

Wisconsin PGA Section – Players of the Year 2019
Recipient: David Bach of Whistling Straits (Sheboygan)
Award: Assistant Player of the Year

A relative newcomer to WPGA events, David Bach played like a veteran in 2019. The second year WPGA associate from Whistling Straits was able to put together a run of top 10 finishes to earn his first Assistant Player of the Year honor.

The former UW-Stout student got his year off to a nice start with a second place finish at the WAGPA Stroke Play at The Bull in May. For the next three months he would have some nice finishes and hover in contention, but never hold the point lead. During this time most would have viewed him as a long shot to win, but it turned out he was just waiting to make his big move.

That move would be a tie for 6th at the 99th Morgan Stanley Wisconsin State Open. His 1-under-par 287 total was good enough to be the low assistant professional in the field by one shot. The finish secured him 350 points and vaulted him up into first place of the standings.

“I really just had my eye on being exempt in 2020 and not having to go through qualifying again,” Bach wrote via email. “It definitely ranks on top of my accomplishments so far. Hopefully keep on working hard and have many more tournaments like that one.”

In the end the Brown Deer native was able to accumulate 810 points in the seven events he played in. The total was good enough to hold off Tom Burton by 35 points.

“It means a lot,” Bach wrote about winning the honor. “This was my first full year playing in section events. I really started 2019 with the mindset of making the Royal Cup team and just placing in the top 10. Having the season over and being on top of a talented list of guys, I couldn't be more happy about it.”

Bach is the ninth different winner of the Assistant Player of the Year award in the past nine years.