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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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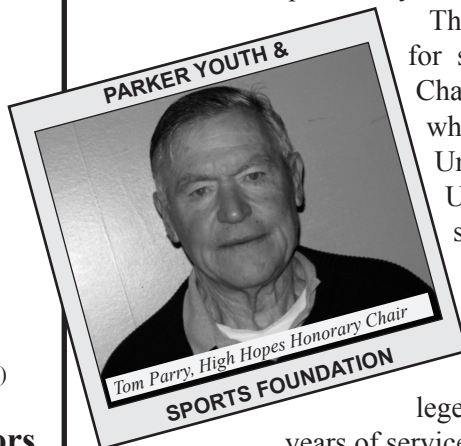
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Seventh Annual Foundation Fundraiser Features Memories and Fun

By Eric Carlson, High Hopes Golf Chairman

Spring is here and with it I have a few seeds to plant in your events calendar. The Legends Reunion will be held at the Clarion Hotel on Friday night, June 8th, and the seventh annual High Hopes Golf Scramble will tee off (8 am shotgun start) at the Apple Tree Resort on Saturday June 9th. It promises to be a very memorable 24 hours and we hope to see you all there.



The golf committee wants to thank Tom Parry for serving as our 2012 Honorary High Hopes Golf Chairman. I've known Tom since my college days when he was coaching football at Central Washington University. After graduation from Washington State University (Class of '49) he began coaching high school football at Whidbey Island and Clarkston. He has also coached at Wenatchee Valley Community College, Yakima Valley Community College, W.S.U. and is perhaps best known for his 20-year career at C.W.U. He is truly one of the coaching legends of our state. Thank you Tom for your storied years of service within these communities.

I also want to say a final adieu to Joe Donahue, who passed away earlier this year. Joe was a friend and an original director and financial secretary for the Parker Foundation in the early fifties. Joe was a charter member of the Yakima Monday Morning Quarterbacks Club, a pitcher for their softball team into his 70's, a very good bowler and supported any sports function that came to town. "Slo Pitch" Joe saw a need and, with others, formed the Yakima Grid Kids football program, along with a variety of YVCC sports functions that he organized or supported. He was the living definition of how to serve and better the community you live within. Joe was a Yakima Valley pioneer and humanitarian.

Parker's Joe Donahue Scholarship is for college students who want to work in a sports field, such as sports information, athletic web design, sports medicine or athletic administration while attending Yakima Valley Community College. I will miss his smile and pursuit of a better life - it was contagious - thanks, Joe, for the shining example.

Please send in your golf team entries early or at least contact our office or website to reserve your spot in this year's High Hopes golf event, as our goal is to again fill the tournament. We look forward in the opportunity of visiting with you during our Parker family weekend and thank you for your partnership in building a successful community.

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 Parker Partners and Friends:

The last (December) High Hopes was devoted to our annual Parker Partner membership drive and we extend our sincere appreciation to those of you that renewed for another year. If you are not a Parker Partner

we encourage your consideration to join us in our mission to serve the youth of the Yakima Valley. Information about joining us is on the last page of this High Hopes.

The Scoreboard: As your Board endeavors to broaden the base of our donor list in order to support more youth programs in the Valley, we also work to reach out to support more groups. Since the PY&SF began distributing grants in 2006, we have assisted seventeen youth programs and crossed the \$100,000 mark in grant allocation in 2011. We are extremely pleased to have added two more organizations this fiscal year with a \$5,486.85 grant to Madison House and a \$5000 grant to the Southeast Community Center. Madison House is currently conducting a youth indoor soccer program while a girl's softball program is being planned by Southeast for this coming summer.

YVCC notes: Parker Partners Millie and Casey Stenejhm joined me and YVCC Music Director Scott Peterson for a trip to Skagit Valley Community College in February for the retirement reception of their President, Dr. Gary Tollefson. Gary is a Toppenish High School and YVCC graduate (1968) who returned to YVCC in 1980 for a 24 year career at the college before becoming President at Skagit. On a sadder note, the college lost two very good friends

with the passing of Darlene Koch and Joe Donahue this past winter. Darlene was the Vice President of Administrative Services for many years and after retirement, served as the Executive Director of the YVCC Foundation. Joe Donahue was an avid booster of the college and we have included a story about him in this issue of High Hopes.

Forget snow, think Golf: Here we are coming out of the dog days of winter, which in hindsight was not all that bad for Yakima. Some of us are crowing about having played a round in every month of 2011 and were playing virtually everyday until several inches dropped on us in mid January. That's a back handed lead in to remind everyone of the 7th Annual High Hopes Golf Tournament and Legends Reunion on June 8-9. The committee has been meeting on a weekly basis and plans are in place for another special weekend. The golf tournament and reunion are the major 'special events' fund raisers for the Foundation each year. Regardless of playing in the tournament or attending the reunion, the weekend provides many ways in which Parker Partners and our friends can become involved in meeting our financial goals for the year. You can sponsor a team, a hole, a tee, buy a reunion table, donate for the raffles, volunteer to help with any number of weekend activities, and better yet, organize a team and play or come to the reunion and bid on the great auction items. Bottom line...yes, we are hitting you up for another donation!

In conclusion, a big shout out to Eli Juarez and the Davis Pirate basketball team that won the Washington State Class 4A basketball championship. Fantastic!

Jerry Ward, President

Personalities Honored in Previous High Hopes Scramble and Sports Legends Reunion Events

Location	Honorary Chairman	Honorary Guest
2006 – SunTides Golf Course	Pete Rademacher	Bobo Brayton & Mel Stottlemire
2007 – Apple Tree Golf Resort	Bill Pearl	Bobo Brayton & Mel Stottlemire
2008 – Apple Tree Golf Resort	Bobo Brayton	Pete Rademacher & Hazel Leland
2009 – Apple Tree Golf Resort	Willie Turner	Stan Renecker
2010 – Apple Tree Golf Resort	Mel Stottlemire	Daryl & Sherrie Parker
2011 – Apple Tree Golf Resort	Bill Faller & Daryl Parker	
2012 – Apple Tree Golf Resort	Tom Parry	Betty Yaden

Suggestions are always welcome as to honorary chairs and honored guests.

From the Office



Parker Partner Invoices: The Parker Youth and Sports Foundation office generated Parker Partner invoices to its 2011 members as well as to past members. As you can see from the Parker Partner additional names listed on page 4, support continues to grow. Your generosity covers the office rent and phone

expenses for the year.

Parker Partner: Betty Yaden has been keeping in close touch with the Foundation. Besides being two years ahead in Parker Partner membership dues, she attended the October annual meeting of PY&SF. Betty will be an honored guest at the June 8 Sports Legends Reunion. The Reunion committee hopes to have a slide show with Betty's contributions to girls' sports in the Yakima Valley as well as honor Tom Parry, the 2012 High Hopes Scramble Honorary Chairman.

Committee Support: The office has been assisting the High Hopes Scramble and Legends Sports Reunion committees by creating and producing materials supporting the annual event weekend, i.e., corporate and individual sponsorship information, mailings, golf team entry form, etc. We have secured a gold sponsor, a silver sponsor, two hole sponsors, program advertiser renewals and two table sponsors. Off to a good start. If you would like information or would like to be a contributor, contact the office at 509-469-9336 (info@parkeryouthfoundation.com) or Chairman Eric Carlson at 509-728-1703. We appreciate new sources of support.

Memorials: Since the last newsletter, the foundation has received donations honoring the memory of Darlene Koch, Terry Bahler, Rich Hilfiker, Bob Eakin, and Joe Donahue. Our sympathy is extended to their families, and we appreciate people's thinking of the foundation as they honor those who have passed. Check out the brief bio of each on page 4.

Office on the Move: The Board of Directors approved a move for the office to Room 1009. The office has the same eastern view and wall storage space and double the number of windows, making it approximately twice the square footage. Drop by and see it.

Appreciation: The office staff thanks board member Trudy Bray, who has donated time helping with various mailings. Thank you, Trudy.

Grant Scoreboard

The Grant and Allocation Committee completed its second requesting period at the end of February. The committee interviewed the three organizations and presented their recommendation to the board. The board finalized the grant allocations at its March 9 meeting.

Requesting Organization	Purpose of Request	Amount
Southeast Community Center	Purchase softball and soccer equipment; personnel for summer program	\$5,000
Yakima Parks & Recreation	Funds to help purchase netting to cover spectator seating at Gateway Complex	\$1,000

The photos below represent the fruition of the first grant awarded and described in the previous newsletter:



Madison House indoor soccer in action.

Roll Call

We appreciate the various ways that you are staying connected to the Parker Youth and Sports Foundation. Thank you to the sponsors below.

Parker Partners

The following people have renewed their Parker Partner memberships and join the list published in the last newsletter, totalling 173 members. Those with an * are members for the first time. Welcome aboard!

Terry Antles	Jim & Nancy Leahy
Rich Austin	Mel Lewis
Bill & Adrienne Baker	Brenda Moore
*Ralph & Diane Berthon	Jon & Linda Mulvenon
Larry & Deanna Book	Rick & Mary Pinnell
Jeff Bonds	*Pug & Sharon Pinyerd
Dorothy Brink	Tony & Joyce Sagare
Dan & Carmel Burke	John Moran & Dagmar Schrader
Matt Burton	Paul & Holli Radke
Mike & Carol Carlon	Jerry Ryan
*John Davidson	Scott Parker & Karen Koonce
Steve Evert	Glen Shaw
Carol Finney	Michael Sissom
Pleas Green	Sidney & Elaine Smith
Will Halpin	*Patrick Stewart
Michael Havnaer	Jim Yearout
Hop & Mary Johns	
Michael & Elizabeth Johnson	
Walt & Evva Lange	

Faller/Brayton Endowment

The Faller/Brayton Endowment continues to grow and will announce the third recipient of the YVCC Coaches Award at the June 8 Sports Legends Reunion.

John Davidson	Daryl & Sherrie Parker
Steve Evert	Stan & Laurie Renecker
Virginia Faller	

Joe Donahue Memorial Scholarship

The Joe Donahue Scholarship has been renamed the Joe Donahue Memorial Scholarship. Check out the article on Joe in the historical section written by Jerry Ward. Thank you for supporting this worthy scholarship.

Paul Soderstrom	Eileen Walen
Daryl & Sherrie Parker	

Memorials

Thank you for remembering those who held a significant place in your heart.

In memory of **Joe Donahue**, local enthusiast for athletic opportunities for kids by creating the Grid Kids program, last charter member of Yakima Monday Morning Quarterbacks and known as Slo-Pitch Joe.

Joyce Buren
Ken & Shirley Davidson
Spud & Gay Edmondson
Ronald Gillespie
Virginia Hays
Ray Jensen
Jim Riley
Daryl & Sherrie Parker
Tony & Joyce Sagare
Kathie & Gail Sanders
Ben & Shirley Shropshire
Todd & Charlene Smith
Paul Soderstrom
Jerry & Lynn Ward

In memory of **Terry Bahler**, nephew of Irma Scott (mother of Jerry Ward), who was an Indiana basketball fan.

Jerry & Lynn Ward

In memory of **Rich Hilfiker**, chairman of the Yakima Valley Senior Golf Tournament, playing a key role in a \$2,000 donation to PY&SF last year; outgoing friendly man with a passion for golf.

Jerry & Lynn Ward

In memory of **Darlene Koch**, former YVCC vice president of administration, so well thought of that the college staff named the Classified Employee of the Year award after her.

Jerry & Lynn Ward

In memory of **Bob Eakin**, local orchardist and sports fan.

Spud & Gay Edmondson

General Donation

The foundation appreciates those who monthly or yearly contribute to the goals we support. Without you it would be difficult to support grant awards and all the expenses (such as insurance) that it takes to operate an office.

Jennifer Brayton	Mel Lewis
Mike & Carol Carlon	Daryl & Sherrie Parker
Don & Shirley Crook	Rick & Mary Pinnell
Spud & Gay Edmondson	Melba Strand
Tim & Paula Foutz	Donald Rasmussen
Will Halpin	Chris & Jan Turner
Michael Havnaer	

Sports Legends Reunion Highlights

The Sports Legends Reunion Committee has been planning a fun-filled and interesting event. Members of the committee are Louise Adams, Trudy Bray, Virginia Hays, Brenda Moore and Mel Moore. They are working hard to provide an exciting event.

Tickets for the event will be \$25. Tables for eight are still available at \$200. We have sold two tables with commitments for five more. Tickets are available for purchase.

The night will be kicked off with background music during a social — time to meet and greet friends of Parker Youth & Sports Foundation — and dinner. The annual silent auction will be open during that time for people to bid on their favorite items. The evening will feature Honorary Tournament Chairman Tom Parry and Honored Guest Betty Yaden, two of the Valley's leading contributors to sports. Still working on an M.C., but development of the program is coming along. Check it out!

Clarion Hotel and Conference Center (North First Street)

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Social, Silent Auction bidding & 50-50 Raffle

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner, Dessert & 50-50 Raffle

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Program – to include:

- Introduction of Attendees, Tom Parry and Betty Yaden
- Presentation of :
Contributor of the Year; Parker Partner of the Year;
YVCC Baseball Coaches Award; Joe Donahue Memorial Scholarship Recipient

8:15 p.m. Silent Auction Close
Live Auction

9:00 – 9:30 p.m. Closure — Time to visit and finalize auction items purchased

SENIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

April 27-28

Held at Mt. Adams & Suntides Golf Courses



Meet Betty Yaden, 2012 Honored Guest

Betty Jean Shaw Yaden graduated from Yakima High School in 1945 after experiencing five moves with the family.

Betty picked up a tennis racket while in Seattle during her grade school years. Graduating from Yakima Valley Junior College (Yakima Valley Community College) in 1947

she was able to keep up her interest in tennis with tennis coach Glen Sherar.

In 1961, Betty started her physical education career at Central Catholic (Carroll High School) High School teaching two classes while raising a family with Dave Yaden and attending night classes to earn a teaching degree.

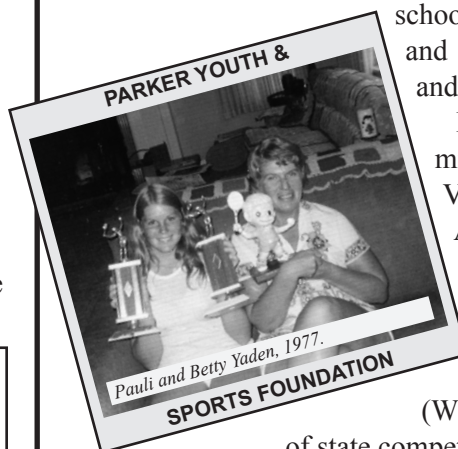
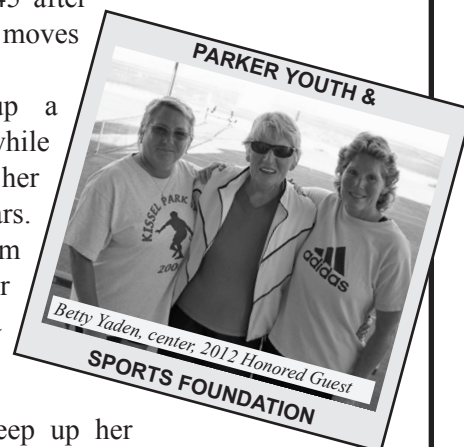
Moving to Selah High School in 1965, Betty found a home as the boys and girls tennis coach. Involved in coaching all sports except track, Betty lived at the school running intramurals and gymnastics before and after school.

Betty served on committees in the Yakima Valley Interscholastic Athletic Association (YVIAA) and the Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA). Thus, the birth of state competition.

Following retirement in 1981, Betty became the tennis and volleyball coach at Yakima Valley Community College. In 1988 Betty retired once again, this time to be with husband Dave following a stroke. The couple moved to Kennewick in 1996 where more of their children and grandchildren lived.

Still chasing a little ball around the court, Betty continues to play at regional and national tournaments.

Take time to meet this extraordinary woman and her family at the Sports Legends Reunion Friday night June 8th.



6 Historical Section

JOE DONAHUE - The Last of the First

By Jerry Ward



Our Foundation, as well as the Yakima Valley, lost a loyal and dedicated sports advocate with the passing of Joe Donahue on January 18. Since moving to Yakima in 1947, Joe was second to none in his “hands on” support and enthusiasm for Valley sports. Ranging from being a timer at track meets and donating time and money to create athletic-event programs from his own photo engraving press, to leadership positions in numerous athletic organizations (he started the Grid Kids program in Yakima), Joe was the man. In later years, after retirement, Joe was on point as one of our finest hosts, always there to greet coaches and officials in the hospitality rooms for the many tournaments coming to Yakima. Joe Donahue fits the description perfectly as defined in Tom Brokaw’s book, *The Greatest Generation*, as he experienced the great depression of the 30’s, served his country honorably in World War II, and actively participated in the growth and development of his country (Yakima) during the post-WWII era.

Alex Haley, famed author of *Roots*, said much of the information for his book was the result of “talking with the old people.” He further defined the passing away of the “old folks” as the equivalent of burning a library. Joe Donahue was our great library of information. Sports enthusiasts who seem to enjoy statistics might ponder that Joe was an active member of the Monday Morning Quarterback Club since 1948; he knew every one (four in number) of the athletic directors at Yakima Valley Community College dating back to the first AD, Glen Sherar, who served at the college from 1933 through 1976; Joe would have crossed paths with every football coach at Davis High School since 1948 and, of course, every football coach at Eisenhower High School from the beginning. (Keep in mind, it was a Quarterbacks Club, oriented toward football).

Joe’s Generation: Joe had that special gift of sharing a story from the past and making sure his listeners remembered those no longer with us who

had played a role in improving sports programs and facilities for the youth of Yakima. (Dr. A.W. Stevenson and Johnny Miller come to mind.) He enjoyed sharing family history and seemed to always have just a little bit more information than the rest of us when discussing ancestors. He was pretty sure that he and Hall of Fame football coach Tom Parry were related, but would always have second thoughts about that relationship if Central Washington lost on any given weekend! There was always a twist to Joe’s humor.



Joe Donahue with first Joe Donahue Scholarship Recipient Chelsea Nill and his wife Fern.

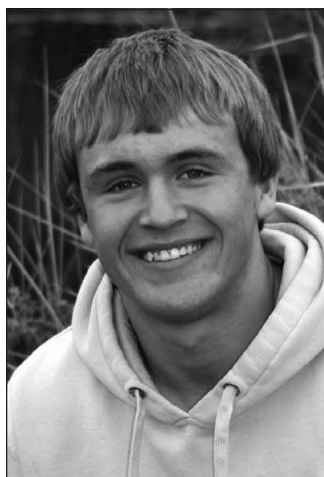
The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation established the Joe Donahue Scholarship at YVCC in 2007 in recognition of his dedication and long service to youth sports programs in the Valley. Our board extends our appreciation to Joe’s wife, Fern, and the entire Donahue family for designating the Parker Youth &



Andrea Pogorelc, 2009-10 Joe Donahue Scholarship recipient.

Sports Foundation as the recipient of donations made in Joe’s memory. Joe kept the memory of his generation alive, and we will do our best to follow his example, which clearly places him among the **Greatest Generation**.

Joe attended Morning Quarterbacks Club meetings through the fall of 2011. He was an original member of that organization that dates back to 1948, and Joe was the “last man standing” from that first group of QBs. He would have served with and advised every MMQB president since the beginning to the present day: Babe Hollingbery, Pete Moore, Lyle Maskell, Don



Kyle Cairns, 2010-11 Joe Donahue Scholarship recipient.

Dwinnell, Doug Wilson, Oscar Soderstrom, John Gavin, Clarence Ernst, Sandy Anderson, Al Bell, Ollie Nelson, Mel Lewis, Paul George, Vern Naught, Milt Schwenk, Earl Barden, Art Hutton, Jim Gosney, Mike Mercy, Swede Lindquist, Jim Scoggins, Dean Starr, Paavo Carlson, Jim Leahy, Jerry Ward, Don Follett, Grace Price, Bob Romero, Mike Judy, Dean Nicholson,

Tom Parry, Keith Farnam, Bob Spain, Don Erickson, Eric Carlson, and Louise Adams. Dr. Bob Adkison was treasurer "forever," according to Joe. Joe was involved with all MMQB-sponsored programs, and in most cases he took the responsibility to turn out the programs for special events and awards ceremonies sponsored by the club. Thus, Joe had a tremendous file on past events and over recent years he became a special part of the weekly meeting just to share pictures and programs from the past.

Because the original intent of the MMQB's was to serve as a "booster" organization for Yakima Valley Junior College, Joe became highly involved with



supporting the college teams. He -- and especially with his close friend, former Yakima Police Chief Oscar Soderstrom -- was a fixture at the college's football, basketball, and baseball games.

Parker Youth Foundation: In the 1960s, Joe was the secretary for the original Parker Youth Foundation that included former state Senator Fred Redmon, Lloyd Hammerstad, Joe McMillan, Tom Whitechester, Floyd Lewis, John Strosahl, Doug Wilson, and Babe Hollingbery. Joe was extremely proud of the role this group played in representing the estate of the late Shirley Parker in a case involving the deeding of Parker Field from the City of Yakima to the Yakima School District.

Thank you to our previous Honorary Chairmen and Guests.
We anticipate those pictured to return this year!

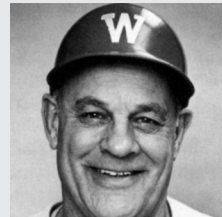
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Pete Rademacher, 2006 Honorary Chairman, 2008 Honorary Guest

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Bobo Brayton, 2006 & 2007 Honorary Guest, 2008 Honorary Chairman

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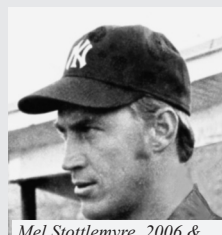
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Willie Turner, 2009 Honorary Chairman

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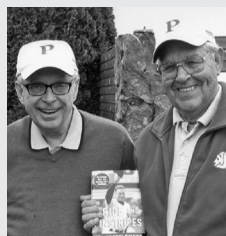
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Mel Stottlemire, 2006 & 2007 Honorary Guest, 2010 Honorary Chairman

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Bill Faller & Daryl Parker, 2011 Honorary Chairmen

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Stan Renecker, 2009 Honorary Guest

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Daryl & Sherrie Parker, 2010 Honorary Guests

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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:

- ☐ 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 **June 8 Sports Legends Reunion** and **June 9 High Hopes Golf Tournament**

Special Areas:

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

Parker Store: Items now available

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| _____ High Hopes Print(s) @ \$160 each | _____ Souvenir golf ball w/Parker logo @ \$5 each |
| _____ Pride & Pinstripes, Autographed Book by Mel Stottlemire @ \$35 each | _____ 2008 golf tournament towel @ \$10 each |
| _____ Brayton/Faller Grand Club Bat @ \$1,000 each | _____ 2009 Sweatshirts (XL, XXL, XXXL) \$15 each |
| _____ Golf Hat or Visor w/Parker logo @ \$10 each | _____ 2010 Golf Polo (Men's L & XL; Women's XL) \$20 each |

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