

# The 'High Hopes' News

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#### PY & SF 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.

#### **Honorary Directors**

Chuck "Bobo" Brayton
Hazel Leland
Mel Lewis
Connie Little
Pete Rademacher
Mel Stottlemyre, Sr.
Judge John Nicholson (d)

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- (\*signifies charter member)

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- \* Glenn Rassmussen
- \* Gene Rostvold
- \* Richard A. Smith

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# High Hopes Golf Scramble

Early in the planning stage people experienced with golf tournaments told us that 80 players would be a successful number for a first tournament. At the first golf committee meeting in January, 100 players and a profit of \$5,000 was set as the target.

A month later the committee raised the target to 120 players, and the projected net to \$10,000. Soon after that Spud Edmondson and Scott Wilson were saying, "we can fill this baby"; and they did. The tournament filled with 144 players and the net profit rose to \$20,000. All expectations were happily exceeded. The tournament was a huge success because the ten member golf committee formed a great team that pitched in together to make it happen.

The committee members were Bill Faller, chairman, Bob Alexander, Spud Edmondson, Carol Finney, Virginia Hays, Nancy Leahy, Bob Romero, Dick Smith, Jerry Ward, and Scott Wilson. Nearly all of the other directors also made important contributions, especially Rich Austin, Jamie Carmody, Steve Dale, Mel Moore, Nancy Kendrick, Hazel Leland, Connie Little, and Daryl Parker.

Special recognition also goes to our three Honorary Directors, Chuck Brayton, Pete Rademacher and Mel Stottlemyre. These three attracted much attention and publicity as our honored tournament guests, with Pete being the Honorary Tournament Chairman.

The committee was extremely successful in recruiting sponsors and contributors as well as players. Other directors and friends of the Foundation also pitched in as volunteers the day of the event. All of these elements were essential to the success of the event, and are sincerely appreciated.

The post tournament feedback has all been positive. Many players commented on the good time they had, and expressed a desire to play again next year. Enthusiasm appears to be high for a repeat next year, and it seems likely that the Foundation will want to do it again; but, bigger and better, of course.

# Reunion of Sports Legends

Friday evening, May 12th, we hosted the first Reunion of Sports Legends ever held in Yakima. It was an informal gathering of many of the valley's sports stars of the past and their former teammates and coaches. Special guests Pete Rademacher, Mel Stottlemyre and Bobo Brayton headlined a short program. The more than 200 in attendance included many other valley sports Hall of Famers and well-known stars.

The fun-filled evening at the Clarion Hotel included a silent auction. Thirty donated auction items brought in over \$3,000 for the Foundation and helped to make the event a financial success as well as a great get-together for old friends and teammates. The reunion theme was a big hit and all feed-back has been enthusiastic.

Special thanks goes to the Clarion Hotel for the excellent food and service with a very good deal supporting the Foundation; to Bob Romero for taking the leadership role in planning the event, and for his excellent job as master of ceremonies, and to Tom Garrison for his outstanding set-up and management of the silent auction.

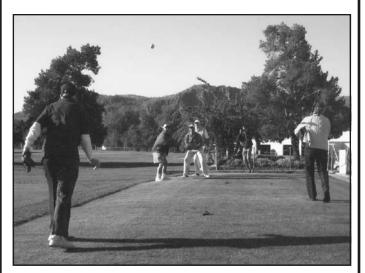
# President's Message

Since our first newsletter in January, our Foundation has made great progress. Being President has been both fun and rewarding and has provided much to feel good about. A lot has happened since our first newsletter in January. Some of the things that I am feeling good about are covered in separate news items, so I will just itemize.

- 1. In April we helped the Yakima National Little League build a new ball field at Elks Park with a \$3,000 contribution.
- 2. May 11th the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation was recognized at the Downtown Rotary Club luncheon with Nancy Leahy introducing Pete Rademacher as the guest speaker.
- 3. May 12th we hosted the Reunion of Sports Legends at the Clarion Hotel. It was a big success with over 200 in attendance and \$3,000 plus raised at the silent auction.
- 4. The next morning our 'High Hopes' golf tournament was filled with the maximum of 144 players.
- 5. On June 9th, we were guests at the Rotary luncheon where we presented a check for \$7,500 to the Yakima Rotary Trust which is fund raising for additional ball fields in the Gateway area.

We have received a lot of positive exposure and publicity. We have made new friends and we are expanding our involvement in youth programs in new ways. There is growing awareness and interest in us and our activities and we suddenly have a much larger bank account. All of this raises expectations; expectations we plan to exceed.

We will be part of a study group on the future of parks in the Yakima area. We will explore the possibility of being a lead organization in developing playfields, and we will increase our support for different sports programs for youth. We will expand our Board and fund raising efforts, and pursue our other goals and objectives as well. We are looking forward to a busy but exciting year.



Back into the game. Joe Donahue (l) pitching to "Bobo" Brayton.

#### Financial Statements

The PY & SF financial information has been provided by Treasurer Nancy Leahy and summarized for this issue.

<b>Preliminary Financial Report</b> July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006	
BUDGET ITEM INCOME	ACTUAL
Carryover 2004-05	\$11,358.00
Income earned 05-06 INCOME TOTAL 05-06	\$63,182.61 <b>\$74,540.61</b>
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$36,498.91
BALANCE 6/30/06	\$38,041.70
<b>2007 BUDGET</b> July 1 2006 through June 30, 2007	
Projected INCOME Projected EXPENSES Projected BALANCE It is projected that \$25,000 will be spense Scholarships and Awards in the 2006-07	

For a copy of the budget, contact Nancy Leahy at PY & SF, P. O. Box 1311, Yakima, WA. 98907.

#### Donahue Scholarship Fund

A special feature of the High Hopes golf tournament was the 18th Hole dedication in honor of Joe Donahue. This was done in recognition of Joe's support and service to youth sports in Yakima for nearly sixty years.

Joe came to Yakima in 1947 and was a charter member of the Monday Morning Quarterbacks and the secretary of the first Parker Youth Foundation. He is one of our founding directors, still an active member of the MMQB's, serves as a volunteer and provides financial support for local school and college sports programs.

The Monday Morning QB's, with President Eric Carlson in charge, sponsored the 18th hole and manned a 'Donahue' table throughout the tournament. Joe, who became 'Slo-pitch Joe' when he pitched for the QB's team, got the tournament started with some fun when he tossed a few pitches to his catcher, Mel Stottlemyre. Pete Rademacher was the umpire and tournament starter Bobo Brayton tried to get some hits with his shotgun, all to the music of bagpiper Rod MacIntosh as he marched along side - certainly a different start for a golf tournament.

Over \$1,000 was collected at the tournament for a Donahue Scholarship Fund. Details for the scholarship are not completed but it will be a PY&SF scholarship in Joe's name and it will be for a student at YVCC. The first award will be for the 2007-08 school year and fundraising for the scholarship fund will be ongoing.

# **Hall of Fame Inductees**



Bill Faller was inducted into the Central Washington Sports Hall of Fame, Class of 2005 on May 19 by the Tri-Cities Sports Council. Bill's class included Kelly Blair LaBounty, a 1989 Prosser High School graduate and a 1996 Olympics 8th place finisher in the heptathlon; Billy Harris, a Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher in 1958 and '59, who retired from the Tri-Cities pro club in

1964; and Frank Teverbaugh, long time Richland High School and Columbia Basin Community College basketball coach.

Bill's introduction at the ceremony follows ...

During his high school career at Mt. Vernon, Bill "Butch" Faller was a varsity athlete in baseball, basketball, and tennis. He continued his athletic success while attending both Western Washington College and Washington State College, having joined the U.S. Air Force in between. For several years Butch played semi-pro baseball, before signing on with the Philadelphia Phillies in 1948. He played two summers for the Klamath Falls Gems under manager Hub Kittle. Beginning in 1950 and continuing for nearly forty years, Butch Faller coached student athletes in the Yakima Valley, including Prosser and Wapato High School.

In 1961, Bill was hired by Yakima Junior College as head baseball and football coach. With a 7-1 season, Faller led the YVCC football team to its first and only conference title in 1964. In his 26 years of coaching YVCC baseball teams, he acquired 664 wins, 11 conference championships and 18 league and regional titles. Faller ws selected by the Yakima Monday Morning Quarterbacks as Yakima Valley Caoch of the Year in 1960 for football and in 1977 and 1983 for baseball. He was also selected by the Yakima Herald-Republic as their Coach of the Year in 1964. He is a member of the YVCC and NWAACC Halls of Fame and is proud to be the namesake for the NWAACC Baseball Championship trophy: The Bill Faller Award.

Bill has been married for 56 years to Nancy Putney Faller, and they have five childrem, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Other CWS Hall of Fame members with a Yakima connection are Phil and Steve Mahre (1999), Dean Nicholson, Pete Rademacher, Bobo Brayton and Mel Stottlemyre (2000), Hub Kittle and Jake Kupp (2001), Dan Doornink (2002), Lee Bofto (2003), and Willie Turner (2004). Pete was given special recognition this year, celebrating the 50th anniversary of his 1956 Olympic Gold Medal victory when he won the heavyweight boxing championship in the Melbourne Games. Another Foundation Director, Jim Scoggins, was on the Class of 2005 Selection Committee.



**Jerry Ward,** PY&SF Vice-President, was inducted into the NWAACC Hall of Fame, June 1st at the annual conference meetings in Pasco.

Jerry retired from YVCC in December, 2004 where he had been the Director of Athletics since 1983. He first came to YVC in 1968, fresh from the University of Washington with a Masters degree in Recreation.

Jerry left YVC in 1974 to be the Director of Student Activities at the University of Maine, Farmington. He returned in 1979 to be the Director of Student Activities at YVC. During his years at YVC he was an assistant football and basketball coach, the Director of Intramurals, and he was the head basketball coach for two years, 1982-'84.

He served on the NWAACC Executive Board for four years and was recognized as Athletic Director of the Year in 1996 when YVC hosted five conference tournaments in one year. YVC was further honored on June 1 as Herman 'Bim' Hopf and Ralph Bishop were posthumously inducted into the Hall of Fame. Dean Hopf is recognized as the 'father' of YJC athletics having started the track program in the 1930's and the baseball program in 1947. Bishop played basketball at YJC in 1932-33, competed at the U.W. and went on to U.S. Olympic fame at the 1936 Olympics.



Hazel Leland was recently inducted into the Yakima Women's Bowling Association Hall of Fame, Class of 2006. She was recognized for her many years of service to the sport and a long career as one of the top women bowlers in the valley.

Hazel came to Yakima in 1948 to join the faculty at Yakima High. In 1957

she started a long career as a health and physical education instructor at Yakima Junior College and bowling classes were one of her specialties.

Another of Hazel's specialties was golf. She coached the college golf team until the mid sixties and claims YVC's only state championship team. She is also a seven time City Golf Champion and still competes in that tournament.

Hazel is an honorary director of the Foundation and she recruited and captained the only women's foursome in the recent High Hopes Scramble.



# Little League



April 15th was opening day for the 2006 National Little League Season in Yakima. Foundation directors Bill Faller, Scott Wilson and Jerry Ward were there to participate in the dedication of a new field for 8 year-olds and under. Bill performed the ribbon cutting ceremony and presented a \$3,000 check to Little League President, Jeff Pfaff.

The new diamond was built this spring by the Yakima National Little League. It is designed for the younger players with an outfield fence of just 150 feet. It is the home field for the Little League Machine Pitch League and the City Park's Tee Ball program. The new field not only provides an excellent facility for the little guys and gals, it makes the existing fields more available for the older players and allows an expansion of those programs.

Faller commented, "When we heard that the City and Little League were considering this new field, we were immediately interested. We were happy for the opportunity to help with the development of the field, and we are proud that we did so."



Don Crook, l; Daryl Parker, r.



Leon Cheatom.



Honorary guest Mel Stottlemyre.



## New Standing Committee

The executive committee approved the formation of a new standing committee, the Parks and Liaisons Committee, at the May 30th meeting. Committee members are Bob Alexander, Jamie Carmody, Dick Smith, and Gene Rostvold, with Bob appointed as the committee chair.

The committee will represent the Foundation in cooperative relations with other agencies or organizations regarding the development of parks and/or playfields in the greater Yakima area.

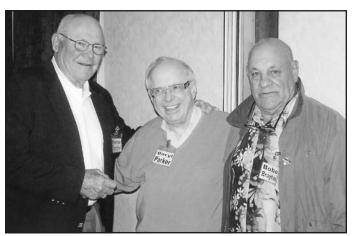
Bob will represent the Foundation on a Parks study group being put together by Denise Nichols, Director of the Yakima City Parks and Recreation. The purpose of this study is to look into possible funding options for parks and recreation, including the feasibility of forming a Metropolitan Park District.

# PY & SF Providing Support For The Yakima Rotary Trust

At the May 30th meeting the executive committee approved a recommendation to contribute \$7,500 to the Yakima Rotary Trust Fund. The presentation was made by Bill Faller and Gene Rostvold at the Downtown Rotary Club meeting on Thursday, June 8th.

Directors Dick Smith and Carol Finney also participated in the presentation and directors Mel Lewis, Virginia Hays, Nancy Leahy, Bill Baker, Bryan Powell, Bob Romero, and Jerry Ward also attended and were recognized. Greg Luring, chair of the Rotary Foundation and Trust Fund, planned the presentation and received our check from Gene.

With Gene's approval, contributions received for the Rostvold Memorial Fund represented \$1,400 of the amount. The remaining \$6,100 comes from the proceeds of the recent 'High Hopes' golf tournament. Acting on Gene's request, the committee designated the donation to be used for the development of the Kiwanis Park little league and fastpitch fields. The need for more ball fields has been well documented, especially on the east side. The project is consistent with our mission and goals and is an important step in building little league and fastpitch opportunities for the eastside youth.



Pete Rademacher, Daryl Parker, Bobo Brayton.

## Directors' Meeting

The executive committee called a special meeting of the full Board of Directors on Wednesday, June 28. It was a no-host, luncheon meeting, high noon at the FlightDeck Restaurant at the Airport.; business meeting followed.

The purpose of the special board meeting was to give the full board a first-hand report and up-date on our activities since the general meeting in October. Business items included:. election of new executive committee members; approval of the 2006-07 budget; a decision on a 2007 golf tournament; reports by guests Greg Luring, chairman of the Rotary Foundation and Trust and Ray Funk, YVCC Athletic Director.

#### Change in Organizational Structure

The executive committee voted to add a 2nd Vice-President at its May meeting. The new vice-president will be the V.P. of Marketing and Development. Jerry Ward will continue as Vice-President of Communications and Public Relations.

The Foundation by-laws provide for one or more Vice-Presidents and no more than ten executive board members. Jim Scoggins has recently resigned from the executive board. His vacant position and the new Vice-President position will be filled at the special Board meeting on the 28th.

#### Historical Collections Committee

The Foundation's primary mission is the support and preservation of parks, sports facilities and athletic programs in the greater Yakima area. However, one of our goals is to promote the history and heritage of sports in the area. The May 12th Sports Legends Reunion provided ample evidence of the long-lasting bond of friendships that have been developed through sports participation and association. Old stories and "older" pictures were shared throughout the evening. We want to continue in this vein.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? We are asking for your memories! With resources such as yearbooks, newspaper files, nothing beats you writing down a memory, sharing a copy of a photo of a teammate or coach, the address of a former teammate with us. Join us in our effort to collect and preserve the Valley's sports memories. One of our primary goals for 2006-07 is to have a web site up and running which will include files, stories and pictures of our Yakima Valley sports history.

For further information, contact a member of our historical collections committee that includes Connie Little, Scott Wilson and Jerry Ward.



Rod McIntosh "calling to the carts."

## Memorial Contributions

Since our first fund raising efforts a year ago, we have received a number of contributions in memory of loved and/or admired individuals.

Earlier this year, Gene Rostvold requested that memorial contributions for his parents be made to the Foundation.

We are pleased to acknowledge below the memorial contributions that we have received to date.

### In Memory of Contributors

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