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**New website - <http://montanacoaches.com/>**

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### **BALLOTS FOR MCA COY**

COY nominees all coached teams to top four finishes in the recent state tournaments and are MCA members. Two basketball coaches missed nomination because he/she missed the deadline, 4 were non-members, as were four wrestling coaches and one swim coach.

**Please vote** and please return your ballot to MCA, 9500 Harritt Road #281 in Lakeside, CA 92040, within 48 hours. Thank you.

### **2013 MCA CLINIC**

We are just getting a good start on signing out-of-state clinics speakers, as I have been in the hospital 3 times and rehabilitation facilities twice in the last 3 months. I am home now, but am being cared for by hospice personnel. I am on oxygen 24 hours a day, have pulmonary fibrosis, and acid reflux, I will have to give up my duties as executive director and clinic director. The board has chosen Don Olsen to replace me. Don has been involved with the clinic for over 20 years and will do an outstanding job. I have thoroughly enjoyed my 41 years with the MCA and thank everyone for their cooperation. Kathleen Howard will continue as assistant clinic director, a post where she is invaluable.

Our greatest "catch" so far is Joe Vigil, a true icon in cross country and distance running for track and field. He gained collegiate fame at Adams State University in Colorado where a statue of Joe has been erected in the Athletic area. His record includes 19 National Collegiate Championships in track and field and cross country, producing 425 All-Americans and 87 individual National Champions. He also coached in two Olympic games, 4 PAN AM games 5 world university games and 7 world cross country meets. Joe has been inducted into 11 Halls of Fame and is a 14 times National Coach of the Year.

In basketball, we have Aron Park, a GFHS and MSU grad who started his career at Westminster as an assistant, then went on to head the women's program from 2000-04. From 2004-07, Aron assisted in the outstanding women's program at Utah. This was followed by assistant head coaching positions at Maryland, Louisiana Tech, and California. He is now in his first year as assistant head coach at the University of Southern California. At Maryland, Park served as interim head coach in 2007-08 and was instrumental in guiding the team to two elite 8 NCAA appearances.

Ken DeHart will be back for tennis. Ken is one of the best speakers we have had in any category. In football, Blaise Winter will be back and Ted Cottrell, and Jim Colletto former NFL coaches are possible choices.

Rahn Sheffield will speak on sprints & hurdles, Dan Steele, jumps and Brian Bedard, throws are possibilities in T&F, VB local Monica Haynes/Trainer has been invited and Dennis Janzen will return in volleyball and Suzi Braszi is a possibility in softball.

Basketball coaches don't talk to us until after the NCAA tourney. Jerry Kuntz is to arrange golf and Monty Haselhuhn will do S&C. We need better participation in soccer if we are going to continue, and I don't see how we can have swimming again because as far as I know, the only coach who showed up besides the three speakers was on the committee.

I am going to get all the out-of-state speakers confirmed and will let Don, Kathleen and the board members handle in-state speakers.



GREAT FALLS MT TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

**We are greatly indebted to the Great Falls Tourism Improvement for the generous donations to support the Clinic the last two years and we have applied for another grant for 2014. The quality of the clinic could not be what it is without their help.**

**PERKS THAT MAKE THE MCA  
MULTI-SPORTS CLINIC THE MOST  
HOSPITABLE CLINIC IN THE COUNTRY:**

Tuesday night – The Frontier Conference colleges, led by Executive Director Kent Paulson, host a reception at the Hi-Ho Tavern.

Starting at 7:30 Wednesday morning, and continuing each day, a complimentary continental breakfast is served in the exhibit area. The rest of each day, ice cream products, chips, cookies, nuts, candy and other snacks are available, with coke products, water, lemonade, coffee, tea, milk and Gatorade drinks.

Wednesday evening a huge BBQ is served at the Mike Mansfield Center, featuring choice 12oz NY strip steaks, baked potatoes, Bush's baked beans, rolls and nearly all the aforementioned beverages, plus 10 kegs of complimentary beer donated by Dick Zaddick and the **Flamingo Lounge**. We certainly appreciate his help. They have been catering the food portion fantastically for many years.

Thursday at 7:30 am, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes holds a complimentary breakfast meeting, with a continental breakfast furnished by the MCA.

Thursday @ 11:30 am, an awards ceremony is held in the GFHS Auditorium followed by a complimentary luncheon served to all attendees. Friends and family of award recipients are invited.

Thursday @ 5:30 pm, 100 or so golfers tee off on two nines at the Anaconda golf course in a 9-hole scramble golf tourney, vying for outstanding prizes, chances at a \$5000.00 hole-in-one prize on each nine, plus two bonus par 3's on each nine carry a \$500.00 prize for an ace. Participants receive a T-shirt (one that is a size of your choice, not all one size fits all, another name for X-Large). Participants also receive two equipment coupons for free or reduced rate clubs.

Thursday at 7 pm, the Flamingo Lounge hosts a complimentary beer session, featuring a dance band, mechanical bull and "horse racing" game led by personnel from Universal Athletics.

The exhibit area is open Wednesday and Thursday, traditionally with over 70 spaces. Many exhibitors give away items at their exhibit and many conduct drawings for excellent prizes. Some donate items or services for door prizes and the MCA comes up with a number of great door prizes as well. The value of these donations was over \$25,000.00 last year. **Many drawings will be made between 8 & 8:35 Thursday AM in the exhibit area. The MCA will hold a drawing for three \$100 cash prizes, requiring presence to win.**

Registrants in each sport are assigned a session during which they are urged to visit the exhibit area and hospitality tables (entry is through the exhibit area only). This is built into the Clinic schedule.

**Each registrant receives a shoulder bag courtesy of Red Rock Sporting Goods, (A huge donation)** that contains 4 complimentary food coupons, two each by McDonalds of Great Falls and Wendy's of Montana, a MCA 8 ½ X 11 legal pad, a great MCA pen, and a 3 year calendar appointment booklet donated by Clell Wade. All 3 have been long time supporters. Exhibit reps receive additional goodies.

In addition to these extra-curricular activities, registrants can earn Office of Public Instruction equivalency credits to satisfy their requirements to maintain teaching certificates, and they can also earn alternate professional time to request credit for PIR days, at no charge. Also, Loyola Marymount Professional Development University credit is available.

**A big thank you to Great Falls Coca Cola Bottling Co. They have been donating their drink products since the 1st clinic in 1968.**

**MCA/SCHEDULE STAR SCHOLARSHIPS**

Due to the economy, Schedule Star had to reduce their scholarship contribution by 50%, but we will still award three \$500 scholarships for girls and three for boys this year. As a non-profit corporation, the MCA can't limit them to daughters or sons of members but we strongly encourage members with graduating offspring to have them apply. Call Jerry Kuntz for applications (the application is also on the MHSA web-site), which need to be returned by May 15th, see letterhead. Anything you can do to promote **SCHEDULE STAR** will be greatly appreciated. Winners should express their appreciation to **SCHEDULE STAR**.



**WE THANK THEM!**

**RALPH HALVERSON SCHOLARSHIPS**

Two one thousand dollar scholarships will be added this year one for a boy and one for a girl, from the 2013 graduation class of Montana High School seniors. Mark Reed, headmaster at the prestigious Charlotte Country Day School in North Carolina showed up unannounced to the steak BBQ at last summer's Clinic and announced he was pledging \$10,000 for a Ralph Halverson scholarship fund in hopes that others would contribute to the fund to keep it going. He contributed \$3,000 in cash and pledged \$1,000 per year for the next seven years. Anyone wishing to donate may make a contribution payable to the **RALPH HALVERSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND**, and mail to our bank: **GFIFCU, R. H. SCHOLARSHIP FUND, PO BOX 2649, GREAT FALLS, MT 59403**. Mark was one of the most famous T&F athletes GFHS, with bests of 7-2, 23-2 and 47-1 1/2 winning all three events at the state meet in 1983 2nd in the prestigious National Golden West Invitational that same year. I am extremely proud of Mark and grateful for this wonderful gesture. Jerry Kuntz, the MCA Scholarship chairman is the contact person. His information is on the letter head for either 2013 graduates or for donors.

**COY RINGS**

Some coaches have received an empty ring box at the award session. That is because they did not get their order in to Richard Martinez of Balfour or they were a spring sports coach. Ring companies, all shut down for a month in the summer, so the orders can't get processed in time to have the rings there by clinic time. This is something we have been doing with all the companies we have contacted with. As soon as the results COY Balloting are announced you should get an order form from Richard if you are a first time winner. If you do not, call or e-mail him. He is on the Balfour web site. If you can't locate him, call Ralph for help.

## **PLAQUE ORDERS FOR COY RING RECIPIENTS & ASSISTANTS TO COY**

In addition to 15 and 20-year longevity award recipients, first-time Coaches of the Year and all assistants to Coaches of the Year and other nominees are awarded certificates. Anyone who wishes to receive a plaque instead of a certificate may do so by sending Ralph a check for \$12, payable to Thompson's Rubber Stamps. This is a good way to reward assistant coaches for their contributions to the success of the program.

We have added a "Spouse of the Coach of the Year" certificate award starting w/2010 fall sports. These certificates can also be replaced w/a plaque if the recipient wishes. First-time COY winners receive a ring and a certificate from the MCA. All other COY winners are awarded a plaque **paid for by the MCA**. An upgrade of the contract with Balfour allows recipients a choice between gold and silver celestrum instead of just the latter. Sizes include XL and XS. The XL size is much bigger than our previous rings. You also have a choice of stone color. If you are unable to pick up your plaque at the time of the clinic, please send a check payable to the **MCA** for \$6 to cover the cost of mailing.

## **REPLACEMENT CARDS**

Occasionally we get a call about a misspelling on the card - usually due to illegible writing. We ask you to type or print, but very few do. Just return the card to Ralph at the California address with a note and he will type you a new one. In the case of lost, stolen or laundered cards, we charge \$5 for a replacement. Just send that fee (preferably check) to the Lakeside address with a note and we will send you a replacement.

## **ASSISTANT COY AWARD**

Each year we select one long-time assistant coach to receive this award. To qualify, coaches must have been an assistant for at least 10 years, members of the MCA, and not have been a head coach in another sport at the same time. Nominees must have been an assistant during this school year or retired for not more than one year. Nomination forms can be obtained from Don Olsen, see (letterhead). Nomination forms should be returned by May 15th.

## **LIABILITY INSURANCE**

**FYI starting in 2010-11, the insurance will also cover active members while in the classroom.** It is important you are aware the dates of our liability coverage are August 1st-July 31st, so anyone working a camp this summer who wants coverage, must join the MCA for 2012/13. As members of the MCA, coaches also have the opportunity to purchase liability and medical coverage for student athletes. You may look at <http://montanacoaches.com/> or we can e-mail you a copy of the insurance request form. As a reminder, you as a member coach are covered under MCA's liability coverage, but if your school requests to be listed as additionally insured, there will be an extra charge. If you have any questions, please call our office or better yet, call Greg Joly or Loomis & LaPann @ (800) 566-6479.

## **SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNEY**

Our numbers of players dropped to 85 from 102 in 2010 resulting in a financial loss. If we are to continue this great event, we need to be back to near the one hundred range. This year we plan on renting Anaconda for the whole afternoon which will be a big help to clinic golf sessions and we will also schedule an earlier start to the tourney probably 5:30. There will be a survey on the ballot to gauge interest in participation. Please

respond, so we can determine if we can make it a success.

## **LONGEVITY FORMS**

All active and college members should find a longevity form. Please take time to read the directions carefully on the back of the form. They are explicit. Please call me if there are any questions. We spend a lot of wasted time in the spring correcting these forms. Probably 10-20 percent of them have errors, some due to arithmetic but most of them because of failure to follow directions especially on listing the year started.

## **SPRING SPORTS COACHES**

A recruiting letter and a membership application have been sent to all spring sports non-member head coaches, reminding them of the May 1st mailing deadline for eligibility for COY nominations. The letter also details eligibility requirements for a sport to hold COY status. If a sport has at least 46 or more head coaches, the minimum requirements is 35 members. For sports that have less than 46, the requirements is 75% of the head coaches. As of now, Softball needs 14 more members to qualify, girls' tennis needs 8 and boys' tennis needs 14. Otherwise they will be on the special sports ballot with soccer, in May.

## **REQUESTS FOR CERTIFICATES**

Please contact your class representative about Academic All-State, All-Conference or All-State certificates. Please do not make requests to the MCA office. Class reps and their addresses and phone numbers are listed on the letterhead.

## **MCA MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Our current membership stands at 1879. This includes active coaches, AD's and athletic trainers, plus associate member who are mostly retired. At this time last year it was 1958.

We also have 199 MCA/MOA associate members, who are officials only, which brings our total membership to 2078. A big thank you to Theresa at the MHS office for handling the paperwork on that.

**The biggest problem we encounter in recruiting, is getting rosters from all schools in a timely manner. After multiple attempts, we are still short nearly 100. This is a track that is much worse than previous years. That is the only way we can send information to assistants and lower school personnel.** It makes a little tough, to tout free admission to regular season athletic contests in high schools and colleges, when prospects don't get our information until spring. **We still need the rosters to prepare mailing labels for the 2013 clinic brochure along with membership applications and membership letters.**

Note to members who are both coaches and officials. If you are coaching in a Montana School system and also an official, **it is imperative you fill out an MCA application, and pay your dues to the Montana Coaches Association, not the MHS**, if you wish to receive the full benefit of MCA membership.

**We have been using this newsletter to report the Recap of High School Head Coach Members by Sport, Plus Athletic Directors. Due to the fact 101 schools have failed to provide us with a coaching roster this year. We can't provide a recap. Likewise a College membership recap is not feasible.**

## **NHSACA HONORS**

11 MCA members and one veteran coach, who passed away last August, will be honored by the NHSACA at their Annual meeting in Des Moines, IA in June. Two will be inducted into the National Hall of Fame at a Luncheon June 25th at noon. They are Del Fried and Terry Thomas.

**Del Fried** - Malta High School - Courtesy of principal Scott King.

I am pleased to have the privilege to introduce you to Del Fried of Malta High School for induction into the NHSACA Hall of Fame. I cannot think of a coach and educator in Montana more respected and deserving of this recognition. While being one of the most competitive girls' basketball coaches in our great state, Del maintained dignity and grace throughout his professional career in education. Del was a caring individual who was very humble throughout his storied career in coaching. Coach Fried set a standard for which all coaches in Montana should strive to attain. He was Montana's high school girls' basketball ambassador.

Del served the Malta High School Athletic program with great commitment and dedication for 20 years. The success of the Malta High Schools girl's basketball program was a reflection of Del's ability to coach in a manner that best allowed young women to grow as student athletes and productive citizens.

\* In 20 years as head girls' basketball coach his teams amassed a record of 406 wins against 106 loses.

\* During the 20 years under Del's direction, his girls' basketball teams captured 15 conference championships and 7 divisional championships.

\* Del's teams played in 9 state championships games winning 6. His teams also played in 5 consolation final games winning 3.

\* Del was honored 6 times by the Montana Coaches Association as Class B Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year.

\* In 1995 Del was inducted into the Montana Coaches Association Hall of Fame and in 1997 was inducted into the Eastern Montana College Athletic Hall of Fame of Distinction.

Sadly, Del Fried unexpectedly passed away in August 2012. He leaves behind his wife Dory, children Ty, Steph, Nathan, and Ashley. He was a loving husband and devoted father and grandfather. Del was committed to his spiritual faith and modeled his beliefs with integrity and reverence.

**Terry Thomas** - Beaverhead County High School

Terry has 32 years of coaching experience and has been a head football coach for 31 years, (four years in Wolf Point, Montana and the last 27 years in Dillon, Montana) compiling a record of 211-76. Terry was inducted into the Montana Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2007. Terry's Football teams have won five State Championships, two 2nd Places, four semi-finals appearances, and been to the playoffs 18 times. Terry has been honored as Montana Class "A" Football Coach of the Year five times and nominated eleven times. Terry has been honored to be selected the head coach for the Montana East-West Shrine All-Star Football Game three times and as an assistant coach twice. In addition, Terry has been selected as the head coach of the Montana North Dakota All-Star Football Game once and as an assistant coach twice.

For the past 8 years Terry has also been the head basketball coach at Beaverhead County High School with a record of 153-27 and three State Championships, one 2nd place, and one 3rd place at State. Terry has been honored with the Montana Class "A" Basketball Coach of the Year three times and has been nominated five times. Terry is the only coach in Montana history to coach the football and basketball teams to State Championships in the same year. He has accomplished this twice in 2006-07 and 2011-12. The 2006-07 football & basketball teams were both undefeated. For his career, Terry's combined winning percentage as a head football and basketball coach is 78%.

In addition, Pat Lynch of Manhattan will be honored as a finalist for NHSACA Athletic Director of Year and six coaches are finalist for National Coach the Year. They are Jack Johnson of CM Russell in football, Cary Veis - Custer Co. girls' basketball coach, Dan Hodge - Flathead Boys' T&F Coach, Jim Gregg - Cut Bank tennis coach, Ed Kriskovich - Billings West softball coach, and Chris Inman - Havre swimming coach.

We also have two finalist for assistant coach of the year - Chance Ferlicka assistant football coach at Helena Capital and Gary Moen, assistant in girls' track and field at Flathead. They will all receive plaques and the National winners will be announced at an Awards Dinner on the evening of June 26th.

## **2013 MCA HALL OF FAME**

The Montana Coaches Association will induct two new members at the Thursday Awards Ceremony at the the MCA Clinic. Congratulations to all these outstanding coaches and fine gentlemen. The Awards ceremony will be at 11:30 am in the GFHS Auditorium on Thursday August 1st. Family and friends are invited and all attendees will be served a complimentary luncheon in the cafeteria, immediately after the ceremony. In alphabetical order, they are:

**Mary Murphy - Bozeman**

Mary coached cross country at Bozeman for 32 years (1924-2006). In 23 of these years, she had teams place in the top 3 in state meet competition, including 3 state titles, 9 second place finishes and 11 thirds. She was voted MCA Coach of the Year in both boys and girls competition and in 1987 as a nominee for NHSACA National Coach of the Year. Mary was extremely active in the state Health and PE and recipient of 3 "Teacher of the Year Awards". For 30 years Mary was the Director of Bozeman Cross Country Meets.

**Jim Stanton - Billings Central**

For the past 10 years of a 25 year coaching career, Jim has been the highly successful football coach at Billings Central, appearing in the final four 8 times with 2 state titles and 5 other times in the state championship games. Jim's coaching career started at Baker and Forsyth for one year each as assistant football coach, then moved to Huntley Project for 3 years where his duties included assistant and head football coach, along with assisting in track & field and volleyball. His 1998 Gridders were state champions and in 1999, they were runner-up. Jim was honored as MCA COY in football in 1998, 2007 and 2012. He coached in the class B All-State game 3 times, Shrine game 3 times and the MonDak game twice. He has been a football clinician at both the Grizzly clinic and the class B clinic.

**A big thank you to MCA Mike Gear our exectional Hall of Fame chariman and MC at the Clinic.**