

MGA Amateur Player of the Year/1979

George J. Zahringer III, of Rye, New York, is the winner of the Metropolitan Golf Association's Amateur Player of the Year Award for 1979.

This Award, inaugurated in 1976, honors the metropolitan area amateur who compiles the best record in selected local, national and international events in one season. The winner is determined by a point ranking system whereby players accumulate points based on their performances in designated tournaments.

George's major accomplishments this year include victories in the Westchester Amateur and Richardson Memorial, and an impressive showing in the U.S. Amateur for which he received a total of 220 points for sectional qualifying, on-site qualifying and reaching the round of 16. Other highlights include: runner-up in the Met Amateur; low amateur in the Westchester Open; 3rd low amateur in the Met Open; and a quarter-finalist finish in the Long Island Amateur. George's performance throughout the 1979 season earned him a total of 730 points.

The Amateur Player of the Year Award is a miniature replica of an 18th Century golf club made of sterling silver and encased in a velvet-backed shadow box. It is presented each year at the MGA's Annual Meeting in December.

FINAL 1979 STANDINGS:

George Zahringer III	— 730 points
Jerry Courville	— 485 points
Richard Siderowf	— 475 points
Robert Mattiace	— 345 points
Ken Green	— 300 points
Dennis Slezak	— 235 points
George Haines, Jr.	— 205 points
Bob Housen	— 205 points
Ken Mattiace	— 180 points
Harvey Ortof	— 150 points

PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD:

1976 — Richard Siderowf

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