

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: *

Ian Ziska

Award Nominated for: *

Golf Professional of the Year

Facility Employed at: *

American Dunes Golf Club

Year Elected to Membership: *

2021

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

IAN ZISKA, PGA - GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

I have had the privilege of being mentored by some of the best in the business. During this time, I have better understood what's expected of a quality leader and PGA Professional.

As a PGA Member, I have served as an officer for the Northern Chapter, as the Michigan Section Tournament Chair multiple times, and served on the special awards and tournament committees. I have been honored with section awards, including Junior Golf Leader, Youth Player Development, Merchandiser of the Year for Resort and Public, and the Bill Strausbaugh Award for mentorship.

In addition to my commitments to the PGA, I have had an opportunity to mentor several outstanding future PGA Professionals. Relying on my past experiences to lead by example with high energy, I work tirelessly to create an environment my team wants to be a part of and support.

Using proper communication and involving my team in the process, we work together to showcase our best attributes with the freedom to adapt and improve procedures. I encourage them to be innovative, support one another, and embrace a high level of service. I strive to be supportive, help everyone improve, and turn any weakness into a strength.

I am incredibly passionate about growing the game of golf and involving everyone I encounter in this sport. I have been fortunate to deliver programs that include a youth tournament series, youth and adult player development programs, and an in-school program designed to promote and grow the game of golf. Every program I develop is designed to maximize fun, provide a safe learning environment, and deliver the skills and values players will be able to use for a lifetime.

To support teaching and coaching, playing golf is an essential part of a Golf Professional's job, and it's a true passion of mine. Playing has allowed me to further my career, meet new people, and travel the world. I have been fortunate to compete and win in the Michigan Section, qualify for multiple PGA Professional Championships, and play in the PGA Tour Buick Open.

I am grateful for the opportunities I have been given to gain invaluable experiences from outstanding PGA Professionals and industry leaders. I continue to learn from my mentors and the staff I lead, helping me become a more versatile and cognizant Golf Professional.

Thank you for the opportunity to share. Having the chance to do so for this specific award is rewarding. I am humbled and grateful for the nomination of this special award.

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