

2026 Golf Professional of the Year Award Candidate Bio Form

Please submit this form no later than **Monday, October 6, 2025 at 5pm.**

Email *

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Name of Nominee: *

Scott Wilson

Facility Employed at: *

Bay Meadows Family Golf Course

Year Elected to Membership: *

1998

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

As PGA Director of Instruction at the Crystal Mountain Golf School for over 20 years Scott led a nationally recognized golf school. Rated twice by Golf Magazine as a top 25 golf school in the country and a top 10 Golf School for Women by Golf For Women Magazine. Through the years Scott helped direct over 20 different PGA members & associates to maintain the quality and success of the Crystal Mountain Golf School and the entire golf operation. Scott was responsible not only for the Golf School but also managed both ski & golf retail operations along with orchestrating Crystal Mountain's vast tournament and outing operation.

In 2015, Scott made the move to Bay Meadows Family Golf Course to focus a majority of his attention on his passion which is growing the game of golf. Bay Meadows has provided a perfect setting for Scott to accomplish some amazing things over these last 9 years. Scott has been a leader in the promotion of Drive, Chip & Putt, has built one of the largest and most successful in-house PGA Junior League programs in the country, and has formulated a learning progression program which developed some of the best young players in our state.

Please describe your service to your chapter, the Michigan Section and to the PGA of America in 250 words or less: *

What makes Scott a great candidate for this award is that in addition to the success he has had during his career, he not only puts forth the effort to help his local community but he also takes time to help the Northern Chapter PGA as tournament chair, the Michigan Section PGA by serving as chair for the Growth of Game committee, and sitting in on our section Special Awards Committee. Current PGA and Non-PGA boards and activity include

NMPGA Vice President

MPGA Growth of Game Committee (Chairman 2023-4)

MPGA Special Awards Committee

PGA National Special Awards Committee

Traverse City Jr Golf Association Board Member

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

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Scott has worked extensively with the Traverse City Community to help inspire a love for the game of golf. His work with the Traverse City Junior Golf Association has created a relationships that introduce golf to thousands of students in the Traverse City Area Public Schools, Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools, and other rural schools in elementary gym classes. This program has been a motivator for all PGA members to get involved with local schools as a vital aspect to growing our businesses and our 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: *

When I first began this journey of fully emerging myself into player development at Bay Meadows Family Golf Course, "The course made for family fun," I created the following mission statement for the Bay Meadows Learning Center, "Inspire a life-long love for the game of golf, one shot at a time". With this in mind I created a plan that includes 3 principles to every program that has a progression towards creating lifelong golfers. These key principles are Learn, Practice, and Play. These along with integrating the key life skills of Honesty, Integrity, Respect, Playing by the Rules, Sportsmanship and Confidence have not just helped develop good golfers but more importantly helped to develop good people.

Every Bay Meadows Learning Center program includes these aspects. With the help from our national PGA initiatives like Drive, Chip, and Putt and PGA Junior League, as well as a local alliance with the Traverse City Junior Golf Association and our local schools, we have been able to grow our programs each and every year.

The interest from our community is continuing to grow through providing programs that are first of all fun and appropriate for every age and ability level. Our development model flows as follows for youth: In-school programs, clinics and camps, league play, individual tournament play, high school golf, and junior elite.

As juniors transfer into each step of this progression it creates the potential for future recreational, league, members, and tournament players for any course or club in the country. I made this career choice to not only help our industry but because it's my passion and believe this is the most sustainable way for me to enhance my career.

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

Michigan Section PGA Player Development Award 2007
Michigan Section PGA Player Development Award 2008
Michigan Section PGA Youth Player Development Award 2017
Michigan Section PGA Player Development Award 2018
Michigan Section PGA Youth Player Development Award 2019
PGA of America Youth Player Development Award 2019
Michigan Section PGA Teacher & Coach of the Year 2022

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