

Wisconsin PGA Section – Special Awards 2020

Recipient: Jack Gaudion, Jr., PGA of The Legend Club (Wales, Waukesha, Oregon and Hartland locations)

Award: Patriot Award

Owner and PGA Professional of The Legend Clubs Jack Gaudion, Jr., is the recipient of the 2020 Patriot Award. This award is given to a PGA Professional who embodies patriotism and shows dedication to the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

“I’m humbled and so very proud of our members and staff of The Legend Clubs being recognized for their generosity and support of The United States military and their families. I am the son of an Air Force fighter pilot, Jack Sr., who flew 3 combat tours and who I buried at Arlington National Cemetery in 1988. My son Jason, a marine that served 2 tours of duty in combat received his medical discharge in 2009. I didn’t serve in the military, so I hope my dad and my son are proud of all the efforts our club makes to honor their service and the attention and fundraising we generate for active duty and veterans of the armed forces,” said Gaudion. “I am honored to be able ask our members and staff to continue their generosity for the men, women and families of the armed forces that sacrifice so much and are forever changed having served in combat.”

Many initiatives are executed by Jack and his teams at each of the Legend Clubs venues. In timing with Armed Forces Day active and retired military members are invited to enjoy a complimentary round of golf as honored guests. The club also hosts a traditional Patriot Day Event on Labor Day and an annual moment of silence every Memorial Day at all four Legend Clubs. The club encourages financial support for military charities such as the Wounded Warrior Project, Folds of Honor, navy Seals, Birdies for the Brave, Veterans Shield, Oscar Mike, Troops First Foundation, and Fisher House Foundation. Since 2008, The Legend Clubs has donated almost \$300,000 to these military charities.

Crediting many people for having an influence in his professional and personal life he said his success is ultimately due to his wife Cindy’s love and support for him and the family structure she provides their daughters Taylor and Isabelle. Other influencers are those he calls “special people” are Brent Buckman, Terry Anton, Dennis Tiziani, Tony Coleman, Ed Karrels, Ron Kuhlman, and Risa Kuhlman.

In addition to the Patriot Award Gaudion is honored to have the following on his list of accolades and accomplishments:

WPGA Board of Directors 2001-2013

Legend Clubs Professionals Junior Golf Leader of Year, 5 time recipient

1996 WPGA Merchandiser of Year – Public

AJGA 2010 Golf Professional of the Year

AJGA 2016 Hospitality Award

His tournament play accomplishments include: qualifying and competing in 4 PGA Tour Events: Texas Open in 1984, 1985, 1986 and the Atlanta Classic 1990, WPGA Senior Champion in 2010 and runner-up in 2017, Wisconsin State Senior Top 3 in 2010, 2011 and 2015.

“I have been blessed to have had many amazing opportunities in the golf business and lucky to be living my dream of owning my own facilities,” said Gaudion.

Gaudion attended the University of Texas and became a member of the PGA of American in 1983. His hometown is Austin, Texas and he currently resides in Wales.

Get To Know The Pro:

Words to live by:

You either have a plan or you get used by someone else who does

Who are you inviting to a once-in-a-lifetime dinner for four?

Bobby Jones, Tiger Woods, Payne Stewart

Favorite thing to do outside of golf is:

Travel to Austin, Texas

Which golf “super power” would you add to your game:

Enjoy myself more while playing and make others enjoy themselves more. It’s the greatest game ever invented and all my best friends have been made through golf.

About The Legend Clubs:

The Legend is Wisconsin's only private club to feature 54 holes of golf all in Waukesha County. The three courses range in design from the tree-lined traditional style of The Legend at Merrill Hills to more modern Jack Nicklaus inspired design of The Legend at Bristlecone, or the timeless Pete Dye inspired design of The Legend at Brandybrook. The club also features three pool complexes, five restaurants, tennis, fitness facility, and family-focused and player programming.

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