

Jim Dee Gains Amateur Player of the Year Honors For Second Straight Year

Jim Dee, with strong showings in the recent Met Open and US Amateur championships, has earned the MGA's annual Amateur Player of the Year award. This marks the second straight year that Dee has won top honors as the New York area's leading male amateur golfer.

Dee, a 23-year-old resident of Ridgewood, NJ, scored his major 1978 victory in the Ike championship in July. Other season highlights included a second place finish in the New Jersey State Amateur, low amateur in the New Jersey Open, and a semi-finalist showing in the Met Amateur. By tying for second low amateur in the Met Open and advancing to the fourth round of the National Amateur, Jim moved past 1978 New Jersey State Amateur champion, Bob Housen, and 1978 Travis winner, Jerry Courville, in the final standings.

Mike Burke, Jr., the 1978 Met Amateur champion, picked up 85 points by lasting to the second round of the US Amateur and nosed out Jerry Courville for second place in the final summary.

The Amateur Player of the Year award is a miniature replica of an 18th century putter. It is made of sterling silver and hickory, and is encased in a velvet-backed shadow box.

The 1978 award will be presented to Jim Dee on Wednesday, December 6th at the MGA's Annual Meeting and Dinner at the Biltmore Hotel in New York.

FINAL STANDINGS

Jim Dee	Ridgewood CC	622 pts.
Mike Burke, Jr.	Deal GC	440 pts.
Jerry Courville	Shorehaven GC	410 pts.
Bob Housen	Woodlake G & CC	375 pts.
Bill Britton	Silver Lake GC	360 pts.
Dick Siderowf	Century CC	237 pts.
Martin Vybihal	Beaver Brook CC	225 pts.
Jon Doppelt	Brae Burn CC	220 pts.
Clem Miner	Tamarack CC	180 pts.
Peter Van Ingen	Meadow Brook C	175 pts.