

The **'High Hopes'** News

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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.

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Foundation Reorganizing - New Membership Approach Instituted



For the last 10 months the Parker Foundation's Executive Committee has been working on revising the foundation's bylaws to accommodate formation of a member category called "Parker Partners." The Executive Committee's reasoning is three-fold. First, at this point in the foundation's development, it is necessary to structure the board of directors so it will perform one major function: managing the corporation's legal and financial affairs.

Second, it is critical at this stage to recruit a large body of community members who will "partner" with us to focus on the foundation's projects and programs that address the PY&SF's mission and goals. The Executive Committee's goal is to recruit well over 100 individuals and corporations to be foundation members ("Parker Partners").

Finally, part of the restructuring plan is to prepare the foundation to compete for limited community resources, including attaining volunteer support and charitable donations. It is time for the Parker Foundation to make these needed structural and operational changes.

Under the current structure all foundation members formally are board members. That formality presents a unique, restrictive circumstance related to the membership goal. Under current bylaws, recruiting an unlimited number of individuals (again, well over 100) to join the foundation would create a huge and unwieldy board of directors, impossible to organize and manage for practical functioning. The proposed bylaws changes would create a body of foundation members called "Parker Partners," who would focus on mission-directed programs and projects — and be distinguished from the Board of Directors. The board would focus on managing the foundation's legal and business operations.

Under the proposed revisions the board would retain its membership parameters, i.e., the original, basic board format would be preserved. The fundamental difference in proposed board operation is the board's more narrowly focused purpose. At present, many board members are over-involved in basic foundation activities, to the extent that micromanagement results. As stated above, the proposed bylaws revisions would restrict the board's activities to one major function: managing the foundation's legal and financial affairs.

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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/.



Executive Director's Message

- An Amazing Weekend.....

The third annual "High Hopes Golf Scramble" and Legends Reunion weekend went off without a hitch! We enjoyed amazing weather and, again, an amazing

group of people! Bobo Brayton did an excellent job of entertaining the guests. The stories from his lifelong love of baseball are truly unbelievable. And, wow, what an accomplishment! Bobo Brayton is truly an amazing and humble man! I thank everyone who attended the Parker Youth and Sports fund-raising weekend. The money brought in that weekend allows the Grants Committee to do its job: give money to Yakima Valley parks, youth, and youth programs! Thank you, Golf Committee; your commitment is so appreciated! Please, everyone have a safe and amazing summer!

Sincerely, LeAnn Leahy



President's Message

Lots of hard work and overtime were instrumental in the success of our banquet and golf tournament. Our thanks to Virginia Hays and her golf/banquet committee, with a special salute to Leann Leahy for her extra input on the banquet.

Phil Hinrichs kicked off the Faller/Brayton Endowment to

match the first \$25,000 contribution of Stan Renecker. What generosity! And, speaking of generosity, Dick Smith bought the Ichiro Bat for \$1,300 and promptly gave it back to the Parker Youth and Sports Foundation to display or re-sell. Thank you, Stan, Phil, Dick, and Bobo for your money, time and endorsement of the Parker Youth and Sports Foundation.

New fund-raising, steering, and membership committees are about to be formed, so please make your talents and wishes known if these areas of service appeal to you!

Have a great summer!

Steve Dale, Pres.

Grant Scoreboard

The Grant Committee met twice during the year. It evaluated three applications and awarded two grants. An additional request is under discussion to determine whether it is a grant or marketing budget item. Grant information and awards are provided below.

Grantee	Amount Granted	Purpose of Grant
Yakima Valley Community College Women's Wrestling	\$5,000 awarded from the 2008-09 budget	Fund 8 women wrestler scholar- ships
Yakima Valley Community College Women's Volleyball	\$750	Fund uniforms (5), sweats (5) and ankle braces

Grant Committee Announces New Procedure

The Grant Committee has revised its process for receiving grant requests. First, deadlines have been established for accepting applications. The next application deadline is Monday, July 28; the committee meeting is scheduled for Aug. 11. A grant request form must be completed and submitted to Executive Director LeAnne Leahy by the end of the deadline date.

Second, the application writer or a representative of the applying organization must attend the meeting where the request will be discussed. The application's contact person will be notified of the meeting's date, time, and location. Committee meetings usually are held in the Larson Building. Having application representation at such meetings will allow the committee to have application questions addressed.

Future committee meeting schedule ...

Grant Request Submission Deadline	Grant Request Committee Meeting
July 28, 2008	August 11, 2008
October 20, 2008	November 3, 2008
January 26, 2009	February 9, 2009
April 20, 2009	May 4, 2009

Yakima Valley Women's Softball History - 2nd in a series by Jerry Ward

WEBB CATS SET THE STANDARD HIGH

The 1950's would be considered the early years for women's softball in Yakima, with such teams as the Apple Queens and Reesman's Dairy Maids building the foundation for the future of such teams as the Stealers and the Sunshiners of today. However, it was the ninevear glory days (1961-1969) of the Webb Cats that left an indelible sports memory in Yakima. Regardless of Title IX legislation, it is the opinion of many that these softball teams provided the jumpstart for the total development of all women's sports in the area.

The Webb Cats won state championships in 1963 and '66. They qualified for the national championships in '61, '67, '68, and '69, placing third in 1969. The Hall of Fame players from these Webb Cat teams include Betty

Baker, Cathy Benedetto, Cathey Webb, Shirley Dobie McEneny, Dot Dobie Buckley, Molly Lindsey and Billie Harris. Team sponsor Fred Webb also is included in the Yakima Softball Association Hall of Fame. According to a Yakima Herald-Republic story published in 1991, "It was not unusual for the team to play before home crowds of 1,500 to 2,000 fans, and when Mr. Webb brought national powers like Stratford, Connecticut, and Orange, California, to Yakima, crowds in excess of 5,000 were common."

The Parker Foundation is developing historical files on all Valley sports, and we want to express our appreciation to Betty Baker and Cathey Webb for allowing us to research the files they have maintained over the years relating to women's softball in the area. To our readers: do not hesitate to contact the foundation if you are looking for information (or an old picture).....we just may have what you are looking for.



"Mr. Webb wanted them to be ballplayers, but he wanted them to be ladies first," former coach Dorothy Purser said of the team, members of which always wore dresses and high heels when they traveled. Pictured above, from left to right, back row: sponsor Fred Webb, Molly Lindsey, Kathy Sterns, Gretchen Bower, Cathy Benedetto, Kathy Langston, Cathey Webb, Betty Story, Sharon Elofson Zahler and coach Mel King. Front row: Doris Webb (Fred's wife), Wanda McCarger, Mary Taylor, Marilyn Ritchie, JoAnn Hopfinger, Carol Finney and Maggie Bean.



Hihgland Lassies – Alums having a great time.



Dinner is served



Steve & Ted Wierman catching up at the Reunion.



M.C. Bob Romero – entertaining at the Legends Reunion.

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Foundation Reorganizing continued from page 1

The foundation cares about kids - kids of all ages — as well as developing, maintaining, supporting, and preserving public athletic facilities and parks, and enhancing, when and where possible, Yakima Valley Community College athletic programs. Foundation membership, as defined by the proposed bylaws changes, accommodates those specific interests and goals; participation as a foundation "partner" would not change current involvement in the foundation. For instance, a person specifically interested in how foundation funds are allocated could serve on the grants committee as a "partner." Someone interested in fund raising could serve on the development committee. A "partner" interested in preserving, developing, supporting, and maintaining parks and other public athletic facilities could serve on the parks liaison committee. The sports history committee might be the place for someone interested in highlighting and supporting communitywide local sports history and public recognition. And, donations from anyone who just wants to donate money to the foundation will be greatly appreciated and wellallocated.

A membership form is now available and we hope you will use it.

Thank you all for your contributions of time, effort, creativity, work, and monetary donations to the Parker Foundation.

Faller/Brayton Endowment Announced

The creation of the Faller/Brayton Endowment is to honor two men who have given a half-century of their lives to the sport of baseball and to promote Yakima Valley Community College athletics, parks and youth athletic programs in the Yakima Valley. Stan Renecker felt these men should be honored.

The financial basis of the endowment is to provide matching funds generated by the Parker Partners. Stan will match the first \$25,000 mark reached by the Parker Partners membership fees and designated donations.

The directives of the endowment will be determined by the two men but should parallel those of the Foundation — focusing on baseball at YVCC.

For more information contact LeAnn Leahy at 509-469-9336.



PARKER PARTNER SIGN UP FORM

Support & Preservation of Parks, Sports Facilities & Athletic Programs in the Greater Yakima Area

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Reunion & Scramble Highlights

The facts are in, and the news looks promising. The foundation's major fund-raising event may have exceeded last year's unofficial \$25,000 net; this year's event had a net of \$25,142. The event was due to the hard work of committee members Spud Edmondson, LeAnn Leahy, Virginia Hays, Scott Wilson, Carol Finney, Eric Carlson, Jerry Ward, and Bill Faller and special guest Hazel Leland — and especially Bobo Brayton, honorary tournament chairman.

In addition to the financial success, this year's event introduced a number of improvements. Some are:

- 1. Photos, free of charge, for featured athletes to autograph for Legends Reunion attendees.
- 2. Event advertisement provided by Mercy Theatre Inc. and created by Russ Dix of Idea Marketing.
- 3. Sponsor signs, more permanent, with the High Hopes print featured.
- 4. Creation of a combination High Hopes Golf Scramble and Legends Reunion program.

Legends Reunion Friday night highlights ...

- 1. John Olerud, Steve Mahre, Taylor Stubblefied, and Phil Mahre autographing baseballs, individual photos, and posters for anyone for the first two hours.
- 2. Phil Hinrichs introducing the Brayton/Faller Endowment created by Stan Renecker.
- Phil auctioning an Ichiro-autographed baseball bat secured by Mel Stottlemyre. The bat brought in \$1,300, with a matched bid from Pete Rademacher.
- 4. Bobo Brayton providing stories about growing up with baseball and a few tidbits about John Olerud.

Special Thanks

A special thank you to **Renae Little Roberson** who attended both events and took all of the photos you are going to see in this newsletter. Renae is the daughter of Connie Little PY&SF charter member. Connie sponsored the reproduction of the photos. Thank you ladies!



A special thank you to Honored Guest Hazel Leland and Honorary Tournament Chairman Bobo Brayton for supporting the tournament. Hazel was also in charge of the putting contest. The **High Hopes Golf Scramble** Saturday generated a full field on a hot, 98-degree, day. Our thanks to the major contributors listed below.

Gold Sponsors	McDonald's Restaurants of Yakima County Richard A. Smith Stan Renecker
Silver Sponsors	United Builders of WA., Inc. (In memory of John Strosahl)
Bronze Sponsors	Coca-Cola Phil Hinrichs Velikanje Halverson PC
Contributors	Geoff Wells Kirk Tourtilotte Mary Herche Yakima Monday Morning Quarterbacks

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2008 LEGENDS REUNION & HIGH HOPES GOLF SCRAMBLE BRIEF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME	AMOUNT
Legends Reunion Silent Auction Ticket Sales Book Sales	\$ 5,513.00 \$ 985.00 \$ 265.00
High Hopes Golf Scramble Player Fees Corporate Sponsors/Advertise Hole Sponsors Raffle Mulligans & string Putting contest	\$17,250.00 \$8,750.00 \$4,200.00 \$400.00 \$1,305.00 \$85.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$45,148.00
EXPENSES	AMOUNT
EXPENSES Legends Reunion Food and Rental High Hopes Golf Scramble Player Package Golf Course Fee Signs, paint, etc. Programs, athlete photo/poster	AMOUNT \$ 1,755.95 \$ 2,314.20 \$10,000.00 \$ 1,406.00 \$ 1,532.47

* **Note**: All expense items are not listed. The categories and information are intended to provide a general overview of the financial status of the fundraising events.



Phil Mahre, Olympic & World Cup Champion



John Olerud, former WSU and Major League Baseball Star



Steve Mahre, Olympic & World Cup Medalist



Bobo and John sharing tales.



Hazel and Bobo – colleagues since coming to Yakima.





MORE THAN GOLF EXPERIENCED AT HIGH HOPES SCRAMBLE

Jerry Ward and Renae Roberson catching up on past YVCC days.

IT'S GREAT BEING PART OF A TEAM!















Selah and West Valley boys and girls golf teams sponsored by Abbott's Printing, Caldwell Bankers and Colvin Law Office.

HIGH HOPES GOLF SCRAMBLE RESULTS

FLIGHT 1

Score of 53 Abbott's Printing **(West Valley Golf) Nate Bostrom Eric Gravbrot Corey King Karlen Rothenbueler

1st Place -Score of 54 Braytons *Bobo Brayton - C Drew Brayton Fritz Brayton Fritz Brayton Jr Manny Perez

2nd Place -Score of 57 '74 YVC Baseball Steve Myers Jim Parker Chris Pearson – C Lane Phillips

3rd Place -Score of 59 Fruit Packers Supply Paul Koch Doug Snipes – C Sam Snipes Steven Snipes

Tie 4th Place -Score of 61 Central Valley Bank **(West Valley Golf) Jared Brink Tyler Sugden Joe Thomas J.J. Wood

Tie 4th Place -Score of 61 Central Vending Terry Anderson – C Mick McDonald Greg Rogers Butch Schlagel Ron Slagle

Tie 4th Place -Score of 61 CWU Coaches Blaine Bennett *Jack Bishop – C

Tie 7th Place -Score of 62 Parker Pippins Leon Cheatham Joe Hoptowit *Daryl Parker – C James Parks Leonard Rabanal **Tie 7th Place -Score of 62 Rada's Rippers** Bonnie Carter Case Rada Joe Rada - C Riley Mayfield

9th Place -Score of 64 '76 YVC Baseball Murray Gage-Cole Pat Phelan Orville Reid Kirk Tourtilotte – C

10th Place -Score of 67 Colvin Law Office **(Selah Boys) Jenna Boyle Liz Tikriti Adrienne Viglo Breanna Wood

11th Place -Score of 68 '75 YVC Baseball Kevin Abramson Jay Gilbertson Kim Gulbransen Ron Scott

FLIGHT 2

1st Place -Score of 53 A & A Motorcoach Mike Ammerman Randy Ammerman - C Tom Ammerman Van Johnson

2nd Place -Score of 54 Bob Hall Chevrolet Jon Birght *Bob Hall – C Mike Hands B.O. Krause Steve Patton

3rd Place -Score of 57 Yakimaniacs Bill Huibregtse Pene James Bob McCullough – C Chuck Uber

4th Place -Score of 60 Caldwell Bankers Neils Hansen Terry Hoff Doug Kokeng Mike Kokenge – C 5th Place -Score of 62 YVC Yaks Carol Finney John Triplett Jeff Ward Jerry Ward - C

Tie 6th Place -Score of 63 Donahue Klan Brad Donahue David Donahue - C Elaine Donahue Kendra Donahue

Tie 6th Place -Score of 63 Ike '65 Rick Bradley Dave Cook George Nagle - C Glen Shaw

Tie 8th Place -Score of 64 Ray's Appraisal Mike Milot Jackie Ray Jason Ray – C Shane Snell

Tie 8th Place -Score of 64 Pepsi Glen Durall Butch Lindberg Larry Oliver Mike Sutton *Mike Trammell – C

10th Place -Score of 67 Road Runners Darin Dietrich - C Dylan Dietrich Manford Dietrich Jen Frenzel

Tie 11th Place - Score of 68 The Misfits Tom Balbo Rollie Curtis Steve Dale - C Mike Popoff

Tie 11th Place -Score of 68 Best Western Ahtanum Inn Paul Campbell Thomas Deats Dale Hefflinger - C LK Wombacher

FLIGHT 3

1st Place -Score of 58 Roundballers Bob DiPietro - C Mark DiPietro Dave Irwin Ted Wierman

Tie 2nd Place -Score of 59 ViewMont Real Estate Richard Hylton Soohawan Kim Bob Spain – C Taylor Stubblefield

Tie 2nd Place -Score of 59 Veilkanje, Halverson P.C. West Campbell Paul Dempsey - C Tyler Hinkley Sara Watson

Tie 2^{nh} Place -Score of 59 Speak Easy John Iasella Pat Leahy – C Ryan Leahy Mark Young

5th Place -Score of 60 Wells Fargo Chris Miller Rocky Pinon George Quenga Jr. – C

6th Place -Score of 64 Sun Setters Frank DiMario Bari Johnson – C Jerry Shaw Dale Sunitsch

Tie 7th Place -Score of 66 Kwik Lok Ed Chadwick Taylor Chadwick *Don Crook – C Cec Harrison Mike Harrison

Tie 7th Place -Score of 66 Mid-Valley Insurance Don Hinman Quintin Hinman Tom Hinman Don Swart 9th Place -Score of 68 The Dillons Dave Dillon – C ***Jason Dillon ***Paul Dillon Ron Dillon Neil Springer

10th Place -Score of 71 Highland Lassies Mary Brown Evva Lange - C Lynne Willard Marlana Williams

Tie 10th Place -Score of 71 United Builders John Olerud Rick Sola Pat Strosahl Steve Strosahl - C

12th Place -Score of 75 The Divot Kings Craig Baird Nick Leider John Staffan - C Brian Stark

> *HELP US RECREATE THE CONTEST RESULTS. CONTACT LeANNE IF YOU WERE A WINNER.

Klosest to the Pin: 2, 6, 13, 17 Hole 2 – Van Johnson

Long Drive: Women (8) – Penne James Men (12)

Accuracy: 14 Men – Women -

* Non-playing captain ** High School golf teams and/or athletes – not eligible for prizes *** Non-player

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YOUTH & SPORTS
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YES! I want to support parks, youth activities and sports with a donation to the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation.
I wish to contribute: (Make checks payable to Parker Youth & Sports Foundation) \$\begin{aligned} \$50 & \$100 & \$250 & \$500 & \$1,000 & Other
Please use my gift to support:
The Joe Donahue Scholarship Fund
General Foundation Parks & Playfields Youth Sports Programs
History and Heritage of Area Sports Scholarship Fund (other than Joe Donahue Fund)
 In Memory of I wish to order High Hopes Print(s) @ \$160 each for a total of \$
I am interested in participating in the 2009 High Hopes Golf Tournament
I am interested in The Faller/Brayton Endowment Fund
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