

Mission Statement

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation is dedicated to the support and preservation of parks, sports facilities and athletic programs in the greater Yakima area.



**Annual Foundation Fundraiser
 — A Hallmark Event**

This year's 10th annual Sports Legends Reunion and High Hopes Golf Tournament feature the theme "Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Class of 1965." Athletes who led the 1964-65 teams are represented by captains from the four state tournament teams: Eisenhower High School's Steve Dale, Davis High School's Ted Wierman and Marquette High School's Scott McDonald. The three are serving as our 2015 honorary golf chairmen. These three schools won state championships and are considered the greatest athletic teams from the Yakima Valley. *Check out the third article, Boomer's Spring Season in the Historical Section on page 6, written by Spud Edmondson.* Many of the Class of 1965 have been productive and contributing members of the Yakima Valley while others have enjoyed success beyond the Valley. You will also have an opportunity to hear from other athletes from the Class of 1965 reliving athletic accomplishments and catching up on each other's lives.

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Friday night, June 12, Eric Beardsley will be the Sports Legends Reunion Honored Guest. Eric is legendary in our Valley, having competed in track and wrestling at Yakima Junior College and starring at Central Washington College in track. He started a wrestling program at Moses Lake High School in 1952 and returned to Central Washington College to lead the wrestling program to an NAIA championship. He has received many awards and is a member of several halls of fame. He will be honored posthumously with his son Eric and hopefully other family members attending the evening. FYI - the event is returning to the Yakima Valley Hotel and Convention Center. (Story on page 5.)

SPORTS LEGENDS REUNION



ERIC BEARDSLEY

High Hopes golf will feature our 8 a.m. shotgun scramble event Saturday. It all begins at the tournament tent with team check-in from 6:30-7:30 a.m., all the balls you can hit at the driving range, continental breakfast and our Welcome/Call to Carts at 7:45 a.m. We will not hold our putting contest this year, but our popular putting strings and mulligans will be available. We will provide our annual "gift" for those playing and hope all will stay for the post-golf High Hopes BBQ luncheon and awards ceremony around 1:15 p.m. Extra luncheon tickets are available for your family and friends. Team pictures will be taken on the 9th and 18th tee blocks throughout the day and will be available for pick-up before this ceremony.

Looking at past tournament programs, the office created a spreadsheet of all the golfers attending the annual event since 2006. We are excited to recognize golfers who have attended all nine previous tournaments, and we expect them back this year - **Don Crook,**

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A summary of the registration and financial documents of the PARKER YOUTH & SPORTS FOUNDATION is available by calling the Office of the Secretary of State (Washington State) at 1-800-332-4483 or by visiting their website: <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/charities/>.

Letter from the President



Thank you to Vice President Trudy Bray for stepping in at the past two board meetings. I have been recovering from the cold and flu season and spending time with my 96-year-old father as he deals with major health issues.

Grant Committee Chair Sam Karr continues to support the foundation in our mission to support a variety of youth sports and activities around the Yakima Valley. PY&SF has given grants in 2014-15 to many youth programs involved in golf, wrestling and basketball with recent requests coming in from East Valley Youth Baseball and the Union Gospel Mission Madison House flag football fall and spring program. The Grant Committee continues to develop a list of previous donation requests that will further support the PY&SF mission of parks, sports facilities and athletic programs.

PY&SF also continues in our support of YVCC sports and education. The foundation is involved with the renaming of the Parker Field and has three executive board members serving on the Parker Faller Field Improvement Group of Yakima. Diana Gil-Vargas has been offered the Joe Donahue Memorial Scholarship for the 2015-16 school year. She did outstanding work this past year. Diana is the 4th recipient to receive the scholarship for a two-year period.

PY&SF is working on our 10th annual fundraiser weekend of June 12 and 13. The Sports Legends Reunion will be at the Yakima Valley Hotel and Convention Center (may have a new name by the time of the event) on North First Street on the 12th and the High Hopes golf tournament returns to Apple Tree Golf Course the morning of June 13. Join us at both events as we "Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Class of 1965" athletic accomplishments. This will be a fun activity for all Parker supporters.

One last item that I feel is important to note: this year at the annual Yakima Valley Sports Awards Luncheon (YVSAL), the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation Scholastic Award will be presented for the third year.

We will give grants to five area high schools using the WIAA's parameters and statistics recognizing performance in the classroom as well as on the playing field. The three school classifications were a combination of 1B, 2B, 1A, 2A and 4A. We plan to present the five \$300 awards at the June luncheon.

I wish all a very successful spring. See you at the fundraiser weekend.

Jon Mulvenon, president

Congratulations to **Jerry Ward** for designing displays in two of the four cases in the foyer of the A.E. Larson Building with athletic and foundation historical photos. Check it out . . . it's worth your time!

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Jay Gilbertson, Bob McCullough, Chris Pearson, Glen Shaw and Kirk Tourtillotte. Golfers who have supported the event for the past eight years were **George Nagle** and **Jamie Carmody**. If your name should have been on the list, contact the office so we can correct this information.

The awards program will recognize our golf contest winners from our team divisions, longest drive, closest to the pins and driver accuracy. Our tournament will break into our traditional three competitive groups and our popular youth high school division - hosted by individuals and corporate friends of the Parker Youth and Sports Foundation. We are committed to bringing youth into our event, so you can meet the high quality and character of the young athletes in our community today. Please take the time to encourage them to follow their dreams.

If you can't play this year, please contact us about sponsoring a youth team. We are limited to the first 144 paid entries, so please send us your team information ASAP or call the office at 509-469-9336. Please make all payments no later than June 1, with checks written to High Hopes - Parker Youth & Sports Foundation (PY&SF).

Grant Scoreboard

Thank you to organizations that have requested funding for a variety of items. See requests that have been granted recently.

PRO-ACTIVE GIVING

Organization or Person	Request	Amount
Megan Johnson	Dana Farber Marathon Challenge - cancer organization	\$300.00

FALLER/BRAYTON ENDOWMENT

Organization or Person	Request	Amount
YVCC Baseball	Faller/Brayton Coaches Award and donation to the baseball program	\$3,000.00
YVCC Fastpitch, Volleyball & Soccer	Support work study of \$1,000 per program	\$3,000.00
Swede Lindquist Memorial Award	Basketball Officials' Association	\$1,000.00
Yakima Youth Legion Baseball (Beetles)	Yearly award	\$1,000.00
Upper Valley Pepsi Pak Legion Baseball	Yearly award	\$1,000.00

Roll Call

Parker Partners Membership Drive

Thank you for renewing or joining the foundation as a Parker Partner. Each contribution frees up funds to support grant requests, allowing more young people the opportunity to play a sport that hopefully will contribute to the development of skills and life's positive attributes. At a current total of 225 members, \$4,005.00 has been generated by your membership. ***BOLD denotes members renewing since the fall issue was published. Welcome!**

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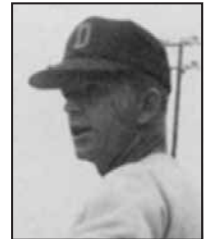
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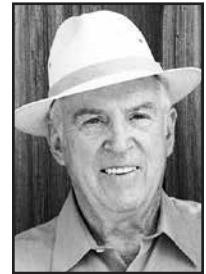
Memorials

In memory of **Vaile Bryant**, Davis High School Spanish teacher and baseball coach; Vaile would become a counselor later. He was an outstanding basketball referee who devoted his talents and time to the high school scene.



John & Helga Staffan

In memory of **Eric Beardsley**, outstanding YVC & CWU track runner and legendary wrestling coach at Moses Lake High School and Central Washington University.



Jerry & Lynn Ward

In memory of **Lena Bodeen**, wife, mother, sister, master gardener, elementary school educator, planner of extraordinary trips for grandchildren and others, hostess with the mostest.



*Trudy Bray Virginia Hays
Carol Finney Jerry & Lynn Ward*

In memory of **Bob Caton**, a multi-sport athlete at Highland High School and football and baseball player at YVC, earning "Little All American" in football. Bob taught physical education and woodshop for Port Townsend, where he coached football. Later took up the sport of archery, taught scuba diving, fishing and learning to fly.



In memory of **Fern Donahue**, raised five children before working full time in the family photoengraving business. She and Joe had a loving 73-year marriage during which

they enjoyed their 13 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great-grandchildren. Fern was the organist at her church for over 20 years.

Shirley & Gaye Davidson
Bill Faller
Paul George
Virginia Hays

Lola Miller
Gail & Kathie Sanders
Jerry & Lynn Ward



In memory of **Nancy Faller**, humanitarian and activist. Nancy enjoyed reading and supporting husband Bill and all his baseball players.

Sid & Elaine Smith



In memory of **Tom Marier**, a three-year teammate of Bill Faller and Bobo Brayton at WSU, he signed with the Phillies. He taught and coached at Kennewick before moving on to Medford High School.

Bill Faller



In memory of **Darren Parker**, son of Daryl Parker. His beautiful smile brought joy to his father Daryl, Sherrie and everyone who knew him. He will be dearly missed and never forgotten.

Love, Gail and John Sullivan
Joel & Diana Vainika



In memory of **Leonard Rabanal**. Played football (off-guard/defensive cornerback) at Wapato High School and YVC. Leonard played in the High Hopes Tournament last year with the Wapato Wolves (Bill Douglas, Joe Hoptowit & Don Zimmer).

Bill Faller



In memory of **Don and Reva Renecker**, parents of Stan Renecker, Donald Renecker, Cindy Adams and Tina Redfield. Married for 61 years, Don served as a medical staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. He owned a dental lab and had other jobs before retiring after 25 years from Central Pre-Mix Concrete Company. Don passed May 2014 and Reva December 2014. The foundation would enjoy learning more about Reva.

Bill Faller
Virginia Hays

Stanley Renecker
Jerry & Lynn Ward



In memory of **Lyle Woolf**, a three-sport high school letterman before playing football at WSU. Eventually moving to Yakima in 1963, Lyle "Smiley" served the pharmacy needs of the community as the owner of Woolf's Drug. Always a WSU football fan, Lyle would become an active member of the Yakima Elks Golf Club.



Bill Faller

General Donations

Thank you to those listed below who have been able to add extra to their Parker Partner membership renewals.

Jim & Karin Avery
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Rick Clark
Tim & Paula Foutz
Tom & Karen Garrison
Fred & Marie Halverson
Harley & Linda Hanson

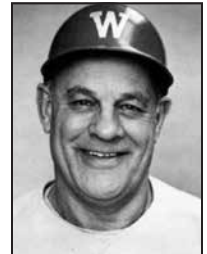
Sherman & Judy Hill
Michael & Elizabeth Johnson
Jim & Nancy Leahy
Ken Marble
Manny & Mary Jo Perez
Yakima Heart Center Inc.

Faller/Brayton Endowment

The Faller/Brayton Endowment continues to grow and will be a living memorial to two fine gentlemen and baseball coaches who contributed to the legacy of baseball in our valley. The endowment continues to remain around \$250,000 as funds are used to promote YVCC baseball, fast pitch, volleyball and soccer and other youth programs.

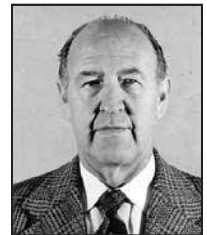


Sally Allen
Steve & Winnie Evert
Bill Faller
Virginia Faller
Kathleen Olmsted
Stanley Renecker



Joe & Fern Donahue Memorial Scholarship

Joe's legacy continues and will now become stronger as people acknowledge both him and wife Fern in their contributions to this scholarship.



Shirley & Gaye Davidson
Bill Faller
Paul George
Virginia Hays

Lola Miller
Gail & Kathie Sanders
Jerry & Lynn Ward

In Honor Of

Thank you to Virginia Hays for all her work with the foundation. We appreciate her and enjoy supporting the foundation.

Bob & Lana Brown
Larry & Nancy Kezele

Parker Faller Field Improvement Group Donation

Thank you to the baseball enthusiasts who want to help provide the best facility for the YVCC baseball team.

Tom & Mary Herche
Phil & Pam Hinrichs
Eric & Jill Johnson

Daryl & Sherrie Parker
Stanley Renecker
Kathleen Olmsted

Parker Faller Field Dedication - April 18

Work is continuing on the campus of YVCC as the baseball complex is moving forward. The architect has submitted several renditions of the entry for the Parker Faller Field Improvement Group of Yakima to consider.



Construction of the new dugouts donated by VK Powell Construction.

PARKER YOUTH & SPORTS FOUNDATION

Is Hosting a 90th Birthday Party for

Coach Bill Faller

Friday, April 17

The Red Lion Hotel • 607 East Yakima Avenue
Special Room Rate (\$83) • 509-248-5900

Cost \$40 Per/Person

(Credit cards taken at door only)

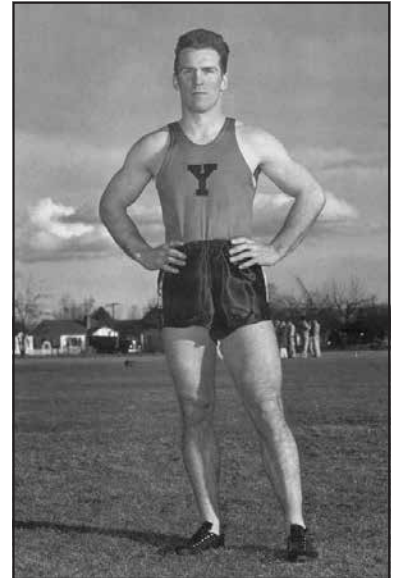
Proceeds Go to Redesign of Parker Faller Field

Time: 5 pm Social, 6 pm Buffet & Program
Limited Seating to First 200 Reservations

R S V P to Jerry Ward, not PYSF Office
409 North 36th Ave., Yakima, 98902
or call 509-452-5190 or kyvuywash@aol.com

Eric Beardsley: Athlete and Coach Extraordinaire - Sports Legends Reunion Honored Guest

Eric Beardsley was like many of the other athletes and coaches of his time: successful athlete, successful coach and revered person. Eric will be honored posthumously at the 2015 Sports Legends Reunion on June 12.



Eric graduated from Yakima High School in 1946. He went on to Yakima Junior College, where he lettered in football, basketball and track and field, earning six varsity

letters and all-conference honors in each sport. Pursuing his education at Central Washington College of Education (Central Washington University), Eric was selected to the 1950 all-conference football ball team (halfback position). He also won conference championships in the javelin and pole vault that same year.

Beardsley started his coaching career at Moses Lake High School, starting the wrestling program. During his six seasons, his teams finished ninth, fifth and second (twice) and won one state championship.

He returned to Central in 1959 to start the wrestling program. During the next 34 years he led the Wildcat teams to 12 top 10 NAIA national tournament finishes, winning championships in 1971 and 1974. Because of his coaching success, Eric was installed in the NAIA Wrestling Hall of Fame, Washington State Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame, Yakima Valley Community College Hall of Fame, and Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Hall of Fame and, in 1983, he was a part of the CWU Athletic Hall of Fame's inaugural class.

In 1996, Eric received the CWU Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Many people who passed through Eric's career offered praise of him as a person - *always smiling and always had something positive to say whenever they spoke to him, thanking them for remembering him.* Local sports writer Roger Underwood, CWU coach Gary Frederick, coach Tom Parry and former wrestling athlete Bob Spain are just a few to have been influenced by Eric.

Eric and wife Glenna moved to Lynden in 2007 to be near son Eric and the golf course. They enjoyed traveling to Hawaii and to Scotland - his mother's birthplace. Daughter Sandy and three brothers were also a big part of his life.

6 Historical Section

Boomers' Spring Season

— Series 1 of 2 by Spud Edmondson

Girls were finally able to compete in an additional sport the spring of 1965. Girls continued competing in tennis, as well as track. Boomers from the city, born in '46 and '47, continued to add to their fall and winter state championships. Coach Keith Wright's Ike tennis team was 1965 district and state champions, led by the doubles team of senior Pete James and junior Bruce Love (district and state champions), senior Bill Coats (district champ, third place state singles), senior Jan Sinsel (singles district champ) and senior Sue Montgomery and junior Penny (Pene) James (district doubles champs). Coats went on to star for three years at the University of Washington.

Ike's track team was called by coach Don Holder "the best dual meet team" in school history. It won every dual meet and invitational meet except for a third-place finish at the prestigious Pasco Invitational. Led by seniors -- sprinters Steve Dale, Phil Kopp, Randy Russac and Glen Shaw; jumpers Dave Cook and Shaw; throwers Terry Antles, junior Jerry Carpenter, Greg Hinkley and Terrill Nichols; distance runners Tim Ohlund and Dana Owens and hurdlers junior Jim Dale, Steve Dale and Ralph Lenhard -- Ike won the sub-sub district, sub district and district championships. Shaw's second-place finish (long jump) was Ike's lone state placer.



Willie Turner at OSU.

However, the local track spotlight shined brightest on Davis' junior Willie Turner, the greatest sprinter and possibly long jumper, ever from Yakima. He won the sprints at the '65 state track meet ('66 too) and would eventually hold

the 200 yard world record while at Oregon State University.

But, as is the case today, baseball was king in Yakima, and the royalty resided at Marquette. All Yakima Valley and Kittitas Valley high schools, except for the "B's", formed the Northern League (12 teams) and played the Southern League (Prosser, Tri Cities, etc.) champion for the district championship (no state playoffs).

Defending '64 district champ, Coach Hal Dodeward's Marquette High baseball team (160 boys in the three eligible grades) somehow in 1965, accumulated the finest pitching staff in the Northwest (arguably along with Portland's large Madison High) led by seniors Scott McDonald and Ed Labissionaire and junior Jerry Morse. Marquette's pitching and defense produced the league title in a series of knockout games with coach Vaile



Coach Hal Dodeward

Bryant's Davis and coach Keith Farnam's Ike teams.

Undefeated in league in '64 and into their last three games in '65, Marquette was beaten by one loss to Davis (1-0) on a home run by junior Buddy Fish (the only person other than Highland's Manny Perez to ever hit McDonald). Marquette then beat one-loss Ike (5-3). Ike then beat Davis in the last game of the season (8-7) in a dramatic seventh inning rally. Marquette lost twice to Pasco (1-0, 2-1) in the district championship. Ike's 17-3 season record, including a defeat of Pasco, is the best record in school history.

In June, the three teams combined to form the Yakima American Legion Logan Wheeler Post #36 team, coached by Bob Garretson Sr. Expectations were high, with two rare four-year starters returning: McDonald and Labissionaire, along with most of the high school stars, with the glaring exception of the city's three best non-Marquette pitchers: Ike's senior Rick Bradley, junior Bill Thomson and Davis' senior Lennie Allen. Marquette's junior Steve Brulotte and sophomore Dick McDonald joined Davis seniors Ky Carlton and Ron Donaldson and junior Dave Myers with Ike seniors Spud Edmondson and Steve Stevenson and juniors Kerry Garbe, Tim Olson, Greg Rogers and John Sousley to start the season. In the first game against Idaho's best team, Lewiston, McDonald pitched a 21-strikeout, one hit, 1-0 win.

With major league scouts at every game, McDonald was overpowering, striking out 34 batters in his next two wins, then no-hitting Richland, then beating Montana's best team, Billings. The bad news came in late June when McDonald signed with the Baltimore Orioles after being drafted 15th in the first major league draft (corrected information from previously printed information), becoming one of the first bonus babies and the highest draft signee in Yakima's history. Davis' Jamie Allen was drafted ninth in 1975 but never signed.

Losing its best pitcher and hitter, the team went reeling briefly until finding a silver lining in its cloud, namely the incomparable Lenny Allen, who joined the team after McDonald's signing. Allen continued to build on his well-deserved reputation as the best "pound for pound," most competitive athlete ever seen in the city. Allen, extraordinary leadoff hitter and crafty left-handed pitcher, along with the emergence of Morse, Ike sophomore, Dennis "Beno" Heberlein and his sidekick Ike junior Benny Zandell, sparked Yakima to an undefeated run through the district and five-team state tournament where Yakima eliminated all the other teams after losing its first game. This was to be the first of Yakima's amazing string of state legion titles (winning 15 titles between 1965 and 1983).

Meeting Oregon champions, all but one from Portland's Madison High and coached by NWAAC's Dick McClain, in the first regional game against pitcher Terry Ley, who was undefeated in the high school and legion seasons and had not given up an earned run all year, Yakima won 2 -1. In dramatic fashion, captured in a portrait by renowned artist Don Crook, the host team, Billings, was game 2 victim on a sensational catch of a wicked line drive with two outs in the ninth by second baseman Stevenson, saving a 3-2 victory with the tying run on third.

Things went downhill from there over multiple rain delays, as Yakima lost 7-2 to Lewiston in the battle of the unbeaten and 3-1 to Portland in 15 innings to end its season. Portland went on to finish third in the national tournament after beating Lewiston twice for the regional title.

After the return train ride home, the last Yakima boomer teammates headed in many directions, joining the rest of their '65 classmates in continuing to seek their "High Hopes," both in sports and life. Come celebrate the 50th anniversary of Yakima's greatest prep sports year in its history on June 12 and 13.

'65 Odds & Ends

– Series 2 of 2 by Spud Edmondson

Yakima had a fourth high school, Central Catholic, whose '65 teams were competitive, led by all-league seniors Barry McNulty (football) and basketballers Jake Jundt and Mike Dahl (who transferred his senior year to help ranked East Valley go No. 2 to state).

The successes of the boomer athletes would never have happened without the support, guidance and coaching from many people in our community in addition to our parents. However, two men stand out for their early and lifelong nurturing of Yakima's athletes -- Dr. A.W. "Doc" Stevenson and Len Allen, who opened gyms, provided coaches, and financially supported our early athletic "High Hopes" (Catholic youth sports were well organized even in the '50's).

Space does not allow for acknowledgment of the many athletes from '63, '64, '66 and '67 graduating classes in the city who contributed to the first boomers' successes -- the daily challenges in practice and learning from teammates were invaluable. It is hoped these great athletes can also celebrate with us in June.

Yakima had three football state champions in 1964 -- Coach Bill Faller's YVC team won its only championship, led by former Yakima area prep stars Don Allen, Mel Hollis, Steve Keeler, Wayne Purdom, K.O. Trepanier and Dave Wuitshick, many of whom went on to star at four-year colleges/universities.

Yakima was blessed with three families in the late 50's through the mid-70's, who, if their surname was on the roster, guaranteed the team was good and had maybe the best player in the game. All could field a starting basketball team and be competitive in their leagues today. Marquette's

McDonald's, parents Norm and Florence, were quiet, confident stars with athletic skills and played with grace. Davis' Allen's, parents Len and Yvonne, were fiery, athletic competitors who were forged in-house first. Their mom must have been part saint, part nurse. Davis was fortunate to have a second sports family, the Pleasants', parents Phil and Evelyn, who were not only athletically gifted but fierce competitors, especially in wrestling.

The author, who failed at a manual typewriter so stayed far away from a computer keyboard, must give much thanks to his wife, Gay, sister-in-law Marsha and our newsletter editor Virginia for getting his chicken scratches to print. The boomer articles were mostly factual, but contained some obvious opinions that can be debated in June -- hope to see lots of you then.

Joe Donahue Legacy Enhanced

– Story by Jerry Ward

Fern Donahue, widow of Joe Donahue, namesake of the foundation's Donahue Scholarship, passed away on January 9. We thank the Donahue family for designating the PY&SF for donations in Fern's memory. We are just as thankful for being invited by Joe's son, Dave, to visit Joe and Fern's home last fall when he gave us two of Joe's very special files. One file covers the sports history of Yakima Junior College (YVCC today) while the other contains programs and pictures collected over the years about the Monday Morning Quarterbacks Club. Joe was an honored member of the YVCC Golden 'Y,' and Dave gave the foundation Joe's beautiful red blanket with the Golden 'Y' in the center. Paul George, longtime sports editor for the Herald and a former Yakima city councilman and mayor, joined in the visit to Joe and Fern's house, and Dave presented him with pictures and information about the 'old' Yakima Meadows Race Track. Thanks again, Dave, for all the good memories the Donahue Family has created for the sports community of Yakima.



Dave Donahue with Paul George displaying Joe's Golden Y blanket, presented to Joe in 1976.



1964 YJC 7-1 Champions (Anyone have a list of players?)



YES!

I want to support parks, youth activities and sports with a donation to the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation.

I wish to contribute:

- Parker Partner Individual Membership @ \$25 per year \$40 Joint
- General Foundation
- The Joe Donahue Scholarship Fund
- Faller/Brayton Endowment
- In Memory of _____ Amount \$ _____
- Please send information about the **10th Annual Event** June 12 *Sports Legends Reunion* and June 13 *High Hopes Tournament*

Special Areas:

- Parks & Playfields
- Youth Sports Programs
- Scholarship
- History of Area Sports

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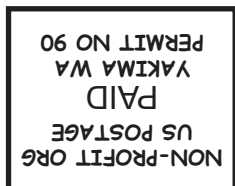
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