

## Scrap Iron News

### Matching Gift Challenge

We were offered \$3,000 in contributions if we could match the amount by the end of the banquet. Between the gifts received during and prior to the banquet, and a few pledged gifts that will be made to the Club soon, we met the \$3,000 challenge. Thanks to our major contributors who challenged us, and all of the individuals who made the challenge a success.

### Banquet Highlights

Saturday night, January 23<sup>rd</sup> was a fun time at the Lakewood Elks as approximately 200 Scrap Iron members and guests got together to recognize success and celebrate the fun times of 2012. Jack Eberhard documented that we had a good time with nearly 100 photos of the evening. They are available to us on Jack's website, and can be downloaded free. Photos of the award winners will be mailed to the recipients soon. Jack does our Club a great service with all of the photos he takes throughout the year. The link is:

[http://www.jacksactionshots.com/Senior-Softball/Scrap-Iron-from-2005-to/2013-Scrap-Iron-Banquet/27766769\\_33GRxG#!i=2340935207&k=kw2Z3tZ](http://www.jacksactionshots.com/Senior-Softball/Scrap-Iron-from-2005-to/2013-Scrap-Iron-Banquet/27766769_33GRxG#!i=2340935207&k=kw2Z3tZ)

Thanks go to Dennis LeBlanc and Bob DeGroot for organizing a great evening!

### *MVP Recipients*

Our 13 teams awarded Most Valuable Player or Most Valuable Person Awards to 15 men. The votes on two teams resulted in a tie. These are the guys who helped Scrap Iron teams win two SSUSA National Championships, five Western National Championships, and several other tournaments in 2012. Seven of our teams qualified for next week's Tournament of Champions. The MVPs are:

50 Aftershock	Dave "Opie" Dix
50 Rapid Erectors	Jamie Gowdy
55s	Ray Upp
55 Northern	Dave Adams
60 Diamonds	Hal Meyer
60 Freedom	Ed Berghuis
60 Master Collision	Dan Silvey
65 Red	Larry Neal
65 Classics	Harry Elenbaas
65 Phiten	Rich Bonacquista and Ron Hefner
70 Reds	Monty Phillips and Ken Nakauchi
70 Legacy	Ron Howard
80s	Dick Skinner

### *Hall of Fame Inductees*

We added the 34<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, and 36<sup>th</sup> members to the Scrap Iron Softball Club Hall of Fame. These men have attained our respect through many years of excellence in play, excellence in managing, or excellence in special activities which raised the stature of the Scrap Iron Softball Club. The recipients were:

Player Category	Rich Bonacquista
Manager Category	Will Wilmer
Special Category	Larry Alma

### Ken Green Award

This is the highest honor we have in the Club and it is presented to a single person each year for their service to the Scrap Iron Softball Club. The winners of this award have built the Legacy of Scrap Iron across the country. **This year's recipient is Greg Broeckelman.** Greg has always put the Club first, and during his three years as President the Club grew in size, and reputation. Greg's greatest achievement may have been bringing the Western Nationals to Aurora this past summer. Seventy-three out of state teams experienced the great beauty and weather we have in Colorado to play our game.

Alan Wiechmann