



BIO OF SPECIAL AWARDS CANDIDATE

Name of Nominee: Scott Wilson

Year Elected to Membership: 1998

Award Nominated for: Player Development

Briefly describe your achievements/accomplishments that would pertain to this award:

My position at Bay Meadows family golf course in Traverse City has provided me a great opportunity to inspire a lifelong love for the game of golf for hundreds players. With the completion of our year-round learning center I hope to continue to build our business and bring new players into the game.

Starting each February in coordination with Traverse City Junior Golf Association, I am able to reach over 1000 youth in 12 different elementary schools within our area using SNAG equipment to introduce the basics of the game in gym classes. This exposure within the schools helped to create a spring after-school program that has over 100 youth annually come out for clinics. Many of these young players get their first experience on a golf course through this program. Building on this success I was able to form a Spring Learning League this year with 50 kids participating in a six week program to get the season started. During summer our PGA Junior League at Bay Meadows grew tremendously from 4 teams and over 30 kids playing in the league last year to 6 teams with 66 participants this year, culminating with our All-Star team making all the way to the state finals and finishing second in our state! I also conduct "FUN"damental camp sessions where over 110 youth learned the basics of the game throughout the summer season. A new program that had great success this year was a Performance Camp Series. This six week series was designed for youth looking to gain experience in tournament golf within the TCJGA or PGAJLG. 40 boys and girls committed to this program that helped guide a majority of them through their first tournament season. These League, camps and series don't just bring kids into the game, but have also boosted our family rounds tremendously. This August we are introducing a 3 event Family Series that will include a Parent/Child Championship, a 3-Genration Tournament, and a Family Scramble. With the success of the summer programs I will also conduct a fall league. Last year my goal was to capture 16-20 kids but ended up having 45 participate. This year the goal is 60 participants. It was truly a great program that included one night of league practice and one day of team play each week for 5 weeks. In addition to these programs geared towards growing the game my long-term year-round development program, TC Jr Elite, also had a great year. Students in TCJE are committed to competitive golf

and have had success through the years on every youth tour including AJGA, FCWT, GAM and of course TCJGA events as well as local, sub-regional, regional and national qualifiers in Drive, Chip, and Putt and individual and team MHSAA State Championships. Most recently 3 individuals earned MHSAA state medalist honors in girls' Division 1, 3, & 4 and 5 students were honored with All-State honors including 2 Super Team members and the 2106 Miss Golf.

I am passionate about growing golfers and will continue to do my best to inspire a lifelong love for our game, one shot at a time! I appreciate your consideration for this award. Thanks!