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Email * brobypga@gmail.com
Name of Nominee: * Brandon Roby
Award Nominated for: * Youth Player Development
Facility Employed at: * Cascade Hills Country Club
Year Elected to Membership: * 2004

Since becoming the Director of Instruction 9 years ago, it has provided me the opportunity to watch juniors grow into this life long sport. With the building of our Golf Performance Center 7 years ago, I am encouraged by the growth and support of both members and nonmembers in an environment where they can learn and practice.

Every year we start out with our Operation 36 program that reaches out to our 700 members. Our program will run for 10 weeks and will have around 160 kids participating with our end of year Parent Child Tournament along with our Junior Golf Store. Alongside our Operation 36 program, I build in other options for the juniors to grow in this game such as intermediate and advanced classes. These classes help those juniors that need or want more competition by allowing them to play in our Operation 36 matches. If they still desire more, I have advanced Player Development training to help develop skills for those playing in higher level competition. We have a girls junior high and high school program that was designed for those who wish to play or are playing high school golf. I reached over 60 girls that took part in an 8 week program that lead them up to high school tryouts. We covered all aspects of the game and every one of the girls played in at least one varsity match this past season.

My passion is growing this game and providing things that are different to fulfill the needs of my students. Over the past 9 years I have watched these young players succeed on every level.

2019 -2022 Player Accomplishments: Gam Junior Match Play Champion both boys and girls Over 50 wins on Callaway, Hurricane and Golf Week Junior Tour AJGA Randy Wise Champion 5 Top 5 finishes in AJGA Tournaments Gam Honor Roll Students Michigan Junior PGA Champion Michigan Junior Am Stroke Play Champion

Gam Junior Stroke Play Champion

Gam Junior Stroke Play Champion 15 and under

Gam Junior Player of the Year both Girls and Boys

16 Players moved on to the Collegiate golf (MSU, DePaul, Ashland, Aguinas, Oakland, GRCC, Spring Arbor, Bethel College, Hope, Cornerstone, Taylor, Valparaiso and Delaware)

* All of these players have been part of our Junior Golf and Advance Junior Golf Programs.

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Email * Fegertb@Ferris.edu
Name of Nominee: * Bryan Fegert
Award Nominated for: * 2023 Youth Player Development Award
Facility Employed at: * Battle Creek Country Club
Year Elected to Membership: * 2020

As an Assistant Golf Professional at Battle Creek Country Club, working with juniors plays a substantial part of my every day role. Starting the first week of June when kids are out of school, we have our annual week-long, 6-hour a day, Junior Sports Camp. 72 kids ranging from 6 to 14 will split into two age groups for the week and rotate between tennis and golf each day. Demonstrating to kids on how to become better individuals and keeping them engaged to the game of golf for the summer is what this week is all about.

After Sports Camp kicks off the year, from June 15th through August 5th, we have Junior Golf twice a week, with a Junior Championship on the last day, followed by a shaving cream party on the driving range. We typically have 5 instructors for each session. Kids are split up into 5 or 6 to a group. 2 Instructors on the driving range, one on the putting green, one chipping, and 1 exercise/non golf drill. This year we had 59 kids in Junior Golf. Kids 10 & Older (30 Total) on Wednesdays for an hour and a half, with 9 & Younger (29 Total) following. Fridays are optional for all kids and sessions are one hour long. Our Junior Championship serves as our last day of Junior Golf for the season. All boys and girls are split up and put in age groups for the event. Depending on age, kids will play anywhere from 3 to 9 holes.

At BCCC, I also coach the PGA Junior League team. This year we had 15 kids on our roster, with 7 of them never playing "competitive" before. The opportunity to play a course other than our own for the kids is a fun and enjoyable way to watch the progression of our juniors.

Throughout the week I give one-hour private lessons to numerous juniors. At the end of every lesson, we take our practice to the golf course for a 1-hole scramble with each other. The transition from driving range to the golf course helps determine what they need to work on for future lessons.

Overall, Youth Player Development is a part of my job that I take pride in and am deeply passionate about. I enjoy spending time with the juniors and watching them grow and enjoy the game of golf.

Thank you all for the nomination.

Bryan Fegert, PGA

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Email * jabbergolf@aol.com
Name of Nominee: * Dean Marks
Award Nominated for: * Youth Player Development Award
Facility Employed at: * Milham Park Golf Club
Year Elected to Membership: * 1997

Junior Golf in Kalamazoo is thriving, and I feel I have played an important role in the success of Junior Golf in the Kalamazoo area through my participation in many different programs. I believe in leading by example more than dictating and I think over the years, parents and players have come to appreciate my approach.

In addition to being the Director of Golf for the 3 Kalamazoo City owned golf courses, I am also Director of the Kalamazoo Junior Golf Association, a position I've held since 2005. I am solely responsible for creating the schedule of events at local golf courses. I schedule 27 tournaments at 21 different courses in the area and I believe my ability to do this is directly related to my organizational skills and relationships with area pros at host courses. The program has 3 age groups - 12U, 13-15, 16-18, and costs only \$70 to play 5 events, \$5 for each additional event.

I have overseen the KJGA Instructional classes since 2005, which average over 200 participants per year. I regularly get 12-15 volunteers to help at these classes and ages 3-15 can learn golf for only \$70 for a 6-week class. In spring of 2021, we became a satellite location for First Tee West Michigan and were able to increase our reach to over 400 youth.

15 years ago, I expanded our KJGA Scholarship program to offer four \$1500 scholarships to graduating seniors who have participated in the KJGA programs and plan to attend a 4-year college. We have now awarded 95 scholarships totaling \$136,000 since 1997.

Finally, I am captain for our PGA Jr League program which had 117 participants in 2020, the 17th largest program in the nation. We continued the success with 110 participants in 2021 and 115 in 2022. I was selected to host a PGA Jr League Regional event in 2022.

Every participant in my programs receives a free membership to play our par 3 Red Arrow Golf Course located in downtown Kalamazoo.

Thank you for taking the time to read about some of my highlights.

- PGA Certified Professional in Instruction 2009
- · Michigan PGA Junior Golf Leader award 2007, 2012
- Michigan PGA Player Development award 2017
- TPI Certified Level 2 Junior Coach 2010
- US Kids Golf Top 50 Kids Teacher 2008, 2009, 2010
- US Kids Golf Master Kids Teacher 2011
- US Kids Golf Certified Coach 2012
- · US Kids Golf Certified Coach Level 2 2018
- Kalamazoo College Women's Golf Coach 2003-2020
- First Tee Level 1 Coach 2016
- USGA Rules of Golf Advanced Certification 2019

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Email *
lucas.baumann@outlook.com
Name of Nominee: *
Lucas Baumann
Award Nominated for: *
Youth Player Development
Facility Employed at: * Bay Meadows Family Golf Course
Year Elected to Membership: * 2021

This is currently my 7th season at Bay Meadows Family Golf Course in Traverse City Michigan. I start every day here with a smile and a joke for everyone. I believe laughter is the key to starting a good day. I make sure to always bring that same enthusiasm to my juniors in their lessons, camps or clinics. Bay Meadows Family Golf emphasizes "Learn, Practice, Play" while making that experience fun, exciting and challenging.

At Bay Meadows Family Golf, I specialize in junior golf instruction and teaching life skills through golf. I have partnered with fellow PGA Professional Scott Wilson with summer junior camps over the past 6 years with an increase of 25% participation every year. In 2022, junior camp participation increased from 22 students to 26 per week for 16 consecutive weeks. I also assisted Scott Wilson with the first PGA Jr League in Traverse City back 2015 with total participation of 25 juniors. Our current PGA Jr. League at Bay Meadows Family Golf now has 110 juniors from the northern Michigan area.

With the mentoring and guidance of Scott Wilson, PGA Professional, I have been able to expand junior instruction at Bay Meadows and grow the game for all abilities. The program I am most humbled by and proud of, is the program I started for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This three-week program gives the opportunity for disabled young adults to experience the joys of golf in an open and welcoming environment. This program covers the "FUN" damentals of golf and learning life skills through golf, with a play day on the final week. This program occurs three times throughout the year with eight different students attending each program. Over the past 7 years I have been able to introduce golf to over 60 young adults and help 4 individuals continue playing at the Michigan Summer Special Olympics.

Our little junior program gives children ages 4 to 7 a chance to be introduced to golf. This once-a-week program went every Monday afternoon for 20 consecutive weeks. This program focuses on the difference between a putt and chip all while the junior gets comfortable with the golf club. We make this enjoyable by using SNAG equipment and blowup velcro targets for chipping and a putt course made with swim noodles and sand. Participation has increased 15% every year, starting with 12 per week in 2016 to a total of 30 children per week in 2022.

To keep golf on juniors' minds in the off season and winter months, I have partnered with Traverse City Junior Golf Association for their indoor winter school program. During the winter months I visit over 13 local elementary gym classes to introduce golf. I do this by setting up SNAG equipment and informing students on the life skills you can learn through golf. Over the past 5 winters an average of 2,000 students per year have been introduced to golf through this program.

With my 7th season almost over I look back and can't help but notice how all of these juniors have grown up through golf here at Bay Meadows and are now graduating onto college. It's great to see these kids grow as golfers but even better to watch them grow into young adults. I'm very thankful to be located here in Northern Michigan and I look forward to my future here at Bay Meadows with junior instruction and growing the future of our sport.

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Email * MBarton@pga.com
Name of Nominee: * Matt Barton
Award Nominated for: * Youth Player Development
Facility Employed at: * Oakhurst
Year Elected to Membership: * 2008

It's a great honor to be nominated for the youth player development award. I've spent the last eight years working to create an Academy that promotes learning and fun. As a Master Kids Coach for US Kids golf and a level 2 TPI certified junior coach, I understand the importance of creating fun, interactive, challenging and rewarding experiences for my junior clients.

During the height of our summer junior instruction, I see 250 individual students a week. Instructional and on course offerings drive the large numbers of participation.

I offer weekly clinics with a teacher-to-student ratio of 6 to 1 for ages 4-6, 7-12 as well as high school boys and girls prep. The clinics are geared towards appropriate aged base golf skills as well as functional movement and object control skills. I utilize a sticker and pin awards system as well as the US Kids booklets and pins to engage and reward the younger students, while creating goal getting and competition boards for the older students.

The on course portions include 4 PGA Junior League teams, 50 junior golfers on course Tuesday mornings, and the elite jr program participating in the Motown Cup.

I am fortunate enough to work with some of the best juniors in the state. The winning tradition this past year starts with 5 year olds winning at the US Kids tournament level, all the way to a division I boys regional champion. Boys and girls from 10 different high schools come to see me, and I work with then entire Everest Academy boys team and Clarkston girls team. Weekly practice plans help to challenge and guide the students in purposeful practice.

My 4,000 square foot indoor studio allows for continued instruction during the winter, focusing on fundamentals and mechanics. Two TrackMan simulators, K-Vest, SNAG and the competition board keep the students engaged in a different way than the summer instruction. The studio membership has allowed the most committed to spend as many hours practicing and challenging themselves throughout the winter.

While winning an award from my peers would be an exceptional accomplishment, my measure of success are sold out clinics, programs and a full lesson book that leaves me challenged to be able to accommodate more players in a season.

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Email * petekelbel@pga.com
Name of Nominee: * Pete Kelbel
Award Nominated for: * Youth Player Development
Facility Employed at: * Walloon Lake Country Club
Year Elected to Membership: * 1990

Pete Kelbel-Youth Player Development Bio 2023

It is my goal in lessons and clinics to develop a complete player. Walloon Lake Country club has tremendous practice areas to assist in the process of teaching all the different shots that show up on the course. Video, teaching aids and feedback stations are used to develop my young players.

Making the transition to the course is a necessary step. Playing lessons are common and give the students opportunities to see their practice station shots turn in to actual shots on the course. The goal I have is to make my students "expect" to hit successful shots instead of "hoping" to hit successful shots.

Developing my young players to win junior club championships and other junior tournaments has been a fun challenge. Many have gone off to play college golf at all the different levels. Coaching high school golf has given me the opportunity to help many of my players to earn college scholarships. My teams have won 2 State Championships, 2 State Runner-Ups and 7 Regional titles, including the girl's 2022 Regional Title where my top girl medaled Top 10 in State. As a swing coach for many other northern Michigan area players, I have been able to assist players who are not on my own teams earn college golf scholarships. I started an annual Tip of the Mitt Junior Golf Showcase this past summer for northern Michigan area players.

I have written several articles for ProGolfNow.com and WomensGolf.com. I am always looking to promote my students and help them progress toward their goals, which is often to become a college player. One of the best outcomes over my 33 years has been watching these young players continue to play the game as adults.

I very much appreciate the nomination. Sincerely,

Pete Kelbel Director of Golf- Walloon Lake Country Club Head Golf Coach-Harbor Springs HS Boys and Girls Teams

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Email * rbryant@thousandoaksgc.com
Name of Nominee: * Raquel Bryant
Award Nominated for: * Youth Player Development Award
Facility Employed at: * Thousand Oaks Golf Club
Year Elected to Membership: * 2009

Thank you for considering me for this award. It is truly an honor to be nominated! I have been at Thousand Oaks Golf Club since 2009, where we live, breathe, and love Junior Golf! It would not be possible to run the junior programming we did this year without Justin Rube, Brian Kotowicz, and Kelly Plaisier. Thank you to them!

Youth Group Programs:

- -FUNdamental's Edge- 135 Juniors (47% girls), 6 one-hour clinics per session, 2 age groups, offered in June, July, August, and September-October.
- -PGA Junior League- 28 juniors (2 teams, 42% girls) 5 practices for each team, 5 matches. Brian Kotowicz and I each coach one team. Team Bryant was the League Champion this year.
- -Competitive Edge Girls' Pod Classes- 30 juniors (100% girls) Met for 1 hour on Wednesdays throughout the summer in groups of 4.
- -Active Edge- 44 juniors (59% girls) New program for 2022, ages 3-5, met for one hour four times throughout the summer
- -Play with the Pro- 12 juniors (42% girls) New program for 2022, played 9 holes with students and made post-round recommendations for improvement. There were 5 junior Play with the Pro days.
- -Fellowship of Christian Athlete Short Game Clinic- 53 juniors (43% girls), Free to members, and only \$10-30 for non-members depending on the age group. A one-day clinic, 1-3 hours long based on age group, 3 age groups offered. I planned this clinic and volunteered my time along with four other golf professionals.
- -LiveGolf Junior League- New program for 2022, will be indoors from November-December.

Total: over 302 juniors in group programs I instructed (up 67 since 2021) Average over all group programs- 53% girls.

In our programs we strive to provide excellent instruction, in a fun and motivating environment. We have a 5-1 student-teacher ratio for most of our programs. To engage our juniors, we add exciting elements such as a putting course, putting objects, obstacle course, and end the last day with a popsicle in summer or cider and donuts in the fall.

To challenge our students and help track their progress we use scorecards, one for the FUNdamental's Edge program and one for the Competitive Edge program. The scorecard lists all the challenges/games the juniors will attempt to complete during that program. At the end of the program, they are awarded a golf related prize based on the level they completely finished. Colored tape is placed on their bag stand to acknowledge their respective level of completion and provides public recognition for their accomplishment. Juniors who do not participate in group programs have the opportunity to go through these levels in private lessons as well. A special thanks to Kelly Plaisier for her effort in creating and collaborating on these scorecards.

Our programs are planned out in advance to ensure all aspects of the game are covered, including full swing, pitching, chipping, putting, bunker, rules, etiquette, and course management. We also have every size of US Kids clubs available so new students or students with the wrong size clubs can use them at no charge.

Adult Group Programs: Spring Ladies' Edge, Summer Ladies' Edge, Fall Ladies Edge, Play with the Pro We reached over 170 golfers in these programs.

Hours of Instruction:

Private Lessons- 267 hours of private lessons given so far in 2022, 65% of those were juniors Group Programs- 173 hours of group programs in 2022, 63% of those hours were in junior programs

Previous awards and certifications:

2021 Michigan PGA Junior Golf Program of the Year

2019 Michigan PGA Junior Golf Program of the Year

2018 Dul Family Player Development Leadership Award

2015 Michigan PGA Youth Player Development Award Winner

American Development Model Certified

PGA Specialized Teaching Professional

Non-golf community/civic involvement:

I volunteer at church teaching the Preschool class on Sunday morning once a month and Kid's Connection on Wednesday nights every week for K-5th graders.

I volunteer with an Afghan refugee family who is resettling in Grand Rapids.

I volunteer with Lingual Learners, a Spanish Immersion Co-op, twice a month.

2022 Highlights

PGA Junior League Team Bryant winning our league.

15-year-old student Lily O'Grady, won OK-White Conference and Regionals as a Freshman and placed 4th in the State Tournament. She also had 3 wins this summer in the 16-18 year-old division on the Meijer/Callaway Tour. Lily also made it to the Regional Drive, Chip, Putt at Scioto.

11-year-old student Eleanor O'Grady won the 11-12 year-old division Summer Player of the Year Award for the Callaway/Meijer Tour. She also went on to the Regional Drive, Chip, Putt at Scioto.

15-year-old student James Seymour had his first win on the Meijer/Callaway Tour in the 13-15 division.

8-year-old student Evolet Emmons made in to the Sub-Regionals Drive, Chip, Putt at The Mines.

My favorite highlight is that my three daughters, ages 4, 6, and 8, all attended golf programs this year!

Junior League Testimonial:

Thank you for considering me for this award

"I want to thank you for your patience with my son over the last few years of PGA Junior league. His competitiveness and his need for perfection make golf a tough sport for a young person still learning to control his emotions. You have guided him and given him space on the course, and I've enjoyed watching him mature out there as he must take the good with the bad... It takes a great deal of patience and kindness to deal with so many kids in so many frustrating circumstances. You always handle it with grace and a smile. You are always willing to answer a question or lend a hand. I am so glad my son continues to be a part of it. Thank you for helping bring this league to so many kids in West Michigan."

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Email * PGARANDY@GMAIL.COM
Name of Nominee: * Randy White
Award Nominated for: * Player Development Award
Facility Employed at: * First Tee West Michignan
Year Elected to Membership: * 1986

Thank you for the nomination and recognizing me for the Player Development Award.

A consolidated list of items I have done in player development are:

- · PGA Junior League
- PGA Hope
- PGA.Coach
- · First Tee Golf Leagues
- First Tee Coaching and Coach Training
- Winter Training Program
- High School Golf / State Tournament Management / Player Ability Test for State Tournament
- · Women's Beginner Programs
- · Couple Golf Leagues
- Tip Nights

The Play Golf Initiative is a great way to open doors allowing youth who might not have the opportunity due to economics to play golf. While today's golf courses are busy with play, it is wonderful when they can offer opportunities and lower rates for kids, and we know these opportunities create new golfers for the future. Not many courses in our area have implemented Play Golf America and its goal of one million new golfers. Therefore, it is up to us to sell the importance of such a program.

Organizations like First Tee have been a great resource for kids to get involved in the game of golf. Still, despite all the wonderful lessons, not all are able to get on the course. To help solve this problem, I started a Junior Golf Play Day where kids play the course at \$5 or less. The purpose of this Play Day is to introduce the parts of the golf course, the speed of play, how to play safe, and most importantly how to enjoy the game while improving their own skills. Obviously, kids need mentors on the course with them while learning, so I have also recruited adults who care about youth and love golf to mentor. The goal is one mentor to a group of three which allows the mentor to play along.

First Tee was able to duplicate this idea which I started in Holland and reproduce it in Muskegon and Grand Rapids, and we had about 120 students involved this year. Students graduate from this program to the PGA Junior League. This year we had about 70 students in the PGA Junior League on four teams. We were even able to compete in the area PGA Junior League in Grand Rapids this year. Each year, the team gets a little better, and I attribute that to the weekly Play Days we began. While First Tee has adopted this program recently, I have been promoting golf for students in elementary, junior high, and high school for over 25 years. Much of this effort was aimed at developing and growing high school golf team programs. One such program I created was an all-day weeklong high school golf camp which introduced more competitive golf to ages 13 and above. This was a preparation course on swing, playing the course, rules, and competitive maturity, and this program fit well with what the ADA promotes today. I have been teaching golf for 39 years. My experience has taught me that golf instruction is a lifelong process of learning about people and their goals and the physical differences and strategies for teaching inside those parameters. Observing learning styles and having many plans of attack to communicate to the student and knowing the physics of golf and common athletic motion that accomplishes speed, control, and impact are a must to impact performance growth.

I believe being a High School Golf Coach for 26 years has prepared me for more teaching. Helping a young person mature as a golfer and a person is a tremendous challenge. Many new golfers are scared to take there first steps onto the big game board. With playing lessons, I help learners to strategize for playing with a purpose, set goals, not fear other golfers, and understand how to move around the course despite obstacles. Even simple concepts like where to walk, divots, ball marks, course maps, and distance markers get attention. We discuss knowing your equipment and which club to use when as well as club fitting better performance. I know that I have been successful when my players can enjoy the game with friends, coworkers, and others. I always love it when a patron of mine chases me down with a score card to show me their new accomplishment and give a play by play of shots in there round.

An area that has helped me grow as an instructor was teaching golf overseas as I had to overcome language barriers, cultural differences, and learning styles. I have been fortunate to teach golf in Russia, South Korea, and Jamaica. My daughter and son-in-law also helped me understand cultural differences as they both taught English overseas. These experiences help me when I have students come from another culture for a lesson. I have a wonderful story about an adopted boy named Gabe who came to me from Russia and how understanding his culture made him feel welcome. I love to share this story with coaches and mentors showing the importance of understanding your students. I've learned that first-time meetings should be filled with questions that dig out the background of your student, even before you fix their grip.

My reputation as a golf instructor of youth, high school, collegiate, beginner, and expert golfers is highly respected. I do not advertise but by word-of-mouth. I love a good referral; it tells me more than a good advertisement about my abilities as a PGA Professional Golf Coach.

I have had the privilege to be trained by some of the greats: Gary Wiren and Gary Player helped me with the sand game. Jim Flick

was instrumental in helping me understand the swing. Mark Kizziar introduced me to many greats who shared golf knowledge with me. I have sat with Doug Sanders at Augusta several years and discussed golf swings on the range. I also started my career with PGA Professionals like Dale Grieves, Ray Sruba, Bill Kowalski, Al Lemanski, George Glenn, and others.

Moving a golfer toward and even past their goals is the greatest reward. The PGA logo is always present, and I make sure I represent that with the best of my abilities when I meet and instruct golfers. I think that is what puts us ahead in the industry. I am grateful for this nomination.

Randy White PGA Professional

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