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## **FINAL NEWSLETTER OF 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR**

It's hard to believe that it has been 2 years since Ralph left us, and Marian and I stepped in to direct this great organization. We have worked hard to maintain Ralph's great legacy and also find time to enjoy a bit of life beyond MCA. One of the biggest ways that you can help is to use our online option for joining MCA and for Clinic Registration. While we have still included a paper application, **your online registration saves my dear wife about 15 minutes and many typing errors!** She loves her job, but she needs some time to enjoy grandkids, friends and a good book on occasion.

Another place where I need some help in the coming year, is in securing clinic speakers. The board would like to have a committee for each sport, who will find, schedule and book speakers. You know your sport and potential speakers better than I do and the job is quite overwhelming for one. If you would be willing to serve on such a committee, please contact me.

Third, on my mind, is 2016 Clinic dates. Over the years we have often gone into August and 2016 is one of those years. We either go July 27-29 or August 3-5. While August avoids the conflict with high school football and volleyball camps, it also makes it nearly impossible to secure major college football and volleyball speakers because practices are underway. I would appreciate some input from you...

## **ONLINE VOTING FOR SPRING SPORTS**

**Active members, please vote online for Spring COY starting May 25th. The ballot will only be available through May 28th** so that winners can order rings and receive them in time for the Clinic. We will send an email with the voting link as soon as it is open. If we don't have your email, this will be your only reminder to vote so mark your calendar! Ballot is at [www.montanacoaches.com](http://www.montanacoaches.com) under the member tab.

Track & Field and Golf have COY status. Tennis and Softball are short member coaches, so will be on the ballot under special sports along with Soccer.

## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & CLINIC REGISTRATION**

It is the end of another MCA year and time to join for the new year and register for the Clinic. We ask you to join now at <http://montanacoaches.com/>. You will find the membership application and clinic registration under the "members" tab.

## **DALE BROWN KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR 2015 CLINIC**

The Clinic will be held July 29-31 at Great Falls HS. **Dale Brown, legendary LSU coach, who guided Shaquille O'Neal (Shaq) to fame, leads our list of exceptional speakers this year. Spencer Wood, a nationally known motivator, will speak on Mental Toughness.** Check out the brochure for a great line-up!

We plan to have a reasonably priced lunch, offered by **Golden Corral**, in the Fieldhouse on Wednesday, so that you have time to eat onsite and spend some time with the vendors as well. Lunch tickets may be purchased Wednesday morning in the Fieldhouse so that you can quickly pick up your lunch at noon

We appreciate our exhibitors who help to keep clinic cost low. Plan to spend time hearing about their products and thanking them for their part in our great clinic! Check out our list of exhibitors on the website under the clinic tab.

Clinic perks include the Frontier Conference reception on Tuesday evening, complimentary continental breakfast every morning, other snacks 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 golf scramble, the Flamingo Fling Thursday evening

On Thursday there will be 3 drawings for \$50 cash at 8 AM and again at 1:30. Bingo cards signed by vendors will make you eligible for the drawings. You must be present to win. Registrants are urged to turn out in force to show our appreciation to the exhibitors.

**Plan to attend and please encourage your fellow coaches to consider joining MCA and attending this fine clinic.** Sign up online today.

## **UM-WESTERN WILL OFFER COLLEGE CREDIT**

2 post baccalaureate college credits will be offered by **UM-Western** this year, as Loyola Marymount is no longer offering credits. Cost is \$115/credit and a UM-Western rep will be there to sign you up. 19 OPI Renewal units will again be offered. **You cannot do both college credits and OPI Units. Be sure to pick up OPI renewal sheet when you arrive at the clinic!** (hours are crossed off if you pick it up later)

## 2015 CLINIC SPONSORS

Clinic Sponsors are **TBID** granting tremendous financial support, **Red Rock Sporting Goods** providing 50 staff shirts and 900 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. We are pleased to have **Montana's Rib & Chop House** help with the cost of bringing in Dale Brown and appreciate **Golden Corral** for helping with dessert at the Steak Fry and offering lunch in the Fieldhouse on Wednesday.

**A huge thanks to all of our Clinic supporters who keep your costs low!**



### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our 2014-15 membership stands at 1851, down 32 from this time last year. Our record membership was in 2009-10 when we eventually hit 2002 but it has declined each year since then. We know that the number of coaches is declining, but there are many non-member coaches and we are disappointed with the dropping numbers. If you have suggestions to up these numbers, let us know.

**Please be proactive in recruiting not only your own coaching staff at all levels, but staff members in all sports, and non-member peers from other schools. Less memberships means less money for the great things your MCA does for coaches and athletes!**

### "SHAQ & DALE"

Watch the heartwarming "Shaq & Dale"; ESPN Fri 5/15/2015 9:00 AM; SEC Network Sun 5/17/2015 4:30 PM SEC Network Tue 5/19/2015 3:00 AM; ESPN2 Sat 5/23/2015 10:00 AM; SEC Network Wed 5/27/2015 12:00 AM; SEC Network Fri 5/29/2015 12:00 PM; Then come see Dale Brown in person at the MCA Clinic.

### NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS

We are spending a bit more money to try a plastic membership card. Hopefully they will hold up in the washing machine and be a better card for you. New membership cards will be sent starting the first week in June. We will try to send a batch weekly after that. After June 1st, if you do not receive your card within 3 weeks of mailing, please call Marian.

### CLASS C WRESTLING

#### NOW HAS COY RECOGNITION

The MCA Board is pleased to announce that Class C Wrestling will now be eligible for COY status. In previous years there has been a combined B-C category. We appreciate the high percentage of Class C Wrestling Coaches who are MCA members. Now all 4 wrestling Classification have COY recognition.

### SCHOLARSHIP SPONSOR



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## **LIABILITY INSURANCE**

In this day and age Liability Insurance is a must! What a great deal MCA active members have, being covered by a million dollar liability policy through our affiliation with NOCAD! (See the back of your membership card for insurance contact info). This coverage is not only during your sport season but also for camps, plus classroom coverage for active members who are both coach and teacher. Retired members do not have insurance, but can be covered while working a camp if you notify the MCA office in advance. For insurance questions, please contact Loomis and LaPann at 800-566-6479. 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](http://loomislapann.com), click on "Coaches Associations", then scroll down and click on "Liability 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 in June or July, who wants the liability coverage, needs to be a 2014-15 member.** *Please inform non-member coaches, who may be working camps with you, about this requirement.* They may still pay dues for 2014-15 to be covered in June and July.

## **LONGEVITY**

Longevity Awards are given to member MCA coaches beginning with 15 and 20 years. These folks receive a certificate but can upgrade to a plaque for \$13. Starting at 25 years and at each 5-year mark thereafter, MCA provides a plaques for Longevity recipients. You must apply for a longevity award on our website: <http://montanacoaches.com/>. You will find the application under the "member" tab. Longevity awards are presented at the Awards Program on July 30th. If you want your plaque mailed, please add \$10. **Deadline for application is June 15th.**

## **PROOF OF AWARD PROGRAM**

A proof of the awards program will be **emailed** to all members this year. Please watch for that email in mid-june and look it over carefully, sending us any corrections immediately. If MCA does not have your email address, please email a note ([donomca@gmail.com](mailto:donomca@gmail.com)) so that we can add it to our files.

## **NHSACA HALL OF FAME AND COACH OF THE YEAR NOMINEES**

**Jeff Carroll and Dan Hodge will be inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the following 8 MCA members are finalists for NHSACA awards: Dennis Murphy- AD of the Year, Georgia Forney- SW COY; Ann Funk-VB COY; Mark Garber-Girls' CC COY; Dustin Gordon-Girls' BB COY; Terry Thomas-FB COY; Paul Bills-Girls Assist. COY; Bob Raeth-Boys' Assist. COY.**

These folks are well deserving of these honors and will represent Montana well at the NHSACA Convention in Rochester, MN June 16-20. Take time to congratulate them!

## **MCA MEMBERSHIP VALUED BY SCHOOLS**

**Many schools pay MCA membership and/or Clinic registration. Huge thanks to those School Boards, Administrators and ADs who recognize the value of MCA membership and Clinic attendance.**

One principal wrote to his staff: *"I want to be sure that 100% of our coaching staff are MCA members for several reasons. Your MCA membership card grants you access to all regular season high school and college athletic contests in Montana, you have a million dollar liability insurance policy through the MCA, and the access to professional development is very valuable. In today's litigious times, if you as a coach were ever to be sued, membership in a professional organization can provide a great deal of credibility and support for you."*

**If your school is paying for a number of coaches**, you will find an Excel form on the website where you can register several coaches at once, email the form to Marian and mail the check. This method saves Marian a ton of time and gives you a good record of who you registered. Memberships will be processed after the check arrives. **Please no P.O.'s this year.**

## **COACH OF THE YEAR RINGS**

We want all 2014-15 first-time Coaches of the Year to receive their ring at the Thursday Awards Ceremony. In order to meet the deadline for clinic presentation, we need spring first time COY recipients to 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 fill it out. **It is then imperative that you return the order form, by fax or e-mail, to Balfour immediately, insuring delivery in time for the clinic.** Orders take 7 weeks to process so June 1st is our ordering deadline.

Richard Martinez of **Balfour** plans to exhibit at the clinic again. Coaches who have previously won a ring, may wish to purchase another. They are as inexpensive as \$120, and are available in a gold or silver tone. You may want to upgrade, or order a ring for another sport. Richard's number is 877-730-9228.

## **PRESIDENT ELECT, TRACY SCOTT, RESIGNS**

Six year Class A Director and current President Elect, Tracy Scott, has resigned due a job change. Tracy has been a dedicated board member and is a tremendous friend to the MCA. She is hoping to continue her affiliation by helping with the clinic, and we hope so too. Thanks Tracy for 7 years of dedication and commitment to the MCA! Jim Oberweiser has stepped into the President Elect position, leaving a vacancy in the Class C Director Position. Jim's director term runs through the 2016 Clinic, so I have appointed Kim Sorkness-DeCock, of Broadview to fill Jim's term. We will elect a new Class C Director next spring. Thanks Kim for stepping up!



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## Coaches, AD's, Trainers and Administrators,

We sincerely thank returning members for your support. Our new 2015-16 membership year begins June 1st. We believe that MCA membership is a must for all athletic personnel in Montana schools.

While a 2014-15 membership application is enclosed, we encourage you to sign-up online. It saves us significant time and prevents errors in your information. MCA will pay the online fees.

Dues are just \$35, which is a great bargain when you consider that coach/teacher members, **are covered while coaching and in the classroom by our million dollar liability policy (including sexual abuse liability coverage with a per member limit of \$25,000)**. The insurance coverage and our complimentary admission to regular season high school and college athletic contests are worth much more than the cost of your dues.

If you are eligible for a longevity award, you may now submit it online at [www.montanacoaches.com](http://www.montanacoaches.com). Please do so ASAP. Deadline is June 15th. 15 and 20 year award winners, you may upgrade from a certificate to a plaque for \$13, if you chose.

We invite you to attend the 2015 MCA Clinic. We **have an excellent array of Clinicians plus** all the great perks that no other clinic in the country comes close matching. \$65 for pre-registration is a great bargain that includes the BBQ, the complimentary awards ceremony lunch, the Flamingo Fling, free continental breakfast, plus food & drinks all day in the exhibit area. In addition, we have the free food coupons in the packets and a large array of door prizes. The total for dues and clinic will be \$100 if paid by 7/23. It works best to register for membership and clinic at the same time. We appreciate online registration.

**Golf enthusiasts**, this year we will register for the golf tourney on Wednesday in the Fieldhouse (75 max, first come first served). We need some help with the golf tourney. Call the MCA office if you can help.

Submit your membership application today and enjoy a full year of MCA benefits. We hope to see you at the clinic in July.

Thank you for your consideration,

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