowski and Chip Hartney, solid right side infield play by Pete Ayotte, Rick Shaum and Bruce Brothis and outstanding defense of the dish by Don Casuse.

Top five sluggers were Chip Hartney (.740), Bruce Brothis (.715), Don Casuse (.696), Mark Gembarowski (.693) and Pete Ayotte (.654) with an overall team batting average of .639. Metal will be going back to the “belly of the beast” St George for the World Masters this September in St George, praying the temperature will be below the 113 degree average everyone got to experience during the Westerns! Dilly dilly!

The Scrap Iron 65 Classics made the trip to St. George for the Western Nationals. Our roster of 13 included our good friend and SI family member Ron McGlothlin and a second player from St. George – Donn Nimmer. There were seven teams in the 65-AAA division. We did pretty well taking second place, but chose to do it the hard way. We lost our first two bracket games and then won four in a row (last game Wednesday afternoon and three in a row Thursday morning) to make it to the championship game against Cut Lose. Our losses resulted from low run production as the defense played well and kept us in the games. We started the championship game a little slow with only 5 runs in three innings. Defense and great pitching shut them down in the in the 3rd and 5th innings to keep it close. The open inning was a barn-burner with each team scoring 8 runs. We were home team and had the tying run at the plate but fell just short with the final score being 30-27. It was their first game of the day compared to our fourth under clear skies and 105^o+ on the field. We scored a total of 97 runs on Thursday. Carl Markey was our defensive cornerstone at third throughout the tournament and compiled a team-high batting average of 0.838. Andy Shapiro was awesome (as usual) at pitcher both in defensive plays and getting big hitters to miss their mark to keep us in the games. Many thanks go to Ron McGlothlin in being a superb utility player for us and compiling the second-best batting average of 0.833. Carl, Ron, Andy, and Don Poulter were voted by the team as All Tournament players. Don compiled a team third-best batting average at 0.786 and played well on defense at second base and relief at other positions throughout the tournament. All in all, though, with injuries and shifting around of players, it was a team effort to finish in second place and almost make the ‘If Game’ happen. Each player contributed key hits, individual efforts, and high-lights that kept us going forward in the tournament. And again, a special thanks to Ron McGlothlin and Don Nimmer for joining us and rounding out the roster to make attending the tournament possible. Next up – World Masters in September.

Passing of Ed Andrews



Ed Andrews, softball player, Scrap Iron member, passed away last week on July 21st. He battled cancer for a long time but he lost out in the bottom of the 7th.

I first met Ed Andrews about 20 years ago. Ed called me and was wondering if there were any softball teams that needed players. Ed was over 50 and wanted to play, but there were no senior softball teams in Telluride Colorado where Ed was working in real estate. Ed was single then, but he met a lady named "Robin" and she became the love of his life.

Ed was a real piece of work. He was funny about certain things but that was just his way. He loved God, his wife Robin, and Softball. Ed was a softball fanatic.

Ed played on Scrap Iron teams from time to time and other teams out of New Mexico and Arizona. Eventually he got a place in Florida and played on team there. He loved the game and the comradery.

At one tournament we shared a room up in Seattle and I walked into the room and it smelled like a Ben Gay factory and on the wall were probably 20 (at least) 2 foot long strips of tape. I asked Ed what the tape was for and he said he was getting ready for tomorrow. That night he used some electronic device to work on his leg muscles and did a series of stretches. In the morning out came the Ben Gay and he used the tape strips to tape his thighs and other parts of his body.

He added his neoprene braces and looked like a medical commercial. He was always looking at remedies and gimmicks for softball players.

As I said he loved the game. Ed could run like crazy and the problem was getting him to slow down. He was always energetic and wanting to play ball, run for someone, or just be around the other players.

I have some great memories of Ed as he always tried hard and showed more enthusiasm towards the game than anyone. He put together a team years ago to go to Florida for the Senior Olympics. Greg Broeckelman, Dennis Lutz, and myself played on the team. It was quite a fiasco, but Ed tried his best and a lot of players backed out of the tournament.

He always called me "brother" and I always tried to help him in his softball endeavors and his sale of softball bats, that he got into. I won't be getting anymore calls now. I'll miss you "brother". Mike Massong

Jim McVeigh Has past away at great age of 82 from his long time progresses of Leukemia, he was a **GOOD** Man. It was a pleasure knowing him. "MAY HE REST IN PEACE". Fred Mattos.

Jim played for the Scrap Iron Gray Berets 80's. We will try to get more information for our next newsletter.

