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## **Montana Coaches Association Media Release**

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**The following MCA members were voted MCA COACH OF THE YEAR  
by their peers, for winter sports, in their respective classifications:**

### **Boys' Basketball**

- AA Jeff Hays-Missoula-Missoula Hellgate
- A Keith Chambers-Stevensville
- B David Costin-Malta
- C Duane Bergum-Roy/Winifred

### **Girls' Basketball**

- AA Karen Deden-Missoula Sentinel
- A Amber Griffith-Laurel
- B Dustin Gordon-Fairfield
- C Jeff Graham-Belt

### **Wrestling**

- AA Steve Komac-Great Falls HS
- A Scott Fillius-Havre
- B-C Scott Weber-Forsyth

### **Boys' Swimming**

- AA Carrie Brown-Helena
- A Brenden Smith-Billings West

### **Girls' Swimming**

- AA Carrie Brown-Helena and  
Helena Houlihan-Missoula Hellgate (tie)
- A Brenden Smith-Billings Central

## **Montana Coaches Association Hall of Fame**

**Induction to be held 08/01/2013 at GFHS Auditorium**

Mary Murphy, Bozeman, coached cross country at Bozeman for 32 years, having teams place in the top 3 in the state in 23 years. Mary's career includes 30 years as the Director of Bozeman Cross Country Meets and she is a 3-time winner of "Teacher of the Year" award.

Jim Stanton, Billings Central, has a successful 25-year coaching career including football (including Billings Central, Huntley Project, Forsyth, and Baker). His experience includes coaching at the Montana East-West Shrine Game and the MonDak Game.

**Finalists for National Coach of the Year, AD, and Assistant Coach of the Year by NHSACA – 06/25/2013**

Nine MCA members will be honored by the NHSACA in Des Moines, IA on June 25, 2013, as finalists for National Coach of the Year, Ad, and Assistant Coach of the Year. They are:

Pat Lynch of Manhattan will be honored as a finalist for NHSACA Athletic Director of the Year.

Jack Johnson of CMR is a finalist for NHSACA Coach of the Year (football).

Cary Veis of Custer County is a finalist for NHSACA Coach of the Year (girls' basketball).

Dan Hodge of Flathead is a finalist for NHSACA Coach of the Year (boys' track & field).

Jim Gregg of Cut Bank is a finalist for NHSACA Coach of the Year (tennis).

Ed Kriskovich of Billings West is a finalist for NHSACA Coach of the Year (softball).

Chris Inman of Havre is a finalist for NHSACA Coach of the Year (swimming).

Chance Ferlicka of Helena Capital is a finalist for NHSACA Assistant Coach of the Year (football).

Gary Moen of Flathead is a finalist for NHSACA Assistant Coach of the Year (girls' track & field).

**Montana Coaches Assn members to be inducted into the  
NHSACA Hall of Fame - 06/25/2103**

Del Fried, Malta High School, will receive the award posthumously. Del passed away in August of 2012. Del set a high standard for all coaches and served the Malta High School Athletic program as Girls Basketball coach for 20 years. Del was inducted into the MCA Hall of Fame in 1995, and in 1997 he was inducted into the Eastern Montana College Athletic Hall of Fame Distinction.

Terry Thomas, Beaverhead County High School has 32 years of coaching experience (four years in Wolf Point and 27 years in Dillon). Terry also is a 3-time head coach for the well known Montana East-West Shrine Game (and 2-time assistant coach). Terry is the only coach in Montana history to coach the football and basketball teams to State Championships in the same year.

All will be honored during the **Awards Ceremony at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual MCA Multi-Sports Clinic in Great Falls, Thursday August 1st, at 11:30 a.m. to be held in the GFHS auditorium**. Friends and relatives are invited to attend. A complimentary luncheon will be served immediately after the ceremony.