

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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Willie Turner Gives High Hopes Weekend a Fast Start

- by Eric Carlson

2009 High Hopes Golf Tournament chairman



The fourth annual High Hopes Golf Tournament will be held at Apple Tree Resort on Saturday, June 20. Our traditional shotgun format will begin at 8 a.m. with the annual Joe Donahue putting contest and driving range both opening at 6:30 a.m. Greens fees, all the range balls you can hit, half golf cart, raffle tickets, and lunch are included in the price of \$125 per single entry or \$500 per team. Our golf gift this year is a PY&SF embroidered sweatshirt, so please include your size on the team entry form.

We will again have our longest drive, closest to the pin, and driver accuracy contests and provide an option of purchasing putting string and mulligans. Extra lunch tickets are available for friends and family. We will finish early enough for those involved in Sunday Father's Day activities to travel to their next destination.

Our High Hopes Golf honorary chairman this year is Yakima's own Willie Turner, who once held the title of "Worlds Fastest Man." He tied three separate world records in the 50-yard and 100-yard dashes and the 100 meters. We all dream as kids of being the "greatest" or "fastest," but Mr. Turner actually did it!

Legend's Reunion

Please join us Friday night to hear this talented Hall of Fame sprinter speak at the Friday night Legends Reunion, held at our host hotel, the Yakima Howard Johnson. Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 and speakers at 7:00. We will run our annual silent auction and provide a no-host bar for the evening. Single adult tickets begin at only \$20.

The Howard Johnson is at 9 N. Ninth St., immediately off the Yakima Avenue exit in downtown Yakima (take the first available right turn from the freeway). If you need to make a reservation, please call (509) 452-6511 and mention that you are involved with the Parker Youth and Sports Foundation.

We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting our new and old Parker Partners for another quality weekend of support toward the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation. If you know of someone interested in becoming involved in golf hole or tee sponsorship, or have any weekend questions, please call my cell at (509) 728-1703 or leave a message at (509) 972-0301.



Letter From the President



Hello to all – donors, Parker Partners, and brothers and sisters in the bond of community service. Spring is here, the weather is clear (thank goodness), and the Parker Foundation is spreading some financial cheer!

Whoa . . . are we in Spin City here? Not really. We know that economics have unnerved the world. We are not making light of that; but, we are conducting

business as usual regardless of the economic picture. Our purpose is to help our community “see the light” that keeps us focused, productive, helpful, and moving forward. To wit:

- This past month or so the Parker Foundation awarded grants to six community programs. There is an article about these awards in this newsletter. We presented these grants to the respective program representatives at the Monday Morning Quarterbacks Club meeting April 6. Plus, another grant cycle already is upon us; applications are due April 20.
- The annual golf tournament is coming up (June 20 at Apple Tree), and foursomes already are signing up
- The Legends Reunion event, the night before the tournament, is taking shape. Our guest tournament chairman this year is Willie Turner, who was “the fastest man in the world” in the mid- to late 60s. He is as engaging and entertaining as he was fast on the international track circuit. Proceeds from that event will be earmarked for Yakima’s track and field community.
- The Foundation is putting together a daytime youth event for Friday, June 19, during which kids from 8 to 15 years old will be given an opportunity to “sample” various athletic activities to see how they “fit.” Hot dogs, pop, and other food fare will be provided. This is an effort to expose kids to athletic opportunities which they may not have considered or been able to pursue in the past.
- We continue to recruit Parker Partners (Foundation members) – individuals and corporate partners. Our mission is spreading. All persons and groups connected with the Foundation can help by spreading our good news. Our website is in excellent shape and a good source of information: www.parkeryouthfoundation.com.

Keep the faith. Stay the course. Life is good, and we have cause to serve. Business as usual . . . despite the economic climate . . .

We look forward to seeing you in June.

Bob Alexander
Board President

Message From the Office



Connie Little and Jerry Ward holding down the office.

Foundation Office to Send Weekly Bulletin

How about some good news on a weekly basis? If it’s not good enough, just hit delete. It is the intention of the PY&SF office staff to begin distributing a

weekly e-mail (short) communication to the Parker Partners. Parameters are still being developed as to just how much information can reasonably be sent to our Partners via an e-mail, but the intent will be to keep the membership informed of board actions, Foundation announcements of activities, and other Partner news. Our Parker Partner members have a great deal in common relative to the Foundation’s mission, thus sharing Partner ‘good deeds’ and ‘personals’ could be a regular component of the bulletin. . . . sort of an Alumni News.

When Connie Little, Virginia Hays and I assumed the Foundation office’s clerical duties in December (2008) it became readily apparent that a great deal of interesting information and material (i.e. pictures) is passing through the office on a weekly basis. In January, with an attempt to keep the board informed of our office activities, we began sending directors a weekly status report. We gave this weekly update a beat name, ‘**The Locker Room Chatter**,’ and tried to enhance the report with some humor, pictures and “observations” to accompany our regular office reports. Rather than go into lengthy explanation, (as Will Rogers said, *never miss a good chance to shut up*), it seems the board supports the office’s sending ‘The Chatter’ to Partners. . . and maybe others?

So, we are going out on point with this project and, as Will also said, *if you are riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it is still there*, and ask your help in collecting Partners’ e-mail addresses. Join the herd. e-mail, write or call as to what you may have, and keep in mind this may also be a way to broaden our membership base. The office addresses (info@parkeryouthfoundation.com) are located on the back page of this High Hopes publication.

(Send those e-mail addresses)

Organization – the Foundation office is finding its stride as to how best document receipt of funds, recognize contributions in a timely fashion and other general organizational tips necessary to operate in an efficient manner. Let us know if we have missed something.

Website – The website is undergoing changes on a weekly basis. Look for the 2009 PY&SF High Hopes Scramble information, newsletters, grant information, and the e-store.

Willie Turner - Fast Start to Legend's Reunion Event

- by Eric Carlson



This year we are proud to honor a truly world-class Yakima athlete as our honorary chairman of the fourth annual High Hopes Golf tournament -- Willie Turner. "The Fastest Man in the World" and

"the greatest" are monikers we had in our head as kids growing up. Willie actually held the title.

Willie's claim comes from three separate world recording performances in the 50-yard and 100-yard dashes and the 100-meters race. Willie not only tied the world record in the 100-yard and 100-meters, but ran the second fastest time in history in the 200. He is still known as the greatest sprinter in the history of Washington State, as no other can make these claims.

He attended Davis High School and later Oregon State University before being thrust upon the world stage during a time when America was searching for heroes in the late 1960s. He was the favorite to win gold in several events during the upcoming 1968 Mexico City Olympic Games, only to be derailed by a hamstring injury which happened in a routine physical education class.

His first year at Oregon State in 1967, Willie turned in an eye-popping time of 10.0 to equal the world record. Not a bad way to begin your collegiate career. He won the NCAA 220 national title as a senior in 1970. Between those feats, he helped lead the track team to OSU's first Northern Division PAC-Eight crown since 1946, as he won both sprint events and anchored the leg in the 440 relay in 1968. Along with the legendary Dick Fosbury, Willie pushed OSU to win back-to-back titles in what is still considered the best two consecutive years in OSU sports history.

Willie's early international success was as a member of the USA 4x100 relay team that set an American record of 39.05 in the 1967 Pan American Games in Winnipeg, Canada. He also tied Harry Jerome of Canada for the 100-yard dash title with a blazing time of 10.27 in what was one of the first actual photo finishes in track history. You see, the stop-action photo camera made its debut in this meet, according to an article in Popular Mechanics magazine.

In 1970, Willie won gold in the 200 meters with a time of 20.3 at the West Germany track and field meet. Later that year, he again won the 200 meters (20.8) at the USA-USSR track and field meet. In 1971, he won a featured 200-meter event in 20.6 at Madison Square Garden in New York. Unfortunately, Willie's attempts to make future Olympic teams in 1972 and 1976 were also thwarted by injuries. He retired from international racing in 1976.

Mr. Turner, who later coached track at UCLA, was inducted into the Oregon State University Hall of Fame in 1997 and into the Central Washington Hall of Fame in 2004. He re-

turned to Yakima in 1993 to comfort his ailing parents. That fall he was hired by the Yakima School District as a guidance specialist at Davis High School and moved to Wilson Middle School in 1998 in the same position. In 1999 he became the security monitor, a position he currently holds. He continues to coach track sprinters and jumpers at Davis High School.

At Davis, Willie was a four-time state sprint champion for the Pirates; he still holds school records in the 100, 200 and long jump. During his early career, he was coached by Ken Edwards, who occasionally ran Willie in the outfield at Parker Field.

Please help us honor this true Hall of Fame athlete by attending the Friday night Legends Reunion at the downtown Howard Johnson. Willie is always happy to meet new friends of youth sports. Doors for the event will open at 5 p.m., with dinner at 6:00 and speakers at 7:00.

New Look to Friday - "Parker Kids Sports Day"

A new venture for us at Parker Youth and Sports Foundation this year is the "Parker Kids Sports Day," to be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, **June 19**, at Parker Field and Shearer Gymnasium on the Yakima Valley Community College campus. We will partner with Yakima Valley Community College athletics, the Yakima Parks and Recreation

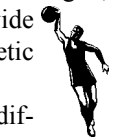


Department, First Tee of Yakima, the Yakima YMCA, the Yakima Police Athletic League, and Yakima Fire and Rescue to provide kids an opportunity to learn new athletic and lifetime skills.

This is a free day for kids to explore and enjoy different sports. There will be different sports stations



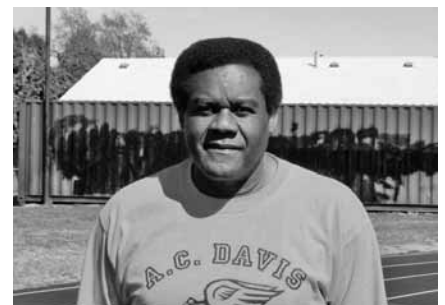
in baseball, basketball, golf, soccer, softball, and volleyball for kids to explore. Coaches will be among the best from around the city, including the YVCC staff.



We will target kids from the fifth through eighth grades, but the event will be open to kids of all ages. We hope to find a sponsor to supply free hot dogs and drinks for all in attendance. Further details are being worked out, but if you want to volunteer or get involved in some way, please call our office at (509) 469-9336 or Eric Carlson at (509) 728-1703.



Work Out with Willie and other Area Coaches!



Contributor's Section

Parker Partner Membership Roll Call

The Foundation would like to apologize to and recognize a few individuals who were left off the Parker Partner list in the last newsletter and welcome new partners.

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| Eric & Glenna Beardsley | Mike Murphy |
| Chuck Bodeen | Mark Needham |
| Mike Broadhead | Lane Phillips |
| Don Dillon | Harry Rainford |
| Steven & Judy Droles | Jim Scoggins |
| Tom & Karen Garrison | Gary & Marlene Sybouts |
| Nancy Kendrick | Chris Turner |
| Pat McCarthy | Ken Wilkinson |

Faller/Brayton Endowment

The Endowment will eventually support YVCC baseball team with scholarships.

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| Mary Herche | Richard Tevis |
| Leonard & Janet Huan | Vern Welo |

Joe Donahue Scholarship

The Donahue Scholarship is in place helping a YVCC student in their goal for an athletic management program

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| Virginia Hays | Tony Sagare |
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Memorials

The sports and recreation community has lost a number of outstanding people who epitomize the mission of the Foundation. Thank you for remembering them.

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| Royal Little (second posting) Bill & Nancy Faller Eleanor Gilliam Family Judy Hoge Ken & Mildred Stenehjelm Jerry & Lynn Ward | Max Vincent Bill Faller Jerry Ward |
| Wayne Purdom Monday Morning QB's Bill Faller Jerry Ward | Nellie Holder Bill Faller Mary Holder-Marsh Jerry Ward |
| | Gary George Bill Faller Jerry Ward |

Gold Medal

The following individuals donated to the Gold Medal drive of the Summer Olympics. Thank you!

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| John & Maureen Adkinson | David La Riviere |
| Jim & Karen Avery | Jeff Louman |
| Mike Broadhead | Jo Tyrrell Morse |
| Sandra Coopersmith | Mike Murphy |
| Buddy Fish | Chris Pearson |
| Lloyd Gabriel | Todd & Charlene Smith |
| Mrs. Robert Green | Betty Yaden |
| Jim & Nancy Leahy | |

Grants Scoreboard

The Foundation awarded six grants totaling \$13,000 to local youth programs on April 6 during the Yakima Monday Morning Quarterbacks meeting. Grant applications were submitted by program representatives and reviewed by the Grants Committee – Carol Finney, chairman, with members Rich Austin, Ellwood Crosier and Gene Rostvold. The committee conducted interviews with each applying group and submitted its recommendations to the board for the March meeting.

The chart below provides a brief synopsis of what was approved.

| Requesting Organization & Representative | Purpose of Funds | Amount Granted |
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| First Tee of Yakima (Del Rankin) | Equipment purchases for golf skills taught in elementary schools. | \$3,000 |
| Yakima Valley Fastpitch (Trudy Bray) | Player participation fees for low-income participants. | \$2,000 |
| Yakima Parks and Recreation (Ken Wilkinson) | Provide a picnic shelter at Elks Park. | \$2,000 |
| Fisher Park Task Force (Tom Hinman) | Purchase a Fisher Park Reader board. | \$3,000 |
| Zillah Youth Baseball (Kevin McKay) | Upgrade current baseball fields. | \$1,500 |
| Yakima Youth Baseball (Dave Ross) | Payment on the Beetles' bus balance. | \$1,500 |



Back row: Pat McCarthy, Neil Springer, Trudy Bray
 Middle row: Del Rankin, Bob Stephens, Ken Wilkinson
 Front row: Dave Ross, Bob DiPietro, Bob Busse, Tom Hinman

Parker Partner of the Month

- by Bill Faller



Hats off to Don Dillon, our Parker Partner for the month of March. Don was the first to mail in his \$500 check to enter the "Dillon Gang" in the "High Hopes" tournament on June 20th. At 86, he is likely to be the oldest player in the tournament. Don has been a Foundation supporter from the start in 2004. He was unable to play in the first tournament in 2006, but he and his sons

have formed the 'Dillon' team in the last two years.

In 2007 Don rode along as team captain with sons, Ron, Dave, Paul, and grandson, Jason making up the Dillon foursome. Last year Don became the playing captain. He is looking forward to continuing in that role on the 20th and being joined by his three sons. In the meantime Don will be working on his short game at SunTides, alternating with dancing days at the Senior Center.

YVCC Women's Wrestling Strike Gold

Yakima Valley Community College women's wrestling team faced its toughest competition and came away with a national championship. These athletes and coaches had to do it the hard way, earning the funds to support the trip.

Traveling to Hampton University, Hampton, Virginia, the athletes competed in the women's division of the National Collegiate Wrestling Association Championship in a round robin tournament. The team topped rival Simon Fraser University, Pacific University of Oregon, San Jose State and Mercer University of Georgia, the top five placers of the 18 colleges and universities competing.

Mike Schmitt and Tony Pimentel were named coaches of the year.

Capturing individual places were:



Tamika Jones
Champion at 105 Pounds



Ashlee Phy
Champion at 130 Pounds
Tournament's Outstanding Wrestler
Most Pins in the Fastest Total Time



Monique Dilliner
Champion at 159 Pounds



Cady Chambers
Second at 112 Pounds
Earned All-American Honors



Christina Stanley
Third at 121 Pounds



Rachel Segura
Third at 139 Pounds



Jo Ielu
Provided Points
Towards the Team Title

Historical Section - Rosdell Mansion

Adelbert E. Larson and his wife, Rose, stepfather and mother of Shirley D. Parker, made several lasting contributions to Yakima, including the A. E. Larson Building, Rosdell Mansion, Larson Gallery, and spearheaded construction of the original irrigation system from the Yakima River which led to the economic vitality of the Yakima Valley. The first two buildings and his business holdings influenced the legacy that founded the Larson Gallery, a lasting and viable tribute to the man, given to Yakima Junior College by his wife, Rose.

The focus of this article is the early 19th Century construction and history of the family home, named Rosdell. A future article will feature the Larson Gallery.

Rising out of the landscape on a 2-acre section of seven lots on a barren crest of Nob Hill, the four-plus-story neoclassical home built by Larson had its beginning in 1905.



The 10,000-square-foot home took four years to build. Its foundation and exterior walls were constructed from local stone, laid in "rusticated ashair masonry," as described in an article in the Yakima Herald-Republic. The West Yakima Avenue front entry led to a porch with "massive fluted columns" with a two-story turret on each end.



Trees from each state graced original grounds, which also featured a fish-pond on the east lawn.

Original stalls remain in the two-story carriage house on the north side. The carriage house served as a lumberyard and horse and buggy lodging in the early days. The upper floor has been converted to a 3,000-square-foot residential rental.



Mrs. Larson's driver lived in the second story turret.

The home's interior contains the original top-nailed hardwood floors, each room bordered with a different geometric pattern. The walls were painted with a Tiffany glaze, and the front room's eastern nook has a music room where a grand piano provided songs that would reverberate throughout the home opposite the stairway to the second floor.



Guests were provided with leather lounging chairs in the parlor and secret passage through a door to the bathroom and down to the basement. Each of the four bedrooms -- the house has 26 rooms -- had a private bath. For the day, the bathrooms provided luxuries uncommon in Yakima -- built-in medicine cabinets and tubs with side faucets and drains for bathing comfort. The master bedroom contained two walk-in closets with built-in dressers. Most rooms led to outdoor sleeping porches, now converted to sitting porches.

Every window in the house was weighted and still works. The original push-button light switches, leaded-glass transoms, beamed 12-foot ceilings, and paneled wainscoting made the home one of a kind in Yakima. The kitchen's icebox -- refrigerator -- is still used.

Very few additions have been made or remodeling done on the home. In the 1930s, Larson had a library and a second-floor bedroom added. Other makeovers included covering cracks and painting the walls and updating some of the plumbing and wiring.

Rosdell was sold in 1948 to friend Ray Derby, Inland Motor Co. owner. He and his wife, Blanche, raised three girls and a son in the house. The house next was sold to Randy and Jeanette Butler, who were married on the grounds.

Present owners Paul and Hollie Radke are converting the home into a bed and breakfast. They have rewired the mansion, converted the sleeping porch back to the original sitting porch, added a bathroom to the main floor and scraped and painted the exterior.

Larson, the oldest of 10 children, started life in 1862 on the prairie of southern Minnesota near Alden. He traveled west in 1884 by train, ferry, and wagon to the coastlines of Oregon and Washington, where he worked in the timber business. Heading to Cle Elum and Yakima was the Valley's good fortune.

Larson arrived in Yakima in 1891, soon thereafter purchasing his first business, the Scott Lumber Yard. His business adventures in North Yakima included building the Yakima Avenue Theater in 1899 and the Larson Theater in 1900. Ten years later he built the Donnelly Hotel on Second Street, in the center of town, and partnered with Grover Burrows to purchase the Ford franchise.

Larson married Rose Hawkins Parker in 1897. The name of the house, Rosdell, is a combination of her name and his (Adelbert). She was born in Vancouver, Wash., one of eight children, and moved with her family to the Tampico area, where she spent her early childhood. Her family had planted one of the first apple orchards.

When Larson died, his will bequeathed the home to the City of Yakima with the stipulation that the home be turned into a museum. The city was unable to fulfill the request. The

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Larson estate and city later agreed to compromise using the original \$100,000 bequeathed to the city to manage a museum at the Rosedell home by using those funds to construct the Larson Gallery and Museum on the grounds of Yakima Junior College (now known as Yakima Valley Community College and The Larson Gallery). The Larson Gallery and Museum became a reality when the first building phase started in 1948.

But that is another story.

Radke's Work Continues to Progress



Renovated second story sitting porch is hung by support chains to the ceiling of the porch.



Recently remodeled bedroom.

New bathroom off the library.

People in the News - Foundation Friends

by Bill Faller

World Baseball Classic

Mel Stottlemire, one of our Foundation's honorary directors, has just completed a short season in the World Baseball Classic. Mel spent the month of March as the U.S.A. pitching coach. This is the first year that Mel hasn't been in spring training with a major league team since 1983, when he took a year off to stay home with family and watch son Todd pitch for the Davis Pirates.

Mel also helped the YVC Indians win the division and conference championships that year as pitching coach with coach Bill Faller. Faller liked to brag, "not only did top pitcher, Jeff Parks from Selah, sign with the San Diego Padres, our pitching coach went up with the Mets." That started a string of 22 years as pitching coach in New York for the Mets and the Yankees.

Stottlemire has been a strong supporter of our Foundation since its beginning. He was a key participant in the Legends Reunion and High Hopes golf tournament the first two years. Last year he was unable to attend because of his coaching duties with the Mariners, but he still participated as a major auction contributor.

As for coaching, Mel is not looking for another job. He knows he will miss working with the young pitchers, and helping them develop. At the same time he will get lots of enjoyment from more time with family and friends, not to mention hunting, fishing, and golf.

This year Mel wants to be here for the events on June 19 and 20, but he must work them in within a few days of Yogi Berra's tournament in New York. That may not be possible, but we hope he will find a way to do both.

Congrats, Dick Eglet and John Olerud

Congratulations from the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation go to **Dick Eglet**. He has been making major contributions to youth sports programs in the Yakima Valley for more than forty years and was recently elected to the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association Hall of Fame in the "officials" category.

Dick started his sports officiating career in 1965. He has been the Central Washington girls basketball assigner for 33 years and the boys basketball assigner since 1994. He has also been a baseball and fastpitch assigner and recently added volleyball to his assigning duties.

The induction ceremony will be in Renton on April 15th. The 2009 Hall of Fame class also includes **John Olerud** who was a special guest at our Foundation Sports Legends Reunion and High Hopes golf tournament last year.

Pete Returns

Pete Rademacher checked in recently from his home in Medina, Ohio to let us know that he plans to play in our golf tournament in June. Pete is an Honorary Director of the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation and was the Honorary Chairman of the first High Hopes Scramble in 2006. He was back as a special guest in 2007 but missed the tournament last year because of hip surgery.

Recovery from his second hip replacement has been slow for Pete and he is just beginning to get around without a cane. He is looking forward to getting in some golf soon and he says he will be ready for the tournament and a good time in Yakima in June. While here, Pete will be staying with his sister, Melba Strand, who just happens to be a Parker Partner. Another sister, Mary Brown, will also be a tournament player.

