

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: *

Steve Brady

Award Nominated for: *

Bill Strausbaugh

Facility Employed at: *

Oakland Hills Country Club

Year Elected to Membership: *

1900

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

I have been fortunate enough to have been a member of the Michigan Section PGA for the past 36 years, and am most certainly honored to be nominated for this award. During this time, I have also had the honor of working for and alongside some of the most well-known and respected PGA professionals in the business; Pat Croswell, Tom Doozan, John Traub, Mark Wilson and Tom Stewart just to name a few. For most of my professional career, I've had the opportunity to play tournament golf at the highest level and learn from some of the greatest players and teachers in the game. Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Tom Lehman, Lee Janzen, John Daly, and Payne Stewart are some of the gentlemen I have had the opportunity to play with and learn from over the years.

After graduating from college, I spent 6 seasons as an assistant professional at Bay Valley Resort, then traveled to work and play tournament golf in the offseason. Tom Doozan was the Head Golf Professional at Apollo Beach Golf and Sea Club during those winter months and I will always be thankful for his mentorship. His knowledge of the game, and his willingness to pass along his gift, is something I still try to share with PGM interns, assistant professionals, golf shop staff and fellow PGA members.

I spent 6 years as an assistant professional under John Traub at Detroit Golf Club. John's honest, and very direct approach to the golf business was not always warm and fuzzy, but hard work and dedication will never go out of style. I try to pass along to young PGA professionals, that it can be one of the most rewarding careers out there, but there will be some sacrifice as well.

For the past 25 years, I have been Blessed to be a PGA professional at Oakland Hills Country Club. Longtime Head Professional Pat Croswell hired me in 1997 as an assistant, and when Pat retired in 2016, I was named to take his place. Pat was the consummate professional. Member service was his top priority. Hard work, attention to detail, go above and beyond were his beliefs. I use Pat as an example to all PGA professionals/Associates/PGA Students I meet.

I have helped countless former assistants, co-workers and interns secure employment at PGA facilities throughout the country. While on the other hand, I have also mentored some former employees to possibly seek employment "outside" of the traditional golf facility. Many of those have gone on to successful careers outside of golf in both the public and private sector.

Over the years, I have been asked to speak to numerous civic and non-golf community organizations. Birmingham Senior Men's Club, Detroit Athletic Club, USGA Amateur Community Outreach, Men's Golf Fellowship just to name a few.

This is for sure an honor to be nominated for this award. However, there are many other PGA professionals who sometimes don't get the recognition they deserve. It's many times "those professionals" who you can truly learn the most from.

- Host Professional 2016 USGA US Amateur Championship
- 2022 Senior Organization Honoree (For Outstanding Past Service to the Section, Chapter, Senior Organization and Ongoing Service to Golf)
- Responsible for bringing Michigan PGA Pro-Pro Championship to OHCC 2016
- Responsible for bringing Drive/Chip and Putt Regional to OHCC 2019-2020
- Michigan PGA Teaching and Coaching Summit Committee and Presenter
- Honorary Chairman 2019 Michigan Amateur Championship
- Hosted PGA Magazine Merchandiser's Round Table Breakfast
- Works with PGM programs to secure yearly internships
- OHCC Golf Shop AGM Platinum Award Winner 2015-2021
- Member OHCC South Course Master Plan Committee 2016-2020 (Gil Hanse)
- Saginaw Valley State University Athletic Hall of Fame, Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame, Michigan Golf Hall of Fame, Michigan PGA Hall of Fame
- Featured Instructor Golf Channel's Golf Academy Live 2004

- Featured Instructor Golf Channel's "The Turn" 2008
- Fox Sports Detroit Color Commentator 2004 Ryder Cup
- Raised over \$12,000 for the Folds of Honor (Golf Clinic) 2018
- Titleist Leadership Advisory Staff Prominent Fitter
- TaylorMade Rising Star Northeast Region 2019
- Speaker Men's Golf Fellowship Dinners
- CYO Boys Basketball Coach
- Summer Music Theater Volunteer
- Pontiac Soup Kitchen Volunteer

PGA Teacher of the Year 2015 Michigan PGA
PGA Player of the Year 1995 Michigan PGA
PGA Hall of Fame 2013 Michigan PGA
Senior Organization Honoree Award 2022 Michigan PGA

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