



## September 2021 Newsletter

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Can you believe the season is almost over already? Las Vegas Worlds is just a few days away, Wednesday league is over, Saturday league is wrapping up and we got Football. Yea!

I was watching an old TV episode of the Twilight Zone the other night and this show was taken place in a retirement home. This old guy was watching some kids play "Kick the Can" out in the street. I remember playing that when I was a kid, I'm sure many of you did also, however, I'm sure there are some of you younger guys thing what's that? Any way, this old guy was thinking back to his days of when he was a kid and the magic of being young. He got a can and tried to convince his fellow retired old friends to go out and get a game of kick the can going, you know rediscover the magic of youth. He was walking around with this old beat up can telling everyone that the magic was in the can! He tried very hard to get his old friends off the porch and be a kid again, have some fun, of course they all thought he was crazy. As I watched this show it dawned on me that the old beat up can he was carrying around and calling it magic, the fountain of youth, was to me a softball!!

I have many friends who cannot believe I'm still playing softball. They are content to sit on the porch and grow old. I'm so very thankful to have softball in my life, it is the FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH !!! There's magic in that yellow ball.

I hope you enjoy this September edition of our newsletter, it's a little bit early because we have some dated information about our banquet coming up very soon.

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### ***Scrap Iron annual Banquet***

Location: Wings Over the Rockies - [7711 E. Academy Blvd. Denver, CO 80230](#)

Date: [October 22, 2021](#)

Time: 6-10PM with doors open at 5:30

Cost per person: \$50 (children under 16 \$30)

Includes:

Admission to Wings Over the Rockies (you can fit an entire softball field inside this building!) Here's a promotional video: <https://youtu.be/YxyIHx1ek10>

Dinner

Awards Ceremony

Cash Bar

Raffle (bring cash)

Silent Auction (bring even more cash!)

Tons of fun hanging out with all your Scrap Iron buddies!

Free parking

We need items donated for the Silent Auction and Raffle (items like golf foursomes, crafts, sports memorabilia, sporting event tickets, ball equipment, etc.)

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From our Hall Of Fame chairman, TerryGoodrich

#### Scrap Iron Hall of Fame Class of 2021 Nominations

With the Scrap Iron banquet moved to October the Hall of Fame committee is putting out an urgent call for nominations for the Class of 2021. Nominations are being accepted through Saturday, September 25, 2021. We apologize for the short time frame. Any member is eligible to nominate another member that you think deserves to be in our club's Hall of Fame. There are currently 60+ members. 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 by serving and/or volunteering administratively. Surely we all know someone that falls in one of those categories. If you would like a copy of the criteria, a nomination form or some help with your nomination please contact Terry Goodrich at [terrygoodrich@comcast.net](mailto:terrygoodrich@comcast.net) or 303-601-7661.

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Coaches,

Please remember that we are in a rush mode to get your MVP plaques made in time for the banquet. Our awards vender is very busy this time of year with school awards, he need our order on October 1. That means I need your MVP's on or before October 1. Any later than that and you'll get an IOU instead of a MVP. Please make sure all spelling is correct, there will be no time to make corrections. Send by email only to me, Art [firstbase17@me.com](mailto:firstbase17@me.com). Do not send your names by replying to this newsletter's email it will delay getting it to me. Thank you.

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More on the Banquet

Coaches,

**IMPORTANT # 1** Please have all of your players pay you and please send one check (made out to Scrap Iron) for your entire team along with the completed attendee list (attached) to Jim Casswell [PO Box 260699 Lakewood, CO 80226](mailto:PO Box 260699 Lakewood, CO 80226)

**IMPORTANT #3** - Please email Bruce Brothis a copy of the completed attendee list **NO LATER than Friday, October 8, 2021** [bbrothis@allegiantbilling.com](mailto:bbrothis@allegiantbilling.com)

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## Team News

**Scrap Iron Tenacity.** We started off in pool play versus the Texas Aces out of Houston. We played okay, defense was stellar. We won 20-13. The team hit .715. The second pool game, we didn't show up. We played against Elevated from Utah. We played them before, lost a close one in extra innings, and we beat them in Reno. Like I said, we didn't show up mentally. We hit .548, played terrible defensively, and ended up losing 14-27. We regrouped for the first bracket game on Friday evening. We played Monster Diesel

out of Arizona. We played well defensively. We hit .812 as a Team, and we ended up winning 28-19. This put us in the 9:30am game versus the Texas Aces again. We came out a little cold in the first inning, but we found our groove, and started playing our game. It was a close game for about 4 innings, then we locked them down defensively. We hit .728 as a Team, and we ended up winning 22-10. This put us in the semifinals on Sunday versus Maher Homes from Nebraska. It was a close game for about 4 innings. They were hitting and scoring runs, and we were doing the same. We went into the open a couple of runs ahead. We opened it up in the open inning, and then shut them down in the bottom half. We hit .712 as a Team, and ended up winning 29-17. This put us on the hill in the championship. The Texas Aces battled through the losers bracket back to the Championship Game. The altitude, and believe it or not, the heat, go to these Texas men, and they were pretty much done. We handled them easily and hit .718 as a Team. We won the Championship Game 27-12! All Tournament Selections for this Tournament were: Josh Stull, Stephen Wilkins, Mark Gallegos, Jerry Villagrana, and Scott Cameron.

**Scrap Iron Rocky Mountain Thunder 60s:** Rocky Mountain Championships Results - The Scrap Iron Rocky Mountain Thunder 60s Major team won their third major (TOC) tournament of the year, winning the 2021 Rocky Mountain Championships in Aurora. As a team they hit .741 with 8 homeruns. Overall, the offense and the defense played just well enough to win. Reviewing the individual stats, Michael Mouton did not make an out all weekend and played some great defense! Just a great all-around performance. Jack Donnelly and Mark Troxel hit over .900, which is also exceptional. And 4 others hit .800 or better. The team's selections for the AT Team were Michael Mouton, Jack Donnelly, Tommie Edwards, Randy Kunkel and Mark Troxel. Congratulations to each of them and to the entire team. 10 players received All-Tournament Team votes, more than half the team, showing the depth of this team. The team finishes the regular season with a 22-5 record just prior to Vegas Worlds. In 5 major tournaments this year, the team finish 1st three times, 2nd once and 4th once. Now on to Vegas Worlds in a couple weeks.

**Scrap Iron Xplosion 60 AAA** fought to a third place finish. After a summer of injuries and slumping in our hitting, we started to play like we did in the spring. We beat the team that won Reno and took fourth in Western Championship. All tourneys went to Pat Roach (who flew in from Florida after a recent move there), John Bellatti, who had the long drive from Evergreen and Kevin Flynn, who had a long walk to the park. It was fun and very happy to make it Sunday. That will be our goal in Vegas Worlds.....good luck to all Scrap Iron team in Vegas!!!!

**Scrap Iron Heavy Metal** participated in the Rocky Mountain Championships at 60 Major and finished with a record of 2 and 4 in a very small bracket of 5 teams. Metal did make it to Sunday, albeit in the losers bracket and were defeated by Arizona Old School who coincidentally contained a future 2022 Heavy Metal player, Dusty Lee, who moved to Colorado recently but was finishing his 2021 commitment with Old School. After losing their first game against their old 60 AAA nemesis, 50 Caliber out of Missouri (who coincidentally bounced them out of the 2-3 semi-final game of Worlds last year), Metal then beat them twice, 23-18 and 15-13 in subsequent games. Metal plans to compete in World in Vegas and either Ft Meyers or Phoenix to round out their 2021 season.

**Scrap Iron Diamonds 65's** With several injured players we were able to scrap together 11 players to play in the Rocky Mountain tournament. Out of the 11 players 9 were healthy and 2 recovering from injury were giving it all they had. After the seeding games were

were seeded number 1, which, as we all know means nothing! Of course we lost our first bracket game and had to go the hard way. In summary we did make it to the championship game and came up short losing by one run in the bottom of the 7th.

Now with a beat up crew still recovering from several injuries we are off to Vegas Worlds, I'm hopeful because my guys don't give up, we have learned to be Scrappy and although it's tough on the nerves we seem to like to come up from behind in the later innings. Whatever the outcome in Vegas is I'm very proud of my guys and very blessed that they let me run this team.

### **Scrap Iron 5280" the Rocky Mountain Championships**

There were six teams in the 70AAA division at the Rocky Mountain this year including two Scrap iron teams. 5280" got off to a good start in the sun early Friday morning with a 2-0 record in the pool games. So did the SI Patriots and USA Patriots We ended up the third seed because of runs allowed. The USA Patriots put up 42 runs against the 75 Major Sidewinders. We started our bracket games again in the morning sun and beat a team from Texas but lost by one run to the SI Patriots which meant we played at 4:00 against another Texas team, which we won by one run. Sunday morning, again in the 8:00 sun, we beat a Kansas City team, then the USA Patriots and then the SI Patriots. Those three games were all decided by one run making them very exciting. By 2:30 in the championship game against another Texas team playing their first game of the day we were gassed! We put up a respectable fight but eventually took second place. Our record was 9-2 and 5 games were decided by one run. Also of note, we batted 14 players in every game. It was a complete team effort and the coach was very proud of 5280'. Our four All Tournament players were Jerry Bost (BA 778), Ken Hiatt (714), Hal Meyer (857) and Alan Wiechmann (750).

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As you can see from the above team news a lot of our teams are missing, we as a club are interested in how our teams are doing, who's their all tourney players, stories from the Doug out, we all play at different times and different locations it's hard to keep up. Worlds is upon us, please send in your stories from this experience quickly after your games. Thank you.