

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: *

Tim Pearce

Award Nominated for: *

Assistant Professional of the Year

Facility Employed at: *

Birmingham Country Club

Year Elected to Membership: *

2019

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

Thank you to the Michigan PGA and its members for the nomination for the 2023 Assistant Golf Professional of the Year award. I am honored and privileged to be an active member in this section along with some of the best golf professionals in the country. My name is Tim Pearce and I am a 2019 graduate of the PGM program at Ferris State University. I have spent my 4 years as a Michigan PGA member as an Assistant Golf Professional at Birmingham Country Club in Birmingham, Michigan. Some of my responsibilities include managing and executing all men's tournaments and events, overseeing hard goods inventory and buying, conducting private and group instruction for all ages and abilities, and representing Birmingham and its members while competing in section and national tournaments. During my time at Birmingham, I found a passion in helping our junior golfers become better players and people through the game of golf. As a former junior golfer, I realize how important it is to have professionals willing to grow the game and be mentors to our younger golfers. Without the help of Gary Bashford, PGA, director of instruction, I wouldn't have the knowledge of course management and teaching the golf swing to golfers of all ages. I direct and manage our junior golf program made up of over 200 juniors. Some of the program objectives include full swing and short game mechanics, learning the rules of golf, golf course management, and most importantly instilling integrity and proper etiquette of the game. This fall, I volunteered to be on a panel for the Michigan PGA and spoke with junior golfers and parents as a way to get young people into the game of golf and to consider golf as a career path. We spoke about our many different journeys of becoming PGA professionals and provided insight into the benefits and opportunities of having a career in the golf industry. As an active player in section and national PGA events, I strive to be a good role model and inspire our juniors to work hard and be great students of the game. Because of the incredible playing opportunities the PGA of America provides, I was able to qualify and compete in the 2021 PGA Championship held at the Ocean Course at Kiawah Island Golf Resort. I have Steve Vecellio, PGA and John Pershern, PGA to thank because of their willingness to mentor and help shape my game in a way to compete at the highest level. This accomplishment was incredibly humbling and provided a substantial opportunity to showcase our facility at Birmingham and what I do as a PGA professional on a daily basis. Our membership and especially our juniors were excited to be a part of my experience of playing on one of golf's biggest stages. The support from our staff and membership at Birmingham Country Club is incredible and drives me to be a better golf professional every day. As a tournament director at Birmingham, I use my own playing experiences to provide a great tournament experience for our membership. I use my skills to show professionalism, anticipate wants and needs, and provide excellent communication to successfully conduct our club events. I meet with our entire golf staff prior to, during, and after these events to make sure the operation runs smoothly, our membership is enjoying their experience to the fullest, and to make any adjustments to improve in the future. Again, thank you to the members of the Michigan PGA for this humbling nomination. I would be honored to represent this section as the 2023 Assistant Golf Professional of the Year.

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