

2023 Special Awards Candidate Bio Form

Please send this form back no later Friday, October 21, 2022.

If you were nominated for more than one award you must **submit a bio form for each award.**

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Name of Nominee: *

Bryan Fegert

Award Nominated for: *

Assistant Golf Professional Award

Facility Employed at: *

Battle Creek Country Club

Year Elected to Membership: *

2020

Please describe your achievements/accomplishments that would pertain to this award. *

As a player in the Western Chapter Section, I always make it a goal to play in as many events as my work schedule allows me. This year I played in 12 total events, which included; Qualifiers, Pro Ams, Section and Chapter events. I utilize these events to meet other PGA Professionals, network, and test my golf skills against the rest of you.

Teaching in this profession has been a work in progress for me ever since I started in the PGM School at Ferris State University in 2015. At Battle Creek Country Club, 80% of my lessons are with juniors, while the other 20% resulting to members and guests. Throughout my internships and work after college, I have the confidence to teach players of all skill levels.

Having the opportunity to work at all 3; Public, Private, and Resort golf courses, has been a big leap forward in helping myself progress in the merchandising aspect of the business. Whether it be meeting with sales reps to pick out apparel, understanding the products in the shop we are trying to sell, stocking the shop with inventory, or folding shirts, I feel I have grown as an individual each year in the merchandising aspect of it all.

Spending countless hours on our tournament software, Golf Genius, is a part of the job I excel at. Whether it be the weekly net/gross games, side games, Pro Am's, Member Guest, or any member event for that matter, I feel confident they will be done correctly with no controversy from players.

As a golf professional overall, I have gained the confidence from members over my 3 years at BCCC to lead them in the right direction when asked upon. In the attempt to play with different members every Thursday through the season, this year I golfed with 32 different members. It is an effective way to build relationships, as well as to show off my golf skills to them all in the same time; which eventually leads to more lessons.

I have helped our facility in keeping a strong junior program since starting in 2020. I took over the PGA Junior League team for 3 years and have witnessed a great deal of success with the juniors. This year in specific, we had 15 kids on the Junior League team, with 7 of them playing "competitive" golf for the first time. Helping grow the game to the younger generation is a part of the job I take a great deal of pride in.

My image at the club has progressed over my time at BCCC. I bring positive energy to work every day and feel members want me there at the club. The trust from members to having myself instruct their kids for 3 consecutive years shows me that they trust my ability to teach and get them to enjoy the game as much as we do. Being asked to golf weekly, taking members to different courses for Pro Am's, and being able to hold conversations with members is all part of it that I thoroughly enjoy.

Ever since I started at Battle Creek Country Club, my boss, Doug Kreis, has been an incredible mentor for me. He has shown me what it takes to become a successful Professional, both in and outside the golf business. With his help, I have had the privilege to work at some of the top golf courses in Florida in the winter months. He connected me with my current winter club, Quail Valley Golf Club, in Vero Beach, FL, where I work for the President of the South Florida Section, Don Meadows, for what will be my 2nd year. All in all, I am grateful for everything this business has given to me so far in the early stages of my career.

Thank you all for the nomination and taking the time to recognize me for this award.

Bryan Fegert, PGA

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