

# 2021 Special Awards Candidate Bio Form

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Name of Nominee: \*

Patrick Markley

Facility Employed at: \*

Barton Hills Country Club

Year Elected to Membership: \*

1996

Award Nominated for: \*

Bill Strausbaugh

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

As a proud PGA member for nearly twenty five years, I have spent 16 years in the Michigan Section. Currently, I am finishing my eighth year as the Head Professional at Barton Hills Country Club. Prior to my tenure at Barton Hills, I was the Head Golf Professional and Director of Operations at Flint Golf Club for six years. My early membership years began as a PGA Assistant Professional at Kalamazoo Country Club. Over my tenure as a Head Professional I have worked closely with fellow professionals and formed a round table discussion group with nearly 20 Michigan Section Professionals to share ideas about merchandising and general information that brings value to our golf operations. At the beginning of this COVID pandemic I was happy to start a long continued email chain dialogue with this group to safely navigate through this season and bring the best golf experiences possible to our operations. My network with this group remains strong and we are extremely passionate in helping each Professional with any challenge or issue they face throughout the year. One success story I would like to share from this past season was my mentoring of a former Assistant who worked with me in the Metropolitan Section in 2006. Throughout the past winter and into the early spring I helped this professional from start to finish with his search, interview presentation and the complete set up processes in taking his first Head Professional position plus ownership of his golf shop at a high end private facility in the New England Section. Recently, I was invited to serve on an advisory committee for PGA Magazine to help other fellow golf professionals who own or look to own their golf shops in the future. I look forward to my involvement on this newly formed group and will continue to network with others so more professionals can see the benefits and value to their facilities with ownership. For many who know me they would attest that I am very happy to assist Golf Professionals and various associations in every way possible. I am very willing to work closely with my friends from the MIPGA, GAM and USGA to host major events that benefit both amateur golfers and fellow professionals alike. My willingness to approach and work with my Board to support golf in our state can be witnessed by the many MIPGA, GAM and USGA events I have held at my club each year. My service record to our section includes playing in various chapter and section events when my schedule permits and I have served on the Special Awards Committee since 2010. I continue to network with other professionals outside of Michigan because we all can learn from others and bring new ideas back to benefit our clubs. Over the past few years I was fortunate to speak at a GBN regional conference in Indiana and have also shared ideas and written best practice articles over my tenure. My service to my club, our Association and to my fellow professionals continues to drive my passion for golf and this business and I am honored to be considered for this award from my peers in the Michigan Section PGA.

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