

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: *

Matt Koets

Award Nominated for: *

2023 Golf Professional of the Year

Facility Employed at: *

Railside Golf Club

Year Elected to Membership: *

2004

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

Thank you for the nomination for 2023 Golf Professional of the Year. I would like to thank my wife, Barbara, and my children, Barbara, Grace, and Luke for their love and unwavering support of my career. I would also like to thank the ownership, membership and our team at Railside Golf Club for their support and for the opportunity to serve as the Head Professional.

As a well-rounded golf professional, I excel in the following key areas:

- Leadership
- Mentorship
- Event Management
- Merchandising
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Teaching the Game
- Playing the Game

Contributions to my facility and the Michigan Section:

- I lead a team of nearly 30 golf operations team members including two assistant professionals
- I build a positive environment by being a servant leader to our team
- I empower our assistant professionals to create player development programs to engage our membership
- I grow participation in our golf events each season
- I grow golf shop sales each season
- I have a proven track record of exceeding financial benchmarks and goals each season
- I continually look for ways to engage and better serve our membership
- I build relationships with our members by playing golf with them on a regular basis
- I support the Michigan PGA by participating in events and by serving the members of the Western Chapter on the executive board

Previous Awards:

- Three-time Golf Professional of the Year nominee
 - Two-time Merchandiser of the Year nominee
 - Two-time Bill Strausbaugh nominee
 - PGA Magazine Ambassador Professional
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