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## MCA Winter Newsletter - March 2019

### WINTER COY NOMINEES

Congratulations to our 2019 Winter COY nominees who coached their team to a top-4 finish. **Well Done!** Ballots are being sent for active coaches to vote. Each first-time COY winner will receive an MCA ring and all COY recipients will be honored with a plaque at the MCA awards ceremony on August 1st at the CMR High School Auditorium in Great Falls.

Please take time to share the value of MCA membership with your fellow coaches, especially ones who are new in your programs. Despite email reminders to AD's and non-members, we still have a few top-4 finishers who are not members and thus cannot be nominated.

### COACH & AD MAGAZINE

Each MCA member, who was an active member, was sent an online subscription to the "Coach and AD" magazine last year. Basketball coaches were also sent a digital subscription to "Winning Hoops". MCA was able to offer this outstanding benefit for \$1.50 per subscription. We sent a survey to see which of you wanted the subscription again this year. We will only order it for those who responded, telling us you want it again. If you did not fill out that survey, you still may - until April 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.montanacoaches.powermediallc.org/coach-ad-magazine-survey/](http://www.montanacoaches.powermediallc.org/coach-ad-magazine-survey/)

### 2019 - MCA CLINIC SPEAKERS

**Jim Boone** (Delta State), one of the most respected coaches in the nation will lead the **Basketball** line-up. **Spencer Wood**, outstanding motivational presenter for Ice Box Athletic will return, by popular demand, after rave reviews in 2015. **Bob Gaddis** is one of the most successful **Football** mentors in Illinois history. **Tony Holler**, also from Illinois, brings a unique training approach to **T&F** and **Football**. Distance coaches will enjoy hearing from Gonzaga's women's **Cross-Country** coach, **Jake Stewart**. The speaker roster is coming together for another outstanding clinic experience. Mark your calendar for another outstanding clinic experience July 31, August 1st and 2nd. We will be at CMR High School again this year. Clinic Brochure and registration info will be out in early May.

### THE 52<sup>ND</sup> MCA MULTI-SPORTS CLINIC

**Mark Your Calendar, July 31<sup>st</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> For Another Outstanding Clinic (Again This Year At CMR High- Great Falls, MT)**

**Tuesday** night - **Frontier Conference** reception, hosted by Commissioner Kent Paulson at the Hi-Ho Tavern.

**Wednesday, Thursday and Friday** – Complimentary continental breakfast and other snacks and beverages, generously provided by **Meadow Gold, Coca Cola** and **Town Pump Hotel Group**.

**Wednesday** noon - lunch served by **Golden Corral** in the Fieldhouse

**Wednesday** evening - **Steak Fry** at the Mansfield Center, featuring NY steaks and trimmings plus 10 kegs of complimentary beer donated by Dick & Bob Zadick of the **Flamingo Lounge**.

**Universal Athletics** head up the Horse Races (Calcutta pool) after the **Steak Fry**, adding some fun and excitement to an already great day.

**Thursday, 7:00 am** - **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** provides a **complimentary breakfast** and inspirational **speaker**.

**Thursday, 11:30** - **Awards Ceremony** held in the CMR Auditorium followed by a **complimentary luncheon** for all attendees. Fellow coaches, friends and family of award recipients are invited.

**Thursday, 5:45 pm** - **9-hole scramble golf tourney**, vying for outstanding prizes, a chance at a \$5000 hole-in-one prize, plus two bonus par 3's and a \$500.00 prize for an ace.

**Exhibit area** is open Wednesday and Thursday, with up to 40 vendors. Drawings for excellent prizes. **MCA** will hold drawings for six \$50 cash prizes, requiring presence to win.

MCA Clinic Registrants may earn **either OPI renewal units**, to satisfy requirements to maintain teaching certificates **or UM Western professional development credits** -\$115/one credit or \$145/two credits. **(You must choose between OPI and College Credits - cannot do both)**

## SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE- MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>

The scholarship application is now open for graduating high school students. Applications will be accepted until **May 1st**. There is just one application for all 8 scholarships. MCA does not limit scholarships to the daughters or sons of members, but we strongly encourage graduating athletes, with MCA-member parents, to apply by going to <http://montanacoaches.powermediallc.org/scholarship-application/>

## 4 MCA SCHOLARSHIPS

MCA will award four \$750 Scholarships.

## 2 FRONTIER CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

**Frontier Conference** generously provides two \$750 scholarships to graduating athletes, who will attend Frontier Conference Schools (selected by MCA Scholarship criteria). Schools in the **Frontier Conference** are Carroll College, College of Idaho, Eastern Oregon University, Lewis-Clark State College, Montana State University-Northern, Montana Tech, Rocky Mountain College, Southern Oregon University, University of Providence and University of Montana-Western

## 2 RALPH HALVERSON SCHOLARSHIPS

The RH Scholarship will be awarded to two Montana athletes. Because of generous donations the past few years, the MCA Board recently increased the **Ralph Halverson Scholarships** to \$1300 (in honor of Ralph's best pole vault of 13')

**Applicants, please apply on-line (same application for all scholarships), by May 1st at [www.montanacoaches.com](http://www.montanacoaches.com)**

The Ralph Halverson family and MCA Board thank everyone who has donated to the Ralph Halverson Scholarship Fund in 2018. Your donations totaled \$2277 plus another \$2000 gift by Mark Reed. Thank you, Mark, and all who donated!

Please take a few minutes to read Mark's article: "Why I Give: An Impact Beyond Measure"

<https://montanacoaches.com/2019/01/why-i-give-an-impact-beyond-measure/>

## COY RINGS

**Congratulations COY winners!** Coach of the Year rings are awarded to each first-time COY recipient. First-time COY winners, please go to the MCA website (under member tab) and order as soon as you are notified, so that your ring is shipped on time and ready for your presentation at the MCA Awards Ceremony. Once you have sent your order to Richard at Balfour, please call him to confirm your order. Our goal is to have all rings ready in time for the August 1st Awards presentations. Call Marian if you have any problems. **Ring orders take a minimum of 7 weeks, so please order ASAP.**

## ASSISTANT COY AWARD- MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DEADLINE

**Nominate assistant coaches who have served faithfully for many years. This is a great way to honor them!** MCA will recognize one assistant coach in each classification: AA, A, B and C. To qualify, they must:

1. be a current and long-standing MCA member,
2. have been an assistant coach for at least 10 years without serving as head coach in another sport during those 10 years.
3. have been an assistant during this school year or retired for not more than one year.

Nomination forms may be obtained by emailing Shirley Chesterfield-Stanton, at [MCAaward@gmail.com](mailto:MCAaward@gmail.com). Application deadline is **May 1st**.

**Please help us recognize these important members of our athletic programs.**

## CAMP LIABILITY INSURANCE

**One of the many benefits of MCA membership is our \$1,000,000 liability insurance for member coaches!** The liability coverage year runs August 1st-July 31st, so anyone working a camp this summer and needing liability coverage in June or July, must be an MCA member for the 2018/19 year (blue membership card) and comply with **new camp insurance requirements**. For details on Camp Insurance, please go to [www.loomislapann.com/page/sports-camps-2.html](http://www.loomislapann.com/page/sports-camps-2.html)

If you have questions, please call Greg Joly or Karen at Loomis & LaPann (800) 566-6479.

## LONGEVITY AWARD (APPLY BY JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>)

**Longevity awards are NOT automatically given. If you want one you must apply!!!**

Active coaches, beginning at 15 years of experience, are eligible for an MCA Longevity award. 15 and 20-year recipients receive a certificate and may upgrade to a plaque for \$15. Beginning at 25 years of service, plaques are awarded to recipients at 5-year intervals. compliments of MCA.

**You must apply online to receive this award: [www.montanacoaches.com](http://www.montanacoaches.com) under the member tab. Application deadline is June 15th.**

## CERTIFICATES

Digital templates for All-State, All-Conference and Academic All-State are emailed each season to ADs and Principals. They are **NOT** available on the website, so please save them and share with appropriate personnel. **We ask that you carefully guard and honor our integrity and yours as you print and present these awards.** Contact Shirley Chesterfield Stanton with certificate questions: [MCAaward@gmail.com](mailto:MCAaward@gmail.com)

## **MCA MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**Current membership is at 2104**, up 2 from record our high from last year. 1075 members used the online option and many schools paid online and used the spread sheet. **Marian says “Thank you” as those methods save her a lot of time!** We appreciate your membership and thank you for promoting MCA among your fellow coaches. This membership year ends May 31st. 2019-20 membership info will be out in early May. **Plan to join early and get a full year of benefits!**

## **NHSACA HALL OF FAME**

Congratulations to **Ron Jones**, who will be inducted into the **NHSACA** (National High School Athletic Coaches Association) **Hall of Fame** at their annual meeting in Bismarck, SD. The HOF Banquet will be at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 25th. Thank you, Ron, for your lifetime investment in Montana athletes!

A Missoula native, Jones coached from 1965-2018. He spent his first year at Laurel before returning to Hellgate, where he spent the rest of his career.

Jones coached boys' Track & Field ( 33 years as head) and the girls' Track & Field (head for 20 years). In Cross Country he headed up the boys' teams for 15 years and girls' teams for 10 years. . Ron also spent 20 seasons as an assistant Football coach and six years assisting the Wrestling program.

In 53 years at Hellgate, the Knights T&F teams won three state titles, one of which came with him as the head coach, two runner-up finishes, eight third-place trophies, four fourth-place finishes, five divisional titles and 21 city championships. He coached nine All-Americans and 96 individual state champions. His Cross-Country boys' teams had a third-place finish and 10 all-state placers, while the girls' teams had five all-state placers.

Ron served tirelessly in many arenas, including numerous times as head starter for State Cross Country and head field referee. He traveled the world with athletes and spoke at numerous clinics.

Jones was nominated 11 times for MCA Coach of the Year and was inducted into the Montana Coaches Hall of Fame in 2004. His induction ceremony for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame will be June 25<sup>th</sup> in Bismarck, North Dakota.

## **14 NHSACA FINALISTS**

MCA is pleased to announce that 14 outstanding MCA members are finalists for **National High Schools Coaches Association** awards. National winners will be announced at their Awards Banquet on the evening of June 26th, in Bismarck, North Dakota. Congratulations, Finalists! You will represent MT well!

<b>Asst COY Boys'</b>	Jeffrey	Anderson	Flathead
<b>Asst COY Girls'</b>	Robin	Smith	Bridger
<b>Athletic Director</b>	Liz	Flickema	Manhattan Christian
<b>BB Boys'</b>	Terry	Thomas	Beaverhead
<b>BB Girls'</b>	Karen	Deden	Sentinel
<b>CC Boys'</b>	John	Sillitti	Manhattan
<b>CC Girls'</b>	Joanne	Cleveland	Corvallis
<b>Football</b>	Rodney	Tweet	Geraldine
<b>Golf</b>	Owen	Burch	Hamilton
<b>Soccer</b>	Erika	Cannon	Bozeman
<b>Special Sports</b>	Julie	Shepherd	Choteau
<b>Swimming</b>	Ed	McNamee	GFHS/CMR
<b>T&amp;F Girls'</b>	Susan	Loeffler	Big Fork
<b>Volleyball</b>	Wayne	Moorman	Bridger

## DIGITAL MCA HALL OF FAME

The digital MCA Hall of Fame is still under construction. This has been a long process, but we hope it will be up and running in time for a preview at the clinic.

### 2019 MCA HALL OF FAME

The Montana Coaches Association is proud to announce that 3 Montana coaches will be inducted into the MCA Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will be a part of the 11:30 MCA Awards Ceremony (in conjunction with the MCA Coaches Clinic), on Thursday, August 1, 2019, in the CMR High Auditorium. Family and friends are invited. All attendees are invited to a complimentary luncheon in the cafeteria immediately following the ceremony. Congratulations to these 3 long-serving, outstanding coaches and their families!

### 2019 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE BIOS

#### TERRY BAKKEN

Terry Bakken coached 39 years at various schools in Class C ranks. Over the years he headed up several sports, but it is for Basketball that Terry is best remembered. He served as head hoops mentor for 36 years (25 boys' seasons and 26 girls' seasons). During those years Bakken notched a remarkable 555 victories, 219 with the boys and 336 with the girls, as well as 5 Conference championships, 7 District titles, 5 Divisional crowns, one State Championship, a runner-up and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place state finish.

Coach Bakken was a 3-time MCA Coach of the Year nominee and a one-time winner. He headed up the Girls' Treasure State Classic team for 12 years, coached the boys at the Electric City Classic and worked numerous tournaments, camps and track and field meets over the years.

Terry passed away in February of 2019, leaving a legacy of outstanding service. He will be greatly missed by the coaching community.

#### PAUL EDWARDS

Coach Edward's coaching career spans 32 years, with all but six at Columbus High School. Prior to his 26 years at Columbus he served a 5-year stint at Reed Point, where he was head mentor for Boys' Basketball and Track & Field, and one year at Beaverhead County High. Paul was an assistant Football coach for 26 years, head Boys' Basketball for 4 seasons, head Golf coach for 21 years and a 6-year AD. While assisting Football, as the defensive coordinator, his Cougars played for the State Championship 6 times, winning 3 titles. During his time as Boys' Basketball assistant they played in 2 title contests, winning one.

It was in Golf that "Duke" had his greatest success, starting the program that would set an MHSA record, winning 5 consecutive State Championships. Paul was voted MCA Coach of the Year 4 times and has been an MCA member for 45 years. He served as District and Divisional President, directed District and Divisional Basketball tournaments and worked many T&F District and Divisional meets. Although retired, Paul is still actively involved in Columbus athletics.

#### BOB HOWARD

Bob Howard has coached Basketball for 37 years, all but one in Montana. His career has uniquely included stints at AA, A, B and C Montana schools. He has served as head Basketball coach for 32 years and has also assisted 10 seasons in Track & Field and 16 years on the gridiron. Bob's Basketball teams have notched 323 BBB wins and 183 GBB wins for an incredible total of 506 victories. Along the way his teams have captured 8 Conference titles, 5 District crowns, one State Championship, one 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish and two 3<sup>rds</sup>

A 32-year MCA member and current MCA Class AA Director, Coach Howard, has been an MCA COY nominee 4 times and a one-time recipient and was a 2018 NHSACA Finalist for National COY. Bob has Coached the Electric City Classic, the Central Montana All-State Classic and the Radisson Classic. For 15 years he has worked both Divisional and State Track meets and served 15 years as the MHSA AA Basketball Committee Chairman.