

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.**

Email *

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Name of Nominee: *

Brian Corwin

Award Nominated for: *

Bill Strausbaugh Award

Facility Employed at: *

Katke Golf Course - Ferris State University

Year Elected to Membership: *

1997

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

I am truly very honored to be nominated for this award. It came as a complete surprise as one never considers recognition for what we do on a daily basis. As a golf professional it is our duty to prepare the next generation and I am very blessed to be in a position where I can do so!

Mentoring is critical for the game of golf, whether it be with our students or staff. I have been fortunate to be the varsity golf coach for both boys & girls at our local High School for the past 11 years, the opportunity to mentor young adults in not only golf but in life lessons has been one of the greatest things I have been involved with. Nothing makes me happier than when a former player contacts me to tell me about their best round of golf or better yet something they achieved outside of golf in their lives. This tells me that I made a difference in their lives.

I am now in a position where I able to work with the students going through the PGA Golf Management Program at Ferris State University. To be able to work with them on adding to their skillsets is a true reward. We have a minimum of 3-4 PGA Golf Management students on staff at any time throughout the year. We make sure to involve them in all aspects of the golf operation; merchandise buying, tournament administration, teaching, course marking, merchandising, club repair and customer service. The students are an integral part of our operation and learn valuable skills for their careers.

Recognition as a Person of Outstanding Integrity and Character that Reinforces the Values and Image of the Association. It is my sincerest hope that I am recognized in this manner by my fellow professionals, co-workers, students and staff. I strive to achieve and uphold these criteria every day.

Section Service and Activity. I have been somewhat limited in availability in previous years, with my employment at FSU, I am granted the opportunity to become more involved. Currently Katke hosts 5-6 Playability Tests every season, it is a great opportunity to meet our upcoming professionals as well as mentor our staff on tournament operations. We also host a Drive, Chip & Putt for our area youth to participate in. I have also volunteered at Folds of Honor events.

Non-golf Community/Civic Activities: I have served on a local school board, involved in many committees during my term. I have had the opportunity to be elected to our county's intermediate school district board of education in different capacities. I have served on our local school's Sports Boosters board in various positions. In addition to the other organizations, I have also served on our townships Planning Committee. I am also a member of the MIGCA (HS golf coaches association) and participate as much as possible.

Thank you for the honor of being nominated and the consideration for the Bill Strausbaugh award. I would like to thank Ferris State University for granting me the wonderful opportunity I have to be the golf professional at Katke Golf Course and work alongside and mentor the next generation of PGA professionals.

Thank you

Brian Corwin
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