**MGCA Award Of Merit**

*Award of Merit* is given for outstanding leadership, perseverance and business acumen in the Michigan golf industry. This special award has only been given six times by the MGCA in 20 years.

**MGCA Awards of Merit**

- 2006 Michigan Section PGA Player Development Programs
- 2009 Travel Michigan and the “Pure Michigan” Campaign
- 2011 Michigan State University’s “Turf Team”
- 2013 Handicomp and the Healey Family
- 2016 Oakland Hills Country Club
- 2018 Major Dan Rooney, USAF, Folds of Honor Foundation
- 2019 Professional Golf Management Program, Ferris State University

**Lyle Leeke Distinguished Service Award**

*Lyle Leeke Distinguished Service Award* is named after one of the founders of the MGCA, a gentleman who helped to create a voice for Michigan golf course owners. The recipient of this award is an individual or company who has displayed distinguished service to the MGCA and the golf industry.

**Lyle Leeke Distinguished Service Award Past Recipients**

- Lyle Leeke, Old Channel Trail, Montague (1996)
- Cecil McKay, McKay Golf Properties, Lansing (1997)
- Jim Scott, Gull Lake View Golf Club, Augusta (2001)
- Kathy Aznavorian, Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, Plymouth (2002)
- Tom Schwark, Sycamore Hills Golf Club, Macomb (2005)
- Dave Richards, Resort and Golf Marketing, Bloomfield Hills (2007)
- Charlie Scott, Gull Lake View Golf Club, Augusta (2009)
- Toni Joers, Concord Hills Golf Course, Concord (2010)
- Carolyn Olson, Elmbrook Golf Course, Traverse City (2011)
- Kate Moore, MGCA (2012)
- Dawn Johnson, Spartan Distributors, Sparta (2013)
- Chris MacInnes, Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsonville (2014)
- Frank Guastella, Franklin Management (2015)
- Jim Dewling, Total Golf Management (2016)
- Kevin McKinley, Treetops Resort (2017)
- Bernie Friedrich, Boyne Resorts USA (2018)
- Bob Koutnik, Fox Run Country Club (2019)
Matthews Lifetime Achievement Award

Matthews Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to an individual or organization that over the span of a lifetime has provided steadfast leadership, outstanding service, and continuous commitment to the Michigan golf industry. The award is named after W. Bruce Matthews, the first award recipient. Mr. Matthews spread his expertise throughout the fairways of Michigan for many generations.

Matthews Lifetime Achievement Award Past Recipients

- Everett Kircher (1997) Owner, Boyne USA
- Bill Howard (1998) Owner, Saskatoon GC
- Darl and Letha Scott (1999) Owner, Gull Lake View Golf Properties
- Terry Moore (2001) Journalist
- Art McCafferty (2002) Media Specialist
- Estelle Dul (2003) Owner, Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center
- Rolla Frisinger (2006) Player Development Leader
- Buick Open and Warwick Hills Country Club (2009)
- Sara Wold (2010) Women’s Advocate and Leader
- Daryl Kesler, (2011) Owner, Hawk Hollow Golf Properties
- Greg Johnson (2012) Journalist
- Robert Dykema (2013) Industry Supplier
- Dr. Paul Reike (2014) Educator and Researcher
- Richard Garn (2015) Tournament Innovator
- Meriam Leeke (2016) Owner, Old Channel Trail Golf Course
- Gordie LaFontaine (2018) Owner, Pineview Highlands Golf Course
- Janina Jacobs (2019) Journalist