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MCA SPRING NEWSLETTER – MAY 2018

Thanks for your support of MCA! We are gearing up for another great MCA Clinic, Aug. 1, 2 & 3. **Please note that the Clinic will be held at CMR High** in Great Falls this year. There are many benefits that come with MCA membership (liability insurance while coaching and in the classroom, digital Coach & AD Magazine, free entrance to regular season games, coaching awards and more). I invite you to join early, so you get a full year of benefits. I hope to see you at the Clinic.

ONLINE VOTING - SPRING SPORTS & CLASS A DIRECTOR

Active members, please vote online for Spring COY starting May 28th. The ballot will close on **Wednesday, May 30th at noon** so that winners have time to order rings and receive them by the Clinic. We will send an email with the voting link as soon as it is open. If we don't have your correct email, this will be your only reminder to vote, so mark your calendar! You will find the ballot at www.montanacoaches.com under the member tab.

The MCA Board voted to recognize all MHSAA sanctioned sports with COY status. All top-4 finishers, who are MCA members by May 1st, will be nominated for COY in their respective sport. 2017-18 Soccer and Swimming nominees will be included on the spring ballot.

MCA BOARD ROTATION

Dennis Murphy has served 4 years as Class A director. He will move up to President Elect in August. Linda Paull will become the President and Jim Oberweiser will move to Past President. A special thank you to Mike Sauvageau as he completes 12 years of service as MCA president and board member. Your MCA Board does an outstanding job. Please take a moment to thank them.

We will elect a new Class A director on the May spring ballot. All active members will have opportunity to vote for one of the following Class A nominees: Richy Powell, AD at Billings Central, who has served on the MCA board in an ex-officio position since 2011; Mark Albert from Hamilton, a GBB and Cross-country coach of 29 years; Derek Lear, a 3 year football and basketball assistant at Fergus; and Mike Deming, a 20-year BBB coach from Belgrade. We appreciate their willingness to serve.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & CLINIC REGISTRATION

Our membership year runs June 1- May 31st. You may join online at <http://montanacoaches.com> You will find the membership application/clinic registration under the "members" tab. **Join now so that you can enjoy the benefits of membership for a full year - plus, you won't forget to do it later!** Please include a correct email address. Summer and Winter newsletters are sent by email only. If you did not receive the April newsletter, we do not have a correct email for you.

If you plan to attend the clinic, PLEASE PRE-Register! Speakers, board members, committee members will not be charged a clinic fee, but we do ask that you join MCA and register for the clinic, so that we have your name tag ready when you arrive.

Get MCA news, while it is new. Sign up on our website
News page: <http://montanacoaches.com/news/>

DR JEFF DUKE - 3D COACHING HEADLINES THE 2018 CLINIC

This year's MCA Clinic will be held August 1-3 at Great Falls **CMR High (note location change)**. **Dr. Jeff Duke**, nationally renowned motivational speaker from 3D Coaching will head up 2 general sessions. **Andy Ryland** - USA Football; Montana's own **Larry Krystkowiak, Mick Durham and Justin Wetzel**; Boise State tennis coach, **Greg Patton** and the legendary **Dick Fosbury** are just a few of this year's outstanding clinicians. Check out the clinic brochure for the full line-up!

* **Golden Corral** will offer lunch in the Cafeteria on Wednesday. Purchase your \$5 lunch ticket when you register for the clinic, so we have a count. **MCA** will cover the balance of the \$7.50 lunch.

* **Exhibitors** help to keep your Clinic costs low. Plan to visit the exhibits and learn about their products. Let them know how much we appreciate their huge part in our great clinic!

*Clinic perks include the **Frontier Conference** reception on Tuesday evening, complimentary continental breakfast and snacks in the exhibit area, Wednesday **Steak Fry & Horse Races**, Thursday **FCA Breakfast, MCA Awards Ceremony & Luncheon, Golf scramble** and the **Flamingo Fling**.

***Super prize drawings** - three \$50 prizes at **8:00 AM** Thursday and again at **7:45 AM** on Friday. Vendor signed bingo cards make you eligible for the drawings. **You must be present to win!**

***Door prize drawings** – sign up in the Fieldhouse

***Plan to attend** and please encourage your fellow coaches to attend the **MCA Clinic**. **Sign up online today.** www.montanacoaches.com

MCA / USA FOOTBALL PARTNERSHIP - ANDY RYLAND TO SPEAK

In January, USA Football invited all Executive Directors to join them at their National Convention in Orlando, FL which I attended. It was there that the National High School Football Coaches Alliance (NHSFCA) was formed to benefit all state associations and football coaches. The key goals of the Alliance are: 1. To serve as a national voice for football associations; 2. To develop national structure and provide info for high school coaches; 3. To build a continuum in communities between HS and youth football programs and 4. To promote professional development for football coaches at all levels. The sport of football is often the recipient of negative press and participation is declining largely due to potential injuries. One of the Florida speakers pointed out that a HS athlete is "1,010 times more likely to get seriously injured in a car accident than on the football field".

It is because of MCA's alliance with USA Football that we have **Andy Ryland** speaking at the MCA Clinic. He will bring 2 sessions to the football coaches addressing improved blocking and safety techniques and then at **4:30 on Thursday** he will speak to a **general session, open to the public**, entitled "**Coaching Kids (Children are not mini-adults)**" While Ryland is a football guy, **this session will be of great value to coaches of all sports.**

MONTANA WESTERN COLLEGE CREDIT OR OPI RENEWAL UNITS

2 post baccalaureate college credits will be offered again by Montana Western. Cost is \$115/one credit or \$145/two credits (Great deal). A Western rep will be there to sign you up. Payment can be by credit card or check.

20 OPI Renewal units will be offered. **Be sure to pick up the OPI renewal sheet when you arrive at the clinic!** (Hours are crossed off if you pick it up later.) Turn in the OPI worksheet **before** leaving the clinic.

You may choose either College credits or OPI renewal units (not both)

2018 CLINIC SPONSORS

Clinic Sponsors are **RED ROCK SPORTING GOODS**, providing 60 staff shirts and 1000 shoulder bags; **UNIVERSAL ATHLETICS**, donating 60 staff shirts and hosting the Horse Races at the BBQ, **TOWNPUMP HOTEL GROUP**, contributing golf T-shirts and prizes. The **FLAMINGO** will cater the BBQ and donate the beer. **GOLDEN CORRAL** will offer lunch in the Fieldhouse on Wednesday. If you purchase lunch when you pre-register, your cost will be only \$5 (MCA will cover the additional lunch cost). **COCA COLA** and **MEADOW GOLD** both donate their products.

A huge thanks to all our Clinic Sponsors who keep your costs low!

COACH OF THE YEAR RINGS

First-time "Coach of the Year", please order your COY ring right away. **It is imperative that you submit the order form, by fax or e-mail, to Balfour immediately, insuring delivery in time for the clinic.** Orders take 8 weeks to process so **June 1st is our ordering deadline.**

Richard Martinez of **Balfour** plans to exhibit at the clinic again. He will give door prizes and donate 10 dozen Titleist golf balls for tourney prizes. 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. See the order form on the MCA website. Richard's number is 877-730-9228.

CAMP INSURANCE

Loomis & LaPann, Inc. is the insurance administrator of your Montana Coaches Association. As we enter camp season, please understand that as a member benefit of MCA, you have a General Liability policy with a \$1,000,000 limit that follows you for your coaching activities (and classroom too). If you are having a camp and are purchasing General Liability coverage elsewhere, this is not necessary as this coverage is already provided as a benefit through your MCA membership. Another great membership benefit is access to discounted Participant/Accident (Medical) rates. To get your certificate of liability, you must either purchase participant insurance or secure participant waivers (see www.loomisla-pann.com). Even if you are not having a camp this year, we encourage you to visit our website for an overview of your insurance membership benefits. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. **Gregory J. Joly | Sports Sr. Vice President | Loomis and LaPann | 800-566-6479**

Our fiscal year ends May 31st, but our insurance coverage runs from Aug 1st - July 31st, so anyone working a camp in June or July, and needing liability coverage, must be a 2017-18 member. Please inform non-member coaches, who may be working camps with you, about this requirement. They may still join for 2017-18, to be covered in June and July.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The new membership cards will be sent starting the first week in June. We try to send them weekly. After June 1st, if you do not receive your card within 3 weeks of joining, please call Marian. Thanks to Kim Sorkness, Class C Director, for mailing cards during the summer and early fall!

NHSACA NATIONAL "HALL OF FAME" AND "COACH OF THE YEAR" FINALISTS

Shirley Chesterfield-Stanton of Helena will be inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association "Hall of Fame" and the following 15 MCA members are finalists for prestigious NHSACA awards: "AD of the Year"– Dennis Murphy; "Coach of the Year"– Jim Oberweiser-FB; Bob Howard-BBB; Dustin Gordon-GBB; Rob Stanton-BT&F; Jim Carroll-GT&F; Scott Filius- WR; Helen Houlihan-Swimming; Rod Karst-GCC; Heather Epperly-Special Sports (Cheer); Pat Lynch-GO; Bob Hislop-TE; Carl Straub-BSO; Bob Raeth- Boys' Assistant COY; Paul Bills-Girls' Assistant COY. This is an incredible showing for Montana! These outstanding coaches will be recognized at the NHSACA Convention in Sioux Falls, SD on June 26th and 27th. Please take time to congratulate them!

LONGEVITY AWARDS

If you are eligible and would like a Longevity award, you must apply for it on our website: <http://montana-coaches.com/> (member tab). Longevity Awards are provided for MCA member coaches beginning at 15 years. 15 and 20-year recipients receive a certificate, but you may upgrade to a plaque for \$15. Starting at 25 years, and at each 5-year mark thereafter, MCA provides the Longevity Plaques. Longevity awards will be presented at the Awards Program on August 2nd. If you are unable to attend, please have someone pick it up for you, saving the MCA office the work and you the cost of mailing. **Deadline for application is June 15th.** Congratulations to all long-serving coaches!

SCHOOLS RECOGNIZE VALUE OF MCA

Many schools choose to pay for MCA membership and/or Clinic registration for their coaches. Thank you, School Boards, Administrators and ADs who recognize the value of MCA membership and Clinic attendance, and support your coaches in this great way!

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."

The MCA Coaches Clinic is a great opportunity for professional development for coaches! Every Montana coach will benefit by attending!

If your school is paying for several coaches, choose the online multi-member option. You can open an Excel spreadsheet where you may register several coaches at once. Email the form to Marian and enter the spread sheet total and pay online or mail the check. This method saves Marian a ton of time, prevents typos, and gives you a good record of who you registered. Memberships will be processed after the payment is received. **Please, no Purchase Orders!**

MEMBERSHIP RECAP

2013-14 - to date 1886 (-11)
2014-15- to date 1851 (-35)
2015-16- to date 1937 (+86)
2016-17- to date 2076 (+139)
2017-18 -to date 2109 (+33)

Please continue to be proactive in recruiting not only your own coaching staff at all levels, but fellow coaches in all sports, and peers from other schools. You are making a difference!

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Coaches, AD's, Trainers,

We sincerely thank returning members for your support and we welcome non-members to join. The new 2018-19 membership year begins June 1st. We believe that MCA membership is a must for all athletic personnel in Montana schools.

We encourage you to sign up online at <http://montanacoaches.powermediallc.org/18-19-membership/> It saves us significant time and prevents typos 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 personal liability policy.** The insurance coverage and our complimentary admission to regular season high school and college athletic contests are worth far more than the cost of your dues.

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If you are eligible for a longevity award, and would like to receive it, please apply online at: <http://montanacoaches.powermediallc.org/longevity-form/>

Application deadline is June 15th. 15 and 20-year award winners have the option to upgrade from a certificate to a plaque for \$15.

We invite you to attend the 2018 MCA Clinic to be held at CMR High. We **have another 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 and Horse Races, the complimentary Awards Ceremony lunch, free continental breakfast, plus food & drinks all day in the exhibit area. In addition, we have the food coupons in the packets and a large array of door prizes. The total for dues and clinic will be \$100 if paid by 7/26. It works best to register for membership and clinic at the same time. We appreciate online registration.

Golf enthusiasts, you may register for the golf tourney on Wednesday in the Fieldhouse (75 max, first come first served).

Don't wait, submit your membership application today and **enjoy a full year of MCA benefits.** We hope to see you at the Clinic in August.

Thank you for your consideration,

Don Olsen
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