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AWARD – BILL STRAUSBAUGH AWARD

RECIPIENT – ANDREW BARRETT

EMPLOYER – X-GOLF AMERICAN FAMILY FIELD

ELECTED TO PGA MEMBERSHIP – 2005

Hometown – Madison, WI

Current Residence – Milwaukee, WI

College – University of Minnesota

Awards & Honors

2004 PGA Tour - U.S. Bank Championship Contestant

2010 WPGA Assistant Professional of the Year

2016, 2017, 2020 WPGA Public Merchandiser of the Year

One noteworthy item that stood out from his award application – During his time with the Milwaukee County Parks he helped elevate numerous staff members into bigger and better roles. In reference to Barrett’s leadership skills, former Milwaukee County Parks Golf Services Manager Chet Hendrickson said, “Out of all the things Andy does well, training his staff is the best.”

Important past work experiences

2015-2022 – Head PGA Professional - Brown Deer Park Golf Course

2010-2015 - Head PGA Professional - Oakwood Park Golf Course

2003-2009 - PGA Assistant Golf Professional - Tripoli Country Club

Best piece of advice I have been given – Exceed expectations.

How were you introduced to the game of golf and where did you learn to play? – Through a new job at Odana Hills Golf Course in Madison, WI at the age of 15. Taught myself for the most part and improved due to being tired of losing quarters to my friends!

Biggest hope for the golf industry – It continues to grow. Allowing all people from all neighborhoods to see the opportunities golf offers.

Favorite way to spend free time – Still golf! Along with being outdoors in general, woodworking, movies, and spending time with my family and girlfriend.

The best homecooked meal is – Whatever my mother decides to make. It's all great.

Favorite place to hang out in Wisconsin – Our family cabin near La Crosse. If Six Flags was in Wisconsin, it would be a tougher choice.

What are you most looking forward to in 2023 - personally or professionally?

Professionally – My new job at X-Golf American Family Field comes with a welcomed challenge. I am also looking forward to enhancing my skill set.

Personally - Since my main season is now winter, I am looking forward to traveling this summer with my girlfriend to destinations on the same latitude of Wisconsin for the first time.

Comments or Thoughts – What does this award mean to you? “I love this award. In my opinion it is the most important award. I feel mentoring and encouraging other professionals is a cornerstone of being a PGA Golf Professional. Watching a person grow as a professional and a person is extremely rewarding. I believe the growth of the game will be impacted the most by having passionate professionals take the lead.”

