

**Scrap Iron News**  
**May 21, 2016**

**Southwest Championships**

The SSUSA Southwest Championships were again one of the largest tournaments of the year and Scrap Iron had a good showing with two second place finishers. Both the Scrap Iron 60 Rockies and 70 Legacy lost two close games while taking second place. The Rockies lost a pair of high scoring one run games in the Championship and "if" games of the 60 AA division. The Legacy may have been involved in the toughest defensive battle of the entire tournament as they lost 5-4 and 9-7 thrillers to Omen to finish second in 70 Major Plus.

**Scrap Iron Has Success Travelling East!**

Three of our Scrap Iron teams flew to the east coast to experience new tournaments. The 55 Rocky Mountain Thunder and the 65 Diamonds played in the SSUSA Atlantic Coast Championships in Loudoun County, Virginia and both highly recommend the tournament. The Thunder was the only major plus team in a 13 team bracket. They gave up five runs to each major team, but did well going 5-2 and placing third.

The Scrap Iron 60s High Octane AAA team played in the Southern NIT SPA tournament in Pensacola, Florida. They were very pleased to report that they are champions. They were the only team from West of the Mississippi. Their MVP was Jim Portz who pitched valiently through an MCL injury. All Tournament players were: Nick Longo, Randy Pearson, Dave Maestes, and Terry Liverant.



**Scrap Iron 60 High Octane – 2016 SPA Southern NIT Champions**

### **St. George Follow-up**

A few of our Club successes were missed in the last Scrap Iron News blast. Scrap Iron teams went 1-2 in both the 60 AA and 60 AAA divisions at the Spring Worlds. The 60s Freedom edged out the 60s Rockies at AA and the 60s High Octane defeated the 60s Legends in the championship game of the AAA division.



**2016 Spring Worlds 60 AAA Champions – Scrap Iron High Octane**

### **Next Up is Rock ‘N Reno and Texas State Championships**

Eight Scrap Iron teams have entered the Rock ‘N Reno Challenge Cup starting this weekend and the Scrap 65 Phiten team is headed to Austin, TX for the Texas State Championships, June 22-24.

### **Do You Know?**

***Do you know that our club has had record contributions over the past twelve months?*** It's true! Contributions have exceeded \$23,000 over the past twelve months. Special thanks to Bart Prieve, Jerry Reidy, and Bob Gryzmala for their large contributions over the past 12 months. When you see these gentlemen, please thank them for years of support.

***Do you know that Scrap Iron dues produced only half of our 2016 budget?*** It's true again! Our dues for 2016 will only produce slightly over half of our 2016 budget. That's how important our grocery card program, contributions, and banquet silent auction and raffle have become. Our record team budgets of \$4,800 would probably be \$2,500 if we had to rely on dues alone.

***Do you know that Scrap Iron teams in 2016 may play their most varied schedule ever?*** It appears that Scrap Iron teams will do more long distance travelling than in any prior year. We've already had teams play in the TOC in Florida, the Atlantic Coast Championships in Virginia, the SPA Southern NIT Championships in Florida, along with playing in the more traditional tournaments in Las Vegas, and St. George. Later in the year we will have teams playing in the Texas State Championships in Austin, the Midwest Championships in Rogers, AR,

the ISA World Series in Columbus, IN, the SPA World Championships in Dalton, GA, and the SSUSA Western Nationals in Sacramento. Most Scrap Iron teams will also be present at the largest tournaments of the year in Reno, Phoenix, and the SSUSA World Championships in Vegas.

***Do you know that Scrap Iron has more highly competitive teams in 2016?*** This is another true statement. In 2016 we have two major plus teams, the 55 Rocky Mountain Thunder, and 70 Legacy, and two major division teams, the 65 Phiten, and 75 Beams. We've also had teams moved up early in the 2016 season, and a couple more teams may get the upward shift if they have a little more success. We also had a team, the 55 Coyotes win the one remaining major championship, the TOC, that had eluded our teams in the past.

***Do you know that Scrap Iron has nearly 400 current and former members?*** In addition to the dues paying members on our 14 current teams, we have over 200 former members who receive our email blasts. Several of these former members attend our banquet each year and they universally like to hear how our teams are doing.

***Do you know that Rick Keller keeps a database with these 400 current and former members?*** Rick does a tremendous job of keeping email addresses current and distributing our news to all of you. While I write most of the email blasts, Rick occasionally pitches in and writes a blast when I'm out of town.

***Do you know that the Club is seeking a replacement for me?*** This is also true. After five years of writing the Club news, I will be resigning at the end of the year. Please contact our President, Andy Shapiro, [andyshapiro@msn.com](mailto:andyshapiro@msn.com), if you would like to help the Club in this capacity.

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