

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: *

Edward Laprade

Award Nominated for: *

Player Development Award

Facility Employed at: *

Bay Meadows Family Golf Course

Year Elected to Membership: *

1997

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

I have been teaching players of every level for over 25 years, 23 at Crystal Mountain Resort and now at Bay Meadows Family Golf Course. I have taught high level players, including a High School State Champion and Division 1 College players, but my bread and butter is working with average players and beginners.

Throughout my career I have enjoyed working with new golfers and juniors. At Bay Meadows I have Get Golf Ready evening clinics as well as Midday clinics to introduce new golfers to the game and help experienced players improve. I have taught Women Only schools for over 20 years. I think that this segment is very important to growing the game.

One of the biggest barriers of player development is retaining new golfers. I always have a relaxed inclusive environment for people to learn the game. For the new player the process of golf can be intimidating. We don't just teach swing mechanics but also the whole process of playing a round from making a tee time and checking in at the golf shop with etiquette as well.

Player development is more than just beginners. Every golfer wants to improve. I believe to be a good instructor one must know the swing mechanics extremely well. Everything starts there. Also, excellent communication skills are a must. It is important that the instructor can demonstrate what he or she is explaining on the range and course alike. One of the most important elements of our instruction is the on-course part of the school where we go on the course and work on real world situations. Bay Meadows mantra "Learn, Practice, Play" is a wholistic approach to the game. Technology such as Trackman 4, V1 video and K-vest are integral to my teaching. From there it is all about enthusiasm, patience and fun. Keeping it light with humor really helps! The most important thing is that the student is given clear explanations about what they need to do and that it is accurate information that will not harm their game. Being positive and patient is critical.

Thank you for your consideration,

Edward Laprade

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