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Fall 2014 Newsletter

MCA Fall Sports COY Ballots

Congratulations to all fall Coach of the Year nominees on your great season! COY ballots will be available online, November 28th-December 7th. **All active members please vote, today!** Associate members (college, retired and honorary) are not eligible to vote. Go to www.montanacoaches.com, click on the voting tab and cast your vote. If we have your email, we will email the link as well. We encourage you to be a part of the process -- Please vote!

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!** Please encourage your head coach in each sport to consider joining now, before they forget. It is disappointing to see anyone miss out on being honored as Coach of the Year, but again this fall there are a handful of coaches who are not members and thus not qualified for COY nomination. The cut-off date for each season is **October 1st** for fall sports, **February 1st** for all winter sports and **May 1st** for all spring sports.

Football, Volleyball, Golf and Cross Country all have COY status. Soccer was closer, but still short members. How disappointing for MCA State Champion Soccer Coaches, who now must be included in the Special Sports category, due to a lack of member head coaches. Still up in the air for COY status are Swimming, Tennis and Softball.

Head Soccer Members	Boys	Girls
AA	11 of 14	10 of 14
A	3 of 12	3 of 13
Total	14 of 26	13 of 27
Needed-75%	20	20
Short	6	7

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

We have gone digital with the awards certificates for athletes. This allows the coach to spell names correctly, print on the computer and use a better quality paper if desired. A colored printer is best for these certificates. Thanks, Shirley, for working hard to make this happen!

Each AD and Principal will receive the interactive templates via e-mail each season (they are not available on the website). Please **save** these certificate forms on your computer or flash drive and then **forward** to the necessary personnel in your district. You may share with your coaches so they can fill out and print the certificates. Instructions for each award are included in the email. **Please return your completed AAS forms each quarter to your class director** (details are on the form which is included in the email with certificates).

The new templates are a work in progress. Let us know if you see a way to improve the certificates. Contact Shirley Chesterfield Stanton with questions or suggestions – MCAaward@gmail.com

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

Membership

At this writing our membership stands at 1744, down 30 from last year at this time. We also have **156 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.

Of our current 1744 members, only 560 of those came online. Kudos to those of you who joined online! **Your few minutes save our office about 15 minutes per member.** We urge everyone to join online next year.

Thanks to the many schools who paid dues and/or clinic fees for your coaches. We are working to develop an online registration so that you can register several coaches at once. Until then, we have sent the AD's a spread sheet that you can fill out, e-mail to us and then mail the check.

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.

MCA Clinic

The 2014 Clinic was a great event, thanks to the cooperative efforts of our MCA Board and Committees. Thank you Co-Clinic Director, Kathleen Howard, and my executive assistant and wife, Marian, for their hard work and attention to detail.

We had many fine speakers with some outstanding presentations. We thank each one who presented for your time and effort to serve MCA in this way.

Jerry Kuntz, again, did an outstanding job of running the Golf Tournament. We heard good reports of an enjoyable evening. Jerry needs someone to step in and co-direct. Can you help?

Our goal is to bring in some nationally known clinicians for 2015 along with a line-up of successful Montana speakers. If you have suggestions for speakers in 2015, please let me know.

We had 49 outstanding Exhibitors, up 4 from last year. The bingo cards seemed to encourage both vendors and coaches. 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 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!

Again, we thank the **Great Falls TBID** (Tourism Business Improvement District) for their generous grant which kept the Clinic in the black. **Red Rock Sporting Goods, GTM, Town-House Inns** were instrumental in the success of the Clinic. **The Jock Stop** was a new sponsor this year, generously funding the Awards Luncheon. Contributors that go the extra mile are **Crown Photography, Flamingo Bar** with 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 go to Kathleen Howard for standing with me to direct the Clinic. Her experience, understanding of the Clinic and willingness to work hard, make all the difference!

**Clinic dates for 2015 are
July 29, 30 & 31.**

This is two weeks before the fall sports starting date. Please mark your calendar & plan to attend.

Hall of Fame, Asst. COY, Cheer Awards

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 either of these prestigious awards, please contact Scott King (see sidebar) to get a nomination form. Deadline for nominations is **HOF-March 1st** and **A-COY-May 1st**.

We welcome nominations for the **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 before May 1st.

Liability Insurance

We will post a copy of this year's insurance overview on the website. As a MCA member, you have \$1,000,000 liability coverage while you are coaching, including camps, and in the classroom as well. For more info look on our website under the membership tab.

Scholarships

The Ralph Halverson Memorial Scholarship, started and generously funded by Mark Reed, former Bison and Univ. of Houston T&F great, were again presented at the 2014 Awards Program.

To date, Mark has given \$7000 and other donors, \$5080. Mark hopes to see us reach a balance of \$20,000 so that the scholarship can continue for many years, honoring his and our friend and mentor, Ralph Halverson. Can you help make this happen?

There is an option when you register online to contribute to Ralph's Scholarship fund. Donations, payable to MCA - RH Scholarship Fund, are tax deductible. Mail to the MCA office.

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

2014 recipients were Tye Martin of Geysler and Kendra Smith of Stanford, who received \$1000 each, leaving a fund balance of \$8086.90.

Six \$500 MCA Scholarships were also presented with the help of co-sponsor, **SCHEDULE STAR**. We are grateful to Jerry Kuntz, our scholarship chairman, and the scholarship committee who has devoted much time and effort to this program. Jerry has handed the chairmanship over to Kip Ryan for the coming year. Great job, Jerry and thanks for stepping up, Kip!



Director Wanderings

It has been a good year for the MCA. While our learning curve continues to be steep, the panic button is not being pressed nearly as often. We just moved ourselves and the MCA Office into our new home at Ft. Shaw. If ever you are in our area, please stop in.

Marian and I were able to attend the NOCAD Convention in Nashville last January, where we were able to rub shoulders with state association directors from around the country. This was very encouraging and gave us a place to turn with questions. We also got to meet Greg Joly, our "go to guy" for our liability insurance with Loomis and LaPann. We learned that Montana has one of the few "All-Sport" Clinics left in the nation, with none offering the low clinic fees and great clinic perks that you enjoy.

Your board members Sandy Mikeson, Mike Sauvageau, Kip Ryan and Richy Powell and my wife and I all drove to Jackson Hole in June to the NHSACA Convention where **John Cheek** was inducted into the National Coaches Hall of Fame and **Mike Anderson** was awarded National Tennis Coach of the Year. What a thrill to see these well deserving coaches receive such honors. National COY nominees, **Tadd Schye, Mike Anderson, Julie O'Dell, Derek Schulz** and **Scott King** along with National AD of the Year nominee, **Duane Walker**, gave excellent presentations. We were so proud of these folks who represented Montana in a huge way.

This is your organization and we need your help in promoting membership among your district coaches. Using our online options saves us time and money. Any ideas, thoughts or suggestions for improvement are welcome and will be thoughtfully considered. If you see a place where you would like to help, please let us know.

Thank you to the MCA Clinic Donors listed below:

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Most of whom donated exhibit and/or Door Prizes

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Montana Asthma Control Program (406)444-0995, wbiskupiak@mt.gov
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Crown Sports Photography (Award pictures)
GTM Sportswear (Staff shirts & Golf prizes)
The Jock Stop (Awards Luncheon)
Red Rock Sporting Goods
(Staff shirts & **1000 Bags**)
Roger Hatler & Tom Storm (Speaker fishing trips)
Tourism Business Improvement District
(Generous Grant)

2014 FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

Great Falls School District #1
Great Falls High School Administration & Custodial & Secretarial Staff
Great Falls Park and Rec. Department
Meadow Lark Country Club

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The Jock Stop - 406-377-2393
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Frontier Conference Schools Athletic Dept. - 782-6841
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Universal Athletic - (800) 332-4574
Taco Treat, Amigo Lounge & Half-Time Lounge - 761-1195
Townhouse Inns/Lucky Lil's Casino/Town Pump - 782-9121
Wendy's of Montana - (Billings 406-252-5725)

2014 GOLF PRIZES:

Balfour (877) 730-9228 (Golf prizes)
Clell Wade (Hole-in-one prize)
GTM Sportswear (Golf prizes) (800) 336-4486
Townhouse Inns/Lucky Lil's Casino/Town Pump (T-shirts & golf prizes) 782-9121

National Convention in Rochester, MN

The NHSACA (National High School Athletic Coaches Association) 2015 Annual Convention will be in Rochester, MN, June 16-20, hosted by the Minnesota Coaches Association. We hope to have several Montana finalists for national awards 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

Email Addresses needed

We need your email address, as that is our best method of communication. If you do not also receive an email copy of this letter, we either do not have an email address for you or the one we have is incorrect. Please email us at donomca@gmail.com and request that we add your email address.

Address and Coaching corrections needed

Please contact us with 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@gmail.com

New Webmaster Needed

Our website, www.montanacoaches.com, has a wealth of info about the association, thanks to Cindy Bowers, our current webmaster. Cindy would like to pass this job on, so we need a new **Webmaster**. Is that an area of expertise that you might share with MCA? Please contact Marian.

In Memoriam

On Monday before the Clinic, the Montana coaching ranks were shaken by the news of Charlie Robinson's passing. Charlie coached for 44 years, best known in basketball, where he won 869 career games. Charlie was a well-respected coach, great friend, faithful MCA member and regular clinic attendee.

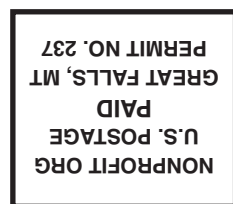
Cliff Hysell, credited with reviving Bobcat Football in the early 90's, also recently passed away. His loyalty to the Bobcats and passion for the game of football, made Coach Hysell one-of-a-kind.

The Montana coaching community benefitted from the privilege of knowing these 2 legendary coaches who will be greatly missed. We extend our condolences to their families.

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

MCA Coach of the Year Rings

If you are a first-time "Coach of the Year", 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.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.



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