

BCAM'S MONTHLY REPORT

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25TH ANNUAL FALL CLINIC October 3, 4 & 5 (DON'T MISS IT!): Where else can you hear Tom Izzo, Hubie Brown, Tom Crean, Jim Foster, Brian Gregory, Don Meyer, Herb Sendek, Todd Lickliter, Garth Pleasant and Dan Fife speak; attend two free coaches parties; take part in a Hall of Fame Banquet; and spend 3 days with your coaching friends all for \$75 or less (if you bring more than 3 coaches). If you didn't receive a brochure and registration form in the mail, go to www.bcam.org and click on the CAMPS/CLINICS button. You can download all the information online. Get your staff together and get the best clinic deal in the country. See you in Lansing.

GOLF OUTING BENEFITTING COACHES VS. CANCER TO BEGIN CLINIC: Lets start the clinic right. Come on out to Chisholm Hills Golf Course on Friday morning for some fellowship and golf. Proceeds will benefit Coaches vs. Cancer on behalf of BCAM. We are offering a 4 player scramble for \$50 per player which will cover golf, cart, prizes, snacks, and a donation to Coaches vs. Cancer.

Contact Rick Zoulek at zoulrw@shelby.k12.mi.us or 231-861-5092 for registration and directions. Our goal is to have at least 10 teams this year and grow bigger next year. If you don't have a team of 4, sign up anyway. We will match you up with a group. Let's make this 25th anniversary clinic one to remember! See you there.

Rick Zoulek – Coaches vs. Cancer Chairman

HALL OF FAME and HALL OF HONOR: The Hall of Fame Banquet will be held Friday, October 3 in conjunction with the Fall Clinic. We are happy to be bringing 4 outstanding coaches into the Hall of Fame: Rene LaFreniere (Manton), Garth Pleasant (Rochester College), Al Snyder (Mt. Clemens) and Bill Ullenbruch (many schools).

The Hall of Honor will induct 8 people during the banquet: Assistant Coaches: Ronald Gulyas (Belleville HS), Warren "Butch" Hayes (Grayling HS), Larry Moore (Quincy HS), Lanny Waite (Midland Dow HS). Officials: Jeff Spedoske (Dewitt) and Bob Wojick (Hudsonville). Friends of Basketball: Walter Michaels (New Baltimore). Media: Brad Emons (Plymouth Observer).

"Banquet Only" tickets can be purchased for \$25 each by mailing checks to Ed Dutcher, 2108 Bollman, Lansing, 48917. Indicate who the tickets are for since they will be held at the entrance to the banquet. (Banquet tickets are already included in the cost of the Clinic).

PISTON/SHOCK SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS: Each year BCAM awards graduating seniors, whose parents are BCAM members, grants for college. These awards are sponsored by the Detroit Pistons and the Detroit Shock. The grant winners are determined by a college counselor who looks for outstanding scholarship, leadership and activities from the applicants. This year's recipients are: Brad Besko (St. Johns), Abigail Christiansen (Maple City), Megan Droggt (Houghton Lake), Katherine Hoff (Mattawan), Julie Janish (Whittemore), Kyle McCord (Flushing), Zach McGinness (Lake City), Logan Neil (Holland), Amanda Pluger (Marion), Alex Schrauben (Portland), Justin Vondette (Hemlock), Ashley Wood (Freeland).

NEW SPONSORS: BCAM continues to bring in new sponsors we feel are outstanding companies with a product that can benefit members. NOAH Basketball (www.noahbasketball.com) and DC Sports (www.dc-sports.com) are the newest sponsors. Improve your player's shooting with NOAH. Outfit you team with DC Sports. Click on their website addresses to view their products. BCAM also wants to thank our other corporate sponsors who have continued to allow our association to keep costs to members low. They are New Balance (www.newbalance.com), Rawlings (www.rawlings.com), Gatorade (www.gatorade.com) and Pistons/Shock (www.detroitpistons.com) (www.detroitshock.com).

SPONSOR NEEDED: BCAM is still looking for a sponsor to underwrite our awards program. If you know of a company that would be interested in getting high exposure with high schools and high school players, please contact Tom Hursey (bcamtom@aol.com) for details.

REACHING HIGHER SHOWCASE BECOMING A REALITY: The Michigan High School Athletic Association & BCAM have been working behind the scenes to create the “Reaching Higher Top 100 Showcase”. The Reaching Higher Program will showcase the Top 100 Underclass Boys & Girls Basketball Players in the state of Michigan. The Boys and Girls will play on separate days. The day-long event will give players the opportunity to showcase their skills in front of college coaches. The MHSAA & BCAM will be releasing more information in the very near future.

EJECTIONS DOWN FROM 2006-07: Even though the total ejections in 2007-08 were down from 2006-07, BCAM is hoping that this trend will continue until we have none. Here is the data from the last two basketball seasons:

2006 Girls Season:	26 Total Ejections	10 were BCAM Members	
2006-07 Boys Season:	40 Total Ejections	17 were BCAM Members	
2007-08 Girls:	19 Total Ejections	8 were BCAM Members	4 were Varsity Coaches
2007-08 Boys:	30 Total Ejections	10 were BCAM Members	10 were Varsity Coaches

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DIFFERENCES BETWEEN COACHING MEN AND WOMEN:

Go to: <http://www.championshipcoachesnetwork.com/public/375.cfm>

The above is a sample of the articles available to coaches through Janssen Peak Performance Newsletter. This is a FREE monthly e-mail newsletter that offers tips on mental toughness, team building, and leadership. To sign up go to: <http://www.jeffjanssen.com/coaching/newslettersignup.html>

GUIDELINES FOR SELECTING MHSAA DISTRICT AND REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SITES:

In May, the MHSAA hosts the Tournament Site Committee Meeting. At this meeting sites are determined for the following season based on the following guidelines:

1. Ability to provide a facility that will afford all attending and participating a minimum risk environment, plus a willingness to host (made application – a complete application will include a completed Host Availability Form and a completed Facility Inventory Form) and enthusiasm to work.
2. Capacity for seating and parking equal to the largest crowd of previous year’s tournament involving the same or most of the same teams.
3. If two or more candidates, award to that which hosted least recently.
4. A site with new or significantly upgraded facilities may be moved ahead of others in rotation.
5. A site which has assisted the MHSAA by hosting an inordinate number of tournaments in non-revenue sports may be moved ahead of others in rotation.
6. A school may be moved out of rotation if it failed to abide by all MHSAA policies and procedures from hosting a previous tournament.
7. A site may be moved out of rotation if its classification or that of other schools changes and/or the reassignment of schools to the district or region makes it poorly located.
8. The MHSAA will not attempt to arrange neutral hosts and sites until the Quarterfinals. However, assigning a school to host both a District and Regional for its own class on its home floor is to be avoided as much as possible.
9. Select Regional hosts that are as near to geographical center as possible.

Note: Where Regionals are large geographical areas consider north/south or east/west geographical pairings at neutral sites.

Note: Should a team advance to the Regional level of tournament and its Quarterfinal contest is on its home floor, the MHSAA staff will change the Quarterfinal site during the Regional week.