

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: *

Raquel Bryant

Award Nominated for: *

Player Development Award

Facility Employed at: *

Thousand Oaks Golf Club

Year Elected to Membership: *

2009

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

Thank you for considering me for this award. It is an honor to be nominated!

I have been running adult women's golf programs at Thousand Oaks Golf Club for 14 years. These are the adult programs I ran in 2022. Thank you to Justin Rube for his assistance in the Summer Ladies' Edge Program.

-Spring Ladies' Edge- 18 women, in the Golf Academy, six Mondays from February to March for 1 hour each week

-Summer Ladies' Edge- 135 women, three Mondays each month from May-August for 1.5 hours each

-Fall Ladies' Edge- 6 women, five Fridays from September to October for 1 hour each week

-Play with the Pro- 10 women, 4 men, on-course playing lessons with additional recommendations given after the round

Total: over 173 registrations for adult group programs I instructed

Averages from adult group programs- 98% women, 2 % men, 64% non-members, 36% members

For Spring Ladies' Edge I instruct on one topic per week as well as use interactive games and drills on the LiveGolf simulators. For Summer and Fall Ladies' Edge I cover a wide range of topics throughout the summer including full swing, putting, chipping, pitching, bunker, uneven lies, trouble shots, learning to practice efficiently, and an on-course lesson. I have many ladies do these clinics year after year. New to 2022, each clinic participant was set up with an On-Form account and received personalized notes from what was discussed in the clinic, as well as prerecorded videos on the topics discussed that day.

Play with the Pro was a brand-new program for 2022, inspired from PGA.Coach. I utilized times when the course was blocked off for evening league shotguns. It was a great success, and I plan to do it again next year!

Hours of Instruction:

Private Lessons- 267 hours of private lessons given so far in 2022, 65% of those were juniors, 23% women, 12% men

Group Programs- 173 hours of group programs in 2022, 63% of those hours were in junior programs, 35% women's programs, 2% men's programs

Previous awards and certifications:

2021 Michigan PGA Junior Golf Program of the Year

2019 Michigan PGA Junior Golf Program of the Year

2018 Dul Family Player Development Leadership Award

2015 Michigan PGA Youth Player Development Award Winner

American Development Model Certified

PGA Specialized Teaching Professional

Testimonial:

"I have taken several lessons with Raquel at Thousand Oaks Golf Club in Grand Rapids, Michigan and her professionalism as well as passion for the game is unmatched.

Being brand new to golfing this year, I went into my first lesson nervous. The only time I had swung my clubs was when I bought them. Raquel was immediately so warm, friendly, and accommodating and that took a lot of my fear and anxiety about learning a new game out of the way. Her ability to reach both youth and adult players at various skill levels is apparent when you see her at Thousand Oaks. She is well known and respected by her peers, coworkers; students and parents alike.

Taking lessons with Raquel, I was set up with a multitude of video instruction, drills, and notes to reference when out on the course or the range. I have learned so much from Raquel this summer and those I golf with have recognized that as well. I look forward to continuing to better my game with Raquel's help."

-Melanie Stamey

Thank you for considering me for this award!

