

# '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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# 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser Weekend Set

by Eric Carlson

This year's ninth annual High Hopes Golf Scramble will again be held at the premier Apple Tree Resort on June 14 at 8 a.m. We honor Ollie Nelson as our 2014 honorary golf chairman. The Nelsons have made Yakima their home since April 1963, when Ollie began



a storied career as executive director of the Yakima YMCA. Come hear Ollie tell of his adventure with his wife, Ann, as they bicycled 2,500 miles across the country to attend her 50-year high school reunion. Or discover how he oversaw the two-story addition of the YMCA without a dime from area banks but through donations of the people of Yakima. Ollie and Ann, we thank you for giving us your time and energy building a first-rate sporting complex and developing first-class character in all who passed through those halls.

On Friday night, June 13, Bill Douglas will be honored as our Sports Legends Reunion moves to the Howard Johnson Plaza off the Yakima Avenue exit. A block of rooms has been set aside until June 1 at a cost of \$79 plus tax. These two men helped shape and create the early sports culture and provided opportunities for our youth to grow and develop through sports. When I was in high school, the YMCA was the place to go to be seen and see friends while enjoying an after-school workout or participating in Saturday hoops. It now provides its own youth center and programs, which the Parker Youth and Sports Foundation has assisted. For those Husky football fans, Bill is fondly remembered as a freshman quarterback winning the starting job, a great story in itself, and guiding the Huskies into the post season. Not to mention a brilliant football career.

High Hopes golf will feature our 8 a.m. shotgun scramble event. 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 ninth and 18<sup>th</sup> tee blocks throughout the day and will be available for pick-up before this ceremony.

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).

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 Betty Yaden for her two years of service on the foundation's board of directors. She has stepped aside due to health issues and the commute from Kennewick. Betty was instrumental in starting the female sports programs at Selah High School and continuing on as the first coach of the Yakima Valley Community College volleyball

program. Betty continues in supporting her competitive love of tennis as she competes in her age-division tournaments.

I also want to thank Jerry Ward for serving the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation since 2004. Jerry has served as the High Hopes Scramble Chairman, vice president, president and as the foundation's historian, writing articles for our newsletter. On behalf of Parker Youth & Sports Foundation, I want to wish Jerry and Betty success in all future endeavors.

Spring activities continue to keep everyone involved with PY&SF very busy.

The Grant Committee is tasked with leading the foundation community donations program. Committee Chair Sam Karr is very dedicated to supporting PY&SF in our mission to support a variety of youth sports and activities around the Yakima Valley. PY&SF has given grants in 2014 to many youth programs involved in golf, wrestling, basketball, volleyball and soccer. Py&SF also continues in our support of YVCC sports and education. The Grant Committee is developing a list of previous donation requests that will further support the PY&SF mission of parks, sports facilities and athletic programs.

PY&SF is working on our annual fundraiser weekend of June 13 and 14. The Sports Legends Reunion will be at Howard Johnson Plaza on East Yakima Avenue on the 13<sup>th</sup> and the High Hopes golf tournament returns to Apple Tree Golf Course the morning of June 14<sup>th</sup>. This will be a fun activity for all Parker supporters.

One last item that I feel is important to note: last year at the annual Yakima Valley Sports Awards Luncheon (YVSAL), the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation Scholastic Award was presented for the first time. We gave grants to three 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 3A/4A. We plan to present six \$500.00 awards at the June luncheon.

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

President Jon

# Office Report



Parker Partners Drive: Thank you to all who chose to become a Parker Partner – whether as a renewal or first-timer. One hundred and ninety-eight makes this the most successful drive. Your support provides coverage of office expenses, allowing donations to go toward youth programs.

**Website:** More effort has been spent on updating and making corrections to the parkery outhandsports foundation.org or parkery outhfoundation.com, so check it out. The 2014 High Hopes golf entry form should be uploaded before this issue of the newsletter is printed. Anyone interested in helping with the website, contact the office at 509-469-9336.

**A.E. Larson Building lobby:** Larry Hull, CEO of Megalodon and owner of the A.E. Larson Building, has given the foundation permission to display historical and other paraphernalia in the lobby display cases. The building is a beautiful example of archecture of the 1930's. Check out the building when in town.

# Friend of the Foundation Gone Too Soon

#### Darren Parker

S. Darren Parker, 48, grandson of Shirley D. Parker and son of S. Daryl Parker, passed away Feb. 17, 2014, in St. Augustine, Florida. Darren made several trips to Yakima to join in with the family for the annual High Hopes Golf Tournament and made an earlier trip with Daryl to attend a meeting on the renaissance of the original foundation,



which his grandfather had formed in the 1950s. Bill Faller, Jim Scoggins, Jerry Ward, Scott Wilson and Joe Donahue, to name a few, were in attendance. Another memorable trip to Yakima Daryl and Darren shared was by invitation of Scott Wilson to visit the legendary "Hub Kittle" at his home to listen to Hub recant stories from his past and games played at Parker Field.

Darren lived an adventurous life of professional horse racing and snow and water skiing and learned the art of fly fishing from his father.

Darren is survived by his father, S. Daryl and stepmother Sherrie Parker, his mother, Judy and stepfather Ken Morrison, brother Scott D. Parker, sister Leticia F. Parker, half brother Robert Davis Jr. and nieces and nephews. Donations may be made in Darren's name to the Parker Youth and Sports Foundation Endowment Fund.

PY&SF has instituted a new (additional) grant program. It is called the *Matching Funds Grant*. It is designed to encourage local youth sports organizations to conduct fundraisers. The grant will work as a match to an organization's fundraiser up to \$1,000 or until the fund is depleted.

The youth sports organization can contact PY&SF via our website <a href="www.parkeryouthfoundation.com">www.parkeryouthfoundation.com</a> or Grant Chairman Sam Karr at 509-945-0027.

The Matching Grant criteria include: 1) the organization must have a fundraiser; and 2) the organization must be a recognized 501-(c)3 nonprofit. The process involves filling out the form available on the website. Information should include: 1) when the event will be held; and 2) the purpose of the fundraiser.

The Grant Committee will convene when it receives a request. When the grant is approved, the applying organization will be notified of the award. After the fundraiser has been held, the organization will contact Parker Youth & Sports Foundation and a \$1,000.00 check will be presented to the organization.

Good luck with your fundraiser.

Sam Karr

Parker Youth & Sports Foundation grant chairman

# Grant Update

Organization	Purpose	Amount
Highland High School Golf Team	Provide 50% of the purchase price of the team golf bags	\$800.00
Nolan Frampton	Washington State Cultural Exchange Swim experience	\$250.00
White Swan Skate Park	Community Skate Park	\$2,500.00
East Valley Elite Wrestling	Pro-Active Giving	\$300.00
West Valley Kid Wrestling	Pro-Active Giving	\$300.00
Southeast Community Center	Pro-Active Giving	\$300.00
YVCC Fastpitch	Pro-Active Giving	\$300.00
Cascade Volleyball	Pro-Active Giving	\$300.00
First Tee of Yakima	Pro-Active Giving	\$300.00
Yakima Police Athletic League	Pro-Active Giving	\$300.00
YVCC Fastpitch	Transportation & tournament entry expenses	\$2,500.00
Wapato Basketball Booster Club	Matching Funds for summer tournament expenses	\$1,000.00
East Valley Youth Baseball	Matching Funds for season's budget	\$1,000.00



Highland Scotties sporting new golf bags. The team is looking sharp under efforts of Coach Richardson.

#### The Swede Lindquist Award

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation is pleased to announce a special award in memory of Walter "Swede" Lindquist. The award in Swede's name recognizes his long and legendary service to youth sports, especially as a sports official. The Walter "Swede" Lindquist Award will go to an outstanding beginning (rookie) official selected by his/her officials association. The association will receive a \$1,000 grant for the recruiting, training and retention of new officials.

The award is funded by Swede's daughter and son-inlaw, Mary and Tom Herche, through the foundation's Faller-Brayton Endowment. "Swede was a longtime close friend, hunting and fishing partner and fellow official with me and Charlie," Faller said, "We are really pleased and honored to have this connection with an award in his memory"



L to R: Long-time local sports enthusiasts Swede Lindquist, Bill Faller and Bobo Brayton.

Swede's career in education and sports officiating spanned five decades. He came to the Yakima Valley in 1935 to teach and coach at Wapato High. He came to Yakima High briefly before World War II service interrupted his teaching career. He returned to teach and coach at Yakima High, then at Eisenhower, and was the school district athletic director for nine years until his retirement in 1976.

During all this time, Walter also found time to officiate

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# Roll Call

#### Parker Partners Renewal

Thank you for continuing to support the foundation for another year. Because of you, we can direct our fundraiser funds toward youth programs and facilities. The foundation has received \$3,785.00 in Parker Partner renewals, 198 members, during its membership drive. Italicized names are the latest renewals.

Keith Abramson John Adkison Sally Allen Bob & Michele Alexander Larry & Kookie Amos Pat & Colleen Andreotti Terry Antles Dave Benedict John Bloxom Jr. Andy & Keely Boe Ken Bongers Larry & Deanna Book Dorothy Brink Mike Broadhead Dr. Terry & Cordelia Brown Dan & Carmel Burke Matt Burton Roger Campbell Mike & Carol Carlon Mike Carev Gene & Denise Connor Don & Shirley Crook Steve & Cheryl Dale Larry & Pat Danielson Bill & Sally Douglas Joe & Laura Drovetto Spud & Gay Edmondson Richard Elliott

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Gene & Ann Rostvold Tony & Joyce Sagare Michael & Jane Schwab Jim & Bonnie Scoggins Michael & Lynda Sissom Elaine & Sid Smith R. Keyes & Kay Smith Bob & Bernice Spain Ken & Millie Stenehjem Melba Strand Peter Strand Liggett Taylor Christopher Turner Eileen Walen Amanda Ward Jeff Ward Jerry Ward Jessica Gene Ward Chuck & Gloria Weedin Verne Welo Jim Whiteside Dan & Vanessa Williams Gerald Wilson Scott Wilson Betty Yaden James Yearout

Glenn Rasmussen

Stanley Renecker

#### General Donations

Thank you for contributing on a regular basis! The foundation has received donations of \$8,557.00 in this category during 2013-14 fiscal year as of April 1. You and others have made possible operating the foundation without using funds from our fundraiser. We appreciate your generosity and support.

Dave "Coyote" Benedict
Dorothy Brink
Dr. Terry & Cordelia Brown
Steve & Winnie Evert
Michael Havnaer
Jim & Nancy Leahy
Hal & Mary Miller

John Moran & Dagmar Schnader Ollie & Martha Nelson Daryl & Sherrie Parker Manny & Mary Jo Perez Yakima Heart Center

#### Faller/Brayton Endowment

Many of those faithful to the foundation continue to help the endowment grow - \$263,842.82. The endowment

is slated to return \$11,000.00 to youth programs this year. Thank you.

Bill Faller Virginia Faller Jeff Girard

Don Rasmussen

Tom & Mary Herche Daryl & Sherrie Parker

## Joe Donahue Memorial Scholarship

People continue to honor Joe by remembering him with a donation. Joe was a true member of the Yakima community, serving its youth.

Daryl & Sherrie Parker Tony & Joyce Sagare Bob & Maurine Winters



#### Memorials

For those who lead the lives of ordinary and extraordinary people, we thank them for providing an example for those who came in touch with their path(s).

In memory of **Ray Cummings**, a football and basketball athlete, he and a teammate won the state doubles tennis title in 1947. Attending WSU, he graduated with an electrical engineering degree in 1951. An active community member, he was a volunteer of the Wapato Fire Dept; Harvest Festival electrician; Lions Club President & Secretary; active



church member; and assistant tennis coach at Wapato High School.

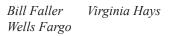
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In memory of **Paul Edmondson** — uncle of Spud Edmondson, Paul played basketball and tennis for Lower Naches High School. Paul served in the Navy as a patrol boat signalman in the Atlantic during WWII. Thank you for your service to our country, Paul. Paul and wife Thelma loved hosting many dinners and burger fries for family and friends.



Spud & Gay Edmondson

In memory of **Darren Parker** -son of Daryl Parker. Darren lived an adventurous life of professional horse racing and snow and water skiing and learned the art of fly fishing from his father.



In memory of **Jerry Ryan** -- continues to be honored as a man who touched many lives. Jerry was a husband, dad, granddad, teacher, coach and referee.







In memory of **Violet Spain**—worked as a "Rosie the Riveter" during WWII in Minneapolis. A stay-at-home mom until her children were in school, she would work many years managing the Reesman's Dairy Mart on Lincoln Avenue. Violet is the mother of Bob Spain, longtime wrestling coach and real estate businessman.



Virginia Hays Jerry & Lynn Ward

In memory of **Betty Carlson** -- loving mother of three and an active member of the Woman's Century Club and the Republician Women's Club. Betty enjoyed hosting s Super Bowl party each year, a tradition son Eric Carlson continued this year with Seattle Seahawks taking it all.



Jim & Bonnie Scoggins

In memory of Marie Spadt -worked for the telephone company for a 27-year career in Plainview, Texas, and Pasco, Washington. Marie is the mother of the former Yakima Herald-Republic sports editor and Parker Partner Jim Scoggins.



Jerry & Lynn Ward

In memory of **LeRoy Strong** -- an outstanding baseball player for Wapato High School, Yakima Valley Community College and American Legion Baseball. In 1950 LeRoy was named American Legion inspirational baseball player (as a pitcher and infielder). He continued to play and travel with the Yakima Nation baseball team. He later



coached Wapato Little League baseball teams and managed the Wapato Indians basketball team.

Bill Faller

Gone but never forgotten because of your memorial gifting.

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#### Parker Partner Feature

# Way to Go, Steve

By Bill Faller



Do you remember when Robert Redford was Roy Hobbs in "The Natural"? Steve Myers does. Steve plays third base for the Washington Titans, a 55-and-older baseball (hardball) team. The Titans were the three-time Roy Hobbs World Series champions in 2010, 2011 and 2012. They placed second in 2009 and again in 2013.

Steve is a Parker Partner and a regular in our High Hopes Scramble, playing with his 1974 YVC baseball teammates Chris Pearson, Stan Renecker and John Davidson. Steve was an Eisenhower and YVC basketball and baseball star and was selected as the 1974 Male Athlete of the

Year at YVC. He continued playing at Eastern Washington University, graduating in 1976.

What could make a guy pushing 60 years play 10 nineinning baseball games in six days with three double headers in a row? Steve says, "We play for the love of the game with those that have the same passion. I hope I never lose that feeling we had playing this great game as we did when we were little boys".

Steve and his wife, Donna, live in Bonney Lake, where he is the owner and president of the Frontier Door Company. He still loves participating in his favorite sports but admits that he doesn't stretch singles into doubles and triples like he used to.

Congratulations, Steve on your exceptional and continuing career in sports. Keep doing what you have been doing, and we look forward to seeing you again in June at the Sports Legends Reunion and High Hopes Scramble.

# Brayton Receives Royal Brougham Award



Chuck "Bobo" Brayton, Parker Youth & Sports Foundation honorary director, was honored in January as the 2013 recipient of the Royal Brougham Legends Award at the 79th Annual MTR Western Sports Star of the Year awards. The Seattle Sports Commission sponsors the annual event, the Northwest's premier celebration of Washington sports.

The Royal Brougham Legends Award is given to an individual who exemplifies the spirit of the state in recognition of a lifetime of achievement in sports. Recent recipients of the award are: Edgar Martinez (2012), Bob Houbregs (2011), Don James (2010) and Marv Harshman (2009). Bobo was not able to attend the event;

the award was accepted by his son Fritz.

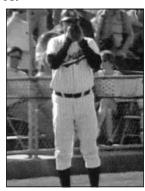
Brayton coached football and baseball at Yakima Junior College for 11 years until he moved on to Washington State University after the 1961 baseball season. Led by another Valley baseball legend and PY&SF Honorary Director Mel Stottlemyre, that 1961 team



Fritz Brayton

gave Bobo a great sendoff to WSU with the ninth YJC State Junior College Baseball Championship under Coach Brayton. Bobo has been a loyal Foundation supporter and regular participant in our annual Sports Legends Reunion and High Hopes golf tournament and served as the honorary chairman of the tournament in 2008.

The Royal Brougham Legends Award is the latest of the many awards and honors Brayton has received in recognition of his exceptionally illustrious coaching career. The foundation is proud to claim Bobo as an honorary director and Parker Partner. We congratulate him for this prestigious award and thank him for his important contributions to the foundation.





Grand chandelier located at both ends of the Benaroya Hall lobby.

The Annual MTR Western Sports Star of the Year awards event was held at the Benaroya downtown Seattle's illustrious performance hall. The event was a first-class production. Tickets were priced reasonably. The \$100.00 ticket included the reception before the event, where attendees were treated to wine, beer, soda and water; a silent auction; and opportunity to mingle with sports stars and university mascots with a lot of photo ops. If a person wanted to only attend the awards presentation, a ticket cost \$25.00. ESPN sportscaster Kenny

Mane served as the master of ceremonies. Other radio and Root Sports television network personalities introduced



category nominees and winners. Bill Moos, Washington State University athletic director, introduced Bobo's impressive body of work.

#### Historial Section

#### World Series Yakima

1953, the Yakima Logan Wheeler Post 36 team captured the American Legion World Series title. The team was sponsored by the American Legion Post named for a local; Logan Wheeler, a World War I fallen soldier. Under the leadership of coach John Zaepfel, the team would be the first Yakima team to claim the title. An American Legion baseball team would go on to represent Yakima, under the name of the Yakima Pepsi Beetles with two more titles – 1975 and 1979.

The 1953 team returned home as heroes — 20,000 of Yakima's citizens would welcome the team with a tickertape parade down Yakima Avenue. The season stood up on the strength of a 1-2 pitching duo — Dave Dexter and Tom Gibson — that overpowered most opponents as well as timely hitting and defense. Many of the athletes would move on to other sport careers, including: Lonnie Davis, played shortstop in pro ball; George Pitt would play centerlinebacker for Jim Owen's 1960 Rose Bowl champions; Lonnie Davis, Dave Dexter and Eddie Zander came together to play for Hub Kittle's Yakima Bears in 1955.

The Foundation is hoping to gather more information about the exploits of the summer of 1953 Yakima Logan Wheeler Post 36 team. Send in your recollections if you were connected to the team as well as what careers in sports you had following that season.

high school and college sports, and he didn't just officiate. He was an officials association member from 1938-1974 and served as a board member and president at different times. He was one of the founders of the Washington State Officials Association in 1946 and chaired the WIAA Fee Committee for five years.

He was a WIAA Football and Basketball Rules interpreter from 1946-66. He kept doing it until 1976 for football, when he finally retired at the age of 75, after 38 years of sports officiating.

Retirement did not fit Swede well. He stayed involved with professional associations and athletic events, and he continued substitute teaching until his mid-eighties. Swede was the recipient of numerous awards for his contributions to the youth of our valley and was inducted into several halls of fame. In 1966 he was honored by the Washington State Officials Association with the Meritorious Achievement Award, and in 1973 he was named one of Six Outstanding Athletic Directors in the Nation.

In recognition of Swede's many years as a football official and clinician throughout the Valley and the state, this first Lindquist Award will be made to the Yakima Valley Football Officials Association. The presentation will be made Friday, June 13, at the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation's annual Sports Legends Reunion. After this first year the award and grant will be rotated among the participating officials associations.



**Top Row** (*L-to-R*): John Zaepfel (coach)(d), Bob Siekawitch (d), George Pitt, Dave Dexter, Eddie Zander (d), Tom Gibson (d), Don Rasmussen, John Zaephel Jr., Bob Hixon. **Front Row** (*L-to-R*): Jim Howatt, Joe Hollingsworth, Eddie Pleasant, Earl Silvers, Lonnie Davis, Bob Lowe, Cliff Monda (d), Harry Esgate (business manager), and Keith Williams (batboy).



# YES!

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

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