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New Website: <http://montanacoaches.com/>

FINAL NEWSLETTER OF 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR



Ralph Halverson, Executive Director of the MCA since 1981, passed away peacefully at his home in CA on May 20th. He was a coach, friend, mentor and role model to many of his former athletes, fellow coaches and folks that came to know him. It goes without saying that Ralph will be sorely missed and the vacuum left by his absence can never be filled. Ralph's dedication and commitment to athletes and the MCA is legendary. Our goal is to continue the tradition of excellence that Ralph established for the Montana Coaches Association and Clinic. Memorial Services are planned for 2:00 p.m. on June 7th at the GFHS Fieldhouse. Reception to follow. **Check montanacoaches.com and Facebook: [montanacoaches](#) for more details.**

BALLOTS FOR SPRING SPORTS

MCA Coach of the Year ballot time again. Track & Field has COY status, but according to our current info golf, tennis, soccer and softball, both boys' and girls', are short member coaches and will be on the ballot under special sports.

We ask for only a 24 hour window for returning ballots this time. PLEASE MAIL TO: 375 Ramble Inn Rd, Fort Shaw, MT 59443.

2013 MCA CLINIC

The Clinic will be held July 31-Aug 2. Again this year we have an excellent cast of clinicians, the Frontier Conference reception on Tuesday evening, complimentary continental breakfast every morning, other food and drinks in the exhibit area all day, the Wednesday night BBQ, the FCA breakfast on Thursday morning, the MCA Awards Ceremony followed by a complimentary lunch for attendees, the Thursday scramble golf tourney, the Flamingo Fling Thursday evening, and an opportunity to earn OPI equivalency credits. You have been offered an opportunity to start work early on course work for credit with Loyola Marymount University. This will allow participants to receive their transcripts early enough to request advancement on the salary schedule for 3 semester credits. *If you do OPI credits, you are not eligible for the Loyola Marymount credit program.*

On Thursday morning there will be a special drawing for prizes from 8 AM to 8:20. The grand prize will be 3 drawings for \$100.00 cash, donated by the MCA. **You must be present to win.** Special tickets will be issued to all in attendance and they will also be used, during that 20 minutes, for additional drawings for door prizes and exhibit prizes. **Registrants are urged to turn out in force to show our appreciation to the exhibitors.** It will be well worth your while.

Our cast of clinicians should be outstanding. Ralph worked hard to secure all the out-of-state speakers in the past month. Plan to attend and please encourage your fellow coaches to consider joining MCA and attending this fine clinic. Drop your pre-registration in the mail today. Thank you.



2013 CLINIC SPONSORS

Clinic Sponsors are **TBID** granting tremendous financial support, **Red Rock Sporting Goods** providing staff shirts and shoulder bags, **GTM** donating 60 staff shirts and rain suits for golf team winners and **TownHouse Inns** contributing Golf T-shirts and prizes. **The Flamingo Bar** will co-host the BBQ this year with the beer donation and Dick Zadick and his crew will do their usual fantastic job of catering the food. A huge thanks to all of our Clinic supporters.

PROOF OF AWARD PROGRAM INFORMATION TO DATE:

In this newsletter are Coaches of the Year, assistants to COY, spouses of COY and the other nominees for COY. **Please check for accuracy**, and let us know ASAP of any changes or additions that need to be made. First time COY will be awarded a Balfour ring or pendant and a COY certificate. Assistants, spouses and nominees will be awarded certificates. All certificates may be replaced with a beautiful 9 X 12 plaque, by sending us a check for \$12 payable to: **Thompson's Rubber Stamp**. Any assistants who are not members may still join for 2012-13 and become eligible. Many coaches award their assistants with plaques or have their school buy them.

EXPLANATION OF RING & PLAQUE DESIGNATIONS:

First-time COY winners receive a ring and certificate, but may purchase a plaque in lieu of the certificate; all other COY receive plaques. 15 & 20 year recipients, Assistants to COY, Spouse of COY and nominees for COY may also substitute a plaque for a certificate for \$12. **The MCA awards plaques in all other longevity categories and to previous ring recipients** (do not send a check for these). The notations (ring) & (plaques) are for the awards presenters and plaques supplier.

LONGEVITY

15 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Chris Blomquist-Billings West, 16
Troy Humphrey-Jefferson, 15 (Plaque)
Luke Kloker-Fairview, 15
Joe C. McKay-Florence-Carlton, 15 (Plaque)
Randy Northrup-RMC, 15

20 YEAR PINS & CERTIFICATES

Bill Baist-UGF, 20
Michael Buechler-Bridger, 24
Mark Juden-Cascade, 20
Truitt Kinna-Augusta, 20 (Plaque)
Darrell Laubach- Power, 20 (Plaque)
Gary McLaughlin-Big Sky, 22 (Plaque)

Mike Ryan-Custer Co., 21

Joe Schadweile-Rapleje, 20

Jay Shumaker-Baker, 20

Jerry Smith-Capital, 20

25 YEAR PLAQUES

Jerry Allen-Lima, 26
Mark Ator-Colstrip, 25
Denise Clare-CMR, 25
Joseph Lewicki-Eureka, 26
Sheree McKinley-North & Chief Jo, 29
Ed Rutan-Roundup, 25
Phillip Springer-Conrad, 26
Joseph Lewicki – Eureka, 26

30 YEAR PLAQUES

Bruce Clausen-Glendive, 30
Susan Flentie-Fergus, 31
Tim Kelly-Capital, 30
Randy Remsen-Great Falls, 31
Mark Samson-MSU-N, 31
Jerry Wagner-UM, 30

35 YEAR PLAQUES

Mike Bradshaw-Drummond, 35
Rob McDonald-WJMS, 35 (Plaque)
James Meuchel-Cut Bank, 39
Rodney Tweet-Geraldine, 35

40 YEAR PLAQUES

John Cheek-Butte, 40
Jerry Coulter-Broadus, 40
Gregory Shifflett-Hamilton, 40
Steve Stosich-Butte, 40

45 YEAR PLAQUES

Bob Emmons-Hysham, 46
Jack Johnson-CMR, 46

We will process any longevity award form mailed by June 20

MCA COACHES OF THE YEAR Assistants & Other Nominees

FOOTBALL

AA Arie Grey-Butte (Ring) (Heidi)

Assistants: Bryan Arnston, Travis Hettick, Matt Doble, Cory Cutler, James R. Humphrey, Mike Schmidt, Chase Dennehy, Josh Schad, Roger Wilhite, Billy Robinson, Steve Schulte, Chad Jonart, Ross Richardson, Dan Larson, Doug McElderry
Other Nominees: Troy Purcell- Bozeman, Grady Bennett-Glacier, Jack Johnson-CMR

A Jim Stanton-Billings Central (Plaque) (Karla)

Assistant: Wayne Berry, Pete Vitney, Mark White, Brand Aldrich, Pat McDonald, Mike Tolstedt, Colter Berthurm, Keyton Kanta (Plaques)
Other Nominees: Scott King-Malta, Todd Emslie-Bigfork, Dave Breithbach-Baker

B Dan Weber-Missoula Loyola (Ring) (Plaque) (Betsy)

Assistants: Troy Waters, Todd Hughs, Joel McElroy, MacCuffe
Other Nominees: Scott King-Malta, Todd Emslie-Bigfork, Dave Breithbach-Baker

C (8-Man) Kevin Clausen-Fairview (Plaque) (Cammille)

Assistants: Derek Gackle, Louis Kimball, Marty Shaide (Plaques)
Other Nominees: Jim Oberweiser-Drummond, Jay Fredrickson-Ennis

C (6-Man) – Jim Lawson-Hot Springs (Ring) (Plaque) (Thomasina)

Assistants: Ben Holland, Chris Clairmont
Other Nominees: Greg King-Big Sandy, Tom Hawke-Valier, Rod Tweet-Geraldine/Highwood

VOLLEYBALL

AA Jeff Carroll-Billings Senior (Plaque) (Kim)

Assistants: Catherine Lovett, Tonia Moore, Torey Hammer, Karen Switzer, Keith Keller, Debra Keller, Kristin Carroll, Jim Schmid
Other Nominees: Leon Wilcox-Flathead, Tiffany Hofer-Helena, Hollee Goody-Capital

A Jennifer Ebright Laurel (Ring) (Plaque) (Don)

Assistants: Nikki Burke, Justine Simons
Other Nominees: Gypsy Ray-Frenchtown, Liz Hanser-Billings Central (Plaque), Tara Taylor-Fergus

B Iona Stookey-Huntley Project (Plaque) (Mike)

Assistants: Sarah Reynolds, Jay Selman
Other Nominees: Jodi Alexander-Red Lodge, Kelsey Kipton – Broadview

C Carmen Harbach-Gardiner (Ring) (Brad)

Assistant: Rachael Niemi
Other Nominees: Jolene Ehlert – Winifred/Roy, Mary Bell – Reed Point/Raplje

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

AA Clint May-Bozeman (Plaque) (Mindy)

Assistants: Steve Hickman, Elizabeth Fulton, Elizabeth Spartas
Other Nominees: Anders Brooker-Hellgate, Lauren Zent-Billings West, Paul Jorgensen-Flathead

A Sara Brist-Whitefish (Ring) (Bill) (Plaque)

Assistant: Aldo Kuntz
Other Nominees: Mark Albert-Hamilton, Suzie Flentie-Fergus, Heidi Gersan-Belgrade

B Matt Schrowe-Red Lodge (Plaque) (Tootsie)

Assistant: Alyssa Charney
Other Nominees: John Sillitti-Manhattan, Rod Karst-Glasgow, Mike Reynolds-Cut Bank

C David Solem-Culbertson/Bainville (Plaque) (Erin)

Assistants: None
Other Nominees: None – 2nd, 3rd, & 4th were all non-members

MCA COACHES OF THE YEAR (Rings or Plaques)

Assistants & Other Nominees (Certificates)

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

- AA Clint May-Bozeman (Mindy) (Plaque)**
Assistants: Steve Hickman, Elizabeth Fulton, Elizabeth Sparks
Other Nominees: Lauren Zent-Billings West, Sarah Lord-Billings Senior, Anders Brooker-Hellgate
- A Joanne Cleveland Corvallis (Plaque) (Klint)**
Assistant: Mark Yoakam
Other Nominees: Suzie Flentie-Fergus, Lisa Condon-Laurel, Mark Albert-Hamilton
- B Rod Karst-Glasgow (Plaque)**
Assistant: None
Other Nominees: None – 2nd, 3rd, & 4th were all non-members
- C Nancy Gesling-Twin Bridges (Ring) (Plaque)**
Assistant: None
Other Nominees: Mark Garber-Belt, Clay Dunlap-Winnett

BOYS' BASKETBALL

- AA Jeff Hays-Missoula Hellgate (Ring)**
Assistants: Eric Hays, Kye Nuttall, Ty Felton, Lew Trocacci
Other Nominees: Guy Almqvist-Helena Capital, Toby Hill-Billings Skyview, Mark Hankins-Glacier
- A Keith Chambers-Stevensville (Ring) (RaeCille)**
Assistants: Terry Rosin, Joey Wark, Lee Zeiler, Bob Luoma (RaeCille)
Other Nominees: Jim Stergar-Billings Central, Cary Finberg-Columbia Falls, Pat Hansen, Jr.-Laurel
- B David Costin-Malta (Plaque) (Colleen)**
Assistants: Chad Bebe, Tom Niebur
Other Nominees: Sam Baerlocher-Florence-Carlton, Kurt Paulson-Big Fork
- C Duane Bergum-Roy/Winifred (Annie)**
Assistant: Bryan Foran (Plaque)
Other Nominee: Luke Kloker-Froid/Medicine Lake

GIRLS BASKETBALL

- AA Karen Deden-Missoula Sentinel (Plaque) (Tommy)**
Assistants: Mandy Morales, Erica Richardson, Jordan Graves
Other Nominees: Bill Pilgeram-Capital, Scott Nichols-Billings West, Karly Tait-Flathead
- A Amber Griffith-Laurel (Ring)**
Assistant: Matt Kimmet, Bret McKee, Danielle Guisti (Plaques)
Other Nominees: Jeff Malby-Billings Central, Ray Augare-Browning, Meg Murphy-Butte Central
- B Dustin Gordon-Fairfield (Plaque) (Joni)**
Assistants: Nathan Batson, Megan Anderson
Other Nominees: Alana Dinsdale-Townsend
- C Jeff Graham-Belt (Plaque) (Megan)**
Assistants: Suzi Maki, Renzi Horton (Plaques) Jessica Hansen, TR
Other Nominees: Vic Westphal-Winnett/Grass Range, Ralph Ellsworth-Hinsdale

WRESTLING

- AA Steve Komac-GFHS (Ring) (Dawnell)**
Assistants: Adam Monroe, Willie Pyette, Nate Hoines, Zach Gregoire, Luis Carranza, Levi Morgan
Other Nominee: Rich Malia-Billings Skyview
- A Scott Filius-Havre (Plaque) (Kari)**
Assistants: Beau LaSalle, Chad Edgar (Plaques)
Other Nominees: Guy Melby-Sidney, Randy Schram-Belgrade, Travis Krieger-Hardin
- B-C Scot Weber-Forsyth (ring) (Maria)**
Assistants: Pat French, Steve Nile
Other Nominee: Steve French-Choteau

BOYS' SWIMMING

- AA Carrie Brown Helena (Plaque) (Justin)**
Assistant: Mike Turner
Other Nominees: Dave Lilard-Glacier, Helen Houlihan-Missoula Hellgate
- A Brenden Smith-Billings Central (Plaque)**
Assistant: Robyn O'Nan
Other Nominees: Chris Inman-Havre, Georgia Forney-Hardin

GIRLS' SWIMMING

- AA Carrie Brown-Helena TIE (Ring) (Justin)**
Assistant: Mike Turner
Helen Houlihan-Missoula Sentinel TIE (Ring)
Assistant:
Other Nominees: William McCall-Bozeman
- A Brenden Smith-Billings Central (Plaque)**
Assistant: Robyn O'Nan
Other Nominees: Chris Inman - Havre

BOYS' GOLF

- AA Kas Ione-Skyview (Plaque) (Rhonda)**
Other Nominees: Terry Caekaert-Billings Senior
- A Joe Rossman-Belgrade (Plaque)**

GIRLS' GOLF

- AA Terry Caekaer-Billings Senior (Plaque) (Heidi)**
Other Nominee: Eric Mankins-Butte
- A Sue Matson-Laurel (Ring)**
Other Nominee: Joel Cahoon-Park Co.

MCA SPIRIT AWARD

Julie Shepherd – Choteau

MCA HALL OF FAME 2012 INDUCTEES

Mary Murphy – Bozeman, Jim Stanton – Billings Central

NHSACA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Del Fried –Malta, GBB (posthumously)

Terry Thomas – Beaverhead-FB

NHSACA FINALISTS FOR NATIONAL COY

Jim Gregg-Cut Bank, TE; Dan Hodge-Flathead, BT&F;
Chris Inman-Havre, SW; Jack Johnson-CMR, FB;
Ed Kriskovich-Billings West, SB; Cary Veis-Custer Co-GBB

NHSACA FINALISTS FOR NATIONAL ASST. COY

Chance Ferlicka-Helena Capital, FB; Gary Moen-Flathead, GT&F

NHSACA FINALIST FOR NATIONAL AD of the YEAR

Pat Lynch-Manhattan

IN MEMORIAM

Del Freid-Malta, Ralph Halverson-retired GFHS,
Pat O'Brien-Chinook, Mike Reynolds-Cut Bank,
Kent Schafer-Cut Bank, Jim Sweeney-MSU-Bozeman

**We need corrections and/or additions
in the awards program proof by June 20th.**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our regular membership at this writing stands at 1897, down 61 from this time last year. Our record membership was in 2009-10 when we eventually hit 2002. In addition, we have 281 MOA officials as associate members and 70 honorary members for a total of 2048.

We may pick up a few more late memberships from assistant coaches who wish to qualify for an "Assistant to the COY" award and from coaches who will be working camps this summer and want to be covered by the liability insurance.

If your MCA is to continue, membership is vital. Let's honor Ralph's memory and tradition of excellence by joining today and encouraging fellow coaches to do the same. We ask that every member make a **strong effort to recruit** not only all of their staff, but staff members' in all sports, and non-member peers from other schools.

MEMBERSHIP RECAP

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Differential</u>	<u>School Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Differential</u>
1971-72	203		1992-93	1605	+120
1972-73	300	+ 97	1993-94	1735	+130
1973-74	321	+ 21	1994-95	1818	+ 83
1974-75	432	+111	1995-96	1762	- 56
1975-76	510	+ 78	1996-97	1909	+144
1976-77	541	+ 31	1997-98	1858	- 51
1977-78	626	+ 85	1998-99	1867	+ 9
1978-79	590	- 36	1999-00	1877	+ 10
1979-80	583	- 7	2000-01	1941	+ 62
1980-81	630	+ 47	2001-02	1974	+ 33
1981-82	715	+ 85	2002-03	1936	- 38
1982-83	872	+157	2003-04	1918	- 18
1983-84	918	+ 44	2004-05	1947	+ 29
1984-85	1048	+132	2005-06	1926	- 21
1985-86	1229	+181	2006-07	1935	+ 9
1986-87	1306	+ 75	2007-08	1936	+ 1
1987-88	1348	+ 42	2008-09	1940	+ 4
1988-89	1294	- 54	2009-10	2002	+ 62
1989-90	1291	- 3	2010-11	1956	- 46
1990-91	1415	+124	2011-12	1958	+ 2
1991-92	1485	+ 70	2012-to date	1897	- 61

WE THANK OUR SCHOLARSHIP SPONSOR



COACH OF THE YEAR RINGS

We hope that all rings for the 2012-2013 first-time Coaches of the Year can be presented at the Clinic Awards Ceremony. Fall & Winter sports COY orders should be in by now.

In order to meet the deadline for clinic presentation, we need the cooperation of the recipients. As soon as coaches find out they were elected COY the first time, they should immediately go to a jeweler and find out their ring size. The timing for spring sports recipients will be so tight, that I will phone you as soon as the ballots have been counted and ask you to go to <http://montanacoaches.com/>, print the order form and send it to Balfour immediately. **It is imperative that you return the order form as soon as possible to insure delivery in time for the clinic.** Orders take 6 weeks to Process.

Richard Martinez of Balfour plans to exhibit at the clinic again. They will also have some good items for exhibit and/or door prizes and are donating 10 dozen Titleist golf balls for tourney prizes. Coaches who have previously won a ring, may wish to purchase another. They are as inexpensive as \$110, and are available in a gold tone at that price. You may want to upgrade, or order a ring for another sport.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Our regular members are covered by a million dollar liability program through our affiliation with NOCAD. See the back of your 2012-13 membership card for insurance contact. This includes camp coverage and classroom coverage for active members who are working in athletic programs and also teaching. Associate members are not covered in the classroom but can be covered while working a camp. Please inform us if you are an associate member working a camp. Members putting on camps may also purchase accident insurance for participants and "Additional Insured" coverage, if required for using school facilities. If you need a certificate of insurance showing you are covered, go online to: loomislapann.com, click on sports insurance, then click on NOCAD-sports coverage to obtain proof of insurance. **Our fiscal year ends May 31st, but our insurance coverage runs from Aug 1st through July 31st, so anyone working a camp this summer, who wants the insurance coverage, needs to be a 2012-13 member.** *Please inform non-member coaches, who may be working with you in camps, about that requirement. They may still pay dues for 2012-13 to be covered.*

RETROACTIVE PLAQUES

Anyone who received a certificate in the past, but now wishes to replace it with a plaque, may do so. Send a \$12 check, payable to "Thompson's Rubber Stamp", and a note detailing the award to 375 Ramble Inn Rd., Ft. Shaw, MT 59443. The plaques will be built this summer along with our regular order and can be picked up at the clinic or shipped for a \$10 charge.