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As we approach the end of this wonderfully snowless winter, the attention of the Chapter begins to focus on our two signature events: The **New Balance Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter Coaches Clinic** and our **37th Annual Scholar-Athlete Banquet**.

As usual **Tom Lamb** and **Barry Gallup** have pulled together a great clinic for Saturday, March 3. Last year a hugely successful offensive line clinic was added and will be repeated in 2012. This year a special teams component is included. The clinic is held at the magnificent Yawkey Football Building at Boston College, and if you haven't seen the building it's worth the trip. The clinic is scheduled to begin at 9:00am. Special thanks to **Jim Davis** and *New Balance* for their generous sponsorship of the clinic.

Our Scholar-Athlete selection committee will be hard at work this month to pick our scholar-athlete winners. We have had a strong list of nominees, including a number from the Boston City Schools. Thanks to **Ed Schluntz** for chairing the committee and leading it through its difficult decisions. Thanks are also in order to **Bob Holmes** who made a successful special plea for nominations at a meeting of the Boston City Schools coaches.

A committee has been formed to select the inaugural winner of the **Jack Daly Award**. **Rich Beal**, former coach at Stonehill College, **Dwight Smith**, a Burton Award winner and long-time mentor at MIT, and **John McCarthy**, director of the Institute for Athletic Coach Education at Boston University have agreed to serve with me on the committee. The Daly Award and the scholar-athlete awards, along with the Burton and Schluntz Awards, will be presented on Monday, May 14 at Lombardo's in Randolph, Mass.

The results of the **Jack Grinold Challenge** are in and thanks to the generosity of **Rich Beal, Bob Glatz, David Harrison, Bob Holmes, Tom Lamb, Vito Maida, Mike Mucci, Ed Schluntz, Dwight Smith,** and **Scotty Whitelaw**, \$2000 will be added to the coffers of the Chapter.

Jack was honored with awards twice in February. He was inducted into the Beanpot Hockey Tournament Hall of Fame on February 6, and on February 15 Jack received the Lifetime Contributions Award from the **33 Touchdown Club** at its annual "Huddle" at the Seaport Hotel in Boston. Many of our Board members were in attendance at the Huddle.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, executive board members **Bob Bancroft** and **Tom Lamb** will be honored by MasterSports at their annual Awards Luncheon in conjunction with the **MasterSports Coaches Clinic** on March 9-10 at the Holiday Inn Select in Woburn, Mass. Information on the clinic and the luncheon is available at the MasterSports website

<http://www.mastersfootballcamp.com/RegPayOption.html>

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome **Dwight Smith, Skip Bandini**, the head coach at Curry College and founder of MasterSports, **Dan Ventura** from the *Boston Herald*, and **Bob Sherr** and **Bob Horan** of the 33 Touchdown Club to our Board of Directors.

Be well everyone. I hope to see you at one of our events this spring.

Roger

