



Where are you Going???

A lot of our teams will be heading down to Mesquite, Nevada for the Spring Worlds.

I have heard of a couple teams going to Bull Head City, and a few teams have already been to Palm Springs. I know the 60's Freedom team played in the Tournament of Champions in Lakeland, Florida.

Please let us know where you are going and how you did we all are anxious to cheer you on!

Please report to Art with all your team results.
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Quote of the Month

By Don Carpenter

My Dad was a Christian Minister who always encouraged me to:

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever Amen". 2nd Peter 3:1

Memories from the Ball Field

Submitted by Greg Broeckelman,
 Scrap Iron 70's 3N2 Team

In 2005 our age 55 major team moved up to the age 60 major level, coached by Murl Skalla. Most of us had played together for several years at the 55 level so this was bringing the team back together again with a number of us just turning 60 in 2005 with nobody having a birthday until September. This team was very strong. If memory serves me correctly, we played in 12 tournaments including winning both the Western AND Eastern Nationals. Then SSUSA told us we weren't supposed to play in both but it was too late. However, we still had to play the eastern runner up at the World Tournament so we beat them again for the National Championship. We then won the Worlds in the IF game over Bickerton from Southern Cal for the Triple Crown winning a pair of Tanel shoes for our efforts.

Of the 12 tournaments played that year, we won seven including the SPA All American tournament as it was called then. We never finished worse than 4th in any tournament. Obviously, we were moved up to major plus the following year.

The world tournament was in Seattle in 2006 and there were nine strong major plus teams there. Nobody really gave Scrap Iron a chance, we ended up in second place behind the "Old A's". When they beat us in the IF game for the championship.

Quite an accomplishment at the time and great publicity for our Scrap Iron Club.





Ask Billy the Bat Boy

I was approached by an anonymous person who wishes to remain anonymous, this person wants to write an advice column. So please send in your questions for "Billy the Bat Boy".

Here's our first question;

Dear Billy the Bat Boy, we have a player on our team who heard that MLB players urinate in their hands prior to a game. They claim it softens the hands for a better grip. Now, he has taken up this practice and he stinks! The entire team is grossed out, what can we do? Signed, Grossed out in the dugout.

Dear Grossed out,

I have 2 suggestions for you, 1. Have the entire team urinate in their hands for a team bonding experience or better yet buy this player some hand lotion and try to convince him it will also soften his hands. Good Luck, Billy.

If you have a question for Billy send email to firstbase17@me.com I will pass it on to Billy.

Please share your Memories from the ball field.

Don't keep those great times to yourself! Please send me your fond memories. Remember, "what happens on the ball field"... don't need to stay on the ball field. Email to firstbase17@me.com

Coming up, mark your calendar!

Fun League at Vanderbilt fields starts March 20. Double headers On Tuesday's and Thursday's, runs for 4 weeks. Just show up and play. Contact Terry Goodrich for more information.

Wednesday league starts April 18 for all B & E divisions

70's division starts Monday April 16.

Saturday league starts April 7, at the fields in Loveland.

Meeting update

On February 24, the Scrap Iron board of directors held its first meeting of the new year, we would like to thank Alan and JVIATION for the use of their conference room, it is greatly appreciated. The following is a brief outline of what was discussed. If you would like further information contact any board member .

Team budgets were set for the season, this budget money can be used to pay tournament entry fees, purchase jerseys, and team safety equipment. We decided to change the "Ken Green Award" to the Founders Award, showing the names of our 4 founding fathers of Scrap Iron. This is the most prestigious award given by our club. We went over team and player policies and yes we do have a code of conduct. We covered our financial reports and discussed ways to make our annual banquet even better. Our executive board and board of directors are hard at work for you, thank them when you see them!

THE 2018 SCRAP IRON GREY BERETS 80'S

THE S.I. 80's WAS STARTED ABOUT 10 years ago by SI Hall of Fame Harry Newman, who passed away December 31, 2017 at the age of 89. Since that start we have had 64 players from Colorado and many other states, ranging in ages from 78 to 90. The 80's division can draw from any state in the U.S. we may have three 78 year olds and four 79's on our roster. Last year our 90 year old player decided to give up the 80's division and possibly start a team 85 plus. SSUSA has 38 teams in the 80's division, 30 are AAA, 8 majors.



I am only the third manager of this team, the other was Scrap Iron Hall of Fame, David Bray. Our team has had great success in tournament play, since 2012 we have had 4 third place finishes, 8 second place, and we won the 2017 SSUSA/ LVSSA Worlds. There were 13 teams in that division, we had to play 8 of them, we won the tournament on the third tie breaker, this moved us up to majors. I have been playing senior softball for 31 years, 14 with our Scrap Iron team. I have been playing 200-300 games a year, so I'm pushing 10,000 games. I will turn 82 this year our oldest player is Don Notarmuzi who is 84. Many of our players play on local and state teams in Colorado on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. In 2017 15 of our players were from Colorado and only one from out of state. This year we will have 5 from out of state. In 2018 we plan to attend 7 tournaments plus I plan to visit Copenhagen, Denmark, Stockholm, Sweden, and Oslo, Norway. I will be playing 50 plus with SSUSA. Scrap Iron is the best softball club I have ever played with. I have in the past played on teams from California, Arizona, Nevada, Wisconsin, and Utah. None of these organizations can beat out Scrap Iron club. We have a great winning reputation and that is why we can recruit old people from in and out of state so easily. Submitted by Fred Mattos

My Best Tournament Memory, Barry Jark, Colorado Home Fitness

In 2015 we played the Worlds in Vegas at 55AAA. At the last minute 2 guys could not play and had to cancel. It was 103 degrees all weekend, and we only had 10 guys. We got beat real bad on Saturday by a Las Vegas all star team. That dumped us into the loser's bracket. That's when we got hot. In our third game on Sunday morning we got to play the Las Vegas team again. "Hey, we get to play Colorado again!". They were so cocky, talking smack. They were sure they would put it on us again. We were visitors. The first inning we scored our 5 runs. They didn't care. They were still sure they would pound us. The second inning we scored 5 again. Now their dugout was getting quiet. The third inning we put up 5 again. Now their dugout was dead silent. The fourth inning we got our 5 again. Now they are talking at each other. The fifth inning we got our 5 again. Now they are screaming at each other! We beat them by 12 runs and put them out of the tourney. We lost our next game by 1 run but still finished 4th out of 45 teams. And we did it all with only 10 guys in 103 degree heat. Fun!!!

Please remember to use you grocery cards



Our Scrap Iron club gets 5% of all purchases thru your grocery card. See your team manager for more details.

Here's something I just found out

If you shop on Amazon, there is an Amazon Foundation that will give our club a donation of one half percent of all your eligible purchases. Last year our club received \$42.00 from this program and that was with only Two people using the program. I signed up and now there are three people. This is the absolute simplest thing to do. Go to smile.amazon.com follow the instructions, when asked which charity write in Scrap Iron Softball club. When you shop on Amazon after signing up instead of going to amazon.com you sign in at Smile.Amazon. The shopping is exactly the same. This is easier than the grocery card program, which is very easy. \$42.00 with two people last year, can you imagine if 100 (that's 1/3 of our membership) people used this program! Please check it out.

A Fairytale Worth Reading

Once upon a time there was a very rich man, he smoked large cigars and drove a large Cadillac El Dorado. This man was so rich that unfortunately nobody really knew him, basically he had no friends. He owns a very large 450 acre scrap Iron business in the heart of Commerce City, his facility is very impressive, six large cranes moving piles of iron, large trucks constantly coming and going, a very fancy office building sits out front. This man totally funds our scrap Iron club, whenever we need money, no matter how much Jimmy, our treasurer, just shows up at his office and they write him a check. Nobody that I know in our club knows this man, maybe one of our founding fathers, Jimmy is probably the closest to him but even he has never met this man, only one time he had a phone conversation with him...STOP.. WAKE UP!!! This fantasy... this dream is over... the alarm clock is ringing! It surprises me how many people think that our Scrap Iron teams have a Scrap Iron business that sponsors us. Once, at an out of town tournament a player off another team asked me what the going price of scrap copper was! I can see how by our name "Scrap Iron" someone Who is unfamiliar with us would think that, but I was shocked when having a conversation with another scrap Iron player, who had been on a scrap Iron team for two years thought this. He asked me if I knew our Sponsor very well, he had some scrap metal he wanted to dispose of!

We all wish their was a large scrap Iron business that freely sent us money, however we have not been so lucky, the honest truth is we receive our funding from generous people and business's who believe in our cause and donate. We receive money from fund raising projects, like our annual banquet, the skills competition during the Aurora tournament, the King Soopers and Safeway grocery card program, merchandise (Scrap Iron jackets, shirts, hats, and anything you wear is available). In the past we have sold decals and license plate frames. Every dime that comes into our club goes towards our reason of existence "to provide a club designed to give seniors a chance to compete in softball tournaments both locally and out of state". If you enjoy being a senior and playing ball you have a lot of reasons to be thankful for our Scrap Iron club. It is important that you get involved and support our activities. Without the hard work of many people and the generous donations their would be no club. Please remember there is no donation to small it all adds up to help us play ball. If you would like to donate please contact Jim Casswell jimcasswell@hotmail.com

We Wish the following teams safe travels, safety on the field, great fun and success in Mesquite at the SSUSA Spring Worlds. Please remember to send me your results to share with others.

- Scrap Iron Elite, 50's
- Scrap Iron Rocky Mountain Thunder,
- Scrap Iron Heavy Metal, 60's
- Scrap Iron Colorado Home Fitness 55's
- Scrap Iron High Octane, 60
- Scrap Iron Beams, 75
- Scrap Iron Reds, 70's
- Scrap Iron 3N2, 70's
- Scrap Iron Xplosion
- Scrap Iron Rockies, 60's
- Scrap Iron Gray Berets, 80's
- Scrap Iron Legacy 75's
- Scrap Iron Still Kickin, 65's
- Scrap Iron Alliance, 50
- Scrap Iron Diamonds, 65's



**Congratulations Scrap Iron Beams 2nd place
January 20, 2018 Winter Classic, Bullhead City, Az.**

New team needs players

Jim Riley is forming a new Scrap Iron team, he needs a few more players for a 55 Triple A team. If you are interested or know anyone interested please contact him at james.riley@cognizant.com

Looking for a new bat?

*Mike Massong has the following bats available, they are brand new and great prices for Scrap Iron club members. **See flyer below.***

Mike donates bats to our club for the raffle, the more bats he sells the more he can donate. If your in the market please consider Mike.



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 2 PIECE - 14 INCH BARREL - SSUSA - SENIOR SOFTBALL ONLY
 MSRP - \$ 259.95
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"NEW FOR 2018" 20TH ANNIVERSARY FREAK - JASON KENDRICK
 MODEL - M20MSS - TRIPLE MATRIX CORE - F2P - 100 COMP - 2 1/4"
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 14" BARREL - MADE IN USA - MODEL MSU2
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 SIMILAR TO ULTRA II BUT WITH AN END LOAD
 MSRP - \$ 229.95 SI PRICE - \$ 179.95