

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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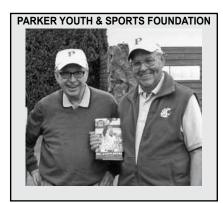
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Major Foundation Fundraiser of the Year

This year's High Hopes Golf Scramble will be held at the Apple Tree Resort in Yakima on Saturday, June 11, 2011. The Parker High Hopes Golf Scramble will again have an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Friday night festivities will be at the Clarion Hotel located on the north end of First Street.

The golf schedule will begin with team registrations from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m., the annual putting contest (prize awarded), and the call



2011 Honorary High Hopes Co-Chairmen Daryl Parker and Bill Faller.

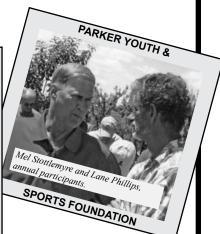
to the cars at 7:45 a.m. Team pictures will be taken on the ninth and 18th tee blocks throughout the morning. Team pictures will be available for pick-up during the postgolf luncheon and awards ceremony around 1 p.m. Extra tickets are available for family and friends.

Your entry fee includes the following: green fee, all-you-can-hit range balls, a shared golf cart, raffle tickets, lunch and prizes. We will again acknowledge several special contests, including longest drive, closest to the pin and driver accuracy; a 50/50 raffle and the always popular putting strings will be available, plus much more.

The first 144 paid entries will play on Saturday! Please help us this year by inviting your friends to form a new foursome as we make this year the biggest and best scramble. We also have a surprise guest from Arizona who will attend. Please send us your team information ASAP. Thank you for making all payments no later than June 1, with checks written to: Parker Youth & Sports Foundation.

SPORTS FOUNDATION





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

Hello to our Parker Partners and Friends:

No doubt whatsoever that spending time in the Foundation office is very much like a team meeting after the game or sitting around the kitchen table with the family sharing their activities of the day. In other words, we hear it all. Many things have happened since the last High Hopes, and Virginia has tried to cover most of the news in this issue. Though there are many exciting things to report, several of our extended family/team have been dealing with sadness this past month as well.

We extend our condolences to the family of Hannah Cordova, the student athlete at YVCC who lost her life in a tragic automobile accident in February. We have included information about Hannah in this issue. We have sent our thoughts of sympathy to Mel Stottlemyre over the passing of his father, Vernon. I learned that Vernon came from my part of the country, Texas County, Missouri, and it was enjoyable to share some common experiences in Missouri with Mel.

As we go to press, we join our nation in sending our thoughts and wishes for a recovery in Japan. Itaru and Keiko Imabayshi have been Parker Partners for several years, and reports are positive as to their safety and well being.

The Monday Morning Quarterbacks have hosted two separate Foundation grant presentations as Team Yakima, the Yakima Greenway, and the YVCC softball team were awarded grants. The QBs were a great audience as the 2010-11 Faller/Brayton Endowment funds were presented to YVCC baseball. The QBs were a great audience for reports from Tyler Berman, the YVCC baseball player the Faller/Brayton Coaches Award scholarship recipient, and Kyle Cairns, Joe Donahue Scholarship recipient.

We are in "feet, don't fail me now" mode as Virginia, Eric, and Spud lead the golf committee toward our main fundraiser of the year on June 10-11. Thanks in advance if you can find a way to become involved.

Cordially,
Jerry Ward
President

The see you fine 10 & 11!

Hope so see you

From the Office

By Jerry Ward



Hello from the very high up ninth floor of the Larson Building:

Guess who walked up nine flights this month. Any other day and I would have left and come back to the

office when the elevators were fixed, but on March 10 when the darn things quit, we had a board meeting scheduled for noon, so up I went! Actually passed an attorney on the fifth floor heading to his office on the seventh and caught a receptionist on the eighth before I collapsed in our office on the ninth! Actually had nice conversations with both, as they were really hurting! Elevators were fixed just before noon, and the board took no action on my request for combat pay.

How about those women's teams at YVCC so far this school year! Volleyball one match away from the championship match and taking third by beating Community Colleges of Spokane, and now the basketball and wrestling teams bring home first-place hardware. We have had time to recount the story about the basketball team and more information about women's wrestling can be found on page 6.

As always, you are invited to drop by the office, and we have reason to crow a little as our brand of remodeling has taken place. We have replaced the old gun metal-grey storage unit with a very nice (donated) standup maplewood cabinet. Several new pictures for our historical collections are on display, thanks to Joe Donahue and Keith Farnam.

We will meet with officials from the Yakima Valley Community Foundation this month, seeking their advice as the board considers a search for a part-time fund raiser, hopefully to begin work during the 2011-12 fiscal year. We invite interested Parker Partners and friends to participate in this planning; just contact the office for an update. Details of the project will be open and shared throughout the spring and reported on in the next High Hopes.

We have sent our condolences to Mel Stottlemyre and family for the recent passing of Mel's father, Vernon. Vern came from my old neck of the woods around Texas County, Missouri, where Mel was born, and it was enjoyable to share some common ground with him this past month. As we go to press, we join our nation in sending our thoughts and wishes for a recovery in Japan. Itaru and Keiko Imabayshi have been Parker Partners for several years, and reports are

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In closing, we encourage you to check out the store items on the last page of High Hopes, purchase something and come to the Larson Building to pick it up and walk the nine floors to the office. And then I may get a vote of support for combat pay? Have a great spring; Happy Easter!

Grant Scoreboard

The Grant and Allocation Committee selected two programs to receive funds during its final granting meeting.

Organization	Purpose	Amount
Yakima Parks & Recreation	Kissel Park summer recreation program ages 5-12 (Monday thru Friday w/weekly trips to Skateland & local swimming pool)	\$4,000









Photos provided by Yakima Parks & Recreation Department from last years' summer program at Kissel Park.

Seniors Golf Tourney To Benefit Foundation

The fourth annual Seniors Invitational Golf Tournament will take place April 22-23 with play beginning on Friday at Mt. Adams Golf Course and the final round on Saturday at SunTides Golf Course. Organizing officials of the tournament have designated the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation as the beneficiary of tournament proceeds.



The tournament is for golfers 50 years of age and older; it will be flighted by age groups, and winners and placers will be recognized in gross and net scoring. In only its fourth year, the tournament is growing each year and has proven to be a fun and competitive event for those guys who do not walk 18 holes very often or anymore(?). PY&SF officials are working with the Seniors Golf Committee to determine how we can assist and possibly enhance the tournament.

Parker Partners and friends of the Foundation who are interested in playing in the tournament can pick up an entry form at Mt. Adams or SunTides golf courses; or contact the Foundation office and we will send you one.



Parker Partner, Bob McCutcheon, outfits the Seniors Golf Committee with their Parker hats. Committee members, l to r: Rich Hilfiker, Jeff Shaw, Dave Desmarais, and Jim Gosney

Roll Call

The Foundation cannot thank you enough for continuing to support our mission. You are truly special people to recognize the needs in our Valley and the Importance of sports to the development of skills and character within our youth. Partners now total 162.

Parker Partners Renewals

Thank you for your continuing support as a Parker Partner.

Bill & Adrienne Baker Mike & Liz Johnson Andy & Kelly Boe Sam & Debbie Karr Jeff Bond Nancy Kendrick Larry & Deanna Book Walt & Evva Lange Connie Little Trudy Bray Robert McCutcheon Dan Burke Michael & Carol Carlon Erwina Peterson Paul & Holli Radke Eric Carlson Steve Evert Donald Rasmussen Carol Finney Glenn Rasmussen Tim & Paula Foutz Sid & Elaine Smith Chervl Hahn Roger & Betty Strand Dale Hefflinger Verne Welo Tom & Mary Herche Jim Whiteside

New Parker Partners

Tom Hinman

Thank you for joining our team as a Parker Partner and joining in with those who support the Foundation.

Gerald Wilson

Sharon Crum Tony & Joyce Sagare Rick Pinnell

Brayton/Faller Endowment Donors

The endowment continues to rise, to the point that a Coaches Award was presented last June. Thanks to your donations, the endowment is over \$154,300.

Tom & Mary Herche Stan & Laurie Renecker Daryl & Sherrie Parker Verne Welo

Acknowledgment

It is always a pleasure to be able to acknowledge those who want to recognize others in the community.

In honor of Eric, Jill and Eryn Johnson, local orchardists and supports of youth programs:

Gary & Carol Bergan

Memorials

Always keeping special people in our memory, contributions have been made honoring those listed below:

In memory of Nancy In memory of **Swede Faller**, local activist and Lindquist, Yakima supporter of youth: School District athletic Tom & Mary Herche director and sport Stan & Laurie Renecker official: Tom & Mary Herche

In memory of **Don** Holder. Eisenhower High School teacher and track coach: Tom & Mary Herche

In memory of Vernon Stottlemvre, head of the Stottlemyre baseball clan & longtime Mabton resident:

In memory of Hannah Cordova, YVCC Student Jerry & Lynn Ward Athlete:

Virginia Hays

Jerry and Jeff Ward

General Donations

Gifting, without designating a specific topic, is appreciated as unexpected Foundation expenditures can be covered.

William & Adrienne Baker Jennifer Brayton (monthly contributor) Bill & Sally Douglas

Tim & Paula Foutz Peggy & Al Galen Michael Havnaer Tom & Mary Herche Connie Little

Joe Donahue Scholarship Donors

Thank you to people who continue to recognize slopitch Joe and his years of service to the youth in our Valley. The scholarship has received sufficient funds to support it for the next two years.

Andy Boe

Daryl & Sherrie Parker

Kyle Cairns, 2010-Donahue 11 Joe Scholarship recipient, was awarded a 2nd year of the scholarship due to his outstanding performance during the work-study phase of the award.



Historical Collections Call for Pictures

Come on now, who out there does not have that box stuffed full of old pictures? Those of you who tend to be tidy have stacked up picture albums and scrapbooks...right? Technology today allows us to duplicate old pictures, posters and newspaper articles not only for preservation purposes, but to widen our range of sharing memories. Though the Foundation office has not conducted an official 'get out the word' campaign, we are always on the lookout for Valley sports memorabilia and encourage our Parker Partners and friends to start going through those boxes, albums and scrapbooks. Contact the office or, better yet, scan and send some of those old collectibles to us.

We want to thank Joe Donahue and Keith Farnam for the latest items that are now on display in the office. Joe is sharing an original poster from the Pete Rademacher vs. Floyd Patterson fight at Sicks Stadium



Board of Directors admiring the historical poster of the Pete Rademacher and Floyd Patterson title fight loaned to the Foundation by Joe Donahue, Monday Morning Quarterback's historian.

in 1960, while Keith has provided a photo of himself and Pat Fitterer holding the 'first' trophy ever won by an Eisenhower basketball team along with the most current hardware from a state basketball tournament. Keith, of course, coached the first and Pat the latest.

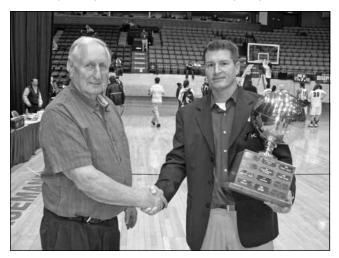


(L-R) Eisenhower High School coach Pat Fitterer comparing his 2005 team's 4th place state basketball finish with the 1965 5th place trophy Keith Farnum's captured.

Coach Butler Gets First Title

Cody Butler has been the head women's basketball coach at YVCC since 2003 with all eight of his teams qualifying for the NWAACC 16-Team Conference Tournament. His teams have collected many trophies in that time span, including four Eastern Region titles and a second-place finish in the 2010 Conference Tournament. His teams have never won fewer than 23 games in a season while averaging only six losses per team. During this year's tournament he reached the 200-win mark with a quarterfinal win over Chemeketa and raised his career wins to 202 with a semifinal win over Spokane and the championship victory over Walla Walla. Teammates of Hannah Cordova: Mariah Roe, Brittney Newcomb, LaNiecia Weatherspoon, A.J. Yarlott, Taryn Hicks, Kindrea Poole, Aliyah Green, Ariah Gonzales, Ashlie Nguyen, Natasha Trinidad, Dequise Hammick, Alex Brewster, Sade Elliott, Samantha Zapien, Jaimi Cox. Mariah Roe was the only sophomore on the team.

Coach Butler has been ably assisted throughout his tenure by Kelly Robbins and Kim Breyemyer.



Former 1990-1991 Championship YVCC Women's coach Ellwood Crosier congratulates the 2010 NWACC Championship coach Cody Butler. Staying connected to the YVCC program creates historical continuity.

YVCC has two other women's basketball NWAACC titles, as they earned back-to-back championships in 1990 and 1991, both teams coached by Ellwood Crosier. Coach Crosier was in attendance to watch this year's Yaks win the title. Crosier's teams won 231 games during his tenure at the college.

It has been a pleasure for the PY&SF to support the Yak Women's Invitational Basketball Tournament held in early December during Coach Butler's career at YVCC.

Tribute to Hannah YVCC Women Bring NWAACC Title Home



We are hard pressed to recall such an emotional, yet such an inspiring, story that unfolded during the first week of March. Hannah Cordova, a member of the YVCC women's basketball team, died tragically in a car accident on Monday, Feb. 28, five days before the start of the NWAACC Conference tournament. A Wapato High School graduate, Hannah was a popular student who was actively involved in community

services as well as being a two-sport athlete at the college, also playing on the soccer team. Coach Cody Butler said about Hannah, "Her unselfish character was demonstrated daily by being the ultimate team player, and her infectious smile and work ethic made everyone around her a better player and person."

Her funeral took place the day before YVCC's first game in the tournament, and due to the emotional strains on so many there was consideration to not play in the tournament. Hannah's father encouraged the team to play. The NWAACC included a memorial page in the tournament program, which had the following statement, "The most fitting tribute we can give her is to play these games with joy, with intensity, and most of all, as a team." The most casual observer would applaud the team for just playing in the tournament, but to win four games in four days and bring home the conference tournament title for the first time in 20 years.....there just are not words to describe that tribute to Hannah.

YVCC Women's Wrestling Captures National Title

For the third year in a row, head coaches Mike Schmitt and Tito Pimentel have lead the YVCC Women's Wrestling Program to a National Championship. This year the team walked away with the National Collegiate Wrestling Association's Title. The championship, which hosts 26 women's wrestling teams from across the nation, was held at Mercer University in Georgia.

Five of the nine wrestlers competing for YVCC were individual champions; Chel-C Bailey (112 lbs.), Stephanie Geltmacher (139 lbs.), Chantelle Bailey (159 lbs.), Faith Wasmund (176 lbs.), and Kendra Cremeans (heavyweight). Also contributing to the National Title was second place finisher Maura Tynanes (heavyweight). Teammates Samantha Lovelace (112 lbs.), Ricarda Garcia (121 lbs.), and Amber Rodriguez (130 lbs.) placed third in their respective weight classes securing the title for the Yak's.



Top; left to right: KaLia Burnett, Mercer University; Chantelle Bailey, YVCC; Faith Wasmund, YVCC; Kendra Cremeans, YVCC; Stephanie Geltmacher, YVCC. Bottom; left to right: Kendrda Nelson, Southwestern Oregon Community College; Chel-C Bailey, YVCC; Kelli Rasussen, Winona State University; Sophie Veiras, Northeastern University.

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Parker Store

Hey! Looking for something a little different? Check out our Parker store items on the last page of this edition of High Hopes.









Sixth Annual High Hopes Golf Scramble

Apple Tree Golf Resort

8806 Occidental Road Yakima, WA

Saturday, June 11, 2011

8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

For more information, contact chairman Eric Carlson, 509-728-1703

Sponsorship Opportunities:	Team Sponsor\$ 500 Includes 4 golfers		
Gold Sponsor\$ 2,500 Includes 4 golfers and hole	Tee AND Green Sponsor\$ 250		
Silver Sponsor\$ 1,000 Includes 4 golfers and 1/2 hole	1/2 Hole Sponsor\$ 125 Tee, green or driving range		
Bronze Sponsor\$ 500 Includes 1/2 hole	Program AdvertisementVarious Prices		
Please complete and return the fol	lowing form to the Parker office.		
Team Name:	Other Golf Names: Handicap		
Capt. Phone #:			
Capt. E-mail:			
Capt. Day Phone:			
Team Registration @ \$500 Individual Registration @ \$125	Payment Options:		
Additional Luncheon Ticket @ \$15	Invoice me at:		
Add. Luncheon Child (15 under) Ticket @ \$5 Total cost	(City) (State) (Zip Code)		
If you would like to be a sponsor, contact the office for a	Credit Card #:		
brochure: 509-469-9336	(Master Card or Visa only) Exp:		



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

I wish to contribute:		
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Parker Store: Items now available \$75 High Hopes Print(s) @ \$160 each REDUCED! Pride & Pinstripes, Autographed Book by Mel Stottlemyre @ \$35 each Brayton/Faller Grand Club Bat @ \$1,000 each Golf Hat or Visor w/Parker logo @ \$10 each	2008 g 2009 S 2010 C \$20	nir golf ball w/Parker logo @ \$5 each solf tournament towel @ \$10 each sweatshirts (XL, XXL, XXXL) \$15 each Golf Polo (Men's L & XL; Women's XL) each r Total:
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