

2021 Special Awards Candidate Bio Form

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Name of Nominee: *

Shaun Bezilla

Facility Employed at: *

Harbor Point Golf Club

Year Elected to Membership: *

1995

Award Nominated for: *

Professional Development Award

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

I'd like to begin by thanking those who have supported me in this nomination and during my time on the Michigan PGA Board of Directors. Prior to my time on the Board, I was active (8 years) on the Northern Chapter PGA Board serving as Tournament Chair, Secretary, Vice President, and President directly influencing and leading chapter affairs. In these positions, I have had the opportunity to get to know many of you and the challenges we are facing and will be facing in the future.

I've had the opportunity to mentor several PGM students through the years, while also being given the opportunity to be the guest speaker at a Ferris PGM Graduation. What a great experience to share with them information about all the options that are available within the business and how to maximize these opportunities.

Additionally, I just completed two terms on the Board of Directors for the First Tee of Northern Michigan, where I am also a The First Tee Coach donating time and energy to the development and growth of the game for junior golfers. The First Tee of Northern Michigan has been instrumental in exposing 4,000+ Northern Michigan youth to the game of golf. Those same efforts over time led to better and more competitive high school golf teams locally and a few MHSAA State Championships along the way.

Finally, as the Co-Founder of a local charity event, aptly named the Harbor Cup Matches, which recently passed the \$500,000 mark in charitable giving, we've created an event that allows us to proudly represent the PGA Badge within our great Northern Michigan community and beyond. The event pits PGA Professionals from local clubs against their counterparts from Boyne USA Resorts in a Ryder Cup-style event and has had some 50+ professionals compete through the years. In addition to charitable giving, the event is a great way to create some camaraderie amongst local professionals, enthusiasm for the game, and community goodwill.

These factors I believe make me one of many great Michigan PGA professionals going above and beyond to share our love and passion for the game while positively influencing others.

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