

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: *

Edward Bialek

Award Nominated for: *

Bill Strausbaugh

Facility Employed at: *

Flint Golf Club

Year Elected to Membership: *

1989

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

I have been a member of the PGA for 33 years, 22 of those years have been in the Michigan Section and 11 have been in the Minnesota Section. I have been a head professional for 32 years, 3 at the Flint Elks, 17 at Bay City Country Club, 11 at Oak Ridge Country Club in Minnesota, 1 at the Flint Golf Club. It is always an honor and a humbling experience to be nominated for an award by one of your peers.

During my career as a head professional, I have truly been blessed to work with some outstanding men and women. I think that I have learned as much from them as I have hopefully been able to teach them. Two of my former assistants were award winners, one was the Assistant Professional of the Year and the other was a Player Development Award Winner. I have had five of my former assistants attain head professional jobs, three attain jobs as sales representatives in the golf industry and several others are enjoying careers outside of the golf industry. I am also proud that my caddie program at two of my clubs, have resulted in twelve caddies with Evans Scholarships. Observing those young men and women have that life changing moment puts life in perspective.

I have served on several committees throughout my career. Eight years of service to the Central Chapter serving in all positions including two years as President; Education Chair for the Michigan Section for two years, served on the Tournament Committee, Long Range Planning Committee and conducted new member interviews. While in Minnesota, I served on a mentoring committee that partnered with the Assistants Association helping them with fundraising events, Pro-Ams, and facilitating some educational opportunities. I also served as a panelist for the Minnesota Section on two occasions for educational seminars. I was awarded the Facility Promoter of the Year for Private Facilities in the Minnesota Section in 2020.

During my career I have worked with Bay City Western, Central and All Saints High School Golf Teams. I was the program coordinator for Bay Area Junior Golf from 2007-2010 and have conducted golf clinics for Minneapolis Junior golf and Flint Junior Golf, as well as offered my facility to host tournaments every year. I have volunteered my time with several organizations in my community. Empty Bowls, after school lunch programs in Hopkins, MN, Feed My Starving Children and the Imagination Library.

Throughout my career I have been blessed to interact with many of the top golf professionals in the industry. I am always trying to learn and share my experiences and ideas with others that I interact with. My life long goal is to try to lead by example and inspire my staff not to settle and be the best they can be.

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