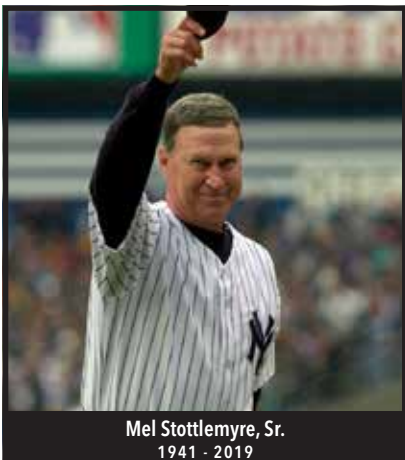




THE HIGH HOPES NEWS

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Mel Stottlemyre, Sr.
1941 - 2019

Local Baseball Legend Honored With Namesake Field

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation is excited to announce the award of the \$10,000 Daryl Parker Memorial Award to the City of Mabton, Washington, for the creation of Stottlemyre Field, in memory of local baseball legend, Mel Stottlemyre.

The award was made by Parker Foundation President Dan Williams to Mabton Mayor Laura Vazquez at the Legends Reunion held June 7 at the Howard Johnson Plaza in Yakima (see story on page 2).

The award will make possible the creation of a new field for Little League baseball, plus a wiffle ball field and other features in City Park in South Mabton. The project is expected to be completed in 2020.

Mel Stottlemyre died in January at the age of 77. A native of Missouri, he lived in Mabton and played sports for both Mabton High School and Yakima Valley College. His illustrious professional sports career included pitching for the New York Yankees and later serving as a pitching coach for the New York Mets, Yankees and the Seattle Mariners. He also owned a sporting goods store in downtown Yakima.

With the creation of the new baseball field, future generations will honor the memory of our Yakima Valley sports hero!

Annual Parker Foundation Golf Tournament Scores for Our Community!

On a beautiful sunny day with blue skies, our fourteenth annual High Hopes golf tournament was a huge success. Twenty-six teams participated in this year's annual event, held June 8 at Apple Tree Resort golf course, sponsored by the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation.

The High Hopes honorary golf chairman was Phil Hinrichs. Phil was the winning pitcher of the state championship game for the 1976 YVC baseball team. As of publication date, an impressive \$22,000 had been raised from the tournament.

"Every penny goes back to something youth- or sports-related in the Yakima Valley," observed Parker Board Chair, Dan Williams. "I was raised on the east side of Yakima and without those programs, I wouldn't be who I am today."

Flight winners for the tournament were: YVC Baseball Flight – Legion World Series Champs (Alex Podruzney, Mike Hakala, Mike Moore and John Fillio); Phil Hinrichs Flight – Interlopers (Justin Decarrean, Mike Kleckner, Justin McCormick and Paul Difuria); and Phil English Flight – Yakimaniacs (Bob McCullough, Steve Wager, Pat McCarthy and Neal Springer).



The Davis High School team prepared to play the 16th hole.

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Youth and Sports Legends Banquet Hits A Home Run

The 2019 Parker Youth & Sport Legends Reunion was an event to honor athletes, coaches and the many outstanding individuals who make youth sports rewarding. The Legends Banquet was held June 7 at the Howard Johnson Plaza in Yakima and raised about \$22,000 to support youth athletic programs in the Yakima Valley. YMCA Executive Director **Bob Romero** was Master of Ceremonies for the evening which drew 180 guests.

Honored guests spoke about the impact athletics had on their lives and the lives of others. **Coach Phil English**, Eisenhower High School's state and nationally acclaimed cross country and track coach, shared his experience while on the Washington State University (WSU) track team. The track team shared practice time in the gym with Coach Bobo Brayton's baseball team, improving their speed by outrunning baseballs thrown at them by the baseball players! **Kirk Tourtillotte** spoke on behalf of the **Yakima Valley College 1976 Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) Championship baseball team** and shared the importance of team work.

Kirk announced that the 1976 YVC baseball team will raise \$10,000 to add to the Faller-Brayton Endowment Fund. **Phil Hinrichs**, honorary chairman of the High Hopes Golf Tournament, YVC standout player and professional baseball player, spoke about the 19-1 season played by the 1976 YVC team plus his experiences playing for Coach Brayton at WSU.

Todd Stottlemyre, retired 15-year Major League pitcher and Davis High School graduate, spoke in memory of his father, Yankee five-time, All Star pitcher, Mel Stottlemyre. Todd told of his father's unforgettable lesson on perseverance: "Never give in to your current circumstances, but continue to focus on your vision and where you are going."

It was also our privilege to have in attendance **Sherrie Parker**, the widow of Parker Youth & Sports founding philanthropist Daryl Parker; **Jean Stottlemyre**, the widow of Mel Stottlemyre; and **Kelly Crook**, the son of the late, nationally recognized western artist, Don Crook. Other special guests included Mabton Mayor **Laura Vazquez**; Yakima County



There was a great turnout for the Reunion.

Commissioner **Ron Anderson**; and founding Board President **Bill Faller**.

Several grants and awards were presented including the Daryl Parker Memorial Award of \$10,000 to the City of Mabton in memory of Mel Stottlemyre (see cover story) and a \$4,000 grant to the Yakima Grid Kids Association in memory of Don Crook. YVC athletics received a \$10,000 grant for scholarships and work grants. The YVC grant included the Bill Faller-Bobo Brayton Coaches Award to **Conner Coballes** and the Swede Lindquist Memorial Award to the Yakima Valley Football Association member, **Frank Navarro**. Other grant recipients included: Yakima Youth Baseball receiving the Ron Pearson Memorial Award; Selah Parks and Recreation Summer Swimming Program; Madison House sports activities; and Sunnyside Club Volleyball.

The Contributor of the Year award was presented to **Stan Reneker** and the Parker Partner of the Year award to **Jon Mulvenon**. A special thank you to **Jan Jorgenson** and **Irma Mercado Williams** for their outstanding work on the auction and guest arrangements.



From left, Jean Stottlemyre, Bill Faller, Dan Williams (with photos of Mel Stottlemyre and Daryl Parker), Sherrie Parker and Todd Stottlemyre gathered for the Reunion banquet.

Annual Golf Tournament Scores

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We also had good participation from the youth of our community, including teams from Davis, Eisenhower, West Valley and La Salle high schools.

"It's a really fun event," observed Braedon Masset (who likes to be called "Young Gilmore"), a member of the Davis High School team. "After the whole season, it's just fun to have a nice relaxing round," added teammate Asher Layton. "I'm not stressing on every hole," agreed Rae Park, also part of the Davis foursome, as he prepared to tee off on the 16th hole of the course. "It's great for charity as well," said teammate John Kim.

With this year's tournament wrapped up, it's time to mark your calendar for our fifteenth annual High Hopes Golf Scramble! We will return to the Apple Tree Resort on Saturday, June 13, 2020.

Special thanks to all the Parker Youth volunteers who assisted with the planning and operation of this year's tournament. We're also very grateful to the players and sponsors, for making the dreams and High Hopes of our community a reality!



Darlene Olmstead, on behalf of the Parker Foundation, presented a check for \$2,500 to Tammy Allen of the Selah Parks project committee.

June 7, 2019 - Legends Reunion Photos



June 8, 2019 - HIGH HOPES Golf Tournament Photos



Bill Faller in memory of Brian Davidson, Don Gregson, George Beetchenow, Paul George, Don Crook, Ted Stone, Paul Momohan, Marilyn Pearson and Mel Stottlemeyre

Robert McCulloch in memory of Jack Lovell

Jon Mulvenon in memory of Paul George, Don Crook, Ted Shaw, Jesse Austin, Cal Riemke, Jim Whiteside, Stan Bernath and Mel Stottlemeyre

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Jerry Ward in memory of Don Crook, Ron Capps, Ted Stone, Chuck Billups, Ken Bongers, Stan Strosahl

Evva Lange in memory of Ted Stone and Ron Capps

Mary Holder Marsh and Gerry Marsh in memory of Don and Nellie Holder

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PYSF Board of Directors in memory of Don Crook

Grants and Scholarship Awards Given by Parker Foundation

Total Amount Awarded to date: \$550,000

We are pleased to have made awards to the following:

YVC Athletics	Yakima Parks	Cascade Volleyball
Davis High Football	East Valley Youth Baseball	Elite 13 Wrestling
First Tee	HD Basketball	La Salle HS Athletics
Madison House Flag Football	Cancer Run	Riverside Christian Wrestling
Rotary Trust	Tieton Soccer/Basketball	Wapato Basketball
West Valley Dance	West Valley Kid Wrestling	West Valley Little League
Wine Country Crunch	White Swan Skate Park	Zillah Youth Baseball
Yakima Fastpitch	Yakima Greenway	Yakima Little League
Yakima Pippins	Yakima Police League	Yakima School Dist.
Yakima Sports Commission	Yakima Valley Baseball	Yakima Visitors Bureau
Yakima Youth Baseball	Yakima Youth Soccer	YMCA/Young Life
Lindquist Officials Award	Eisenhower Football	Wapato Athletic League
YMCA	Parker Field Improvement	Team Yakima Volleyball
Sunnyside Christian HS	Ellensburg HS	Eisenhower HS
Kittitas HS	Zillah HS	Selah HS
Sunnyside HS	White Swan HS	West Valley HS
Eisenhower Wrestling	Holly's Special Kids	West Valley HS Football
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News from the Foundation Office — By Darlene Olmstead

Wow! What a weekend! In June, we completed a weekend of events filled with excitement and success for our Foundation. As you'll read in other newsletter articles, on June 7, we held our "Sports Legends Reunion Banquet." On June 8, there was the annual "High Hopes" golf tournament.

These events will enable us to continue our efforts to improve the quality of life in the Yakima Valley through youth sports, physical activity and facility improvements or additions.

We are excited to be able to add to the \$550,000 in grants that we have already awarded since our Foundation began.

Thanks again to everyone who participated and worked as volunteers at our events. (We really can't say "thank you" enough!)

I'm always happy to have you stop by the office or call with any questions. My hours in the office (Larson Building, Suite 1009) are from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. I often stay later when it is really busy. You also can call me at (509) 469-9336. Enjoy the summer!



Darlene Olmstead



Bill Faller held court near the 16th hole on Apple Tree golf course, with old and young alike stopping to talk to him.

Dear Parker Partners and Sports Fans,

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation board extends heartfelt gratitude to the volunteers who worked for months to ensure the quality of our outstanding golf tournament weekend, June 7-8.

A special thank you to board members who made all of the arrangements for the Legends Reunion night and organized the details for the golf tournament.

Another special "thank you" to the Yakima Valley vendors and sponsors who contributed to the successful auction and golf tournament.

Because of you, this weekend was a big success, benefiting youth and sports programs in our Valley!

Bill Faller

Board Member/Founder of the High Hopes Tournament

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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