



PGA

Michigan Section

BIO OF SPECIAL AWARDS CANDIDATE

Name of Nominee: AJ Partenio

Year Elected to Membership: 2010

Award Nominated for: Assistant Golf Professional of the Year

I am a graduate of the Ferris State PGM program. My first job was in the Met Section for one year. This is my seventh season at Walnut Creek Country Club as an Assistant Golf Professional under Jeremy Lathwell. I do a wide variety of jobs here at the club to make sure the members receive the highest level of customer service. I focus on Tournament Operations and take a lot of pride in running fun, professional, and successful events. I also teach all different age groups in private and group settings. I am currently on the Board for the Eastern Chapter of the Michigan PGA as the Vice President. I support the section and chapter by playing in as many events as my schedule allows. Winning this award would mean a lot to me so I can keep moving towards my goal of becoming a Head Golf Professional.

Comments from Jeremy Lathwell:

AJ has worked for me for the past seven seasons at Walnut Creek Country Club and I couldn't possibly explain to my fellow professionals what an asset he has been to me and the club. I lean on AJ in almost every situation and he will take the task he is given and complete it in a timely, professional and highly effective manner. He is responsible for setting up all of my tournaments using the Golf Genius software. AJ is a respected teacher here at WCCC also and has coached many of my members to become better players while also enjoying the game. His personality is infectious and he brings an energy that is unmatched by anyone I have ever met. I have received a lot of credit for putting together a great staff in my time at Walnut Creek and AJ is a large reason why that success has been noticed. I hope all of you are fortunate enough to have an assistant that brings the intangibles and strengths to the golf profession like AJ brings for me and Walnut Creek.