



PGA

Michigan Section

BIO OF SPECIAL AWARDS CANDIDATE

Name of Nominee: Doug Kreis

Year Elected to Membership: 1995

Award Nominated for: Golf Professional of the Year

Briefly describe your achievements/accomplishments that would pertain to this award:

I have worked in the Michigan Section for 27 years, the last 18 years as Head Professional at Battle Creek Country Club. The first 6 years of my career I spent summers in Michigan as an assistant, while working warmer climates in the winter; 3 winters in Florida, 3 in California. I learned four distinctly different ways to manage a private club golf operation while gaining valuable experience from good mentors at a variety of facilities. Experiences I've used to shape the operation at Battle Creek CC where I own the golf shop.

During my tenure at Battle Creek CC we have hosted 6 USGA qualifiers, 5 GAM Championships, 5 Symetra Tour events, 18 WMPGA Pro-Ams, 2 Drive Chip & Putt SubRegionals, the Michigan PGA Assistants Championship and the Michigan PGA Senior-Junior. I have arranged and directed golf events raising over \$200,000 for West Michigan United Way, \$135,000 for the Battle Creek Cancer Center, \$50,000 for breast cancer in just the last 3 years as well as raising over \$35,000 for Folds of Honor. We host the Calhoun County Junior Tour and participate in a 6 way Ryder Cup with 5 other Willie Park Jr. designed clubs.

In 18 years I have had an exceptional and loyal staff. One former assistant is a head professional, while many other past employees have found successful careers and currently 5 former employees are BCCC members. 13 of my 18 years I have had one of the greatest assistants and friends anyone could hope for – a two time winner of Michigan Assistant of the Year.

In 27 years I've done a lot of PGA volunteering. I served on the board of the now defunct Assistants Association, spent 8 years moving through the board seats in the Western Chapter, including 2 years as President and have served 6 years on the Section board. I have served on the special awards committee for 13 years, 4 as Chair. In that time we added the interview stage, eased the nomination process, and installed electronic voting. Improvements that have resulted in 5 national award winners after a nearly 25 year drought of no national winners. I also volunteered during the Senior Players

Championship at TPC Dearborn, both the PGA & Ryder Cup at Oakland Hills as well as all four Senior PGA Championships at Harbor Shores.

I have been very active in Junior Achievement, teaching the course in two school districts for the last 7 years. I am a judge/mentor in the Senior Seminar program at Mattawan high school, and have taken part in Career Day at two Battle Creek high schools each of the last 18 years. For the last 9 years I spend about 15 days each winter volunteering in both our local elementary and middle school.

I have been very fortunate in my career and the PGA has been fantastic for me and my family. Although I enjoy volunteering and being involved in chapter and section affairs, I could never give back as much as I have received from being a PGA member. I have made great friends, learned from some of the best, and hopefully been a good mentor in return.