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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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**Catch the Coach Brayton Show!**  
 ~ National College Baseball Hall of Fame Coach

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**50 years of Coaching Baseball**  
**"Old Time Sports in Yakima"**

- Story written by Nancy Leahy



**Take me out to the ballgame.....** "Farmers! Hayseeds! Pumpkins! Squash! W.A.C.! By Gosh!" Students at Washington Agricultural College – now Washington State University – came up with this cheer when they rooted for their baseball team at the first WSU intercollegiate athletic game in 1895! Baseball has a strong history at WSU. Out of 115 years of WSU baseball, 33 of those years were coached by Coach Chuck "Bobo" Brayton a protégé of WSU Coach Buck Bailey. Brayton arrived at Washington State College in 1943 and played football, basketball, and baseball his first year. He served in the Air Corps during World War II and returned to graduate in 1950. He then began an eleven year coaching career at Yakima Valley College where his teams won 10 division titles and 9 Community College state championships. In 1961, Coach Brayton, who was the first WSU baseball All American, returned to WSU as the head baseball coach and became the winningest coach in Washington State University athletic history.

**Take me out to the crowd.....** A Washington native, Chuck "Bobo" Brayton jokes about growing up in Birdsvew, Washington, a place so small, "they had to pipe air into those people." Seventy years later, in July 2006, Brayton and 10 others, including his former player and ex-Seattle and New York Mets standout John Olerud, were on college baseball's big stage as they were inducted into the National College Baseball Hall of Fame. When Brayton retired college coaching in 1994 after 44 years of coaching, he had 1,162 victories and was the 4<sup>th</sup> winningest coach in the history of NCAA Division 1 baseball play. He took two teams to the College World Series, placing third in 1965 and fifth in 1976. Brayton coached over 30 players who went on to big league baseball. Players from the state of Washington include John Olerud, Aaron Sele, Ken Phelps, Eric Wilkins, Ron Cey, Tom Neidenfuer and Doug Sisk. Yakima players are Scott Hatteberg, Dave Edler, Don Crow and Mel Stottlemire.

**Buy me some peanuts.....** Brayton played an instrumental role in shaping college baseball as he chaired the College World Series committee in 1975 that devised a regional tournament format called the "Brayton Plan." In the late 70's, he engineered the financing and building of WSU's Bailey Baseball Field. Fittingly, in 2000 the name was changed to the Bailey-Brayton Field to honor the two coaches who have been the inspiration and perspiration of WSU baseball. Brayton, over a 25 year board member of the American Baseball Coaches Association, has initiated and worked to strengthen the structure and stature of college baseball.

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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/>.

## President's Message

As some of you may already know, we are pleased to announce, through the generosity of Stan Renecker, establishment of the Brayton/Faller Endowment.



We are in the process of selecting a financial entity to manage the fund, yet keep the directives within our decision-making process — especially the wishes of the endowment's donor/namesakes.

We are working to move all of us into the Parker Partnership status: a \$25/year dues requirement; all will be contacted soon.

Thanks to the yeoman work of attorney and fellow Parker Partner Paul Larson, our by-laws are up to date. Now our new board structure is more in line with other well-known and successful fund-raising foundations. We will be more business-oriented and leave the committees to do their work more efficiently, yet with communication and input from the board as needed.

We are ready to break out, and we need all of you!

Best regards,  
Steve Dale

**EDITORIAL COMMENT: The historical series on fastpitch will continue in next issue due to limited space.**

### Legends Reunion - Athletes For All Generations!

Details are coming together for the May 16 Legends Reunion and Silent Auction. The event will be held at the Yakima Convention Center.

Friday evening will begin with a no-host social from 5 to 6 p.m. A buffet dinner will be available from 6:00 to 7:00 at a cost of \$25 for adults and \$5 for ages 12 and under.

Many Valley athletes have been invited to be a part of the evening. Athletes who will be signing autographs include:

**Bobo Brayton, High Hopes Golf Scramble Honorary Tournament Chairman**

(Yakima Valley College and Washington State University baseball coach, Baseball Hall of Fame)

**Dave Edler**

(Eisenhower High School and Seattle Mariners)

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**Steve Mahre**

(Naches High School and Olympic skier)

**John Olerud**

(Washington State University and Seattle Mariners)

**Taylor Stubblefield**

(Davis High School and Purdue – ranks third on Big Ten career receptions list)

Some of the other athletes who will attend and be ready to meet fans include: Hazel Leland, High Hopes Golf Scramble honored guest (golf and bowling); Pete Rademacher (Olympic heavyweight boxing champion); Bobby Wells (Mariners); and Jake Kupp (Cardinals football).

The evening will feature comments by Bobo Brayton, introduction of the Brayton/Faller Endowment and a silent auction. Auction items include Mariners tickets, autographed photos, tips, sporting equipment, and much more. Master of ceremonies will be Dave Ettl, Yakima radio and television personality.

### John Olerud Joining Mentor and Coach in Yakima

John Olerud will join his mentor and coach, Bobo Brayton, for the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation Legends Reunion and High Hopes Golf Scramble.



*Yes, he was an outstanding pitcher for WSU.*

John, nicknamed Big Rude and Johnny O, is a graduate of Bellevue High School and Washington State University (1987-89). His 17-season professional career as a first baseman included playing for the Toronto Blue Jays (1989-96), New York Mets (1997-99), Seattle Mariners (2000-04), New York Yankees (2004) and Boston Red Sox (2005).

He is known for having one of the smoothest swings in the game, as well as for wearing a helmet when fielding.

A line drive hitter to all parts of the field with a career .295 batting average and 1,230 RBI, his .398 on-base percentage ranks 65<sup>th</sup> all-time. He would usually draw 90-100 walks a season. He also was known for having the softest hands around the bag. A three-time American League Gold Glove Award winner at first base, Olerud was a two-time All-Star and part of Sports Illustrated's "Greatest Infield Ever" along with Robin Ventura, Edgar Alfonso, and Rey Ordonez. John led the AL in numerous categories at various times during his career.

He will attend the High Hopes weekend in honor of his mentor and coach, Bobo Brayton.

The Foundation thanks John for his support.

# PARKER YOUTH & SPORTS FOUNDATION

SUPPORT AND PRESERVATION OF PARKS, SPORTS FACILITIES AND ATHLETIC PROGRAMS IN THE GREATER YAKIMA AREA

## “Coach Chuck Brayton Day”

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Yakima has great sport legends and heroes with regional, national and worldwide acclaim, we honor our Sport Legend, Coach Chuck “Bobo” Brayton.

WHEREAS, our community seeks to pay tribute to individuals who lived in the Yakima Valley and maintained athletic lives of discipline and purpose -

WHEREAS, promoting the history and heritage of sports in the greater Yakima area will help preserve parks, sports facilities and athlete programs for youth –

WHEREAS, successful athletes can provide education and inspiration on the lifelong value of physical activity and commitment to fitness –

WHEREAS, Coach Chuck “Bobo” Brayton coached at Yakima Valley Community College for 11 years posting 10 divisional titles and 9 state Community College Championships, coached 33 seasons in Pac-10 baseball with 21 Pac-10 titles, two trips to the College Baseball World Series and has been inducted into the Yakima Valley Community College Athletic Hall of Fame, Washington State University Athletic Hall of Fame, College Baseball Hall of Fame, and was the fourth-winningest coach in NCAA Division 1 history with 1,162 victories–

*NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS OF YAKIMA,  
do hereby proclaim May 17, 2008 as*

### “Coach Chuck Brayton Day”

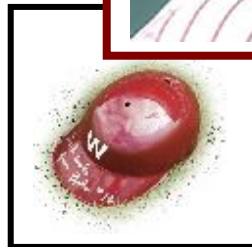
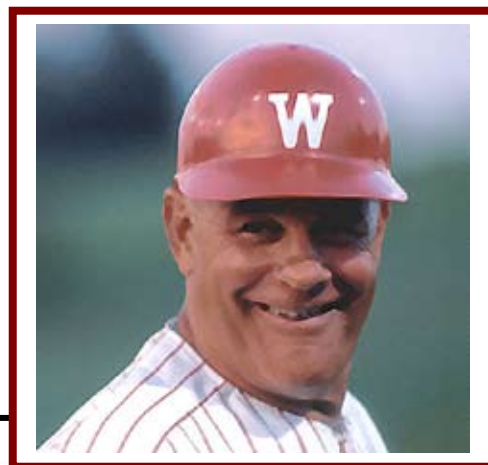
*in the City of Yakima and challenge our citizens to remember Coach Brayton’s words,  
“Excellence Shows. Commitment Counts and Quality Wins!”*



# "The Coach Brayton Show!"

## College Baseball Hall of Fame Coach!

- 4<sup>th</sup> WINNINGEST BASEBALL COACH IN NCAA DIVISION I HISTORY
- POSTED 1,162 BASEBALL VICTORIES AT WSU
- 21 PAC-10 TITLES DURING 33 SEASONS AT WSU
- TWO TRIPS TO COLLEGE WORLD SERIES - '65 & '76
- 9 STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIPS WHILE COACHING YVCC
- INDUCTED INTO COLLEGE BASEBALL HALL OF FAME, WSU ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME, YVCC ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME.



## Brush off Yakima's Home Plate for Coach Chuck "Bobo" Brayton!

**May 16 5:30 - 9:00 PM Legends Reception, Yakima Convention Center - 10 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St.  
\$25.00 per person — Children 6-12 — \$5.00 each  
Autographs & Pictures with many Yakima Valley Athletes including  
Coach "Bobo" Brayton, Pete Rademacher, Hazel Leland, Taylor Stubblefield,  
John Olerud, Steve Mahre & Dave Edler**

**May 17 1:30 PM High Hopes Golf Scramble \$125 per Player  
6:00 PM High Hope Golf Award Dinner  
Apple Tree Resort - 8804 Occidental**

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*It's root for the home team....*Bobo married Eileen in 1947 and they raised three sons. Today they manage their Red Cougar Ranch, which some call a game reserve. They have horses, cats, dogs, two mules, a goose and many deer. Their grandson Tyler Brayton, a stand out Big Nine football player from Pasco, is a graduate of University of Colorado and continues the family athletic tradition as a Carolina Panther defensive lineman. Grandson, Bobo Brayton III, is a punter with the Eastern Washington University Eagles.

*At the old ball game.....*The essence of Bobo, according to players, colleagues and friends, is that everything he did was for the good of baseball. Hatteberg says Bobo stays with him. "I still hear his voice in my head when I'm on the field sometimes." Former assistant coach Bob Stephens states, "When you graduated, you didn't leave the program. You became a bigger part of it." Bobo's son Fritz Brayton states, "He couldn't find his own car keys, but he knew every kid that played for him. You were never just a name – you were always somebody." And what does Bobo say? "**Excellence shows, commitment counts and quality wins.**"

Coach Chuck "Bobo" Brayton is the honorary chairman of the 2008 Parker Youth & Sports Foundation High Hopes Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. He is joined by Yakima sport legends, Pete Rademacher, Hazel Leland and other Yakima athletic legends.

### It's a Grand Slam!



At the May 16 Legends Reunion, the Foundation will officially announce the creation of the

### Brayton/Faller Endowment

## Parker Store

The Parker Store is now loaded with mementoes of the Parker Youth and Sports Foundation past and present High Hopes Golf Tournaments. Contact the office at 509-469-9336 to order.

- \_\_\_ \$5            2007-08 Parker logo golf ball
- \_\_\_ \$10          2007 tournament hat or visor
- \_\_\_ \$10          2008 tournament logo towel (with High Hopes picture, Parker P and Foundation)
- \_\_\_ \$35          *Pride and Pinstripes*, Stottlemyre Signed Book
- \_\_\_ \$1,000       Signature Bat, The Grand
- \_\_\_ \$5            Shipping cost per order.

## Hazel Leland, Still Swinging

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Born and raised in Superior, Wisconsin, Hazel Leland made her mark early when it came to sports and physical activity. A member of the East High School graduating class of 1943, Hazel attended Bemidji State University, where she earned a degree in physical education in 1948.

She was searching for a teaching job after graduation when a friend teaching in Richland sent word that Yakima was hiring. After writing to the Yakima superintendent, Milton Martin, things happened quickly. She received a telegram requesting a copy of her credentials, followed by a job offer. She headed west via train, a three-day trip, arriving in Yakima at 2 a.m. Hazel's first permanent housing was a boarding house across from the present Red Cross location.

Her first teaching job brought several other firsts – teaching with Bobo Brayton and teaching Red Cross advanced life saving in the fall and spring — after buying a swimsuit. Asked to describe the facilities at Yakima High School, Hazel blurted out "hideous." Teaching with another familiar name, Mabel Sherar, Hazel also taught basketball, volleyball, softball, and badminton.

While working at Yakima High, she picked up the game of golf, learning from her friend in Richland. Her only club then was a five iron. Her first set of clubs, bought for \$25, consisted of four irons, a driver, three woods and a putter. And pick up the game she did, going on to be Yakima city champion seven times and Yakima's Woman Athlete of the Year in 1958-59. Hazel also picked up a master's degree in physical education at Central Washington University, another three sets of clubs, and the 1957 Minnesota Amateur Golf Champion title.

Hazel took a position at Yakima Junior College in 1957 and became the men's golf coach in 1960. Hazel's team won the 1964 state junior college tournament.

She helped establish the YJC physical education program, developing courses in body-building and conditioning, modern dance, badminton, softball, golf and bowling. She described her teaching experiences as "sin, sex, and health — a down-to-earth curriculum."

Hazel was selected as woman of the year in 1978 by the Yakima Professional Business Women and elected to Washington State's Bowling Hall of Fame in 1980. Since retiring from YJC in 1985, she has enjoyed traveling and swinging a club.

Hazel has been a part of the High Hopes Golf Scramble since its inception as a sponsor and running the putting contest.

