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Coming in the Spring Newsletter

- BCANY Top 50 Boy and Girl Players
- New Balance Academic All State Team
- BCANY All Section Teams
- Scholar Athletes
- Coaches of the Year
- Hall of Fame Recap

The BCANY New York State Coaches vs. Cancer Efforts



If you participated in this effort or had another Coaches vs. Cancer activity, please email Dave Archer, Executive Director (DArcher@stny.rr.com) so that your work may be recorded and published on our website and in the Spring 2009 issue.

The names of schools and events (the amount of money raised will not be printed) will be periodically listed on the BCANY website and in the Spring *New York Hoop Report*.

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BCANY All Star Teams to Be Named in Each Section/Area

BCANY will name an All BCANY team in each classification for each Section/Area. The selection will be by ballot of BCANY member coaches in each Section/Area. Only coaches who are members of BCANY may nominate their players and vote for the BCANY All Section/Area teams. The person who represents you on the BCANY Board of Directors should be in contact with you by mail or email. If you have not heard from your Board Representative, you should contact them. A list of the Board of Directors and their email address is in this issue.

BCANY To Name the "Top 50" Players

At the end of the 2008-2009 season, BCANY will name the Top 50 boy players and Top 50 girl players in the state. There will be 10 players named for each of the five classifications. This will be done through the Board of Directors members who represent each Section or Area using the names of the players who are named to the BCANY All Section/Area teams.

BCANY's Coaches Assist Fund Off to Good Start

The BCANY Coaches Assist Fund is in its first year. This fund will be used to assist member coaches who are facing a catastrophic situation. This is based upon the very successful program run by the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches.

You can help this vital project by sending a donation as many already have.

Individual member coaches can contribute to the BCANY Coaches Assist Fund by writing a check (payable to BCANY) with a note stating that it is for the Coaches Assist Fund. Remember, BCANY is a 501.c.3 organization so donations to the fund are tax deductible.



State Tournament Time

The State Tournament for high school basketball is right around the corner. The Boys New York State Public High School Athletic Association Championships will be held at the Glens Falls Civic Center on March 20,21,22, 2009, while the Girls NYSPHSAA will be held at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, NY, on the same dates. The New York State Federation basketball Championships for both boys and girls teams will be held in Glens Falls on March 27, 28 and 29, 2009. Dates and times for the State Tournament games can be found at: www.nysbasketball.net.

BCANY Hotel and Hospitality information is in this issue.

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B – Bob Cimmino, Mt. Vernon HS
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SECTION 2

B – OJ Lescault, Hudson Falls HS
B – Brian Fruscio, Albany Academy
G – Ken Strube, Shenendehowa HS

SECTION 3

B – Stan Evans, Rome Free Academy (ret)
B – Buddy Wlekinski, CBA
G – Larry Stockwell, Waterville CS
G – John Cifonelli, Bishop Grimes HS

SECTION 4

B – Mark Weitach, Johnson City HS
B – Ben Nelson, Bainbridge-Guilford HS
G – Michele Tidick, Vestal HS
G – Andy Scott, Horseheads HS

SECTION 5

B – Chris Cardon, Irondequoit HS
B – Jim Johnson, Greece-Athens
G – Ryan Rafferty, Churchville-Chili HS

SECTION 6

B – Allan Monaco, Williamsville South HS
B – Pat Cauley, Hamburg CS
G – Chris Durr, Williamsville East HS
G – Frank Martin, Allegany-Limestone HS

SECTION 7

B – Larry Converse, Plattsburgh Seton HS
B – James Douglas, AuSable Valley
G – Greg Waters, Beekmantown CS

SECTION 8

B – Joe Lores, East Rockaway HS
G – Tom Gargiulo, Bethpage HS
G – Greg Mayerhofer, Floral Park HS

SECTION 9

B – Todd Rose, Washingtonville HS
B – Glen McGinnis, Cornwall HS
G – Dave Powers, Tuxedo HS

SECTION 10

B – Bill Merna, Ogdensburg FA
G – Tim Knowlton, Gouverneur HS

SECTION 11

B – Kevin Culhane, Soreham-Wading River
G – Warren Fuller, Wyandanch HS

NYC CATHOLIC

B – Don Kent, Msgr. McClancy HS
B – Kevin Pigott, Fordham Prep
G – Bob Mackey, Christ the King HS

NYC PRIVATE

B – Ray Barile, Horace Mann School
B – Jeff Weiss, Lawrence Woodmere Academy
G – Mike Junsch, Poly Prep

NYC PUBLIC

B – Ralph Bacote, Bronx Science
B – Patrick Mangan, Frederick Douglas Academy
G – vacant

RETIRES

Jack Halloran, Whitney Point-retired
Pat Grasso, Laurens CS

AT LARGE

Mike Adey, NY Mills HS
Paul Clune, Sullivan CC
Warren Dart, Saratoga Springs (Modified)
Kevin Daugherty, Clinton CC
Dave Decker, AAU
Mike Graney, Ticonderoga HS
Tom Greene, Official
Bob Hummel, Queensbury HS
Ed Jones, Clinton CC
Jim McGowan, retired
Doug Michalski, Lockport (Modified)
Ben Nelson, Assistant Director
Dick O'Neill, Monticello HS
Paul Roland, Mt. Vernon HS
Chris Russo, Monticello HS
Dean Schott, Lyons HS (ret)
Jason Semo, Liberty HS
Charlie Tarricone, Union Endicott (ret)

Board Openings: There is currently a need on the BCANY Board of Directors for (1.) Division III Women's College Coach from the Downstate area (below Poughkeepsie); (2.) NYC Public School Girls Coach NYC-PSAL, Girls Coach. If you are interested in serving, contact Dave Archer, Executive Director for a job description.

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Basketball Coaches Association of New York Inc.

BCANY – Who we are

BCANY members are from all scholastic and collegiate levels of coaching throughout the State of New York. Also included as members are students, officials and fans.

BCANY Vision Statement –

Where we want to be

To be a leading state basketball coaches association, in regard to membership numbers, activities and services provided.

BCANY Mission Statement – Why we exist

The Basketball Coaches Association of New York, Inc., exists to promote the sport of basketball statewide at all levels. Further, it seeks to improve the quality of coaching, foster friendship and statewide interaction among basketball coaches.

Which Ball to Use?

RAWLINGS basketballs are the official basketball for the NYS Public High School Athletic Association. The Rawlings basketball must be used for regional, state semi-finals and state final games. Rawlings is also the official basketball for the Basketball Coaches Association of New York, Inc. For each Rawlings basketball purchased in New York State, Rawlings makes a donation to BCANY to support our programs. This is a terrific way for every basketball coach in the state to support BCANY.

Who Gets in the Hall of Fame?

Individuals sometimes wonder how a person gets into the NYS Basketball Hall of Fame, while others do not. When looking at the names of those who are or have been inducted into the NYS Basketball Hall of Fame, individuals are often quick to question "How can" Coach "X" not be in?

There are usually two answers. First, very often no one nominated the coach. The Committee does not go out looking for candidates. Second, perhaps the coach was nominated but he or she did not attain enough points in the HOF scoring process. Perhaps a coach had a lot of wins, but did not provide service or contributions to the game.

The BCANY Hall of Fame Committee of BCANY adapted an objective point system which was developed and successfully used by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan. There are 5 categories for evaluation of a nomination for the Hall of Fame.

Category #1: Number of years as a head coach

Category #2: Won-loss percentage

Category #3: Number of championships won each year, with only the highest championship per year counting

Category #4: Evaluation of service and contribution to the game of basketball or the coaching of basketball. This would include but not be limited to leadership roles (offices) held, events or programs started, and other contributions made.

Category #5: Evaluation of honors and awards received during the coach's career. The nominee must be a BCANY member, or if retired, was a member if he/she coached after 1985. *If you have a potential nominee please write the Executive Director for details on how to submit a nomination.* All nominations should be sent in by July 1 each year.

Tickets For Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Saturday, March 28, 2009 • 11:00 am

Brunch, Heritage Hall, Glens Falls Civic Center Tickets to attend the Hall of Fame Induction Brunch \$25.00 each for adults and children 12 years and older, \$17.00 for children aged 6-11, while children 5 and under are free.

They may be purchased through BCANY Executive Director Dave Archer by mail. Checks should be made payable to BCANY. Tickets must be purchased by March 4, 2009.

NYS Basketball Hall of Fame to Induct Nine New Members

On Saturday, March 28, 2009, nine individuals will be inducted into the NYS Basketball Hall of Fame. The NYS Basketball Hall of Fame is conducted by the Basketball Coaches Association of New York, Inc. The Induction Ceremony will be an 11:00 am Brunch, in Heritage Hall at the Glens Falls Civic Center during the Federation State Tournament. Tickets are \$25 and are available through BCANY Executive Director Dave Archer at (607-785-7032) or email at DArcher@stny.rr.com

ALPHABETICALLY Listed



FRED AHART
Roscoe Central School,
Section 9

Coach Fred Ahart has led Roscoe to 414 wins in 39 years at the smallest school in Section IX. His teams have won numerous League and Section Titles. At one time his team won 30 consecutive League games and compiled 29 consecutive home wins. He has served in many League and Section positions including League President and Basketball Chairman and Section President. He is a member of the Section Basketball Committee (Co-Chair), the NYSPHSAA Basketball Committee, and the Section Athletic Council as well as being Chairman of the Eligibility Committee. He also serves as Roscoe's Athletic Director and coaches the Livingston Manor/Roscoe Football Team. He has won many honors and awards from local and State organizations.



TIM LEARY
St. Francis Prep, NYC
Catholic

Coach Tim Leary led his teams to 566 wins over thirty-nine years. His teams won seven Division titles and reached the New York City Final Four 4 times with 1 NYC title.. He directed several camps and was a guest speaker at many others. He has been named Coach of the Year numerous times by the CHSAA, as well as various newspapers. He is a member of three Halls of Fame: St. Francis Prep, NYC Catholic HS Athletic Association and the Basketball Old Timers of America. He has coached in numerous All Star Games throughout the country and been honored by the National Pro-Am organization.



KEN STRUBE
Shenendehowa High
School, Girls Basketball,
Section 2

Coach Ken Strube, in 29+ years of coaching, has led Shenendehowa to 525 victories, winning 78% of their games. His teams have won 21 Suburban Council Championships, 9 Section 2 Championships, 8 Regional Championships and 4 Class AA State Championships. Ken served as Suburban Council Chairman and was a member of the Section 2 Girls Basketball Committee for 17 years. He has been named "Coach of the Year" by the Suburban Council, Section 2, the New York State Sportswriters Association and the BCANY multiple times. Coach Strube was honored as the 2008 District 2 and Northeast Region National "Coach of the Year" by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and was selected to coach in the WBCA's High School All-American Game in Tampa, Florida.



DICK BIHR
Buffalo State College

Dick Bihr is Buffalo State College's most successful men's head basketball coach leading his teams to a 449-211 record. Over twenty-five seasons, he led the Bengals to 11 State University of New York Athletic Conference titles and his teams advanced to the NCAA tournament 12 times. He is one of the most respected college coaches in New York State and was named SUNYAC Coach of the Year six times. In eight years as boys' high school basketball coach at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute his teams won 121 games and the Marauders won two Buffalo Catholic High School Championships. Coach Bihr is a member of the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame and the Buffalo State College Hall of Fame.



BILL MERNA
Ogdensburg Free Academy,
Section 10

Coach Bill Merna has a 574-259 record in thirty-seven years of high school coaching. He led Ogdensburg Free Academy to 16 Section 10 crowns and 8 overall Section 10 titles. They made four trips to the State Final Four and played in one Championship game. He has been named Coach of the Year many times. He started the Section 10 Boys All Northern Academic Awards. He has been a BCANY Board member for over 25 years. He served as BCANY Scholarship Chair for over 20 years and served as Section 10 Boys Basketball Chair. He has worked numerous camps including 37 years at SUNY Potsdam where he played collegiately. In high school he captained the undefeated '65-'66 team at ND of Utica.



BOB ZEH
Oneonta HS, Section 4

Coach Bob Zeh has been coaching basketball for 43 years and counting. He began as a JV coach for 2 years with a 30-3 record. He then coached boys varsity teams for twenty-eight years to a 366-214 record, 6 league titles and 4 sectional titles. He has coached the girls varsity team for 8 years to 2 league titles and 2 sectional titles, and a record of 116-58. He was the mens Asst. Coach at Hartwick College for 3 years and Suny Oneonta 2 years. He has received numerous Coach of the Year awards from the league, section and the media. He is a member of the Section 4 Hall of Fame.



RICH CASTELLANO
Northport HS, Section 11

In twenty-eight years Coach Rich Castellano led Northport HS to 491 victories, winning 77% of their games. His teams won 23 League, 10 Sectional and 9 County titles. He served as President of the Suffolk County Women's Basketball Coaches Association for over twenty years. He helped create the Suffolk Top 100 Clinic and Showcase Event. He started the Exceptional Senior Game between Sections 8 and 11. He created scholarship programs for seniors and camp scholarships for underclassman. He has received numerous Coach of the Year awards and other honors.



DEAN SCHOTT
Lyons HS, Section 5

Coach Dean Schott directed his teams to 417 victories, winning 80% of their games. His teams won 9 Section V titles along with 3 Regional crowns. He led Lyons to the public school final game three times winning the NY-SPHAA and NYS Federation Championships in 1988-1989. He was a BCANY Officer for over twenty-five years and served as chair of committees. Dean has been named league and Section V Coach of the Year several times, along with All Greater Rochester Coach of the Year in 1982 and BCANY High School Coach of the Year in 1989.



CECIL WATKINS
National Pro Am Cities
League, Contributor to the
Game

Cecil Watkins is a great contributor to basketball in New York State, creating basketball and community programs for many organizations including NYC Parks & Recreation, Elmcor, PAL and the NBA. Having worked for the NBA in several capacities, he is currently President/CEO of National Pro-Am City Leagues Association. Mr. Watkins is a board member of USA Basketball and Governor for the NY Metropolitan AAU. In 2007 he received an honorary Doctorate of Laws from Adelphi University and was a finalist for the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame's The Mannie Jackson - Basketball's Human Spirit Award. In addition, Mr. Watkins is a member of the Hall of Fame for NYC Basketball, Elmcor and Adelphi University.

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Award and Contest Due Dates:

Nominations for Section All BCANY Team	March 15, 2009	to BOD who represents your area
Coach of the Year Nomination	March 15, 2009	To Board of Director who represents your area
Official of the Year Nomination	March 15, 2009	To Board of Director who represents your area
Scholar Athletes	March 15, 2009	To Dave Archer (by mail or email)
Academic All State	April 1, 2009	To Dave Archer (by mail or email)
Team Academic All State	April 1, 2009	To Dave Archer (by mail or email)
Scholarship	March 1, 2009	To Bill Merna, 6807 State Hwy 68, Ogdensburg, NY 13669
Frees & Threes Contest	April 1, 2009	To Dave Archer (by mail or email)
Victory Awards	August 1, 2009	To Dave Archer (by mail or email)
Golden Media Award	Anytime	To Dave Archer (by mail or email)
Golden Whistle Award	Anytime	To Dave Archer (by mail or email)

13th Annual Free Throw and 3 Point Shot Contest

The 13th Annual Free Throw and 3 Point Shot Contests are under way. Certificates will be given to the top boy and girl and to the top boys and girls teams in each category. The rules for both the individual and team awards are simply to list every game your varsity squad plays this year (including post-season and tournament games) and list the date of the game, who was the opponent, the number of three throws or three pointers shot and the number made. Do the same for individuals except, listing the number of shots taken and made by that individual only. Of course the coach needs to be a BCANY member.

Based on last years results the following minimum criteria must be met:

- BOYS 3 point Individual – minimum of 40 made
- GIRLS 3 point Individual – minimum of 40 made
- BOYS Team 3 point – minimum of 100 made
- GIRLS Team 3 point – minimum of 65 made
- BOYS Free Throw Individual – minimum of 70 made
- GIRLS Free Throw Individual – minimum of 60 made
- BOYS Team Free Throw – minimum of 200 made
- GIRLS Team Free Throw – minimum of 190 made

At the conclusion of your season, please send the information to Ex. Dir. Dave Archer by April 1, 2009.



President's Message

Bob Cimmino, Mount Vernon HS



Snowstorms, Budget cuts, Midterms, Regents Tests all enter into formulating our daily practices and weekly schedules. Sometimes the job is not that easy – the stresses do pile up. While games and practices can often wash away coaches concerns, many times they just add to all the craziness encompassed in an average basketball season.

Suggestion: we need to step back and take a different perspective, and remember that all of this is supposed to add up to some fun. So, even with playoffs upon us, we must refocus at times and remember what our goals are for an interscholastic season. For the most, we are in control of how enjoyable the experience is for our players and for us. Some of the things that may seem tremendously important on Monday are not even reviewed or remembered by Friday.

I truly believe that it is refreshing to give an extra day off or to just schedule a "fun" practice. The kids and your staff will enjoy the change and come back with extra motivation. I hope that you have some fun and are pleased with your season's outcome.

Bob Cimmino

Nominations for Coach of the Year and Official of the Year from Your Section/Area

Is there a coach or official in your area that you think did a great job this year? Then nominate them for Coach of the Year. Nominations should be sent to the Board of Director member who serves your area. (see list in this issue) Simply send the name of the coach you are nominating, the school they coach at, and your name. This must be received by the Board member who serves your Section/area by March 15, 2009.

BCANY is a Service Organization

The Basketball Coaches Association of New York, Inc., is a service organization.

Membership in BCANY is open to any basketball coach at any level in New York State.

The Board of Directors affirms that by far the best reason for joining BCANY is to provide service to fellow coaches, players and the game of basketball in general.

Suggestions:

Your suggestions for the improvement of BCANY are always welcome. Just contact Dave Archer, Executive Director, at DArcher@stny.rr.com with your comments. We enjoy hearing what you like and what you would like to see improved.

How to Reach BCANY

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COACHES vs. CANCER



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Coaches vs. Cancer Efforts...

Here is a list of whom we have heard from so far in no particular order:

Laurens HS, Coach Andy Carr: The Booster Club did a half court shot contest on Friday 1/16/09 and the money collected was donated. The coaching staff also wore sneakers for this event.

Odessa-Montour HS, Coach Greg Gavich: Collected money during the week and had 50/50 drawings, with the money donated to the Schuyler County American Cancer Society.

South Kortright C.S, Coach Bob VanValenburgh: Participated in the Coaches vs. Cancer with Gilboa CS.

Honeoye HS, Coach Mark Storm: Held their Coaches vs. Cancer the week of February 2nd through the 6th with three games held that week. At these game their players worked the entrance to the games asking for donations. The Varsity worked the JV games and the JV worked the Varsity games. Also that week during the practices on Tuesday and Thursday the teams shot 100 free throws (50 each day) receiving money for pledges they got for each free throw made.

Rush-Henrietta HS, Coach Steve Shepanski: Held a tournament with Pittsford-Sutherland, Kingston and Cornwall participating.

Hannibal HS, Coach Ken Sturges: Hannibal played in the Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament in Glens Falls. The also played in the Hoops for Hope Tournament and the Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament at LeMoyne College. Additionally, they took pledges for three point shots made.

Half Hollow Hills West HS, Coach Bill Mitari-tonna and **Half Hollow Hills East HS**, Coach Pete Basel: These two coaches ran a one day "Hoop Fest" where 5 games were played between the two schools all day long. The 9th grade boys, JV girls, JV boys, Varsity girls and Varsity boys games were played. The event was hosted by Half Hollow Hills East HS.

Herricks HS, Coach Tom Kinsella: Played in the Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament at Carle Place HS. Participating teams were Herricks HS, New Hyde Park HS, Carle Place HS and Sewanka HS.

Warwick HS, Coach Tom Folino: Warwick Coaches vs. Cancer Tip-Off classic was held on December 3rd and 5th, 2008, at Warwick High School. The participating teams were: Cornwall, North Rockland, Wallkill and host Warwick. It was a great tournament that saw Cornwall beat Warwick in overtime by a 70 - 67 score.

John F. Kennedy HS, Coach Tony Krupski: Sold the Coaches vs. Cancer Cards during the school day(s) and at a home game.

Section 6 Schools: Albion, Baker HS (girls),

Charter School for Applied Technology (girls), City Honors, Iroquois, Kenmore East, Lackawanna, Lake Shore, Lockport, Maryvale, McKinley, Medina, Randolph, Riverside, Silver Creek, Starpoint, Sweet Home, Williamsville East, Williamsville North, Williamsville South, and Wilson.

Horseheads, Waverly, Elmira-Notre Dame and Elmira Free Academy participated in the Josh Palmer / Coaches vs. Cancer Tourney at Elmira Southside. Along with 8 boys teams, the tournament was a success as it raised over \$60,000 for cancer research!!

Tonawanda HS girls held a shoot-a-thon. Players took 100 foul shots and got donations for shots made.

Woodlands HS girls hosted a breast cancer tournament.

Putnam Valley girls, Coach Kelly Thompson: Had one day of activities at a home game last week.

Union-Endicott boys, Coach Kevin McManus: Raised funds during their game against arch rival Vestal HS.

Waterville HS girls, Coach Larry Stockwell: In the Waterville Girl's at Cooperstown Girl's the Cooperstown girl's wore Pink Uniforms and took donations at the door. Also the Sherburne-Earville Boy's at Waterville Boy's Sherburne-Earville Girl's at Waterville Girl's donations were collected at the Door and a halftime 3 point shooting contests took place.

The Buffalo Area is holding a Tourney Tip-Off Breakfast the morning after the NCAA Tournament Selection Show. On Monday, March 16, 2009, the American Cancer Society in conjunction with Coaches Vs. Cancer will be hosting a Tourney Tip-Off Breakfast which will be a Celebration of Basketball in Western New York. We are asking coaches at all levels to attend this special event. We know it is during the school day, but we are hoping you will be able to make time so that we can recognize WNY coaches at all levels and all they do for the community.

Wayland Cohocton girls, Coach John Crossett: Did the pink airplanes for cancer. Planes were premade by students in the middle school, orders were taken for sales of the planes by the basketball players, and they were flown during halftime of the varsity game. Several target prizes were spread out on the floor, and while Frank Sinatra sang "Come Fly with Me," pink airplanes flew through the gymnasium.

IAABO Utica Board #51 members donated part of one game fee to Coaches Vs. Cancer. They also used pink whistles during the week of January 26.

Lafayette CS, Coach Jerry Kelly: Spearheaded a Coaches vs. Cancer tournament at LeMoyne College. His team wore pink uniforms for the tournament.

Willsboro CS, Coach Jim Spring: Held their Coaches vs. Cancer fundraiser on January 20 with the funds raised sent to the their local American Cancer Society.

Tuckahoe HS, Coach Al Visconti: Raised a significant amount of money even though they are the smallest public high school in Section 1.

Kenmore East HS, Coach Jay Robbins had a Coaches vs. Cancer Benefit to benefit research.

Board of Directors to Meet

The BCANY Board of Directors will hold their Annual Spring meeting on Friday, March 20, 2009, at the Fort William Henry Resort in Lake George. If there is any business you would like the Board to consider, please contact the Board Member that represents you or send it to the Executive Director.

BCANY Spring Clinic in Buffalo

The 5th annual BCANY Spring Clinic at Williamsville South HS on Friday in May, with the date still to be set. The clinic is free for all BCANY Member coaches from anywhere in the state. There will be another great lineup of high school and college coaches as speakers. Each of the past clinics has had over 150 high school coaches attend the clinic and it was a great time and very informative. There will also be a coaches social after the clinic. Information will be posted on the BCANY website and you will also receive an email about the clinic once all details are set.

Visit BCANY Website:

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16 Minute Halves Experiment

Opinions Needed

For boys varsity coaches whose teams played in a game(s) this season utilizing 16 minute halves we need to know how it went. Please send your opinions of how it went to Dave Archer, Executive Director by mail or email, DArcher@stny.rr.com. If you have any data please include that as well. We need to be able to report back to the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee which authorized the experiment for this season.



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Scholar Athlete Certificates

Please submit the name of the qualifying player, your name, school and address by March 15, 2009, to either the member of the Board of Directors who represents you or to the Executive Director.

Please make sure that the individuals name and school are typed or printed very clearly. Certificates will be mailed to the coach to award when they see fit. The name and school of each scholar athlete will be printed in the Spring 2009 issue of *New York Hoop Report*.

For a **COLLEGE PLAYER**, the individual must be a **senior** team member with a 3.2 grade point average up to and including their first semester of their senior year.

For a **HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER**, the individual must be a **senior** varsity team member, ranking in the top 10% of his or her senior class at the end of the first semester senior year.

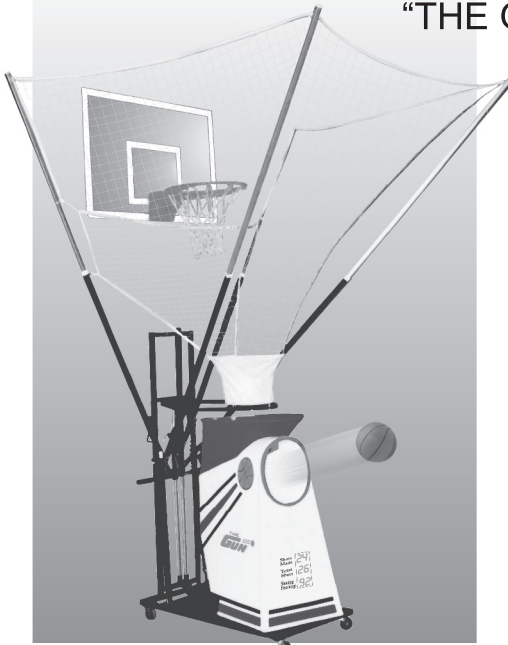
BCANY Scholarships to be Awarded

For the 20th consecutive year, BCANY will award scholarships to individuals whose coach is a BCANY member. This year at least three boys and three girls will be presented scholarships of \$300. To apply for a scholarship send a letter including the applicant's name, home address, home phone, school name and coach's name. The following format should be used (1.) list your school activities (include sports) and services performed for your school, (2.) list individual basketball awards and honors, (3.) list all leadership activities in your school and/or community, (4.) briefly mention your college or career plans, (5.) letter of recommendation from a school official. The criteria for selection are: (1.) senior who participated in the varsity basketball program, (2.) demonstrated leadership ability, (3.) demonstrated team spirit, (4.) Good school citizen, (5.) Plans to attend college, (6.) coach of player must be a current BCANY member. All information is to be submitted by March 1, 2009, to Coach Bill Merna, Scholarship Chairman, Ogdensburg Free Academy, 1100 State Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669. Coach Merna can also be reached via email at bmerna@ogdensburg.neric.org.

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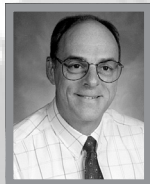
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From the Executive Director

Dave Archer



BCANY has been working on the Communication processes this year. As you know, we have a newly redesigned website. Thanks to Digital Sports for providing this outstanding service to us. BCANY has also worked at providing email blasts to our members. We are moving forward although it has taken quite a bit of time to gather email addresses from members who did not provide one on their membership form as well as to track down email addresses that were not valid.

As the regular season winds down, we head into the playoff season. With league tournaments leading to Sectional, Regional and ultimately the State Finals, it is an exciting time of the year. I hope that your team played up to your expectations this season. More importantly, I hope that your players developed as individuals as well.

The BCANY and Coaches vs. Cancer efforts are going well. The results that we have received so far are printed in this issue. Many of the "CvC" events are being held in February, so did not make this issue. All results will be published in the Spring issue as well as on our website, so please to be sure to report them to me.

We are enthused about naming our first ever Top 50 Boys Players and Top 50 Girls Players (the top 10 players in each of five classifications) in the state this April! Board Members representing specific Sections/Areas are responsible for providing the names of the best player in their section/area from which the Top 50 will be named.

This year BCANY will also be naming a Coach of the Year in each section/area in each classification. Previously, there was just one Coach of the Year named.

Many of our sections are holding Awards Programs such as a breakfast or brunch. If your section is not holding one, perhaps you can help get one started!

This is a busy time for BCANY with the Spring Board Meeting, Hall of Fame Inductions, All-Star Games and Spring Clinic all coming up.

The 2009 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is on March 28, 2009.

This is one of the most important events that BCANY holds. It is amazing to listen to the inductees' basketball experiences as well as to see the love and admiration that flows to these individuals from their family, friends and supporters.

As the 2008-2009 season comes to and end, we are naturally thinking about our BCANY awards. This issue contains criteria and deadlines. Please follow them closely and it would help a lot if you would type or print clearly all names you submit.

Hope to see you at one of the upcoming BCANY activities and the State Tournament.

Regards,
Dave

Hospitality For State Tournament – In Glens Falls

On Friday night, March 20, 2009, the BCANY will have a hospitality social at the Fort William Henry Resort, 48 Canada Street in Lake George. The hours are from 10:00 pm to 12 midnight. Food and beverages will be available at no charge. This is a great opportunity to meet with your coaching friends. Fort William Henry Resort, is located off of Exit 21 of I-87. Turn right off of the exit if coming from the south or left if coming from the north. Go to the traffic light at the intersection of Route 9 and turn left. The Resort is one mile north on the right. This event has grown each year and this year's event should be a good time for all.

State Tournament Hotel Accommodations in Glens Falls

Fort William Henry Resort
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Two-night minimum
Room rate: \$99.00.

Notice: Each member coach is entitled to one room at the special rate and you must give your membership number when making reservations. There may be some extra rooms available. If you want a second room, you must clear it through Ben Nelson at (H) 607-967-5941 or (W) 607-561-2347. Or you can clear it through Dave Archer, 607-785-7032 or DArcher@stny.rr.com. Reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card. It is recommended that you make your room reservation immediately! First come first served until our block of rooms are filled.

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Deadline for Next Issue

The next issue of the New York Hoop Report will be published in Late May or early June of 2009. We are always looking for short articles such as your favorite drills, helpful hints, etc. Please consider helping out your fellow coaches by emailing an article to DArcher@stny.rr.com. The Deadline is May 1, 2009.

MR. & MISS BASKETBALL TO BE NAMED

Mr. New York Basketball and Miss New York Basketball will both be named in mid-to-late March. A significant amount of committee work is currently taking place to narrow down the nominees to the final winners. The Mr. Basketball and Miss Basketball are widely viewed as the top awards a player may receive in NY State.

Previous Mr. Basketball Winners have been:

- 2008 Sylven Landesberg (Holy Cross HS)
- 2007 Jonathan Flynn (Niagara Falls HS)
- 2006 Jonathan Mitchell (Mt. Vernon HS)
- 2005 Greg Paulus (Christian Brothers Academy of Syracuse)
- 2004 Sebastian Telfair (Lincoln HS)
- 2003 Tyler Relph (Rochester, McQuaid Jesuit HS)
- 2002 Jason Fraser (Amityville HS)
- 2001 Julius Hodge (St. Raymond's HS)
- 2000 Peter Mulligan (St. Raymond's HS)
- 1999 Leonard Stoke (Buffalo, Turner Carroll HS)
- 1998 Anthony Glover (Rice HS)
- 1997 Elton Brand (Peekskill HS)
- 1996 Willie Dersch (Holy Cross HS)
- 1995 Stephon Marbury (Lincoln HS)
- 1994 Felipe Lopez (Rice HS)
- 1993 Danya Abrams (Hackley School)
- 1992 John Wallace (Greece-Arcadia HS)
- 1991 Terrence Rencher (St. Raymond's HS)
- 1990 Jamal Mashburn (Cardinal Hayes HS)
- 1989 Kenny Anderson (Archbishop Molloy HS)
- 1988 Malik Sealy (Tolentine HS)
- 1987 Greg Koubek (Shenendehowa HS), King Rice (Binghamton HS)
- 1986 Keith Robinson (Buffalo Cleveland HS)

Previous winners of the Miss New York Basketball Award have been:

- 2008 Shenise Johnson (Rush-Henrietta High School)
- 2007 Lorin Dixon (Christ the King HS)
- 2006 Tina Charles (Christ the King HS, Middle Village),
- 2005 Carrem Gay (Christ the King HS, Middle Village)
- 2004 Nicky Anosiki (St. Peter's Girl's High School, Staten Island)
- 2003 Cori Chambers (The Ursuline School)
- 2002 Jenn Viani (Our Lady of Lourdes HS)
- 2001 Bethany LeSueur (Garden City HS)
- 2000 Carolyn Gottstein (Albany HS)
- 1999 Nicole Kaczmarek (Sachem HS)
- 1998 Sue Bird (Queens, Christ the King HS)
- 1997 Kate Smith (Roy C. Ketcham HS)
- 1996 Missy West (Malone, Franklin Academy)
- 1995 Caryn Schoff (St. Johnsville Central School)
- 1995 Chamique Holdsclaw (Queens, Christ the King HS)
- 1994 Sandy Mitchell (Waterloo HS)
- 1993 Suzanne Mayo (Valley Central HS)
- 1992 Jennifer Scanlon (Shenendehowa HS)
- 1991 Katina Mack (Monticello HS)
- 1990 Debbie Barnes (Shenendehowa HS)
- 1989 Norrine Powers (Nanuet HS)
- 1988 Tammy Reiss (Eldred HS)
- 1987 Monika Kost (Lindenhurst HS)
- 1986 Margaret McKeon (Queens, Christ the King HS)

9th Annual New Balance Academic All-State to be Chosen

New Balance and BCANY will select its 9th annual Academic All State Team this year. There will be both a Boys and a Girls Academic All State team. New Balance is sponsoring this activity that honors basketball players who are solid students as well.

Nominees must be a junior or senior on the varsity team with a minimum scholastic average of 90, (or 3.5 on a 4.0 scale). Additionally the player must have been named as a 1st or 2nd team All-Star by the league, section or local media. A member coach who has a player who qualifies should submit the required information (name, grade, academic average, and All-Star Teams named to) to the Executive Director by April 1, 2009. The teams will be announced in the Spring Newsletter.

New Balance Team Academic All State

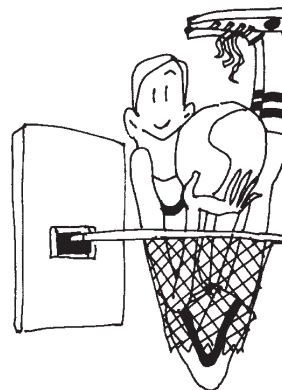
New Balance and BCANY will name a Team Academic All State for the boys' teams and girls' teams. A coach will ascertain the academic average for his/her team by using the academic average of all players on the team. Send a list of the players on the varsity team and their academic average to the Executive Director. This should be signed by the Coach and a school official (principal, guidance counselor). This is due by April 1, 2009.

**Boys and Girls State Tournament
Game Schedules can be
found on the web:**

www.nysbasketball.net

Important Basketball Dates

- March 20-22, 2009 Girls NYSPHSAA Tournament at Troy
- March 20-22, 2009 Boys NYSPHSAA Tournament at Glens Falls
- March 27-29, 2009 Boys & Girls Federation Tournament at Glens Falls
- March 28, 2009, NY Basketball Hall of Fame Inductions at Glens Falls



News From Around the State

Section 1 Boys: Section One represented well at several National tournaments this season. Mt. Vernon competed in the Lee Schwab Invitational in Portland, Oregon. The Knights placed third with their only loss coming to California Powerhouse Dominguez. Peekskill won its second straight Slam Dunk Tournament defeating Gorton in the Championship. The Red Devils gave the CHSAA's Iona Prep their only loss thus far this season. New Rochelle won the consolation championship at The Benedictine Capital Classic in Richmond, Virginia. Peekskill coach and NYS Hall of Famer Lou Panzanaro reached the 500 win plateau on January 21, against Peekskill. The Red Devils' Ralph Watts scored his 1000th point the same night. North Salem's Josh O'Neill and Hawthorne Cedar Knolls' George Johnson also scored their 1000th career point in January.

Section 1 Girls: Coaching achievements: Lorraine Moylan of Pearl River became the all time winningest high school varsity basketball coach in Rockland County. She surpassed Lou Kliewe (boys coach) with her 448th victory last week. Her record stands at 448-121 with 5 sectional titles and 2 state championships in 26 years of coaching. She began coaching at Albertus Magnus from 1983-1993 and then moving to Pearl River from 1994 - present. Teams off to a great start: **Class AA** - Mount Vernon 10-0, Our Lady of Lourdes 10-1, Ossining 11-4, **Class A** - Albertus Magnus 10-1, Pearl River 10-3, Tappan Zee 11-4, **Class B** - Briarcliff 11-0, Dobbs Ferry 11-2, Irvington 10-2, **Class C** - Hamilton 11-3, Valhalla 10-3. Individual scoring leaders: Porsha Postell - Woodlands 28 ppg, Alaina Walker - Albertus Magnus 23 ppg, Alex Venuto - Ossining 22 ppg, Sophia Aleksandravicius - Holy Child 21 ppg, Alexandra Osbourne-Jones 20 ppg. Coaches vs. Cancer Week: Woodlands girls hosted a breast cancer tournament and Putnam Valley raised \$537 with one day of activities at a home game last week.

Section 3 Boys: Outstanding teams in the section: **Class AA:** Syracuse Henninger, Liverpool, Corcoran, Auburn, Syracuse CBA, **Class A:** Jamesville-Dewitt, Syracuse Bishop Ludden, Utica Notre Dame, Whitesboro, Oneida, VVS, Carthage, Indian River, **Class B:** Hannibal, Hermiker, Marcellus, South Jefferson, Mount Markham, Lowville, Westhill, **Class C:** Cooperstown, Tully, West Canada Valley, Sandy Creek, Westmoreland, **Class D:** Belleville-Henderson, New York Mills, Sackets harbor, Oppenheim-Ephratah, Hamilton, LaFargeville, DeRuyter. Senior Brandon Triche of Jamesville-Dewitt has accepted a scholarship to Syracuse University. He has been nominated for the McDonalds All-American Game, along with Michael Gordman of Syracuse CBA. Coach Al Knapp has become the all-time winningest coach in Section III with over 520 victories. He overcame longtime Oswego coach Dave Powers. IAABO Utica Bd #51 members are donating part of one game fee to Coaches Vs. Cancer. They also be used a pink whistle during the week of January 26. Utica Notre Dame held their 36th annual Juggler Classic at SUNY-IT in January. Nazareth Regional High School of Brooklyn defeated Notre Dame in the finals. Cicero-North Syracuse won over West Genesee to capture the consolation game. Nazareth played the final game the day after one of their senior girls was tragically shot at a teen party in Brooklyn.

Congratulations to long time coach Mike Adey of New York Mills, who captured his 400th victory in

January. Coach Adey accumulated these wins coaching at Rome Catholic, New Hartford, and New York Mills. Coach Larry Behm of Onondaga HS won his 300th game in January. Tom Blackford, head coach at Fayetteville-Manlius, reached the 300-victory mark. Pat Donnelly, head coach at Syracuse Bishop Ludden, won his 400th victory in December. Retired coach Hank Fengler's Coaches Vs. Cancer Basketball Clinic was a big success, with over 125 coaches attending. The clinic was held at CNS High School, Indian River Central School, of the Frontier League A Division, lost a key player to a knee injury. Senior Alex Sullivan was injured in Indian River's 60-49 victory over Ogdensburg Free. Sullivan will be lost for the season.

CBA's Head Coach Bud Wlekinski was honored by having the gymnasium floor named after him in a ceremony held in December. Coach Wlekinski is the Athletic Director and state Chairman of the Scholastic Empire State Games. Mike Kitz, a longtime IAABO member of the Syracuse Chapter and currently a Division I basketball official, was inducted into the Greater Syracuse Hall of Fame. The Blind Men and Criers annual banquet was held in February in the Empire Room at the State Fairgrounds. New Syracuse University Football Coach Doug Marrone will be the guest speaker. The banquet honors coaches and officials. Suggested from Section administrators: cut back on the number of games - from 20 to 18 games. It has also been suggested that we go to two 18-minute halves, if we have to go back to 18 games.

Jamesville-Dewitt currently has a record of 41 - 0 over two years. They are currently ranked #30 in the USA Today nationwide poll, #9 in the east, and #1 in New York State. This is currently the longest winning streak in the state. Coach Jerry Kelly, head coach at Lafayette Central School, spearheaded a Coaches Vs. Cancer tournament at LeMoyne College. His team wore pink uniforms for the tournament. The mayor's Round Ball Classic, featuring the four Syracuse City Schools was held at LeMoyne College. Henninger defeated Corcoran in the championship game. Congratulations to Coach Bob McKinney of Jamesville-Dewitt for his 200th victory. They also had a big win over state-ranked Lincoln High School in New York City on January 17. Section III All-Time Coaching Victories (still active): Al Knapp (520), Brookfield, VVS, Jerry Wilcox (454), Bishop Ludden, Liverpool, Ken Sturges (454) Hannibal, Mike Adey (407) RCH, New Hartford, NY Mills, Pat Donnelly (404), Bishop Ludden, Tom Blackford (395) Hamilton, Fayetteville-Manlius and Steve Porter (353) West Canada Valley.

Section 3 Girls: Tournament Time is coming soon! The Seeding Meeting for the 2009 Edition of the Section 3 Girl's Basketball Tournament will be held at Time Warner Cable on Sunday, February 15th. Be sure to tune in to find out when all of the fun starts! Opening Round Games on February 20th and 21st and Quarterfinal Round Games on February 23rd and 24th will be on the Home Court of the Higher Seeded Team. The Semi-final Round will take place on February 27th and 28th on Neutral Courts as will the Split-Class Finals on March 3rd and 4th. For the first time this year, the Section 3 Overall Finals in all classes will be held at the Utica Memorial Auditorium with a docket of 5 games starting at noon. The Girl's Basketball Tournament is an Open Tournament again this year. However, the influence of the looming budget crisis may affect

participation and the 2009 Tournament will be the last one that is Open.

Section 4 Girls: Horseheads, Waverly, Elmira-Notre Dame and Elmira Free Academy participated in the Josh Palmer / Coaches vs. Cancer Tourney at Elmira Southside. Along with 8 boys teams, the tournament was a success as it raised over \$60,000 for cancer research!!

Section 6 Boys: A few more new coaches in Section 6 that were missed in the December *NY Hoop Report* - Zaire Dorsey is the new coach at McKinley HS and he is being assisted by former South Park coach Romeo McKinney. John Gill is the new coach at St. Mary's of Lancaster, Eric Fields is now the head man at Niagara Catholic and Randy Rich is the coach of the new Middle College HS that is affiliated with Erie Community College. Retired Iroquois coach Archie O'Bryan has joined his son Erik's staff at North Tonawanda. Al Monaco of Williamsville South HS won his 300th game this season joining Jeff Anastasia of Olean HS and Gary Domzalski of Frontier HS as the only active coaches in Section 6 with 300 or more wins. Gary Schutrum of East Aurora HS recently won the 200th game of his fine career. The legendary Earl Schunk of Grove Cleveland HS celebrates his 20th year as a head coach this year and his 11th year at Grover. His teams have compiled a sparkling record of 134 - 50 over the past 8 years. Senior Robbie Seyler of Lewiston-Porter HS became the all-time leading scorer in the history of that school. Aaron Davis of North Tonawanda and Will Regan of Nichols have surpassed 1,000 points in their careers and both are still only juniors. Senior Lucas Haskell, the son of Pioneer coach Mike Haskell scored the 1,000th point of his career. The winning schools at the 4th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Challenge held at ECC were Sweet Home over McKinley, Canisius over Riverside, St. Joe's over Lackawanna and Nichols over Buffalo East. The annual BCANY clinic at Williamsville South HS is starting to take shape. It will be held either the 1st or 2nd Friday in May and Harry Parretta, women's coach at Villanova has already been lined up as one of the speakers. Ron Killinger, the head coach at Riverside HS won the 100th game of his career. He has been the head coach at Riverside for seven seasons.

Section 6 Girls: Some new 1000 point scorers: Olivia Gmerek (Maryvale) became the 1st female basketball player in school history to reach the 1000 pt mark. On January 11th, Kaitlin Donahoe of Nichols and Emily Bird from Niagara-Catholic Both scored their 1000th points in the same game. Jenna Rickan Kenmore West scored her 1000 point on January 20 vs. Lockport. On January 13th, Samantha Kopp of Franklinville scored her 2,000th career point. Kopp, with 2,004 points, joined her mother, Laura, as the only Franklinville players in the 2,000-points club. Samantha is the seventh female in Western New York history to score at least 2,000 points. Kopp's cousin, Joelle Connelly (Pioneer 08) and Hofstra, is Western New York's all-time scoring leader with 2,300. On January 3rd, Mike Kelly former Williamsville East and Williamsville South Girls Basketball Coach passed away after a 10 year battle with Cancer. In Coaches vs Cancer activities: Tonawanda HS held a shoot-a-thon. Players took 100 foul shots and got donations for shots made. They have currently collected over \$600.

Section 8 Boys: On January 5th, 2009 Ralph Rossiti, long time boys varsity basketball coach



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DYNASTY CATEGORY:

BCANY is providing a forum for a listing of past great high school teams in New York State. There are two categories: (1) One Season and (2) Dynasty.

To be listed for the **One Season** category provide: (1.) the school, (2.) the coach (3.) the year, (4.) the final record, (5.) list post-season titles won, (6) one paragraph of no more than five sentences to describe why this was a great team.

To be listed for the **Dynasty Category** provide: (1.) the school, (2.) the coach(es), (3.) the years, (4.) overall won-lost record during the dynasty years. (5.) post-season championships won and (6.) one paragraph of no more than five sentences to describe why the school team was a Dynasty. Submit the information to Dave Archer, Executive Director by mail or email. (No phone calls).

News From Around the State

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at Seaford High School recorded his 250th win with a victory over Carle Place. On December 6th, 2008 Joe Lores, boys varsity basketball coach at East Rockaway High School recorded his 150th career victory with a win over Shelter Island.

Section 8 Girls: Some news from Girl's Basketball - Section 8: Congratulations to coach Stan Bujacich, who recently surpassed 200 wins at Wantagh H.S. In a unique situation, two Syosset HS teammates, C. Simmons and C. Banos each reached 1000 points in the same game. The Floral Park Memorial Girl's team had a wonderful time at the KSA tournament in Disney World over the break - would recommend this tournament to anyone; former All-State player Justine O'Callahan (Floral Park) is starting at Brooklyn college, and twice has been named Rookie of the Week in her conference; Senior Shannon Ingram (Floral Park) registered a career high double-double with 24 points and 25 rebounds in a 48-34 victory over New Hyde Park HS.

Section 9 Girls: Minisink Valley junior Stephanie Dolson has made a verbal commitment to the University of Connecticut. Eldred Coach Frank Kean has coached his 108th consecutive season. Along with being the girls basketball coach he is the boys baseball and football coach at Eldred. Kingston Coach Steve Garner is moving steadily towards career win number 300 and may get there this year. Cornwall senior guard Stephanie Cleary has signed with Pace University. Kingston's Rachel Coffey and Wallkill's Sara Bender also are receiving Division 1 offers.

With sectionals roughly a month away here are teams in the hunt for sectional titles. Class AA favorite - Kingston- contenders- Minisink Valley, Warwick and Monroe Woodbury Class A - favorite- Cornwall - contenders- Wallkill, Red Hook, Goshen, Class B - favorite - Highland- contenders - Burke Catholic, Ontario, James I. O'Neill, Class C - Favorite- Millbrook - contenders Tuxedo, Tri-Valley Class D - favorite - Coleman Catholic, contenders - Chapel Field, Livingston Manor, SS Seward

All member coaches are welcome to submit news items for the Around the State section of the newsletter.