



# PGA

Michigan Section

## BIO OF SPECIAL AWARDS CANDIDATE

Name of Nominee: Scott Wilson

Year Elected to Membership: 1998

Award Nominated for: Youth Player Development

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

My first year at Bay Meadows Family Golf Course in Traverse City, after 21 years as Director of Instruction at Crystal Mountain, was the most exciting, rewarding, and inspiring year of my career.

I started in February and in coordination with Traverse City Junior Golf Association, I was 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 had over 100 youth come out for clinics. Many of these young players got their first experience on a golf course through this program. Building on this success I was able to form our own PGA Junior League at Bay Meadows with 4 teams and over 30 kids playing in the league. I also conducted 8 different camp sessions where over 60 youth learned and improved their game throughout the summer season. The PGA Jr League and camps didn't just bring kids into the game, but also boosted our family rounds tremendously. With the success of the summer programs I decided to form a fall league. My goal was to capture 16-20 kids but ended up having 45 participate. 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 development program, TC Jr Elite, also had a great year. Students in TCJE are committed to tournament 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 a few weeks ago 3 individuals earned MHSAA state medalist honors in girls' Division 1, 3, & 4.

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!