



**PGA**  
Michigan Section

**2019 Spring Section Meeting**  
**Special Awards Report**

As the Chairman of the Special Awards Committee I would like to thank the officers for allowing me to steer this committee made up of several great professionals.

The time we spend at the Home office in January interviewing the finalists is truly our pleasure and we all leave these days humbled by our fellow members that we interview and get to know better.

The talent level in the room those 2 days in inspiring and humbling. Our congratulations go out to the winners of our 2019 awards and to all the finalists we spent time with in January.

Your 2019 Section Award Winners are as follows:

Assistant Golf Professional	Emily Rhody, Railside Golf Club
Merchandiser of the Year- Public	JP Westbrook, Indian River GC
Merchandiser of the Year- Private	Doug Brody, Warwick Hills CC
Merchandiser of the Year- Resort	Elliott Oscar, Forest Dunes
Youth Player Development	Scott Wilson, Bay Meadows Family GC
Player Development	Mike Fay, Boyne Resorts
Patriot Award	Dean Kolstad, Gull Lake View
Horton Smith Award	Kevin McKinley, Treetops Resort
Bill Strausbaugh	Bernie Friedrich, Boyne Resorts
Teacher of the Year	Dave Van Loozen, Oakland Hills CC
Golf Professional of the Year	Doug Kreis, Battle Creek CC

These winners will be awarded their plaques and recognized at the Presidents Dinner and Fall Section Meeting in October.

Congratulations to all three of our MOY award winners as they have all been selected as finalists at the National level!! This is the second year in a row this has happened.

The committee will be working this summer season with the 3 chapters in the Section to have better involvement between the Special Awards Committee and the Chapters. The Committee is made up of 3 members from each chapter. The goal is for the membership to have a better understanding of awards criteria so that our nominees will be truly qualified for each award.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Bell, Chairman