

2024 ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

GUNNAR STAPP, PGA

ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL
HIDDEN GLEN GOLF CLUB



ABOUT THIS YEAR'S WINNER

ELECTED TO PGA MEMBERSHIP - 2015

HOMETOWN - Gordon, WI

WHAT DOES THIS AWARD MEAN TO YOU? "There were several hard years and sacrifices made throughout my professional path, but I was lucky to have a patient wife and to work alongside many great professionals. This award validates our work, and I am proud to share this award with each of them."

ONE NOTEWORTHY ITEM THAT STOOD OUT FROM HIS AWARD APPLICATION

As a PING staff member, he increased his yearly club fittings from 17 to 36. The increase helped Hidden Glen GC increase its PING sales by nearly 50% in 2023. This significant growth came after the club was recognized as a PING Power Fitter in 2022. In addition, Stapp was able to quadruple his lessons given this past season.

FAVORITE SPORTS TEAMS - Carleton College Knights and the Northwood Evergreens

FAVORITE WAY TO SPEND TIME AWAY FROM WORK - Playing in our flower garden. I am in the process of restoring our property to a native prairie and pollinator garden. It's amazing to see what can be created from tiny seeds.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO IN 2024? For the past year, I focused on improving mental health and quality of life for my friends, family and me. I look forward to continuing to work on both of these items - for me and for those around me. I also look forward to helping the other assistants in the section reach their full potential, personally and professionally.

Recognizing outstanding services as an overall PGA Professional/Associate. As one of the highest honors the WPGA can bestow, candidates must possess outstanding qualities of leadership, strong moral character, and a substantial record of service to the Association and the game of golf.