

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: *

Pete Kelbel

Award Nominated for: *

Player Development 2023

Facility Employed at: *

Walloon Lake Country Club

Year Elected to Membership: *

1990

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

Pete Kelbel – Player Development Bio 2023

I've enjoyed being a very busy instructor these past 33 years at Walloon Lake Country Club and the golf coach at Harbor Springs High School for both boys and girls for over a decade. Walloon Lake CC has large and wide range, short game areas and putting greens to develop players. All the shots that come up on the course can be developed with our practice area. It is my goal in lessons and clinics to develop a complete player. I use all forms of teaching aids, video, feedback stations in my target-oriented lessons. On course lessons are also a natural extension of the process.

It has been fun developing my member's games to win club championships, junior club championships and various other tournaments. Many of my students have gone off to play college golf at all the different levels, including D-1. I have also coached a fellow PGA Professional who competed in the Club Professional Championship.

Coaching both the Harbor Springs boy's golf team in the spring and girl's golf team in the fall has been fun these 10+ past years. 2 State Championships, 2 State-Runner Ups and 7 Regional Titles have been earned over the past 10 years. The girls just won the Regional title and finished 8th in state with my top girl earning a medal for Top 10. Many of my high school players have achieved All-State honors.

Providing indoor instruction is also a critical part of helping golfers of all ages and abilities achieve their goals. High quality launch monitors and simulators are very important and part of the mix of making better golfers.

Also, being a swing coach for many of the Tip of the Mitt area golfers has also been something I love the challenge of. Many have gone on to play college golf. In many cases I find myself competing with my high school team against the teams of some of my area students. I also started an annual Tip of the Mitt Junior Golf Showcase Tournament this past summer at Chestnut Valley GC in Harbor Springs to draw attention to our quality players and their achievements.

I have written articles for ProGolfNow.com and WomensGolf.com where I am on the Professional Instruction Staff. Teaching and Coaching is not just about developing single digit handicaps, but helping each of my students with different ages and abilities achieve their person goals. Gaining confidence to play in ladies' day, making a high school golf team, or breaking 80, 90 or 100 are all typical goals I typically work on with my students in my effort to make them all around players.

I very much appreciate the nomination and am honored.

Sincerely,

Pete Kelbel

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