

This and That with Scrap Iron

There are many major tournaments left in 2012, however it's only three and a half months from the Winter Worlds in Phoenix where teams can play their 2013 rosters. Last month, many phone calls and emails started to flow among coaches and players in the 60s and 65s age groups about team plans for 2013. Some people had much more information than others, so several of the coaches of 55s, 60s, and 65s teams chose to meet on Saturday, July 28th to share plans and information. Here's a few of the things we learned:

- There are four 65 teams being formed and all need 2-4 additional players. The coaches, their contact information, and the anticipated level of play for each team follows:
 - AA, DuWayne Pillard d69zcam@aol.com
 - AAA, Bart Prieve bprieve@hotmail.com
 - AAA, Bill Nero and Mike Massong fox8585@aol.com amassong@aol.com
 - Major Larry Alma alma_Lda@yahoo.com
- The 60s Freedom team is currently AA, but is successful and may be AAA next year. They may need 2-3 new players including a pitcher. The Freedom coach is Mark Rouch, MARKDAFRO@comcast.net
- We have a few players who desire to move up from 65s to 70s, and we have a gap in our 70s team classifications. The Reds are currently an AA team and the Legacy is a Major team. There is a need for a AAA team to allow easier player movement from 65s to 70s. In addition to players wishing to move up we identified some players in the 70s age group that currently are not on a team. If a new team could be formed, their SSUSA classification would probably be AAA. If you are interested in being part of a new team please email Alan Wiechmann at a.wiechmann@comcast.net
- While the subject of the July 28th meeting wasn't the 50s age group, we know of some new players who may want to travel and our two Scrap Iron 50s teams are both rated Major. There may be a need for a new 50s team which would probably start at AAA. If you know of anyone in this age group who wants to start travelling or wants to lead a new team, have them email Alan Wiechmann at a.wiechmann@comcast.net

Other newsworthy items:

The club still has several license plate frames available for purchase. They will be available at the Western Nationals at our Scrap Iron table. As a side note Mike Massong will have Phiten goods at the Western Nationals and he is making a 50% donation to the club on sales during the tournament. Thank Mike when you see him. He puts in hours of work leading our fund raising efforts.

Efforts to have a women's team in the Scrap Iron Club

Penne Adams the wife of Scrap Iron member, Dave Adams, has been trying to form a Colorado travel team to be part of our club. She needs help on player recruitment. At the Western Nationals you will see a Scrap Iron/Dreamcatchers team. Its Penne's Albuquerque team that we have agreed to letting them use our Scrap Iron name for this tournament to generate more interest. The women

will play on the weekend at the A complex. Stop by and give Penny names of women who may want to travel. Penny can be reached at lakotahomes@aol.com

Alan Wiechmann