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AWARD – PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AWARD

RECIPIENT – SCOTT WALECKI

EMPLOYER – DRETZKA PARK & CURRIE PARK GOLF COURSES

ELECTED TO PGA MEMBERSHIP – 2017

Hometown – Muskego, WI

Current Residence – Big Bend, WI

College – University of Wisconsin - Parkside

Awards and Accreditations

2017 WPGA Assistant Professional of the Year

Certified PGA Professional - Golf Operations

One noteworthy item that stood out from his award application – Coached and captained the entire Milwaukee County Parks PGA Jr. League program. This year's program had 52 participants. Walecki also partners with the First Tee of Southeast Wisconsin to offer additional junior golf programming. Since 2021 the program has doubled in size, from 30 to 60 participants.

Important past work experiences

General Manager and Head Golf Professional of Dretzka and Currie Park Golf Courses

Assistant Golf Professional at Oakwood Park Golf Course

Owner of Holiday Heroes

Best piece of advice I have been given – I have two of them, "Luck comes from hard work" and "In order to get, you have to give."

How were you introduced to the game of golf and where did you learn to play? – My dad taught me how to play golf when I was 3. I learned at Valley Green, Muskego Lakes and Edgewood Golf Course.

Biggest hope for the golf industry – That this post Covid wave of growth continues. It's fun going to work with so many people playing the game and wanting to learn the game.

Favorite way to spend free time – When I am way from the golf course, I like spending time with my family. My wife Jacqi and I like to play with our two kids Josie and Brooks. I also enjoying playing hockey.

The best homecooked meal is – Anything my wife cooks. She is a fantastic cook!

Favorite place to hang out in Wisconsin – At my family's cabin in Rome, WI, or my backyard.

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

Professionally, I am excited for my new role at the Milwaukee County Parks, as I am now the new Head Golf Professional at Brown Deer Park Golf Course. I am eager and anxious for this new opportunity to oversee Milwaukee County's premier golf course.

Comments or Thoughts – What does this award mean to you? “I am honored, humbled and excited to be recognized as the 2023 Player Development Award winner. This would not be possible without the love and support of my wife and family. I am very grateful to all the people who have believed in me, provided me help and mentored me through my golf career. I also want to thank all my students for allowing me to be part of their golf journey. I will continue grow and strengthen the game I love so much.”

