

2024 Assistant Golf Professional Special Awards Candidate Bio Form

Please submit this form no later than **Friday, September 29th, 2023 at 4pm.**

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Name of Nominee: *

Cody Haughton

Award Nominated for: *

Assistant Golf Professional of the Year

Facility Employed at: *

Red Run Golf Club

Year Elected to Membership: *

2014

Explain how you have excelled as a Player and/or Teacher in 200 words or less: *

I have always loved the competitiveness and challenge that golf provides. I have always considered myself a good player and love to put my skills to test in a tournament setting. I have built a solid playing resume in my time as a professional and have been fortunate to qualify for multiple national championships and most recently named 2023 Michigan PGA Player of the Year.

Playing and competing on a consistent basis helps me relate to my students. My goal with all of my students is to raise their Golf IQ. I'm not trying to build a perfect golf swing with anyone, I try to direct their focus on 1 or 2 things a session that actually matter and affect their golf ball or contact. Golf is an individual game, the more I can have a student learn about their swing and what their tendencies or patterns are, the better they will be in the long run.

Explain how you have excelled on the business side of golf such as with merchandising, tournament operations and/or administrative duties in 200 words or less: *

We have a very busy operation at Red Run, it has only grown since my time here. Our membership is loyal, they shop at Red Run before any other store. I sit in on apparel meetings and assist in style and quantity decisions throughout the year and at the PGA Show. I'm able to try things that I think will do well based on our membership, most of the time it's a homerun and rarely it's a dud.

Our tournament schedule is full, we have a lot of great events throughout the year. We have utilized Golf Genius the last 5 years; it has made tournament set-up smooth and allows us to instantly communicate to our players with updates or results. Communication is important with club events because there is always last-minute changes and action needs to be taken quickly.

Explain how you have made a positive impact on your facility and the game of golf as a whole in 200 words or less: *

I believe I've made a positive impact at Red Run Golf Club through a multitude of things. As a Golf Professional we don't work remotely, we go to the club or course and interact with multiple people every day. I bring a positive energy daily which people find approachable and helpful. I have helped hundreds of golfers learn more about the game which in return has made it more enjoyable or lowered their handicap. The game of golf continues to grow and I continue to be an advocate for the game.

Give some examples of how you bring credit to the PGA of America and the Michigan Section in ★ regard to your character, image and integrity in 200 words or less:

I bring credit to the PGA of America and the Michigan section through displaying a positive image in all instances. I have been fortunate enough to have had success playing golf. With success comes a spotlight. When I was younger, I would get emotional on the golf course and others would notice. It still gets away from me sometimes, but I have made a commitment to display a positive image and treat others with respect even if I'm not having a good day. I try to thank all the people that put in time to run the great events that we play in and act professionally while doing so.

Name at least one mentor but not more than two and explain why they are a mentor to you in ★ 200 words or less:

Wally Sierakowski has been my greatest mentor. I have had the privilege to work for him the last 10 years. I have been able to learn everything from merchandising and tournament operations to critical communication skills. He has the ability to inform someone they are wrong or incorrect without them feeling attacked or ridiculed. He sticks to the bylaws of the club and precedent of critical situations in order to make decisions and back him if someone tries to shove him against the wall. Quick decision making is one thing that I struggled with early in my career. Witnessing and learning from a top 5 golf professional in the country (in my opinion) on a daily basis has made me well-rounded and equipped to handle anything golf operations wise.

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