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## Fall 2015 Newsletter

### MCA Fall Sports COY Ballots

Coach of the Year ballots will be available online, December 3rd-10th. **All active members please vote today!** Go to <http://montanacoaches.com/>, click on the *member tab*; then *Vote for COY*. Please be a part of the process and **vote!** Congratulations to all nominees on your great season!

MCA awards are available to MCA members only. *Please join before your season starts – don't wait till the last minute!* Your MCA membership is not only of personal benefit, but it helps assure that your sport is eligible for COY status.

*Football, Volleyball and Cross Country* all have COY status. *Soccer* fell way short with only 11 boys' and 7 girls' head coaches. MCA member state champion Soccer Coaches will be included in the Special Sports category. *Golf* is up in the air as most spring golf coaches have not yet joined. If we do not reach the 35 head coaches needed, golf too will be in Special Sports.

*Swimming, Tennis and Softball* are short member head coaches right now. This fall there are a handful of coaches who were not members and thus not qualified for COY nomination. Please help us out by encouraging your fellow coaches to join before the cut-off date for each season: **October 1st** for Fall sports, **February 1st** for all Winter sports and **May 1st** for all Spring sports.

### All-State - All-Conference - Academic All-state Certificates

The digital certificate upgrade seems to be well received. The new templates are emailed to your AD and Principal each season (they are not available on the website). Please save them and share with the appropriate coaches.

**We ask that you carefully guard and honor our integrity and yours as you print and present these awards.**

Contact Shirley Chesterfield Stanton with questions or suggestions – [MCAaward@gmail.com](mailto:MCAaward@gmail.com)  
**Please return your completed AAS forms each quarter to your class director** (form is included with certificates and is also available on the website forms page)

### Membership

At this writing our membership stands at 1815, up 55 from last year at this time. We also have 179 MOA associate members. We sincerely appreciate the AD's and Administrators who have passed on our emails and promoted MCA membership.

Roughly half of our memberships have come online. **Your few minutes save our office about 15 minutes per member. THANKS!**

**Hat off to the many schools** who paid dues and/or clinic fees for your coaches. Our new mass membership option online allows the school to sign up and pay for several coaches at once.

In recent years many head coaches are not employed by the school district. We often find that they are not aware of the benefits of joining MCA. **You are our ambassadors to your district coaches, so please encourage them to join MCA.** Membership benefits are on the website.

### Liability Insurance

As a MCA member, you have \$1,000,000 liability coverage while you are teaching and coaching, including camps. **This is one of the biggest benefits of MCA membership!** For more info, look on our website under the membership tab. If you need a *certificate for proof of insurance*, you can request it on the Loomis and LaPann website. It will be emailed to you. A current copy of this year's insurance overview is on the MCA website.

## Address & Coaching Corrections + Email Addresses needed

We need your email address, as that is our best method of communication. If you do not receive this letter via email, we either do not have an email address for you or the one we have is incorrect. Email us and request that we add your email address. **Please also let us know of any changes to your contact information or coaching status.** It is costly to mail newsletters to the wrong address. We use your coaching info often, so please help keep it current. [donomca@3rivers.net](mailto:donomca@3rivers.net)

## In Memoriam

In September, the Montana athletic community was shaken by the passing of Dan Stanton, Custer County coaching legend. Coach Stanton was a 3-sport coach and a full time mentor, example, and friend to all who had the privilege of knowing and working with him. He was a long-time MCA member. We extend our condolences to his family, team and community.

If you know of an MCA member or long-time contributor to Montana athletics, who passes away, please e-mail us. It is our privilege to remember them at our August Awards Program.

## 2015 MCA Clinic Reflections

The clinic was well attended with 670 registered attendees. Total attendance reached our goal of just over 800. Our board, committee members, and many team members were again stellar, bringing all the details together. Kathleen Howard, co-clinic director and my wife, Marian, once more went above and beyond to insure that things ran smoothly. When these two ladies decide to do something, it gets done and done right.

Golf tournament numbers were down a bit, but Chairman Jerry Kuntz and Gary Gebert did a great job. Thanks Jerry, for many years of making this enjoyable event a part of the clinic!

One of our board goals for 2015 was to bring in some nationally known speakers. The legendary Dale Brown and outstanding motivator, Spencer Wood, were both well received. Track & field great Boo Schexnayder and wrestling legend Troy Steiner also receive rave reviews. I had many coaches comment on the outstanding presentations from in-state speakers as well. If you have suggestions for speakers for the 2016 Clinic, please let me know.

Exhibitors were up 8 for a total of 55 this year. We were pleased to have some new faces as well as many who have faithfully attended for years. These folks are the reason that you are able to attend a clinic of this caliber at such a reasonable cost. If you don't take time to visit with them - they won't continue to come. Please plan to spend some time visiting with them!

Great Falls TBID again provided a generous grant. MT Rib and Chop House generously helped with Dale Brown's speaking fees and printed and shipped Dale's book that each of you received. Other standout contributors are Red Rock Sporting Goods, GTM, TownHouse Inns, Flamingo Bar and Crown Photography. All of our donors and vendors, listed on page 4, are greatly appreciated!

## 2016 Clinic Dates:

### August 3, 4 & 5

We are back into August. This is one week before the fall sports starting date. Please mark your calendar & plan to attend. This is an outstanding opportunity for professional development.

## Website Upgrades

Ryan Wakefield of Dry Spark is our new webmaster. Thanks, Ryan, for a great job of upgrading and maintaining our website. There is a wealth of information there.

## MCA Coach of the Year Rings

If you are voted a first-time "Coach of the Year", you qualify for an MCA ring. Congratulations! You are responsible to order your own ring from Balfour. The information for ordering is on our website: [www.montanacoaches.com](http://www.montanacoaches.com). Please print the order form and mail, fax or e-mail to Balfour. Be sure to confirm your order by calling Balfour rep, Richard Martinez at 877-730-9228. Please order your ring ASAP. Turnaround time is 6 weeks, so please do it right away.

## Scholarships

Thank you to many generous members who have contributed \$1187 to the Ralph Halverson Scholarship since June 1. What a great tribute to Ralph and all that he did for coaches!

There is an option when you register for membership to contribute to Ralph's Scholarship fund. Donations to the fund may also be sent to MCA - RH Scholarship Fund and mailed to the MCA office.

Thank you, Mark Reed, and everyone who has generously given to make this wonderful scholarship available.

Congratulations to **Brit Cooper** of Harrison and **Reid Nelson** from Great Falls Central, the 2015 Ralph Halverson Scholarship recipients, each receiving \$1000.

Four \$750 MCA Scholarships we were also presented with the help of co-sponsor, **SCHEDULE STAR**. Congratulations to recipients: **Jacob Iverson**, Winnett; **Bryce Loudon**, Circle; **Tylynn Rettig**, North Star; and **Kaitlin Stromberg**, Hamilton. We are grateful to Chairman Kip Ryan, and the scholarship committee who devoted much time and effort to this program. Kip has resigned and Brenda Clark will be the new Scholarship Chairman. A new class B member will be appointed.



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Red Rock Sporting Goods  
(Staff shirts & **1000 Bags**)  
Roger Hatler & Tom Storm (Speaker fishing trips)  
Great Falls Tourism BID (Generous Grant)  
Townhouse Inns/Lucky Lil's Casino/Town Pump  
(T-shirts & golf prizes)

## **2015 FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT**

Anaconda Hills Golf Course  
Great Falls School District #1  
Great Falls High School Administration &  
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Great Falls Park and Rec. Department

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Taco Treat, Amigo Lounge & Half-Time Lounge – 761-1195  
Townhouse Inns/Lucky Lil's Casino/Town Pump – 782-9121

## **2015 GOLF PRIZES:**

Balfour (877) 730-9228 (Golf prizes)  
Clell Wade (Hole-in-one prize)

### Hall of Fame, Asst. COY

The **Hall of Fame** and **Assistant Coach of the Year** awards are based on longevity, success and service. If you would like to nominate someone for Hall of Fame please contact Scott King. For Asst COY contact Shirley Chesterfield-Stanton. (see sidebar) to get a nomination form. Deadline for nominations is **HOF-March 1st** and **A-COY-May 1st**. ***Please think about folks that are deserving of these awards and take the time to nominate them. There are some long-serving coaches out there that are deserving of some recognition.***

### National Convention in Louisville, KY

The NHSACA (National High School Athletic Coaches Association) 2016 Annual Convention will be in Louisville, Kentucky, June 25-29, hosted by the Kentucky Coaches Association. We hope to have several Montana coaches receive national recognition again this year. Mark your calendar.

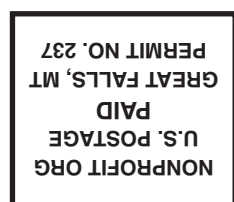
During the National Convention there are sport specific seminars and leadership classes available for college credit at a reasonable price. Check out their website: [www.nhsaca.org](http://www.nhsaca.org)

### Director Meanderings

Hard to believe that we have had the pleasure of serving the MCA almost 3 years now. There are times when it seems like we've done it forever and other times when it seems only yesterday that Ralph called and said "Don, you're going to have to take over." Like most jobs, some things get easier and some become harder as we try to make it more streamlined.

Marian and I chose not to attend the NOCAD Convention in Annapolis last January. Instead we went to the MHSA Convention in Kalispell where we were able to touch base with administrators and AD's from around the state. It also put us in touch with several vendors that chose to also attend our Clinic. Time well spent!

It was my pleasure to attend the NHSACA Convention in Rochester, MN where **Jeff Carroll** (Billings Senior) and **Dan Hodge** (Flathead) were inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame. **Georgia Forney** (Hardin) was honored as their National Swim Coach of the Year. Congratulations!



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