



**Quote of the month**

By Jimmy Casswell

“Always give more than you get, you will end up with an abundance that will overflow your heart.”

**Memories from the ball field**

A couple years ago, we were playing a team from Chicago during the LVSSA Worlds in Las Vegas. We were off to a slow start, after 3 innings the score was Chicago 15 us 0. The coach from the other team said to me (quite rudely) “you guys don’t belong in this division, what are you doing here”. The final score after 8 innings was us 28 Chicago 27. A joy I will never forget!

Art Graebe

**Scrap Iron Banquet**

This year did not disappoint, another great banquet, a big thank you to many members who worked hard in preparation of of this gala event. The venue was once again held at the Franciscan, very comfortable and the food was excellent. The silent auction, raffle tickets, and other fund raising events were again successful for our club. The attendance this year was over 150 guests. If you couldn’t attend this year, please plan on attending next year and support your club! This year four members were honored by being inducted into our Scrap Iron Hall of Fame and 17 players were recognized by their team for outstanding performances.

Hall of Fame inductees were:

Andy Jaramillo, special

Jimmy Casswell, special

Fred Jacobsen, special ( Uniform supplier to Scrap Iron)

Bob Parella, old timer category

MVP awards went to:

Bill Nero (3N2), Ed Clark (Legacy), Steve Antonczyk (Colorado Home Fitness), Dave Adams & Rick Loy (High Octane), Ronnie Maxwell (Beams), Wendall Neves (Diamonds), Wayne Fields (Reds), Mark Haupt & Jack Donnelly (Rocky Mountain Thunder), Eddie Buonaiuto (Rockies), Dave Hernandez (Coyotes), Hank Twilt (Elite), Terry Goodrich (5280), Don Poulter (Legends), Greg Pearson (Freedom), Kent Loutensock (Berets).

Congratulations to all of you for your accomplishments and a job well done!

## Thank you Fred

Thank you Fred Jacobsen, for many years of fantastic service to our Scrap Iron Club. Welcome to our Hall of Fame. We welcome you with open arms!

## **We Need Your Help !!!**

In order for this newsletter to be successful it must contain information that is interesting to all who read it. That valuable information must come from you! With the start of the softball season just around the corner, there will be all sorts of things going on that all our club members will want to know about. Please send to Art's email [firstbase17@me.com](mailto:firstbase17@me.com) information about your team. Where you played your last tournament, how well your team did, who were your all tournament players, send photos of great plays, photos of you team displaying that new trophy, and any memories from the games. Even if your last tournament didn't go well, share with us, you might feel bad, but it lets the rest of us know your human. After all senior softball is not about just the wins.

## Why Not?

Are you using the King Soopers or Safeway grocery card? Why Not? Here are some amazing facts that will, I guarantee amaze you.

-The grocery card program through King Soopers & Safeway donates \$5.00 for every \$100.00 loaded onto the gift card.

-The grocery card can be used for groceries and gas.

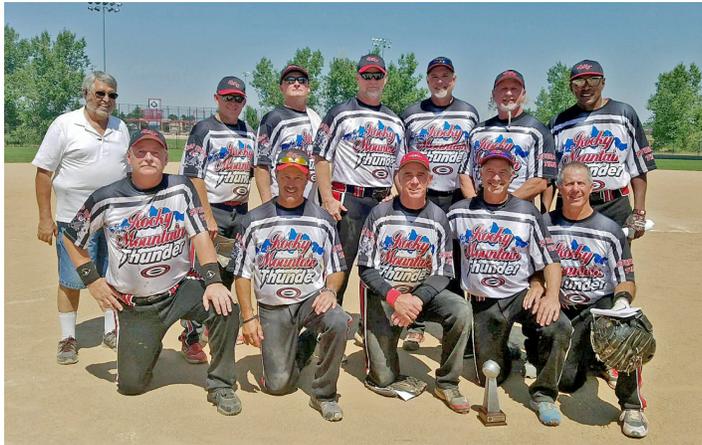
-The card is very easy to load, when you pay for your groceries tell the cashier to load your card, I use my 2% cash back Visa card and load \$200.00 on my card. The cashier then rings up my groceries and asks for payment I give him the gift card, than I go out and fill my truck up with gas. The gas pump takes your card like any other card. I get groceries, gas, and 2% cash back & Scrap Iron gets ten bucks, everybody WINS !!!

-Our Club has issued 378 King Soopers cards and only 35 are being used. We have issued 97 Safeway cards and only 7 are being used.

-In 2016 the grocery card program brought in \$7,188.00. In 2017 it brought in 5,781.00.

-Can you imagine how much more money we would have if just half our members used their cards? How do I get a card you ask? Talk to your team manager!

-I'll end this the way I started, are you using your grocery card...WHY NOT?



### **2017 Rocky Mountain Thunder** *submitted by Mark Haupt*

The core of our team has been together for many years and we've always played at the Major level or above. However, we are beginning another transition year from the 55-age group to the 60-age group. Several of our long time veterans have moved to the age 60 level in the past two years and several more will probably move up next year.

2014 has turned out to be our best recent year as a group. It was also the first year the group really played at the 55 age level. We finished with a 35-19 record in tournament play, including 2 First and 4 Second place finishes. We won the Western Nationals and the USA National Championships Game (East-West) at Worlds, but finished 5th at Worlds that year. Two seasons ago, 2015, our team finished second at Worlds. We did not have a great year, up to that point (went into Worlds with a losing record), but were bumped from Major to Major Plus for the 2016 season anyway. We struggled through the 2016 season, but were dropped back to the Major level again for the 2017 season.

We did end last season on a high note, winning the Rocky Mountain Championships, in Aurora, CO, and playing very well at Worlds. We beat 2 out the 3 55 Major Plus teams in Aurora and hit (OBP) almost .800 as a team at Worlds. We also finally figured out how to play 5-man infield!

For the 2018 season we've picked up a couple of fast outfielders and a top-line pitcher. We plan on playing again in 7-8 SPA and SSUSA travel tournaments, beginning with the SSUSA Mesquite/St. George tournament in late March. We are looking forward to a very successful season and we thank the Scrap Iron Softball Club for all its support over the years. We couldn't have played this much softball.

