

Scrap Iron News
November 27, 2016

Congratulations to Three National Champion Teams

Two of our teams, the 60 Rockies and 70 Legacy succeeded in winning SSUSA National Championship games at the World Masters tournament in Las Vegas. A third, the 75 Beams, had no Eastern National winner to play, but they are National Champions. The Beams, Rockies, and Legacy join thirteen prior years Scrap Iron teams listed below in winning a SSUSA National Championship.

Scrap Iron SSUSA National Champions:

2005 Scrap Iron 60s
2006 Scrap Iron 55 Worth
2007 Scrap Iron 60s
2009 Scrap Iron 50 Mudhens
2009 Scrap Iron 60 Redux
2010 Scrap Iron 60 Master Collision
2011 Scrap Iron 50 Northern
2011 Scrap Iron 65 Reds
2012 Scrap Iron 65 Phiten
2012 Scrap Iron 70 Reds
2014 Scrap Iron 55 Rocky Mountain Thunder
2015 Scrap Iron 55 Coyotes
2015 Scrap Iron 65 Phiten
2016 Scrap Iron 60 Rockies
2016 Scrap Iron 70 Legacy
2016 Scrap Iron 75 Beams

Four Scrap Iron Teams Place at SSUSA Worlds

Scrap Iron teams had one second place, and three third place finishes at the SSUSA World Masters Championships in Las Vegas. Finishing high in this massive tournament is a great success. The 50 AAA division had 59 teams! Our top finishers were:

60 Rockies – Second in AA Division
70 Reds – Third in AAA Division
75 Beams – Third in Major Division
80 Grey Berets – Third in AAA Division

Six Scrap Iron Teams Qualify for the Tournament of Champions (TOC)

Six of our teams won TOC qualifiers during 2016. The TOC is set for February 10-12, 2017 in Polk County, Florida. Our qualifiers are:

Rockies 60 AA

60 Freedom AA

60 High Octane AAA and Major

70 Reds AAA

70 Legacy Major Plus

75 Beams Major

Three Scrap Iron Teams Place at Winter Worlds

The SSUSA Winter Worlds have grown to SSUSA's second largest tournament. Three of our teams finished in the top three at this competitive event. Congratulations to the 60 Freedom team, champions of the 60 AA division. The 70 Legacy finished second in the Major Plus tournament, and the 80 Gray Beret finished third in the AAA division.



2016 Winter Worlds Champions – Scrap Iron 60 Freedom

Scrap Iron Board Meeting Highlights

The Scrap Iron Board and Executive Committee met on Saturday, November 26th to set the Club policies for the 2017 season. Four new teams were accepted into membership. For the first time we will have a women's team. They have yet to select a team name so for now they're simply the Scrap Iron Women. We also added a new 50 AAA team, the Elite, a 55 Major team,

Colorado Home Fitness, and a 70 Major team, 3n2. It appears that the Club will have 16 teams in 2017.

We are fortunate that our Executive Committee agreed to stay on another year. Officers are Andy Shapiro, President, Terry Goodrich, Vice President, Jim Casswell, Treasurer, and Bob (Arn) Richardson, Secretary.

Dues remain at \$195 for 2017, with women players and men 75 and older qualifying for half price.

The Club is searching for a new webmaster. If you are interested, contact Andy Shapiro at andyshapiro@msn.com.

The next Board meeting will be on February 18, 2017. Team budgets will be set at this meeting.

Last Call for Hall of Fame Nominations

Any Scrap Iron member can nominate someone for our Hall of Fame. Categories are player, manager, special, and old timer. Nominations must be submitted to Mike Massong, chairman of our Hall of Fame Committee at amassong@aol.com by December 18th. The HOF nomination form is attached.

Don't Forget End of the Year Contributions

Time is running short on contributions for the 2016 tax year. Do you know that contributions to the Scrap Iron Softball Club are considered the same for tax deductibility as charities, museums, and educational organizations?

No contribution is too small and with over 200 members a contribution of \$100 from each member would greatly support the team budgets.

Checks should be made out to Scrap Iron Softball Club and sent to our treasurer at:

Jim Casswell
PO Box 260699
Lakewood, CO 80226

Thanks very much for considering support of your Club!!

Save the Date

Our annual banquet will be held Saturday, January 28th at the Franciscan Event Center, 6553 S. Revere Parkway, Centennial, CO 80111. It's a very nice venue and once again it will be great

night for socializing. The social hour will start at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. The Board set the price at \$35. Please send your check to your coach by January 10th. To help our treasurer, the preferred method of payment is making your checks out to your coach who will submit one check for his team.

Raffle and Silent Auction Items

It's not too early to think about raffle and silent auction items for the banquet. Please consider what you might have to contribute. Email our fund raising chairman, Bruce Brothis, at bbrothis@allegientbilling.com if you have something to contribute.

Safeway Gift Cards

Our Safeway gift cards are now useable at Albertson's. They can also be reloaded at Albertson stores. Our grocery store gift card revenue has been decreasing so get back in the habit of using the cards. Team budgets will be set at the February board meeting and projected gift card revenue is a factor in the decision board members will make.

Winter Indoor Softball

For the third year there is a winter indoor softball opportunity. A flyer about the league is attached to this blast.

It's been a good run, but.....

This is my last Scrap Iron newsletter. After six years of reporting on Club activities and the great success of our teams I'm ready for a change. The Club needs a replacement so everyone can have timely information. If you're interested, please contact our president Andy Shapiro at andyshapiro@msn.com.

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