

Scrap Iron News
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Rocky Mountain Championships

Fifteen Scrap Iron teams made up one third of the third annual Rocky Mountain Championships. Five of our teams were crowned champions at the end of three nice weather days. Our teams also had five second place and two third place finishes. The competition was excellent even though we were disappointed in the total number of teams participating. The Top Gun Club of San Diego failed to have a single entrant after verbally being supportive last spring. We also lost some teams from Minnesota and Missouri which had come to Aurora over the past three years.

Scrap Iron Winners

60 Legends – First in 60 AAA (The Legends went undefeated)
60 Freedom – First in 60 AA
65 Phiten – First in 65/70 Platinum
70 Red – First in 70 Gold
70 Force – First in 70/75 Division
55 Rocky Mountain Thunder – Second in 55 Major
60 Diamonds – Second in 60 AAA
55 Coyotes – Second in 55 AA
65 Diamonds – Second in 65 AAA
75s – Second in 70/75 Division
50 Rocky Mountain Thunder – Third in 50/55 Platinum
70 Legacy – Third in 65/70 Platinum



Rocky Mountain Championships 60 AAA Champions - Scrap Iron 60 Legends - Front Row: Bruce Stricklett, Ray Upp, David Maestas, Tony Exum, Terry Roberts, Eldon Hessler, Lupe Pena; **Back Row:** Dale Daugherty, Bob Lienert, Mike Arisman, Mark Gembarowski, Don Poulter, Andy Shapiro, Larry Ouret. **All Tournament Players:** David Maestas, Tony Exum, Mike Arisman, Ray Upp, and Andy Shapior.



Rocky Mountain Championships 65/70 Platinum Champions – Scrap Iron 65 Phiten – First Row: Ken Hiatt, Mike Ebbing, Rob Eden, Alan Wiechmann, Art Knudsen, Don Carpenter; Back Row: Mike Massong, Tom Reynolds, Mike Edwards, Skip Walker, Dick Schimmels, Wayne Bradley, Mark Soloway, Ron Hefner, Ed Koslosky. All Tournament Players: Mike Ebbing, Rob Eden, Art Knudsen, Mike Edwards, & Mark Soloway.



Rocky Mountain Championships 70 Gold Division Champions - Scrap Iron 70 Reds - Front Row: Larry Alma, Doug Kinney, Jerry Sundberg, Bob Bennett, Ken Newsom, Marian Roper; Back Row: Tony Ponda, Joe burton, Larry Ouret, Fred Searle, Larry, Wayne Fields, Mel Vanek, Bob Parella. All Tournament Players: Wayne Fields, Fred Searle, Larry Neal, Doug Kinney, and Ken Newsom



Rocky Mountain Championships 70/75 Division Champs – Scrap Iron 70 Force - First Row: Ken Delaney, Dave Cox, Steve Lents, Robin Backstrom (bending), Pete Jasper; Back Row: Harry Elenbaas, Sonny White, Jerry Nethercot, Don TeStrake, Chuck Kasson, Lloyd Garrett; Missing: Jim Freeman & Ron Maxwell

Greg Broeckelman National Senior Softball Hall of Fame Induction

Greg Broeckelman chose the Rocky Mountain Championships as his location for induction into the National Senior Softball Hall of Fame. While play was stopped on Saturday for field preparation, many Scrap Iron members took advantage of the time off and attended Greg's ceremony. A special part of the ceremonies were the introduction of Greg's family. In attendance were Greg's wife Jane, his two daughters and their husbands, his four grandchildren, and eight of Greg's eleven siblings.



Terry Hennessy, SSUSA Chief Executive Officer, presenting Greg with his Hall of Fame plaque



Greg with his family

Western Nationals

Three Scrap Iron teams went to Sacramento for the Western Nationals and two were winners. Our 55 Coyotes and 65 Phiten won their divisions and will play in National Championship games at the World Masters Tournament coming up in Las Vegas. Eleven prior Scrap Iron teams have won SSUSA National Championships. Good luck to Phiten and Coyotes!



Western Nationals 55 AA Champions - Scrap Iron 55 Coyotes



Western Nationals 65 Major Champions - Scrap Iron 65 Phiten - Front Row: Art Knudsen, Mike Ebbing, Tom Reynolds, Alan Wiechmann, Sebastian Muzio, Rob Eden; Back Row: Mike Edwards, Stan Suichta, Bob Ross, Dick Schimmels, Mark Soloway, Don Carpenter, Mike Massong. All Tournament Players: Art Knudsen, Tom Reynolds, Stan Suichta, Bob Ross, and Dick Schimmels.

Alan Wiechmann