

Scrap Iron News

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 like, 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 30th, and made the following decisions:

New Teams – A second 80s team was accepted into membership as the 16th Scrap Iron team. The majority of two existing teams, 50 Rocky Mountain Thunder, and 55 Rockies, are moving up in age to 55s and 60s respectively. These moves leave a few Scrap Iron members without teams. There is more info on this later in this newsletter.

Dues Decision – It appears that the Club will end the year with approximately \$1,500 more in current assets than at the end of 2012. This increase in assets makes it less risky to accept additional teams. A preliminary budget was reviewed and *the decision was made to keep dues at \$175 for regular members, and \$87.50 for senior members age 74 and older during 2014.*

Hall of Fame (HOF) Committee – The Executive Committee recommended some turnover in the HOF committee each year. *The Board voted to retain Bert Hertzke, Bob Wiltgen, Arlen Amundson, Greg Broeckelman, and Mike Massong. Art Graebe was elected as a new member to the committee replacing Jack Davis.*

Executive Committee – Six of the seven 2013 Executive Committee members were willing to continue in their positions. Greg Broeckelman preferred to take a break from the committee. Bart Prieve was nominated as a new At Large member. *The Board approved the following members for the 2014 Executive Committee:*

President: Alan Wiechmann

Vice-President – Terry Goodrich

Secretary – Arn Richardson

Treasurer – Jim Casswell

At Large Members – Bill Fleming, Mark Haupt, Bart Prieve

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

Possible “Scrap Iron” Trademark

The Scrap Iron Board believes that we should protect the Scrap Iron Softball Club name and logo if practical. If we have anyone in the Club who has experience in the registering or trademark processes please contact Alan Wiechmann at a.wiechmann@comcast.net or 303 841 0755.

Hall of Fame Nominations

It is time to make nominations for the 2013 Scrap Iron Hall of Fame. **Any manager or player may submit nominations in any of the four categories:** 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 18, 2013.

There are 35 Hall of Fame Members:

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

The 2013 Inductees will be announced at the Scrap Iron Banquet on January 25, 2014.

Completed nomination forms can be mailed to Bert Hertzke at 427 Pelican Cove, Windsor, CO 80550 or emailed to berthertzke@yahoo.com. Call 870-381-2664 or email Bert with questions.

Don't Miss Our Annual Banquet on January 25, 2014

This year's banquet should be better than ever! Did you know that the first Scrap Iron banquet was spaghetti and meatballs with a limit of one meatball? Our banquet has grown in status just like the Club. This year we are moving to a true banquet facility with better accommodations, and food. The banquet will be January 25, 2014 at The Franciscan Event Center, 6553 S. Revere Parkway, Centennial, CO 80111. Catered events are the only business of the Franciscan and we should have a bigger and better event than ever. The cost is \$30 per person. Please pay your manager before January 10th. Managers will make out one check per team.

Social hour will be from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the Club paying for soft drinks and one keg of beer. Seating will be at round tables which greatly enhances our chance to visit.

The theme for this year's banquet is celebrating ten years as an incorporated 501c3 organization. There will be some special Thank Yous to the people and teams that have made the past ten years memorable.

Raffle and Silent Auction Items Needed for Our Banquet

Last year the silent auction and raffle netted over \$1,700 for the Club. We will again have Miken bats as raffle prizes. The number of bats depends upon the success of our Bat Program. Order your bats soon using the information in the attached file.

If you have a hobby creation or a company product which makes a great silent auction or raffle item, please Mike Massong at amassong@aol.com. Also check with your friends and neighbors who own businesses and see if they could donate a gift card to support Scrap Iron. Please bring your items to the banquet.

Teams Needing Players, and Players Needing Teams

The SI Rockies 55s are moving to the 60s. The team needs a few more players. The probable level of competition is AAA. Contact Art Graebe at paratex17@aol.com if you are interested.

The 60 Freedom AA and 65 Classics AA teams are also searching for players. Contact Ken Mason, kwmason05@msn.com and DuWayne Pillard, d69zcam@aol.com respectively if you are interested.

There is a group of players who desire to form a 50 or 55 AAA team. If you are interested, please inform our Vice President, Terry Goodrich at terrygoodrich@comcast.net. Terry will share the information received among the interested players.

Rocky Mountain Championships and Possible SPA Denver Qualifier

The SSUSA Rocky Mountain Championships are scheduled at the Aurora Sports Park for August 15-17, 2014. Some of our age groups and classifications provide an excellent starting point to attract teams. Examples are our 60s which will have two AA and two AAA teams next year, the 65s with three AAA and one AA team, and the 75/80 age group with three total teams. Our teams need to make a direct contact with Midwest and Rocky Mountain teams so that they know well in advance that there will be good competition from Scrap Iron teams.

Ridge Hooks, Executive Director, of Softball Players Association (SPA) has contacted us about a Denver SPA qualifier. Ridge is coming to Denver this month to meet with Alan Wiechmann and Greg Broeckelman. Ridge will be viewing the available facilities and meeting with Visit Aurora. The SPA World Tournament is one of the best tournaments in the country, and the opportunity to play our qualifier here at home is attractive. We hope to have more information on this tournament for the next newsletter.

Order Merchandise from Our Website

Don't forget that we have some attractive Scrap Iron jackets, T shirts, polo shirts, and sweatpants available on our website at scrapironsoftball.com. Take a look, and be better dressed at tournaments.

A Message from Our Fund Raising Chairman, Bart Prieve

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

It's that time of the year when many of us make year-end contributions to charitable and educational organizations. You probably know that contributions to the Scrap Iron Softball Club are considered the same for tax deductibility as charities, museums, and educational organizations.

What are your contributions used for?

Scrap Iron Club member contributions like dues are used to pay for team tournament registration fees, uniforms, and safety equipment. What you may NOT know is that each team receives a budget from the Club that is generally higher than the dues collected from team members. We receive substantial support from many of our members through contributions. Since Scrap Iron has no paid positions – we are all volunteers – all of your contributions flow back in full to the benefit of the Scrap Iron teams.

So, if you believe that the Scrap Iron Softball Club is a worthy organization, please consider making a contribution to the Club. Of course, you may make a contribution at any time during the year, but NOW is an especially good time for 2013 tax purposes.

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

Jim Caswell
P.O. Box 260699
Lakewood, CO 80226

Thank you for your financial support!

Bart Prieve,
Chairman, Scrap Iron Fund Raising Committee

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

The work of our volunteers, and leaders has made this an exceptional year for the Club. May 2014 bring good health, good fortune, and championships to all of our members.

Alan Wiechmann