

# 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: \*

Youth Player Development

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-Youth Player Development Bio 2023

It is my goal in lessons and clinics to develop a complete player. Walloon Lake Country club has tremendous practice areas to assist in the process of teaching all the different shots that show up on the course. Video, teaching aids and feedback stations are used to develop my young players.

Making the transition to the course is a necessary step. Playing lessons are common and give the students opportunities to see their practice station shots turn in to actual shots on the course. The goal I have is to make my students "expect" to hit successful shots instead of "hoping" to hit successful shots.

Developing my young players to win junior club championships and other junior tournaments has been a fun challenge. Many have gone off to play college golf at all the different levels. Coaching high school golf has given me the opportunity to help many of my players to earn college scholarships. My teams have won 2 State Championships, 2 State Runner-Ups and 7 Regional titles, including the girl's 2022 Regional Title where my top girl medaled Top 10 in State. As a swing coach for many other northern Michigan area players, I have been able to assist players who are not on my own teams earn college golf scholarships. I started an annual Tip of the Mitt Junior Golf Showcase this past summer for northern Michigan area players.

I have written several articles for ProGolfNow.com and WomensGolf.com. I am always looking to promote my students and help them progress toward their goals, which is often to become a college player. One of the best outcomes over my 33 years has been watching these young players continue to play the game as adults.

I very much appreciate the nomination.

Sincerely,

Pete Kelbel

Director of Golf- Walloon Lake Country Club

Head Golf Coach-Harbor Springs HS Boys and Girls Teams

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