

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: *

Kyle Horton

Award Nominated for: *

Professional Development Award

Facility Employed at: *

Kalamazoo Country Club

Year Elected to Membership: *

2009

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

During my time at Kalamazoo Country Club, I have focused my efforts on continuing education to help better not only myself, but other PGA Professionals around me. Enrolling in training seminars such as the Leadership Accelerator Program with GBN or the Dale Carnegie Effective Communications and Human Relations course have been a huge benefit to me and my efforts to be a better leader and mentor. In addition to these courses, Kalamazoo Country Club serves as the host facility for the First Tee of Southwest Michigan with youth clinics, play days, and lessons occurring from April - October this year. This program engages over 300+ youth annually in the Kalamazoo area and PGA staff at KCC leads the effort to give these kids a positive experience.

Furthermore, I have had articles published by PGA Magazine in December of 2021 that covered both best practices and multi-layered marketing. These articles were written to give fellow PGA professionals new insights, ideas, and thoughts into different processes to be used at their Clubs. In response to these articles, I received numerous emails from PGA Professionals around the country inquiring on methods and processes used in the Golf Shop and with the PGA Staff at Kalamazoo Country Club.

Moreover, in addition to these articles, training courses, and programs I focus extremely hard on developing relationships with fellow professionals. Attending Chapter & Section meetings, being a part of the Western Chapter Board (current President), engaging in round table discussion groups (Pat Markley facilitated), and attending merchandise shows throughout the State and Nation have all contributed to building a strong network of contacts within the PGA. These networking efforts were influential in my nomination to serve on the National Johnnie-O Ambassador Board with 15 other Professionals nationwide as well as assisted former PGA Assistants Ty Bouwens, Jimmy Liss, and Cody Sinkler in moving on to promoted jobs at other facilities.

Professional development has been a strong part of my career ever since I worked alongside Dick Stewart for 10 years. Dick was influential in my career from Day 1 and I strive every day to have that same impact on not only the PGA Professionals at KCC, but everyone I meet.

I'm extremely honored to be considered for this award and thank you for your time and consideration.

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