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Fall 2017 Newsletter

MCA Fall Sports COY Ballots emailed to all Active Coaches

Fall COY ballots were emailed on 11/29 to all active members (Associate members are not eligible to vote). The ballot will close on 12/7. Voting is quick and easy, so if you haven't voted and are eligible, please vote today at: <https://montanacoaches.com/members/vote-for-coach-of-the-year/>

Congratulations to all Fall COY nominees!

The March winter ballot and newsletter will be sent email only, so if you are actively coaching and didn't receive the ballot via email, please send a correct email address to donomca@3rivers.net

COY Status & Membership Deadlines

MCA member **Soccer State Champion** coaches will be included on the Spring Special Sports ballot, because *Soccer* did not make COY status - short 8 boys' and 9 girls' head coaches. *Swimming* is now short 7 head coaches and *Tennis and Softball* are short as well. This fall there were 17 top-four finishing coaches who were not members by the October 1st deadline and thus, not eligible for COY nomination. We work hard to remind coaches of membership deadlines so that all can be nominated. It is disappointing to have so many ineligible to receive this award.

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

Templates for certificates are emailed to ADs and Principals each season (not available on the website). Please save them and share with the appropriate coaches. Contact Shirley Chesterfield-Stanton with questions or suggestions – MCAaward@gmail.com Return completed AAS forms each quarter (instructions on form bottom). **We ask that you carefully guard and honor our integrity and yours as you print and present these awards.**

Membership

At this writing MCA membership stands at 1986, down just 3 from our record 2016-17 year. We also have 178 MOA associate members. ADs and Administrators have helped by passing on our emails and promoting MCA membership. Coaches have been doing more promotion within their sport. Thank you!

We sincerely appreciate the 60+ schools who pay dues and/or clinic fees for their coaches. Our Multi-membership online option 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.

We find new coaches are often unaware of the benefits of joining MCA. **You are our ambassadors to your district coaches, so please encourage them to join.** Membership application and benefits are on the website.

Liability Insurance

As an MCA member, you have \$1,000,000 liability coverage while teaching and coaching. **This is one of the biggest benefits of MCA membership!** If you need a *certificate for proof of insurance* while coaching a camp, contact Loomis and LaPann. Their contact info is on your membership card and a current copy of this year's insurance overview is on the MCA website (membership tab).

Thanks for Help!

Jake Stevenson, of Hobson, did a great job with the Coach of the Year legwork last year. This year we are grateful to Brian and Elizabeth Campbell of North Star High, for joining the team. Brian is handling the COY Awards and Elizabeth is helping with the monumental task of building bios for the MCA Hall of Fame. Nancy Walters has stepped in to lead the Clinic Door Prize team. We are thankful for their help.

Address & Coaching Corrections + Email Addresses needed

We need your email address, as that is our major 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. **Please email us your correct 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 in 2016 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 196 Hall of Fame members.

The original plaques were distributed to the recipients or to the school where they received their award. Now, we are working to type the bio for each member. This is a wonderful and interesting project, but it is very time consuming. Thank you for your patience...it will be worth the wait.

In Memoriam

If an MCA member, or long-time contributor to Montana athletics, passes away, please email us so we know. They are remembered at our August Awards Ceremony. At our August 2017 ceremony, we gratefully remembered John Cheek, Jr., Bill Epperly, John Barta, Griff Bye, Glenn Flatt, Clayton Hornung and Tim McHugh.

2017 MCA Clinic Reflections

The 50th MCA Clinic was well attended with 706 registered attendees and a total attendance of just under 900. Our board, committee and registration staff did a great job, as always. Kathleen Howard, my co-clinic director and my wife, Marian, worked hard to make the Clinic run like a well-oiled machine. Thank you, all! It was an outstanding 3 days of learning and connecting with fellow coaches.

Several retired Hall of Fame coaches came back to help celebrate a half-century of MCA Clinics.

Rob Miller's motivational sessions filled the house and brought rave reviews. Joe Glenn, Mick Dennehy and Mike Kramer brought back some great gridiron memories while sharing insights from decades of experience. Tennis coaches were delighted to have Ken DeHart back. Mark Pryor, Mo Boyle and Arunas Duda did a great job for the Volleyball sessions. As always, our Montana high school coaches were outstanding. We appreciate the time and effort invested to make this MCA All-Sport Clinic one of the finest of its kind. If you have suggestions for speakers for the 2018 Clinic, please let Don know.

47 Exhibitors displayed a nice variety of products and services. Thanks for taking time to visit with them! They are one of the big reasons that you can attend a clinic of this caliber at such a reasonable cost. They are listed on the MCA website and in this letter. Please encourage your school to do business with them. We sincerely appreciate the huge investment that each exhibitor made in Montana.

Your clinic bags and one set of staff shirts are generously donated by Red Rock Sporting Goods. Universal Athletic celebrated our 50th by donating T-Shirts for all and hosting another great evening of "Horse Races". Other standout contributors are GTM, TownHouse Inns, Flamingo Bar and Crown Photography (see clinic photos at crownphoto.shootproof.com) Donors and vendors, listed on page 4!

51st MCA Clinic - August 1, 2 & 3 at Great Falls High

Please mark your calendar & plan to attend. This is an outstanding opportunity for professional development. Don is working on speakers and welcomes your suggestions for presenters in all sports.

MCA Coach of the Year Rings

Each first-time "Coach of the Year", receives an MCA ring. Congratulations! Repeat winners may order a second ring at your own expense. 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 representative Richard Martinez, at 877-730-9228. Please order your ring ASAP. Turnaround time is a minimum of 6 weeks. Rings and COY Plaques will be awarded on Thursday, August 2nd at the MCA Awards Ceremony in conjunction with the MCA Coaches Clinic,

Scholarships

2017 **Ralph Halverson Scholarship** donations, given by 83 people, stand at \$1566, to-date. While there were a couple larger donations, most were somewhere between \$5 and \$50. These generous gifts add up and assure that Ralph's Scholarship will continue for many years. Thanks to all who donated!

Congratulations to the 2017 Scholarship recipients!

Ralph Halverson Scholarships were presented to **Tanna Campbell** - Big Timber and **RJ Fitzgerald** - Dillon, each receiving \$1000.

MCA Scholarships of \$750 we were also presented to: **Brendan Howard** - Great Falls, **Kylan Burch** - Hamilton, **Madison Gordon** - Fairfield and **Kassandra Hoyer** - Belt.

Frontier Conference awarded \$750 scholarships to **Brock Peterson** - Shields Valley and **Krista Schott** - Broadview, who will be attending Frontier colleges. Thank you, **Frontier Conference!**

Balfour gave \$750 scholarships to **Bryan Swanson** - Missoula Loyola and **Briana Guse** - Billings Skyview. This was a one-time scholarship that rotates to different states. Montana was the first recipient. Thanks **Balfour!**

Hall of Fame and Assistant Coach of the Year

The **MCA HOF** and **Assistant COY** awards are based on longevity, success and service. To nominate someone for Hall of Fame, contact Scott King; for Assistant COY contact Shirley Chesterfield-Stanton (see sidebar). Deadlines for nominations are: **HOF-March 1st** and **A-COY-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 worthy of this recognition.*

Thank you to the MCA Clinic Donors

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Town Pump Hotel Group (Golf T-shirts & prizes)
Universal Athletic (50th Anniversary T-Shirts)

2017 FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

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National Convention in Sioux Falls, SD

The 2017 NHSACA (National High School Athletic Coaches Association) Annual Convention will be in Sioux Falls, SD, June 23-27, hosted by the South Dakota Coaches Association. 18 Montana coaches have been nominated for National honors. Finalists will be selected in January and winners announced at the June Convention. 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: 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

One great 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

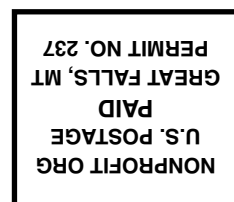
The fall sports season is behind us and winter sports are well underway. I want to take a moment to recognize and thank the fall coaches for the time and effort you invested in your athletes and respective sports. While it is called the "Fall Season", it started last spring or early summer. The same could be said for almost every sport. The days of a "3-month season" are a thing of the past. Hats off to coaches who spend endless hours, not just coaching, but truly making a difference in the lives of their athletes!

Thanks for allowing Marian and me to attend the NOCAD Convention last January in Biloxi, MI. We connected with people and exchanged ideas that help us serve you better. The barefoot walk on a sandy beach was a sweet January bonus!

The June NHSACA Convention in Peoria, IL was most rewarding, as Montana had 11 finalists up for National COY honors. Great Falls AD, **Gary DeGooyer** was honored as "AD of the Year". Whitefish Coach **Derek Schulz** received "Boys' T&F Coach of the Year" and the legendary **Bill Epperly** was inducted into the NHSCAC "Hall of Fame". Bill received his award early, at a wonderful May 12th ceremony in Kalispell. The coaching ranks lost a great one when Bill passed away on June 29th.

Perks Available through NHSACA

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



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