

2024 Golf Professional of the Year Award Candidate Bio Form

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

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Name of Nominee: *

Douglas P. Brody

Facility Employed at: *

Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club

Year Elected to Membership: *

1997

Please describe your overall performance as a Golf Professional in 250 words or less: *

I have been the Head Golf Professional at Warwick Hills since 2005, from 1998-2004 I was the Head Professional at Walnut Hills Country Club. My overall performance as a golf professional has been highlighted by our club success in Junior Golf, hosting multiple PGA Tour events, strong business management, and successful team building.

Junior Golf has been a major source of pride highlighted by 130 junior golfers in our Warwick program with two PGA Junior League teams and a Junior Interclub team for ages 13-18. I am currently the host PGA Professional for the PGA Champions Tour Ally Challenge Presented By McLaren since 2018, PGA Tour Buick Open 2005-2009, and LPGA Oldsmobile Classic 1998-2000. I have been in charge of all the merchandising for both the Buick Open and Ally Challenge.

I have a proven track record for running first class golf events and instructional events for all of our different member segments. Our biggest event this year was our Men's Invitational which had 216 players. These events drive a lot of our success in the golf shop that strives to provide the best product and service in our market. I am most proud of our ability to build a successful golf staff committed to growing the game and providing a great golf experience on and off the course for our members and guests.

Please describe your service to your chapter, the Michigan Section and to the PGA of America in 150 words or less: *

I have always been a big supporter of the Michigan Section. I was on the Western Chapter Board in 2003-2004 as the Tournament Sponsor Chair. In 2005, I became the Head Golf Professional at Warwick Hills with young kids and running the Merchandise Program for the Buick Open. I have always supported Chapter and Section events hosting over 10 Chapter Pro Am's and multiple Senior Junior Events and the Club Car Spring Scramble. We hosted the Drive, Chip and Putt Local Qualifier in 2021. Warwick Hills was one of the first clubs in the state to have a PGA Junior League Team.

In 2021, I became a member of the Michigan Section Special Awards Committee. In 2022, I was asked to Chair the Special Awards Committee which I accepted. Chairing this Committee has been extremely rewarding and educational.

Please describe your leadership ability and how you inspire other golf professionals in 250 words or less: *

I have always tried to lead by example, by working hard and being true to my word. As the Head Professional at a member owned private club you are expected to be an active participant on many club committees. I have embraced this commitment at Warwick Hills participating on the following committees: Golf, Greens, Caddie, Finance, Invitational, Membership and the Board Of Directors. Many times the members and staff look to me to help guide policy for the greater good of the club. Club leadership changes almost every year, I work hard to be a consistent contributor and leader through out these annual changes.

Currently my involvement as the Special Awards Chair and helping lead the Motown Cup Interclub series in Southeast Michigan are areas of leadership I am proud of. Hopefully my work will help inspire other golf professionals to step up for the good of the section or good of the game!

Please describe how you grow the game of golf at your facility, in the community and throughout the Michigan Section in 250 words or less: *

Growing the game at Warwick Hills is a big part of our DNA! We start kids in Junior Golf as early as four years old. We host Drive, Chip and Putt clinics and local qualifiers. PGA Junior League has been a great program to pump up our kids that want to do more with golf and experience a team environment. We host the Flint Junior Golf Association. We are the home course of both the Grand Blanc Boys and Girls Varsity teams, I am available to the teams when they are in need of additional instruction and encouragement. We host the Callaway/Meijer Tour on a consistent basis. All of these are on top of a weekly junior program with five junior clinics each week and a two day junior golf school to kick off the summer.

For the ladies we offer three free clinics to kick the year off. We have a five week Get Golf Ready program for new lady golfers each spring to get them comfortable hitting the course. Leading the only caddy program in Genesee County has help introduce hundreds of teenagers to the game of golf over the years. We train 70-100 new caddies every year, usually 40-50% have never played golf before. Helping people get excited about playing golf and growing the game is a huge part of being a PGA Professional.

List any other PGA Section or National Awards you've received and the year(s) you received them (50 word limit): *

PGA Michigan Section Merchandiser Of The Year - 2014 & 2019