

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.

Foundation's Major Fundraising Surpasses Target of \$20,000

Annual Golf Tournament A Hit

The Second Annual PY&SF Golf Scramble of May 19 was filled with enthusiastic supporters of youth programs in the Yakima Valley. The tournament generated a profit of around \$25,000, approximately a 20% increase from last year.

Always looking for ways to improve the event, the committee moved the scramble to Apple Tree Resort and Golf Course. The course is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year and has never played better.

New features to the event included the following:

- Pre-tournament putting contest dedicated to the Joe Donahue Scholarship Fund, the contest raised \$1,600, won by Ed Kittle, taking away a new putter.
- A hole-in-one on the 17th - the prize, a car of the winner's choice from among four cars around the course.
- Competition on a 5-star golf course.

The tournament scored another coupe with last year's Honorary Chairman Pete Rademacher and Honored Guests Mel Stottlemire and Bobo Brayton returning. Scott Wilson researched the life and times of former Yakima resident Bill Pearl, 1950 Yakima High School Graduate and five-time Mr. Universe and scored a hit when Mr. Pearl agreed to be Tournament Chair.

Mr. Pearl was our voice for the event - beginning with remarks prepared for events from May 17 at the Downtown Rotary luncheon to Saturday's scramble. At the age of 76 he continues to live the body building and fitness lifestyle, working out two hours a day, six days a week.

The Tooter, published weekly by the Rotary Club of Yakima, captured the essence of the speech when it reported on Bill's life and two stories that he shared. Bill spoke about a key ingredient to success in life - relationships and giving the gift of yourself by spending a few minutes of your time with someone else, writing a kind note, or doing an act of kindness. The first took place in 1971, his final competition in the Mr. Universe contest. There was a young French boy backstage before the competition. His father was with him and pushed him toward the "favorite" to win. The young boy asked for the man's autograph and was subsequently pushed aside and told to get out of his face. The father then directed him toward Bill. Bill, seeing the interaction with the other competitor, lifted the young boy on his shoulders for a picture and gave him his autograph. The competition began, and who was sitting at the judges table? It was the young boy's father. Bill won his 5th title.

The second story involved his wife, Judy. Judy was a fifth-grade teacher. In her class she had a young boy named Teddy who was the worst kid she had ever had. In kindergarten, his file said he showed promise. In first grade, his mother was ill and she died the next year. In subsequent years his records showed that his father showed little interest in him. When Teddy was in Judy's class, on her birthday he brought a gift in a brown paper bag - an old bracelet missing rhinestones and perfume. While the other children laughed, Judy put on the bracelet and a little perfume and shared her appreciation with the class. After class Teddy told Judy that he really liked her, that she reminded him of his mother, and asked if she thought she could ever like him. As the years went by, Teddy kept in touch - including a note after graduating from med school, asking Judy to sit in his mother's spot at his wedding. Bill challenged everyone to take a few minutes and give the gift of oneself.



Tournament Honorary Chairman Bill Pearl (l) with Sherrie & Daryl Parker.

Honorary Directors

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

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(*signifies charter member)

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Executive Director's Message

Summer is here and wow! Can you say Play Ball? Baseball, golf, basketball, soccer, softball, t-ball, volleyball and even some football. The kids are everywhere and playing some type of sport in parks. This is what the Parker Youth and Sports Foundation likes to see.

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer and getting outside. Here at the Parker Youth and Sports Foundation, we have ended the spring with a bang, thanks to all who supported our "High Hopes" Golf Tournament and Legends Reunion. Now we are off and running this summer with grant applications, a new president, and presenting grants to Kiwanis Park, Yakima Girls Fast Pitch, Yakima Pepsi Pak Legion Baseball and Yakima Valley Sports Commission, which holds the Athletes of the Year Luncheon, Three on Three Basketball Tournament and the SunDome Volleyball Festival.

The Parker Youth and Sports Foundation is moving forward every day in accomplishing our mission statement. I am very proud and honored to see so many people support the Parker Youth and Sports Foundation and its goals. Your contributions are what allow us ultimately to increase the quality of life for the youth in our valley. A big thank you for a successful golf tournament this year, and remember to mark your 2008 calendar for May 16 and 17. Next year will be even bigger and better.

Thank you for your support.
LeAnne Leahy
Executive Director

Steve Dale Elected President



Steven E. Dale, owner of Medical Center Physical Therapy & Sports Rehabilitation Clinic, was recently elected to the position of president of the Foundation. He brings a quiet confident personality to the position.

Steve is an active member of the Foundation, serving on the Golf Committee for the past two years.

Steve served as Chairman of the Socio-Economic Committee for the

Washington State Physical Therapy Association, Capri of Yakima and the Yakima Medical Center Properties, Inc.

Steve, raised in Yakima, graduated from Eisenhower High School in 1965 as a 9-time letter winner in football, basketball and track. Steve was Ike's first All-American football player in '64. He was chosen all state and Washington offensive player of the year, leading the state in scoring for Ike's undefeated State Champions.

He also was an outstanding hurdler/sprinter for 3 years and served as student body president his senior year.

Attending USC on a full football scholarship, he played in two Rose Bowl games and graduated from USC in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Physical Therapy.

Steve and wife, Cheryl, have one son, Zane, and two grandchildren.

Grants Scoreboard

Grants awarded during the fiscal year of 2006-07 are listed below.

- YMCA/Young Life (\$5,000) Saturday Night Live Program for Yakima area youth
- Yakima National Little League (\$3,000 for field development)
- YVCC Women's Basketball Tournament Sponsor (\$1,500)
- Yakima Pepsi Pak (assistance in purchasing a mini bus)
- Yakima Valley Fast Pitch, toward uniforms for U18 Stealers (\$1,500)
- Rotary Trust for park land development (\$7,500 - second installment of a \$15,000 commitment)
- Yakima Valley Sports Commission for assisting with high school sports luncheon and tournaments (\$1,500)
- YVCC Soccer Scholarships - reported in the last newsletter (\$2,600)

The \$2,400 Joe Donahue Scholarship was not awarded, as the applicants did not meet the criteria. The scholarship will be pursued through YVCC's Student Affairs Office.



Presentation of the Yakima Pepsi Pak Grant award by Bill Faller (left) to Coach Mike Archer.



Presentation of the Yakima Valley Fast Pitch Grant award to Coach Chuck Bodeen, Assistant Coach Dawn Hester and other PY&SF directors.

Legends Reunion Epitomizes the Spirit of a Reunion

A Pictorial Essay



Mel Stottlemyre with a young fans.



Pete Rademacher returned as an honored guest.



Mayor Dave Edler (left), presenter of Bill Pearl Proclamation and the opening prayer, with M.C. Bob Romero, fastest wit in the West.



Phil Hinrich and Nancy Faller.



YVCC girls' basketball player modeling new Parker hats.



Bill Pearl, Pete Rademacher, Bobo Brayton and Mel Stottlemyre

Second Annual Golf Scramble a Hit from Weather to Banquet



Steady does it on the practice putting green.



Tournament Chair Jerry Ward, all over the putt.



Sweet swing, great results!



Judy & Bill Pearl enjoying a moment with Bob Alexander.



Rod McIntosh calling everyone to the carts.



Apple Tree, a championship golf course.

PY&SF Store

Did you miss the latest golf tournament and reunion and now want an item available at the May 18-19 events? Well, now you have an opportunity to pick up the memorabilia. Call the office (509-469-9336) and place an order.

2007 PY&SF Golf Scramble Memorabilia

- \$25 golf hat — khaki with P on the front, PY&SF on the side
- \$18 golf visor — khaki with P on the front, PY&SF on the side

PY&SF T-shirt — Available Soon

- \$20

Pride and Pinstripes — authored by Mel Stottlemyre

- \$25 per copy plus shipping & handling

Memorial and Honored Contributors -- Special Supporters of Youth

The Foundation is overwhelmed with gratitude for families who have chosen to have loved ones remembered by naming Parker Youth & Sports Foundation as a memorial. The donations will provide living memorials in the lives of the Valley's youth programs.

In Memory of:	Contributor:
Dave Yaden	Diane and M. J. Johnson Laura and James Miller Myrna and Joseph Morrison David B. Osborne Jr. Ray and Sidsel Cummings Millie and Ken Stenehjem Bill and Nancy Faller Dell and Patricia Boswell John B. Carbery Carol Finney Trudy Bray Jerry Ryan Jerry and Lynn Ward Monday Morning Quarterbacks Jake Kerslake Howard A. Dugas 3-0 Senior Tennis Team, Judy Easterly Anne Haight Diana and M. J. Mehren Sharla Marchal Marty Nipper Torina O'Rorke Patt Salisbury Marsha Stipe Herbert and Sharon Petrak Ferdinand G. Maier Mary Rennie Mary R. Hardy Madelyn Sprague Mary and Larry Thomas
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Bob Thomson	Bill and Nancy Faller Jerry Ryan
Margaret Davis	Odetta and Gilbert Lynden
Margaret Rademacher	Jerry and Lynn Ward Bill Faller
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A Tribute to Dave

We lost a dear friend on March 3 with the passing of Dave Yaden. Thanks to Betty and the family for remembering the PY&SF Foundation as we have received many contributions in memory of Dave. Rather than create another eulogy for Dave, we wish to share with you portions of a reference letter written in 1951 by Harold A. Hoeglund, Dean of Yakima Valley Junior College:

"Dave possesses that rare and often sought-for personal trait of real genuineness, like a good watch that you can always depend upon. He comes from a family of real, honest-to-goodness, "salt-of-the-earth" people, whose lives are a tribute to faith, courage, and heroic living.

In my capacity as dean, it was my pleasure to be associated with Dave during the year, 1946-47, when he was president of our Associated Student Body. In addition to his top position of student leadership, he was one of our dependable athletes, lettering in baseball and basketball. We had no football here until a later year. His qualities of leadership and his natural appeal to young people make him a very promising teacher in his chosen field. I would like to take this opportunity to recommend him as one of the finest young men I have ever known - sincere, sympathetic, dependable, mentally alert, morally straight. The kind of person who always rings true. (Feb. 1, 1951)

Dean Hoeglund had a most descriptive writing style and obviously knew what he was talking about in this letter. A definition of Dave could not have been said any better, even today.

Foundation Parks Liaison Committee Update

The Foundation's Parks Liaison Committee is in operation and will be highly active in these early years of the Foundation. Its purpose is to address the Foundation's number one goal, that is to provide, preserve and support parks, public sports and recreation facilities and youth sports programs.

The Parks Liaison Committee, currently composed of Bob Alexander, James Carmody, Gene Rostvold and Dick Smith, has been meeting recently with city and community groups, including Yakima City parks officials, City Council members, Yakima Mayor Dave Edler, Yakima Rotary Trust representatives Greg Luring and Bill Douglas, former city councilman Larry Mattson, who is a volunteer consultant to the committee, and representatives from the Yakima Youth Soccer Association.

Several topics have been addressed in these various meetings:

- completion of the Kiwanis Park complex;
- the prospects of creating a metropolitan park district for the city;
- possibilities for developing recreational facilities along the I-82 corridor, including a proposal to establish a multi-field soccer complex due south of the K-Mart campus and city waste-water plant;
- the prospects for the City of Yakima to develop a long-range plan for creating recreational properties in new and expanding neighborhoods.

The first two items are top priorities for the committee. First, completion of the Kiwanis Park complex, which includes multi-purpose softball/baseball fields, has been a long time issue for the city and the community and has been the main focus of most of the Liaison Committee meetings this past year. The committee became involved when, in 2006, the Parker Board made it a Foundation priority by donating \$7,500 to the Yakima Rotary Trust for Kiwanis Park field completion. In addition, the board has approved another \$7,500 contribution to be presented to Rotary sometime this spring. The Liaison Committee is organized to provide the Parks Department and Rotary Trust whatever follow-up support might be needed to complete the Kiwanis Park facilities.

Second, the metropolitan parks district issue may offer potential for increasing Parks Department resources. This past year city government initiated a study of this type of model. General information about this issue, obtained by Parks Department personnel, was scheduled for City Council review in May of 2007. The Parker Foundation is very interested in the model because it may offer the Yakima community excellent prospects for initiating the Parks Department long-range and other facility-development plans.

In general, the Parks Liaison Committee's emphasis is to partner and collaborate with city government and community action and service groups. In this way, the committee can help coalesce community resources — for the preservation,

maintenance and development of community recreational and youth sports facilities and programs — while the Foundation is in the process of building its own financial fund.

Larson Building a Historical Fit For Foundation Office

Story by Jerry Ward

The Foundation moved into permanent office space this past March on the ninth floor of the Larson Building, signifying once again the connection between the Parker and Larson family legacies in Yakima.

A. (Adelbert) E. Larson was a builder and businessman who left an indelible mark on the Yakima Valley. One of the most conspicuous of his creations is the A.E. Larson Building that opened for business in 1931, on the threshold of the Great Depression. Larson gained prominence in the timber industry in Oregon before settling in Yakima in 1891. He eventually purchased Scott Lumber Yard, built the Larson Theater on Yakima Avenue, and owned the Donnelly Hotel as well as the Ford dealership. He served as vice president of Yakima First National Bank and bought the first bookmobile for the Yakima Valley Regional Library. After he died in 1934 at the age of 72, he left provisions in his will for creation of an art gallery and museum, which his wife established on the campus of Yakima Valley Community College.

His wife was the former Rose Hawkins Parker, and he was the step-father of Shirley Parker. Mr. Parker continued in the same philanthropic vein as Larson with his donation of land for the college and the construction of Parker Field. The Larson Building, Parker Field, the Larson Gallery, Larson Park, and Yakima Valley Community College are living reminders of the Parker-Larson legacy.

The early successes of the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation are a result of the on going support of Daryl and Sherrie Parker. Daryl is the grandson of Rose Parker Larson and the son of Shirley Parker. He serves on the Foundation's Board of Directors as well as the Executive Committee. Among their many endeavors, Daryl and Sherrie are benefactors for the Larson Gallery, the college, and, of course, the PY&SF.



Photo courtesy of Yakima Valley Museum.



Larson building circa 1937. Photo courtesy of Yakima Valley Museum.



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

I wish to contribute: (Make checks payable to **Parker Youth & Sports Foundation**)

- \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other_____

Please use my gift to support:

- The Joe Donahue Scholarship Fund
- General Foundation Parks & Playfields Youth Sports Programs
- History and Heritage of Area Sports Scholarship Fund (other than Joe Donahoe Fund)
- In Memory of _____

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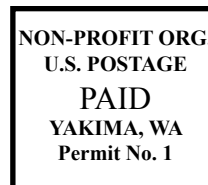
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