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MCA Fall Newsletter – 2013

MCA Fall Sports COY Ballots

All active members should have a ballot enclosed with this newsletter. We encourage you to be a part of the process. Please vote and return ballots **within 48 hours** to our Fort Shaw address: **MCA, 375 Ramble Inn Rd., Fort Shaw, MT 59443**. Congratulations to all nominees on a great season!

The MCA awards are for members only. Requirements to be eligible for “Coach of the Year” nomination, as stated in our list of benefits, establish membership deadlines for each sport. This year we repeatedly notified AD’s, Principals and Coaches of the value of membership in MCA. Your MCA membership is not only of personal benefit, but it helps assure that your sport is eligible for COY status. Thanks for being a part of the team!

We hate to see anyone miss out on being honored as COY, but we still had 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 MCA before the cut-off date for each season: **October 15th** for Fall sports, **February 1st** for all Winter sports and **May 1st** for all Spring sports.

Membership

At this writing our membership stands at 1777, up a bit from last year at this time. We also have 195 MOA associate members. We have done most of our recruiting via e-mail to AD’s and Principals. They have graciously forwarded the info on to you, the coaches. We sincerely appreciate all that our AD’s and Administrators do to help us out. Our one concern with e-mail is: are you getting these e-mails? If you did not get membership reminders this fall, please check with your AD. Let us know if we are not getting through.

We are disappointed that Soccer does not have enough head coaches to qualify the sport for COY status. Soccer state champion **member coaches** will be included on the Special Sports ballot in the spring. Still up in the air for COY status are Swimming, Wrestling, Tennis and Softball. Please encourage your head coach in each sport to consider joining now, before they forget.

One huge change in recent years is that 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 mention MCA when you visit with them.

Membership Upgrades

We have been working hard to get the MCA online. Ralph’s daughter, Cindy Bowers, has done an outstanding job of setting up our new website: **<http://montanacoaches.com>** There is a wealth of info about the association there. Thank you, Cindy!

Marian Olsen, my executive assistant and better-half, has been working tirelessly to get membership registration and payment online as well. It finally happened October 1st! We hope that the e-mail reminders and online options are helpful. They are much more time and cost effective for the association. We hope to figure out a way to include COY ballots online for 2014-15. We welcome any ideas or suggestions for improvement.

Award Certificates

All requests for certificates for athletes should be directed to your class director. If you have problems, contact your director. Contacting the MCA office should be your last resort. Academic All-State reporting forms are available online at www.montanacoaches.com. **Please return your completed forms each quarter to your director** (details are on the form).

In Memoriam

If you know of someone that was a member or has been a long-time contributor to Montana athletics, that passes away, please send me an e-mail. We feel badly when we miss mentioning someone.

MCA Clinic

The 2013 Clinic wasn't the same without Ralph directing the event, but his influence was obvious as many key people continued to uphold his standard of excellence. Special thanks to Vicky Nelson for her wisdom, expertise and patience as she guided us through each new step and to Kathleen Howard and Marian Olsen for their organizational skills and hours of hard work to ensure the success of the clinic.

Your MCA Officers, Directors and Committee Chairmen did an outstanding job as well.

We had some great sessions in all sports. Our attendance records indicate that some of our best attended sessions were for our in-state speakers. Not only do we have great coaches in Montana, but great clinicians as well. If you have suggestions for speakers in 2014, please let me know.

With our small fee increase, we broke even with Clinic expenses this year. We sincerely appreciate the wonderful support for the Clinic from so many of you.

Exhibitors were down 7 from 52 last year. This is a growing trend around the country as finances seem to be getting tighter. To put things in perspective, while we had 45 exhibitors, I was a little shocked at the NHSACA convention in Des Moines last summer to see only 4 exhibitors total. We will continue to work hard to get quality exhibitors. **We ask for your diligence in visiting our exhibits. This is a great source of funding for the clinic that keeps your costs so low.** The exhibitors that don't return almost always say it is because of poor traffic by our clinic attendees. Thanks to you who took the time!

The Clinic would be in financial trouble without the **Great Falls TBID** (Tourism Business Improvement District) and their generous grant. Donors like **Red Rock Sporting Goods, GTM** and **TownHouse Inns** are instrumental in the success of the Clinic. Contributors that go the extra mile are the **Flamingo Bar**-Dick Zaddick and his BBQ staff, **McDonald's, Wendy's, Balfour** and **Clell Wade** along with others listed on page 4 of this newsletter.

Huge thanks to Kathleen Howard for standing with me to direct the Clinic. Her experience, understanding of the Clinic and willingness to work hard, made all the difference.

**Clinic dates for 2014 are
July 30, 31 and August 1.
This is one week before the fall
sports starting date. Please mark
your calendar & plan to attend.**

Scholarships

The Ralph Halverson Scholarship, started and generously kick-started by Mark Reed, former Bison and Univ. of Houston T&F great, was presented at the 2013 Awards Program. Mark donated \$3000 to start and pledged \$1000 per year for the next seven years in hope that there would be other contributors to keep it going beyond that time frame, and possibly increase the scholarship amount beyond \$1000 each. The Halverson Family kindly requested that gifts in memory of Ralph be given to the scholarship fund. Go to www.montanacoaches.com for more info.

To date, Mark has given \$5000 and other memorial gifts totaling \$4080 brought the account with interest up to \$9082.83. Scholarships were given to Brock Shriver of Fairview and Brooke Hollowell from Hysham for \$1000 each, leaving a fund balance of \$7082.83.

Six \$500 MCA Scholarships were also presented with the help of co-sponsor, **SCHEDULE STAR**. We are grateful to Jerry Kuntz, our scholarship chairman, who devotes much time and effort to oversee this program.

WE THANK OUR SCHOLARSHIP SPONSOR



National Convention in Jackson Holes

The NHSACA (National High School Athletic Coaches Association) Annual Convention is in Jackson Hole, WY, June 14-18, hosted by the Wyoming Coaches Association. We hope to have several Montana finalists for national awards again this year. This is the closest one ever, so we encourage you to consider attending.

During the National Convention there are sport specific seminars and leadership classes available for college credit at a reasonable price. E-mail us for more information.

Director Wanderings

It has been less than a year since Ralph asked me to take the reins of this great organization. I did so with fear and trembling, knowing that it would be a monumental task. When it was presented to the board, I made it very clear that if I were to step in, it could only happen if my wife, Marian, was by my side. I am technologically challenged and her insight and expertise in many areas are invaluable to me.

Change is hard. We are attempting to streamline some of the operations of the MCA and while our "online rollout" is not perfect, it has brought about a savings of time and cost. Hats off to Vicky Nelson, Ralph's daughter and long-time MCA Executive Secretary, as she helps us through the transition.

This is your organization, so any ideas, thoughts or suggestions for improvement will be welcomed and thoughtfully considered. If you see a place where you would like to help, please let us know.



GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM

As a membership benefit coverage is provided by the Commercial General Liability Policy issued to the National Organization of Coaches Association Directors. This policy will provide general liability coverage to the Montana Coaches Association and its members.

CARRIER

Lexington Insurance Company

POLICY PERIOD

August 1, 2013– August 1, 2014

LIMITS OF INSURANCE

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
\$1,000,000 General Aggregate (per Member)
\$1,000,000 Products/Completed Operations
\$1,000,000 Personal & Advertising Injury
\$ 300,000 Fire Damage
\$ 25,000 Sexual Abuse (per Member)
Excluded Medical Payments

The following is a sample list of some major coverages and exclusions. For a complete description of the scope and limitations of coverage, you must request a copy of the policy itself.

Coverages Provided by this Policy

Educators Professional Liability
Participant Legal Liability for insured members
Liability assumed under insured written contract

Exclusions

The use of automobiles, buses, watercraft and aircraft
Property of others in the care, custody, and control of the insured.

Plaques & Certificates

The Award plaques have been distributed. We have not sent the certificates that were left at the clinic. If you would like your certificate or have other questions, please call Marian 406-264-5435 at the MCA Office. The postage to mail certificates is very high, so we will mail them only at your request. Next year we plan to print certificates at the clinic for those who desire one.

Hall of Fame, Asst. COY, Cheer Awards

Scott King, of Malta, has taken over as chairman for the Hall of Fame. Thanks to Mike Gear, who has held this position and done an amazing job for many years. Scott has also taken over as Assistant COY Chairman. If you would like to nominate someone for either of these awards, Scott is your contact. Nomination forms should soon be available online.

We welcome nominations for Cheer Award as well. We do not have an official form, but are looking for Cheer Coaches who have longevity, exceptional dedication and success. Please send a letter detailing your nominee's experience, outstanding qualities and successes to the MCA Office.

CAMP COVERAGE

Today, most Coaches are involved in some type of sports camp. Please note that our General Liability Program follows insured members while working at camps and/or conducting their own personal camp.

PARTICIPANT/ACCIDENT COVERAGE

In addition, Participant/Accident Coverage is available for coaches and/or participants. Should an accident occur during a camp, clinic or event, this secondary coverage could help offset the loss suffered by families affected by such accidents.

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

- ❖ If a member has a camp and requires proof of insurance, certificates are at no additional charge.
- ❖ If a member has a camp and requires a certificate of insurance naming an Additional Insured on the General Liability Policy the cost is \$150.00.
- ❖ Participant/Accident Coverage must be in place for all participants prior to the issuance of a certificate of insurance naming an Additional Insured on the General Liability Policy.
- ❖ Certificates of Insurance and Participant/Accident request forms are available on our website. Please click on the link below for all required forms that can be completed and submitted online.
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MCA Coach of the Year Rings

If you are "Coach of the Year" for the first time, you qualify for a beautiful MCA ring. Congratulations! You are responsible to order your own ring from Balfour. The information for ordering is on our website: www.montana-coaches.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.

Clinic Golf Tournament Cancelled

Because of a tremendous thunderstorm, the Clinic Golf Tournament was cancelled. To all who missed out on this anticipated event, thanks for your cooperation. Many donated their golf fees to the Ralph Halverson Scholarship Fund. Thank you!

Jerry Kuntz did an outstanding job of organizing and dealing with the change of plans. We shortened the tournament to 9 holes and based on our numbers, this should work well for next year. Plan on golfing again in 2014 – weather permitting ☺.

Thank you to the MCA Clinic Donors listed below:

2013 CLINIC EXHIBITORS REGISTERED

Most of whom donated exhibit and/or Door Prizes

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Athletic Medicine & Performance (AMP) (406) 238-6253, asanchez@ampmontana.com

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Best Western Plus Butte Plaza Inn & Hampton Inn (406) 494-0345, sales@butteplazainn.com

Best Western Plus Grant Creek Inn & Best Western Shelby Inn & Suites (406) 829-7228, Ruby@bestwesternmissoula.com

Billings Hotel & Convention Center (406) 867-8141, c.milne@bresna.net

Brain Injury Alliance of Montana (406) 541-6442, rfs@biamt.org

Coaches Choice (831) 372-6077, jpenny@yahoo.com

Crown Sports Photography (406) 752-6116, photobiz@mtcrownphoto.com

Daktronics (605) 692-0200, samantha.hendriks@daktronics.com

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (760) 835-6993, bveroulis@fca.org

Great Falls Inn by Riversage, The (406) 453-6000, tgfmanager@Riversageinns.com

Great Falls Tourism Business Improvement District (406) 868-5989, kvenetz@bresnan.net

GTM Sportswear (785) 537-8822, jeremy.stallbaumer@igtm.com

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Isagenix – Nutrition For Athletes (406) 788-4235, jnwalde@bresnan.net

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National High School Athletic Coaches Association (307) 388-0106, smischke@hotmail.com

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ProActive Coaching (406) 223-2327, scott.rosberg@livingston.k12.mt.us

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Crown Sports Photography (Award pictures)

GTM Sportswear (Staff shirts & Golf prizes)

Red Rock Sporting Goods (Staff shirts & **1150 Bags**)

Roger Hatler & Tom Storm (Speaker fishing trips)

Tourism Business Improvement District (Generous Grant)

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Great Falls School District #1

Great Falls High School Administration & Custodial & Secretarial Staff

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Meadow Gold Dairy 453-4336

Universal Athletic (800) 332-4574

Wendy's of Montana (Billings 406-252-5725)

2013 GOLF PRIZES:

Balfour (877) 730-9228 (10 doz. Titleist balls)

Clell Wade (Hole-in-one prize)

GTM Sportswear (Golf prizes) (800) 336-4486

Townhouse Inns/Lucky Lil's Casino/Town Pump