

**Scrap Iron Softball Club
Celebrating
Ten Years of Excellence**

Team Budgets

The Scrap Iron Board approved \$4,000 team budgets for 2014. This is a \$500 increase from 2013.

King Soopers/Safeway Gift Card Program Results

March was our second full month with the King Soopers and Safeway gift card program. We received a total of \$897 from the two companies for using the gift cards. At this rate, the program will net us over \$1,000 for the year. We still have less than half of our members participating in the program. If nearly everyone participated, we could increase team budgets by another \$700. The program costs you nothing and nets the Club 5% on what you spend at King Soopers or Safeway including gas. You can get your initial card valued at \$10 from our Treasurer, Jim Casswell. Make your \$10 check out to Scrap Iron Softball Club and send to Jim at:

Jim Casswell
PO Box 260699
Lakewood, Co 80226

Final Team Count

The Club has 17 teams in 2014 covering every age group. The 65s remains our most popular age with four teams. We are the only Club in the country with two 80s teams, the Scrappers, and Gray Berets.

No News on a Denver SPA Qualifier

The Softball Players Association wanted to establish a Denver qualifier, and their staff intended to visit Denver last winter. They haven't visited Denver or set up a tournament so we will have to qualify for the SPA World Championships by attending other qualifiers.

Scrap Iron Winners!

The first major 2014 tournament was the Spring World Championships in Mesquite, Nevada. We had 14 teams participate in the March 18-23 event. This was the first tournament of the year for most of our teams, and we competed well against the California, and Arizona teams that never take a break from playing. Half of our teams finished first, second, or third. **Two of our teams brought home first place trophies. Congratulations to the 60 Freedom, and 70 Force teams for winning championships in their divisions.** Freedom and Force are our first two qualifiers for the 2015 Tournament of Champions (TOC). Our 55 Rocky Mountain Thunder, and 70 Legacy teams brought home second place awards. The 65 Classics, 65 Phiten, and 80 Scrappers finished third.

Our 50 Rocky Mountain Thunder team made the Georgetown, TX SPA qualifier their first tournament of the year on March 28-30. **This is a new Scrap Iron team and they won the 50 Major Division going**

undefeated in bracket play. Tommy Edwards, who is new to Senior tournaments, was voted MVP by the team. Kurt Keintz, Tim Terrell and Todd Garretson made the All Tournament team.

The Club had one team play in the 2014 Tournament of Champions in Polk County, Florida on February 7-9. This was the largest TOC ever with 99 teams, all of whom won a TOC qualifier in 2013. Our 60 Diamonds attempted to become the first Scrap Iron team to win this prestigious tournament, but they left that accolade to a future Scrap Iron team. **The Diamonds played very well and finished third in a seven team bracket.** They won their first five games before dropping the final two.

The next major tournament for our teams is the LVSSA/SSUSA Southwest Championships in Las Vegas on April 22nd to 27th. It should be a highly competitive tournament with most of the best teams in the west participating. We have 15 Scrap Iron teams among the 170 registered teams. Last year the tournament attracted 144 teams.

The History of Scrap Iron Softball

Our Scrap Iron website, scrapironsoftball.com now has the history of Scrap Iron softball documented. It's currently under the newsletter tab. In the future, it will have its own button on the homepage.

Alan Wiechmann