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Fall 2016 Newsletter

MCA Fall Sports COY Ballots

Fall COY ballots were emailed on 11/29 to all active members. *If you didn't receive it, please send us a correct email address.* The ballot will close on 12/7.

Congratulations to all nominees on your great season!

Soccer was close to making COY status this year - short only 4 boys' and 6 girls' head coaches. MCA member state champion soccer coaches will be included in the Special Sports category. *Tennis and Softball* are close, but still short member head coaches. This fall there are 7 top-four finishing coaches who were not members and thus not qualified for COY nomination. Please help 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 new certificate templates are emailed to AD's and Principals each season (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
Return completed AAS forms each quarter (instructions on form).

Membership

At this writing our membership stands at 1980, up 165 from last year. We also have 180 MOA associate members. We sincerely appreciate the AD's and Administrators who have passed on our emails and promoted MCA membership. We have also seen coaches doing more promotion within their sport. Thank you! It looks to be a record setting membership.

Hats 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.

Head coaches, please talk to your assistants and lower level coaches about the benefits of MCA.

In recent years, there are many head coaches who are not employed by the school district. We often find that they are unaware 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 an MCA member, you have \$1,000,000 liability coverage while 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.

MCA Team needs Help!

Marian and I have come close to figuring out most of the workings of the MCA, but we need someone to step in and share some of the responsibilities, learning the ropes. The association is again at risk if something were to happen to us. The board has approved hiring someone to work part-time. We are looking for someone with Montana coaching roots, computer and organizational skills, dedication and a desire to see the MCA continue, grow and keep up with the changing times. The work could be done from home and would involve an average of 10-15 hours a month, but in time, possibly more. Please call Don or Marian if you might be that person or if you know of someone who would fit the bill.

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

MSU Hall of Fame Display

Our Hall of Fame display, at MSU, came down this past summer and we are in the process of building an upgraded digital display that will be displayed at MSU and on our website. Once finished, this will provide much more information and recognition for our 185 Hall of Fame members.

The original plaques were distributed to the recipients or to the school where they received their award. Plaques were not picked up for Oscar Bjorgum, Dan Connors, Lyndon Conroy, Mike Korich, Roy Lackner, Patti Miller, Tom Springler and Bob Vogele. We have them. Give us a call.

We have lost contact with the following HOF members: Dan Baretta, Lyndon Conroy, Gene Espeland, Roger Mergerth. If you have contact info for any of them, please let us know.

MCA Coach of the Year Rings

Each first-time "Coach of the Year", receives an MCA ring. You are responsible to order your own ring from Balfour at www.montanacoaches.com/members/coach-of-the-year-rings/

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. Turn-around time is 6 weeks, so please do it right away.

2016 MCA Clinic Reflections

The clinic was well attended with 753 registered attendees and a total attendance of over 900. Our board, committee and registration staff were stellar, making it one of the best-ever clinics. Kathleen Howard, my co-clinic director and my wife, Marian are a great team and work very hard for you!

Dick Vermeil, is not only a great speaker, but also a fine gentleman, and drew some great crowds. Home-grown coaches, including Harry Clark, Mike Zadick and Brian Orr were well received. A fine roster of high school coaches gave outstanding presentations, highlighting the quality of coaches that we have in Montana. The willingness of each speaker to share insights into their sport is greatly appreciated and their gift of time and effort is the reason that the MCA All-Sport Clinic is the finest of its kind in the country. If you have suggestions for speakers for the 2017 Clinic, please let Don know.

Universal Athletic's addition of the Horse Races at the Steak Fry was a big hit, bringing some excitement to the evening as well as a financial boost to the clinic.

Exhibitors numbers were down 6 for a total of 49. Thanks for taking time to visit with them! These folks invest a lot to attend and they are one of the reasons that you can attend a clinic of this caliber at such a reasonable cost. They are listed on the MCA website if you need to contact them. We are always looking for new vendors and we sincerely appreciate the ones who attended this year.

Great Falls TBID again provided a generous grant. Your clinic bags and one set of staff shirts are generously donated by Red Rock Sporting Goods. Other standout contributors are GTM (staff shirts and golf prizes), TownHouse Inns, Flamingo Bar and Crown Photography. We appreciate all our donors and vendors, listed on page 4!

50th MCA Clinic: August 2,3 & 4

This is one week before the fall sports starting date. Please mark your calendar & plan to attend. It is an outstanding opportunity for professional development. Don is working on speakers and welcomes your suggestions.

50 years is well worth celebrating!

We will be inviting our Hall of Fame members to come back as well as retired and honorary members. If you have ideas to help us celebrate this milestone, please contact a board member or call Don or Marian.

In Memoriam

If you know of an MCA member or long-time contributor to Montana athletics, who passes away, please e-mail us. They are remembered at our August Awards Program.

Scholarships

Ralph Halverson Scholarship donations stand at over \$1800 for the year. Mark Reed, former student-athlete of Ralph's and founder of the scholarship, has generously agreed to match that amount. What a great tribute to Ralph and all that he did for coaches! Thank you, Mark Reed, and everyone who has generously given to make this wonderful scholarship available.

Riley Watt-Great Fall and **BreAnn Duce**-Hamilton are the 2016 Ralph Halverson Scholarship recipients, each receiving \$1000.

Four \$750 MCA Scholarships we were also presented to: **Kylie Greenwell**-CMR; **Kyle Finch**-Beaverhead; **Keera Stookey**-Huntley Project; and **Leah Thompson**-Plains.

Frontier Conference, our new scholarship sponsor, awarded \$750 scholarships to **Quade McQueary**-Townsend and **Graysen Spicher**-North Star who will be attending Frontier colleges. Thank you, **Frontier Conference!**



2017 Scholarship Application will open January 1 on the website (athlete tab)

Hall of Fame, Asst. COY

The **Hall of Fame** and **Assistant Coach of the Year** awards are based on longevity, success and service. To nominate someone for Hall of Fame, contact Scott King; for Asst COY contact Shirley Chesterfield-Stanton to get a nomination form (see sidebar). Deadline for nominations is **HOF-March 1st** and **ACOY-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 this recognition.*

Thank you to the MCA Clinic Donors

2016 CLINIC EXHIBITORS

Most of whom donated exhibit and/or Door Prizes

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GTM Sportswear (Staff shirts & Golf prizes)
Great Falls Montana Tourism (Generous Grant)
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(Staff shirts & Clinic Bags)
Roger Hatler & Tom Storm (Speaker fishing trips)
Town Pump Hotel Group (Golf T-shirts)

2016 FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

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Great Falls Park and Rec. Department

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National Convention in Peoria, IL

The 2016 NHSACA (National High School Athletic Coaches Association) Annual Convention will be in East Peoria, Illinois, June 17-21, hosted by the Illinois Coaches Association. 16 Montana coaches have been nominated for National COY honors.

Finalists will be announced in January. During the National Convention, there are sport specific seminars and leadership classes available for 5 graduate credits at a very reasonable price. Check out their website: www.hscoaches.org

New Honorary Cards available

We have new plastic membership cards for Honorary members. Please mail us your old card and we will send a new one. They are sturdier...more pocket and washing machine friendly.

College Game Attendance

Another outstanding benefit of your MCA membership is free attendance (for members only) to regular season high school and most regular season college athletic events (except Cat-Griz, sell-outs and post season play). For Griz or Cat college games, please contact the ticket office prior to game day to be put on a list. Carroll asks that you go to the pass gate on game day to pick up a ticket. Be sure to take your ID and MCA card! Other schools accept your MCA card as a pass. Thank you, Montana Colleges, for this huge opportunity!

Director Meanderings

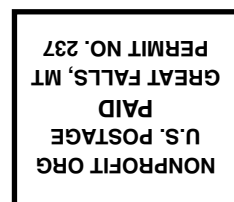
Another year is behind us and this one nearly half over...time moves on. It seems to go ever quicker as we get a few years under our belts. The MCA continues to prosper because of the outstanding people who make up this fine organization. It is your organization and you have much to be proud of. Thank you for who you are and what you do!

Marian and I attended the NOCAD convention in Phoenix last January. It was there that all the State Associations voted to become partners with the Jason Foundation, a suicide prevention and education program. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among our high school age athletes. There are great resources for coaches on their website: jasonfoundation.com

It was very rewarding to attend the NHSACA Convention in Louisville, KY where our peers, **Jeff Strickland** (Golf) and **Mark Yoakam** (Girls' Assistant) were awarded *National Coach of the Year* honors, and **Charlie Merrifield**, longtime Butte T&F coach, was inducted into the *National Coaches Hall of Fame*.

Perks Available through NHSACA

MCA members are eligible for some outstanding discounts. Check it out at: www.hscoachesbenefits.org



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