



Special Edition

January 2021

With the postponement of our annual banquet this year several important news items and announcements might possibly get overlooked. In this edition please find interesting things going on within our teams, our club, and with individual accomplishments. Even with the troubling Covid-19 a lot of positive things within our club happened to make this coming season successfully for all of us. At our annual banquet we like to recognize those who work hard to make things happen we thank our executive board, the board of Directors, and many individuals who continue to work to make us the greatest softball club in the world.

First, here's a message from our President

Welcome to the 2021 season. This past year has been a difficult season, affecting our lives in many ways. Most Scrap Iron teams were able to play in several tournaments and tournament officials did an excellent job setting and enforcing health and safety guidelines. 2021 appears to have a full slate of tournaments as safety guidelines will continue to be in place. However, local

governments still have the final say. With the Vaccination process in place, the end may be near, possibly in the Spring. Our strength to persevere comes not just from ourselves but those close to us and our social softball network. Now more than ever, we need to step up and support each other on and off the field. Stay connected with our teams and other players as we prepare for upcoming 2021 tournaments. Stay healthy, be safe, and stay connected.

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Introducing our Executive Board for the 2021 season

John Parisi, President

Art Graebe, Vice President

Jim Casswell, Treasure

J. C. Moore, Secretary

Dan Silvey

Michael Christopher

Greg Broeckelman

I have been managing a Scrap Iron team for 17 years now, I was encouraged several years ago to get involved with the inner workings of our club by a great man, one of our founders, a my good friend, Bob Wiltgen. If you knew Bob you also know he didn't accept no for an answer. I serve as the newsletter editor, awards coordinator, I'm on the HOF committee, and now on the executive board serving as Vice President. I'm truly glad Bob encouraged me, I like making things work and

our club works. I would like to encourage you to consider getting involved off the field as well, I'm rewarded constantly just by getting to know many of you! **Art Graebe**

I have been the treasurer of our Scrap Iron organization going 10 years now. When I was first approached about being the treasurer first by Dick Moore and then Alan Wiechmann verified that I was willing to be the treasurer, I was told I would just be writing a few checks. As a CPA I knew I could handle this little organization's treasurer's duties. What I came to realize was that while I was writing considerably more than a few checks, that was a minor part of what I would experience. I soon realized that it is quite an honor to be the treasurer of our terrific organization.

We have some of the top notch individuals in our society right here in our organization. I would not have ever met or got to know most of them had I not joined. I know, probably some time soon, it will be time for me to let someone else have this honor. **Jim Casswell**

I was born in a suburb of Los Angeles and grew up in LA. I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from University of Wyoming and then served in the Navy's Civil Engineer Corps as an officer. When I was released from active duty in 1967, I worked for consulting civil engineering firms in Southern California, which is when I started playing fast pitch softball.

A year after I married my wife Beverly in August 1969, we left California to work for a Colorado company in Texas and Oklahoma, and that company moved us to Colorado in January 1972. I played fast pitch softball for several years in the Denver area, and then had to quit due to my employment situations until 1990, when I turned 50 and was able to start playing in CSSA's slow pitch softball program in Broomfield. I remember meeting Bob Gryzmala and Austin Connelly shortly after that, as they were wearing Scrap Iron clothing. Bob sponsored the teams I played on under the name of his company, R G Insulation.

I started my own consulting structural engineering firm in Broomfield in 1980, which gave me an opportunity to play CSSA recreation softball on Wednesday mornings off and on for a few years, because I was my own boss. I completely retired in 2006, and started playing every summer out of Broomfield, even after we moved to Erie in 2008.

In 2011, Bob Gryzmala "recruited" me to play on the Scrap Iron 70's team Bob Wiltgen was managing. I played with Bob's team the next four years and have many fine memories of all the things our team accomplished.

I "aged up" to 75 in January 2015. I took over the existing Scrap Iron's 75's team because the manager the previous year had been stricken with a stroke. With the help of Bob Wiltgen and several other Scrap Iron players, I was able to put together a AAA 75's team for the Southwest Championships in Las Vegas in April 2015, and we won that tournament as a brand-new team. Our next tournament was in Reno, where we won by an average of 9.8 runs per game; as a result, SSUSA immediately moved us up to the Major level, where we remained until I had to disband the team in the spring of 2018 due to the lack of healthy players. Our team adopted the "Beams"

name in 2016, which is when we won the National Championship in Las Vegas. Again, this team created a lot of great memories, and we had a lot of fun, plus I enjoyed managing this fine group of players from five different states.

I have been President, Secretary, and Treasurer of several professional and social organizations throughout my life, and I am very happy to serve as the Secretary of Scrap Iron's executive board. **J. C. Moore**

I have recently been added to the Executive committee as an at large member.

I have been active in Senior Softball for 19 years and many of them have been with teams associated with Scrap Iron. Scrap Iron has been an innovator in Senior Softball, showing other states just how effective a group can be, driven by one goal, the pursuit of softball. We have been emulated, which is the highest form of flattery. We, as a group, have had an impact in Senior Softball and I am sure we will continue to do so. We all hear the comments at tournaments about Scrap Iron and they are mostly positive. I can only imagine how SSUSA would be impacted if Scrap Iron was not a strong supporter of their organization and their tournaments. I would say my goal for Scrap Iron is for it to continue to be a force nationally and locally to continue to be supported by its membership and to support its membership. Many members have put in service time to this organization and that is appreciated by all and I am happy to be of service now to this organization. Looking forward to helping out as I can and especially looking forward to another year of Softball with Scrap Iron. **Dan Silvey**

While I have been playing softball for 30+ years, I am relatively new to the senior softball circuit, beginning my 5th year with Elite 50s. My biggest joy to date, with the club, is hearing the 70-80+ year old members talk about the tournaments they've won, the on-field antics, the competition, and the lasting friendships they've made. My biggest personal joy has been representing Scrap Iron over the last 4 years and the friendships I continue to make. Everyone in SSUSA has heard about Scrap Iron, and there has been interest in other states to become charter members of our club. I'm hoping to spread the Scrap Iron brand further, as we travel East to play. I'm also looking forward to having those experiences the 'old guys' talk about, talking with friends about how 'so and so got his nickname', winning a world championship, and bringing the 40+ year old into the Scrap Iron fold. **Michael Christopher**

After spending last year with a team that was not in the Scrap Iron Club, I'm grateful to be back with the age 75 Scrap Iron Legends, a new team for 2021. Going way back to when the club actually started, I became a part of the Exec Committee a couple years later, was elected president of the club and spent three plus years as the president, remained on the Exec Committee for a few years, got off, and last year became part of it again. I also spent several years on the HOF Committee and was instrumental in setting up the guidelines with Bob Wiltgen, which

are still mostly followed today. When one goes off to play with a team that's not part of the club, you feel like you're missing something, at least it does for me. Glad to be back with a Scrap Iron team, part of the best and biggest club in the country and probably the world. **Greg Broeckelman.**

Recognizing a true servant and great man

Larry Alma has been serving as our clubs apparel coordinator for over 15 years, I remember when he took on the task from Kenny Green. I remember helping carry out several large boxes of Scrap Iron merchandise when he inherited the job. Larry has established a wonderful working relationship with Sportline, the main supplier of apparel for our club. Fred Jacobsen, the owner of Sportline has saved us tons of money, and has given us tremendous service, all due to Larry.

Larry has also worked out deals on special Scrap Iron merchandise like jackets, sweat pants and shirts.

Larry has decided to retire from managing his team and retire from softball. Hopefully he will have more time out in the woods where he loves to hunt.

Larry, Thank you very much for your dedication and hard work over many years of service for our club.

Fundraising

As you all know it takes money...lots of money to keep our club going. With 20 Scrap Iron teams each going to approximately 8 tournaments this year at the cost of \$600.00-800.00 each tournament we can burn through it quickly.

That's why we have Fundraising events!

Our funds come from the dues each member pays, from many individuals donating anywhere from \$25.00 to \$10,000.00 a year. We can't thank you enough!

We also received donations from the King Soopers grocery program & Amazon. Our banquet is great fundraiser with the silent auction, ticket sales, and raffle coupons. With the banquet

postponed due to the virus you can see that's money we possibly may not receive this year. Please keep this in mind, no donation is too small we gladly accept donations year round. And it's easy to donate, contact anyone on the executive board or contact Jim Casswell directly. Thank you

Our support so far for 2020 breaks down as follows:

Donations 22%

Dues 66%

Banquet 7%

Grocery Programs 3%

Other (Superbowl) 2%. Done by John Karagiannes

Super Bowl Squares

This will be the third year in a row that John Karagiannes is providing for us a little fun and exciting way to win some money for yourself and donate the large sum of \$1,000.00 to our club. Football pools are fun and exciting please get behind this one. Here's a fairly updated look at the board as you can see it's filling up fast!

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H O M E	A	Dan Silvey	A2	RMT 55's (Dave)	A4	Jim Riley	Jim Caswell	SI Diamonds	A8	Andy Shapiro	Alliance Team
	B	RMT 60's (Mark)	B2	Tony McElroy	B4	Fred Mattos	Arlo Bader	RMT 55's (Dave)	B8	Alliance Team	B10
	C	Art Grube	C2	C3	RMT 55's (Dave)	C5	C6	Arlo Bader	Jim Riley	RMT 60's (Mark)	Chip Harnings
	D	D1	Arlo Bader	Hank Twilt	Jim Riley	D5	Chip Harnings	See Shapiro	Dan Silvey	Seth Little	Diane Dix
	E	Marco Letja	Kathy Huls	John K (Alliance)	Hank Twilt	E5	E6	Chip Harnings	Seth Little	Seth Little	RMT 60's (Mark)
	F	Fred Mattos	John K (Alliance)	Andy Jaramillo	Mark G (Heavy Metal)	Hank Twilt	Bruce Brothers	Seth Little	Seth Little	Seth Little	F10
	G	G1	Andy Shapiro	Chip Harnings	Dave Dix	Bruce Brothers	G6	Jim Riley	Terry Goodrich	Fat G (How Metal)	Tony Goodrich
	H	H1	RMT 60's (Mark)	Arlo Bader	Bruce Brothers	H5	H6	H7	Randy Huls	Chip Harnings	Dan Silvey
	I	Andy Jaramillo	I2	Bruce Brothers	I4	RMT 55's (Dave)	Rob Mimer	I7	Jim Caswell	I9	Jim Riley
	J	J1	Bruce Brothers	J3	RMT 60's (Mark)	Marco Letja	Tony McElroy	J7	RMT 55's (Dave)	Arlo Bader	J10
These letters and numbers are for reference ONLY.											
New numbers will be drawn randomly once the board is full.											

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2nd Quarter			
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3rd Quarter			
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\$50			
			\$200
Final Score			
\$100			
	\$200		
		\$100	
			\$400
			\$1,000

1st Quarter		2nd Quarter	
\$50	Chip Hanning	\$50	Tom Rowland
\$50	Mike Boudry	\$50	Artis Baker
\$100	Dan Silvey	\$100	Mike Boudry
\$200		\$200	
3rd Quarter		End of Game	
\$50	Marcus Lewis	\$100	Tom Imminger
\$50	Jose V	\$100	Artis Baker
\$100	Mike Boudry	\$200	Mark Houp
\$200		\$400	

Congratulations to last years winners and to our clubs \$1,000.00!

Please contact John Karagiannes and get your squares this is a win for all of us. He can be reached by email jpkdog8@yahoo.com

Another Fundraiser in the works

Dan Silvey and his helpers are still planning a Wood Bat tournament, last year was to be the first one, but our little Virus enemy had other thoughts. More information soon to come.



Help Wanted!!!

In the last newsletter we advertised for someone to step up and help our club with Scrap Iron merchandise and uniforms. **Maybe I should have used larger text** because I think nobody saw it! Instead of one person let's form a committee of 3 or 4 volunteers. This would take a tremendous load off one person and the duties would be shared. I am willing to head up this committee to get it started with plans to drop off once up a running. This committee would be responsible for approving all Scrap Iron uniform orders, merchandise for sale, working closely with Sportline orders, and working with new design ideas. Please consider helping, contact me, Art at firstbase17@me.com

Scrap Iron Hall of Fame

In the last newsletter we announced there will be a 2020 Scrap Iron Hall of Fame class. Nominations are being accepted through January 31, 2021. This is a reminder that you still have time to nominate someone you know that deserves to be in our club's Hall of Fame. The categories are Player, Coach, Old Timer and Special. Players excel at the game and are a credit to the Scrap Iron Club on and off the field. Coaches have lead Scrap iron teams to championships and have set an excellent example of the Scrap Iron character. Old Timers have been club members for many years and although they may not be all stars they have consistently contributed to and supported Scrap Iron teams. The Special category is for members that have done any or all of the above and have supported the club organization by serving and/or volunteering administratively. Surely we all know someone that falls in one of those categories. If you would like some help with your nomination please contact Terry Goodrich at terrygoodrich@comcast.net or 303-601-7661.

Scrap Iron Teams for the 2021 season

50 Major Elite – Mike Christopher

Elite 50s will be competing in 50-major for the second year in 2021.

The 2020 year started off rough going 1-4 in Winter Worlds. While we weren't happy with our finish, we knew the team's potential wasn't even scratched. COVID kicked in and tournaments were few and far in between. Our next tournament was June 2020 and the SOCAL State Championships. The team played much better going 1-1 in pool play. After losing our first game in bracket play, we rattled off 4 wins before losing in losers bracket final, going 8-3 and taking third. Next up was the Western National which was move to St. George in August. The team really showed our potential as the 20 team 50-major bracket was filled with 5 that would finish top 10 at worlds that year. We went 6-3 and took a respectable 4th place. Worlds was moved to the beginning of November, and by then COVID had decimated the roster. Not physically, but emotionally. We didn't show up and finished 2-3. After retooling the roster, we were hopeful that 2021 would start off differently than 2020. We registered to play Winter Worlds again in Phoenix but could not attend as three members tested positive the week before the tournament. While disappointed, I believe everything happens for a reason, which in our case meant picking up 5 new player to begin the 2021 calendar year, putting us in an even more competitive position as we travel to the Top Gun Spring Tune Up in Yuma for the first tournament of 2021!

50 AAA Alliance - William Connor

50 Major Tenacity - Mark Gallegos

After taking 2nd Place at the World Masters in 2020, we were bumped up to 50 Majors. With the move to majors, we knew we were going to have to boost the talent level of the team. Scott Cameron became my bench coach. Scott handles all the practice and game day activities, including the line-up, player rotation, and handling the director and umpire correspondence. For many people that have coached before, it's a lot of mental work to manage the team, and then you have to get mentally prepared to play softball at a high level. Scott is very good at this portion of managing the team, and this allows me to focus on my individual softball preparation and play. With the deletion and addition of several players for the 2021 season, we both felt that we should start the "New" Team with a different name, and different uniforms. We made a deal, I asked him to come up with a team name, and I would choose the team colors. That is how Team Scrap Iron Tenacity was born. The Scrap Iron Tenacity 50 Majors Team will have Vegas Gold and Black Uniforms. We are also interested in building different age groups of Scrap Iron Tenacity Teams, so a core group of players can move up together in the same age group. New additions to this years' team so far are: Alan Hom, Mike Monetti, Josh Stull, Bill Lomelino, Jerry Villagrana, and Shaun Slusser. Returning players are Mark Gallegos, Scott Cameron, Ritchie Saucedo, Lou Scirrotto, Fred Widman, Warren Baum, and Ron Angstead. That gives us 13 players so far, we are looking for one more player to make 14. We will start our season in February at the Top Gun Spring Worlds Tune-up in Yuma, AZ. Covid-19 issues withstanding, we are looking at hopefully

playing in all the TOC Tournaments in St. George, Las Vegas, Reno, Sacramento, Aurora, and Worlds in Las Vegas in 2021. We may look at another tournament in Late June, depending on whether the proximity fits our agenda.

55 AAA Alliance - John Karagiannes

We have added a 60 team this season and Charlie Graham will be the coach. We had 4 players that moved up from the 55 team. Along with some guys that Charlie has assembled they should have a good first season. Charlie is also taking over the coaching duties of his 65 team which was Classics last season. The Alliance 55 and 50 teams are combining with the Good Times team. We are hoping this forms two stronger teams to compete at the TOC events we have on our schedule next season.

55 AAA Mile High – Mark Pritchett

For 2021 the Mile High Team is helping the Scrap Iron organization expand its influence across the Rocky Mountain region with five players from New Mexico, one from Pagosa Springs, two from Colorado Springs and the remaining six from the Denver Metro area. We have added a total of 5 new players to our team. In November Mile High placed 4th in the Winter World Championships and we look forward to being very competitive in 2021!

We say farewell to Jim Riley, our manager for the past 3 seasons. Jim is moving on to play at the 60-year-old level and we thank him for all of his dedication and hard work!

55 Major + Rocky Mountain Thunder - David Fortier

As a result of winning The Worlds Masters Tournament last year at 55 major we will be playing 55 Major Plus for the 2021 season.

Our team will consist of David Fortier who is manager/ player, Mike Wilmer, Chris Crumrine, Ken Lindow, Tim Terrell, Greg Rusch, John Corlett, Tim (DJ) Dejarnette, Ross Guillen, Tom Sutak and Jeff Armbruster (AZ). Our new players this year will be Markis Harper and Mark Romero (AZ).

Our first tournament this year will be TOC Championship in Polk County Florida in January- we will be competing at our last 55 Major level tournament.

We know that this will be a challenging year with fewer teams participating at Major Plus 55 level but are looking forward to the challenge and playing some ball and more than 3 tournaments this upcoming season.

60 Major Rocky Mountain Thunder – Mark Haupt

After finishing third at Worlds last year, the Scrap Iron Rocky Mountain Thunder 60s Major team will add 3 great players for 2021. Those that have aged up and will play with us again next year include center-fielder Tommie Edwards and shortstop Jack Donnelly. Both of these players are former team MVPs and should make us that much stronger in 2021. Also joining the team is Michael Mouton, a former player who is moving back to Colorado from Florida this spring. Michael can play 3 infield positions and play them very well. And, after 5 years wearing the same jerseys, the team will be sporting new jerseys this year. The team can't wait to get back on the field again this year. We will open the season in St. George/Mesquite at the 2021 SPRING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS in March and in Las Vegas at the 2021 SOUTHWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS in April. Expectations are high!

60 Major Heavy Metal - Bruce Brothis

Heavy Metal, currently 60 Major, will be attending the Tournament Of Champions (TOC) **January 22-24, 2021** in Polk County, Florida as a 60AAA team due to addition of winners from 2019 tournaments being invited. Metal's starting first baseman, Bruce Brothis, will be sidelined due to rotator cuff surgery at the beginning of December but will, however, be there to manage and drink beer with the team. The team will have a full complement of its regular players including 3 guest players: Russ Johnson and Larry Voorhees from High Octane and Rene "Rainy" Leroux from Utah. Metal's pitcher, Arthur "Pops" Talbot will be representing the team in the TOC All Star Game. Pops will also be participating in the Pitching portion of the Skills Competition and Carl "Yaz" Bennett will represent Metal in the Home Run Hitting Competition. Metal plans on participating in 6 or 7 other tournaments in 2021 including the staples of St George, "Little" Vegas, Aurora, and "Big" Vegas. Heavy Metal would like to wish the best of luck to all Scrap Iron teams competing in all 2021 tournaments!

60 AAA Xplosion - Dan Silvey

After our 2nd place finish for the 2019 season at the Las Vegas Worlds we go bumped to Major. We lost 5 great players from that team with 2 going to a new 60 Major team and 3 retiring for the 2020 season due to injuries primarily. We were able to pick up some very good players from a defunct Colorado Home Fitness team that were a very good fit both as players and persons. But we were saddled with being an AAA team playing Major. Covid made it tough to play, but we decided that we would go to tourneys that were drivable, but pre-covid, we did go to Winter Worlds in Phoenix, never winning a game in Major. Post-covid, we first traveled to Tulsa, OK and did not win a game, but the President's plane flew right over us as he was leaving and it was awesome to see that. We next went to Shawnee Mission, KS. We lost to every Major team we played. But we only lost to the 2020 AAA SSUSA World Champions by 3 runs and managed to beat the 65 Major team. We then went to Western Worlds in St. George, UT and did not win a game in Majors. This tournament does have the distinction of being the hottest tournament, weather

wise, that I have ever played in. By the time we arrived home, SSUSA had moved us down to AAA for the World Championships in St. George. New life was running through our veins, knowing that we had the capability to compete again. We played very well and made it to Sunday, dropping our first game and ending with a multiple team tie for 5th place. I was really glad the way our team held together, knowing that we were not going to compete in Major and doubly proud of the way after getting thumped all year in Major that we were able to put that behind us and play very well in AAA. We did go to Winter Worlds and did make it to Sunday again, tying for 5th place. XPlosion is proud to be a part of Scrap Iron and we love the brotherhood that Scrap Iron promotes among its members and teams.

60 AAA Peak Softball/Alliance/ – Charles Graham

60 AA – Rockies – Joe Hernandez

Rockies are looking forward to a great year, and are currently making 2021 tourney plans for trips after the TOC. We are welcoming Charley Mylander back to the team as well as adding Andy Gonzales. Best wishes to all Scrap Iron teams for continued health, fun, and success on the ball field.

65 Major High Octane – Dave Adams

High Octane wishes everyone a Happy and Better New Year. We feel like we made it thru 2020 and this year is going to be better for all of us. Our team was able to participate in 4 tournaments last year and we felt lucky to be able to do that. We didn't play our best ball, but it sure felt good to be out on the field competing with our friends! And being with our friends was by far the most important part. I personally think that has been the hardest part of all of this, not being able to be around Friends! Softball is just the vehicle we use to make and keep all of these important friendships that we will have for the rest of our lives. That won't change during all of this and that's what we all need to take out of this past crazy year.

We are working on our 2021 Schedule and there's always some excitement when we do that. We'll open up our season in March at the Spring Worlds in St. George. We would like to attend 8 total tournaments this year and are looking for a couple of new destinations during the Summer. If anyone has some ideas for some different events, please pass it on. We lost some team members from last year and are looking to add some quality guys to help us compete at the Major level. Everyone stay safe and healthy and we'll all get to see our "Friends" out on the fields soon.

65 AAA Classics - Charles Graham

65AAA MI Sports- Gary Nation

65 AA Diamonds – Art Graebe

We are anxious to get back out and play some ball. We have an awesome team that has been together for a long time, our chemistry clicks while on the field, I have been told by many directors, and even fans from other teams, they love to watch our team play...because we truly are having fun and it shows! Yes we are a lowly AA team but that's where we can compete. Half our team can play 70's the other half in just a few years, making us an older 65's team. We can hold our own in AAA but loosing to many games by 5 or more runs. In AA we compete, we have fun, what's wrong with that? Last year out of the 3 tournaments we attended we won 2 and came in third at Vegas worlds.

70 AAA Diamonds - Bart Prieve

During 2020, the Diamonds only played in four tournaments, with COVID-19 destroying several others we had planned to play in. In those four tournaments, we attained number 2 seeding positions in three, but only finished in the money (second place) in one, behind our 5280 team.

Overall, our record was 14-9, which keeps us solidly in the AAA ranks. Six team members hit in the .700s for the year.

70 AAA 5280 – Terry Goodrich

70 AAA Patriots – Carl Bennett

75 AAA Legends – Mike Massong

The 2019 70 MAJOR Scrap Iron Legends team disbanded after the season leaving its players with few options to play ball. After the dust settled, 3 of its players were left without a Scrap Iron team to play on in either the 70 or 75 age groups. At the same time, the 75 MAJOR Tri-State Diamondbacks team out of Albuquerque found themselves in a similar position and searching for players. So Greg Broeckelman, Stan Suichta and Don Carpenter were invited and accepted an invitation to join the Tri-State's 75 MAJOR team.

We played early in the season in Phoenix in November 2019 and Palm Springs in January 2020, and due to COVID-19 we didn't play again until the Worlds in October.

Like all of us in Scrap Iron, the three of us wanted to play Scrap Iron softball.....first and foremost, so we mounted an effort to form a NEW 70AAA team with Scrap Iron in 2021.....which would have been the 4th such team in the Club.

As this new team was beginning to take shape, the demise of the Scrap Iron Reds was underway with several of its players interested in signing up with our new team. With the age(*) of these players, we were able to put together a 75 AAA team instead of a 70 AAA, and with permission, we officially formed, and we assumed the name of the Scrap Iron Legends, and suddenly found ourselves in search for a manager for this new team.

*Incidentally, the oldest player on our 75 AAA roster won't turn 76 until after The Spring Worlds!!

We played in the Winter Worlds in Phoenix in November and tied for 2nd place. After losing the 2nd tie-breaker by a single run, we were awarded a 3rd place finish in the tournament.

This was the first tournament many of our players had played in for a year or more. We hopefully knocked a lot of rust off of our game while in Phoenix, and we will have a successful 2021 season representing Scrap Iron.

And the good news is that Mike Massong has accepted our invitation to be our manager for the season. As with most Scrap Iron Softballers, this team has come together after a very challenging year of change in our country, changes and adjustments in Senior Softball, and changes and sacrifices with most of our players. We value our health and the health of others, but we want to do what we love to do.....PLAY BALL!! So, "Forward, March!"

The good news is that we have positive attitudes, a great manager, and a lot of talent on this team that should produce a lot of success in 2021.

Just like the rest of you, we're looking forward to a healthy, safe, upbeat, inspired, total team effort, and successful 2021!

Good Luck to us all, Happy New Year, and may God bless each of you and your families

80 Major Grey Berets - Fred Mattos

We started the 2020 season in Phoenix lost 3 out of the first 4 games, entered the loser bracket and won the next 3 games including the IF game to win the tournament. Next was Bullhead City, we played the kids in this tournament, all 75 teams. we went 3 wins 2 lost. Then covid 19 hit and we didn't play again until August. Of my 20 roster players 6 of them ended up on some kind medical leave, none of them covid related. So off we went to the Western Nationals in St. George, UT. Won that Championship by beating a Major Plus 80 team 2 of 3 games including the IF game again. With only 13 active roster players we entered the World Masters in St. George, UT. We won the National Championship but took 2nd in the Triple Crown by losing to that same Major Plus team 2 out of 3 games this time losing the IF game. Also got 2nd in the World Masters. For the 2020 season we went 4 Championships and 2 seconds, 6 medical conditions, 1 death of a former

player, Jim McVeigh, 1 death of a players wife, Paul Durbin, and 4 covid 19 illnesses not related to tournament play. FYI there are about 100 80 teams nationally, about 83 AAA, 14 Majors, 3 Major Plus. We are a

Major Team.

As for the 2021 season we lost one player to another team, as of now only 1 to a medical condition and will gain 3 new players. The new players are Pete Jasper, Dennis Lutz and Frank Caliendo Senior. That makes 21 on the roster. That's 10 players from CO and 11 from 7 different states. This 80 team can play great ball with all-stars at every position. This year our somewhat new military team will be called the S.I. GRAY BERETS BASE FORCE. With the "19" gone this year and no social distancing we hope to play softball not spaceball, but the masks, in some cases, were an improvement. Waiting for you kids to grow up and join our team, but please be alive.

Miscellaneous Needs & Wants

Bart Prieve is looking for players, the Scrap Iron Diamonds 70's. They compete at the AAA level. If your interested or know somebody please contact him. bprieve@hotmail.com

Jerseys available



Bart Prieve has some jerseys in good condition your team can have just for the asking, 6 Large, 8 X Large, & 1 XX Large. Contact him at bprieve@hotmail.com

Jim Caswell has an assortment of jerseys mis-matched, one of a kind type, some were samples, mostly all are new merchandise. Not really enough for an entire team but just think of the possibilities... practice jerseys!!! Let's use these up it's a shame to fill up the landfills with brand new clothing. What's the other option, do we think it's fitting to have the homeless walking around Denver in Scrap Iron jerseys?



He has 7 of the white, 11 solid black, 8 solid red, and a few jerseys shown in picture underneath the purple ones. The purple is still one my team is using so I have first dibs! Jim also has 2 boxes of practice balls as shown.



Thank you to the following who have been a tremendous help to our club.



The logo for JVATION, featuring the word "JVATION" in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a registered trademark symbol, set against a blue rectangular background with a slight gradient.

Finally, in closing, something to never forget...one of the reasons we are where we are!

Code of Conduct

While Representing the Scrap Iron Softball Club,
I will conduct myself as a Gentleman at all times.

On the field of play, I will display the highest level of sportsmanship

My actions on and off the field will never discredit the
Scrap Iron Softball Club and its members