

## 1981 AMATEUR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Peter Van Ingen, of the Meadow Brook Club in Jericho, NY, parlayed an exciting victory in the 1981 MGA Amateur Championship with a consistent summer of fine golf to capture the Metropolitan Golf Association's 1981 Amateur Player of the Year Award.

Inaugurated in 1976, this award honors the metropolitan area amateur who compiles the best record in select local, national and international events in one season. The winner is determined by a point-ranking system whereby players accumulate points based on their performance in designated tournaments.

Peter got a jump on the Player of the Year title with solid, early season play in the Richardson and Travis Memorials, advancing to the semi-finals in both events. He earned co-medalist honors in the US Open Local Qualifying at Muttontown, NY and played his way into the final field at the Olympic Club in San Francisco with his Sectional Qualifying success in the US Amateur.



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The highlight of this banner year however, was Van Ingen's victory in the Met Amateur against an extremely strong and determined field. Eight of the players on this year's Player of the Year Honor Roll challenged Van Ingen for the title at Cherry Valley in Garden City.

Van Ingen led the point standings with 455, followed by Bob Housen of Brielle, NJ. Housen's 340 points narrowly edged two-time former Player of the Year, George Zahringer III of Sands Point and Jeff Thomas, the New Jersey State Amateur Champion and Ramapo College standout — each with 330 points. Housen finished the competitive season on a high note, advancing to the semi-finals of the inaugural USGA Mid-Amateur Championship.

Jon Saxton, of Greenwich, CT, who won the 1981 Westchester Amateur and the revived Ike Tournament, finished the year with 300 points and Howard Pierson, the 1980 Met Amateur champ took sixth place with 270 points.

Van Ingen, 30, is a broker with Frank B. Hall, Inc. in New York and resides in Locust Valley, NY. He has competed in three US Amateurs, as well as the British and French Amateurs. He won the Wilson Cup in 1980 and while a collegian, was a member of the University of Miami golf team for four years.

### PAST WINNERS

1976	Richard Siderowf	680 points
1977	Jimmy Dee	518 points
1978	Jimmy Dee	527 points
1979	George Zahringer III	730 points
1980	George Zahringer III	585 points

### 1981 HONOR ROLL

		Points
H. P. Van Ingen	Meadow Brook	455
Bob Housen	Manasquan River	340
Jeff Thomas	Plainfield West	330
George J. Zahringer	Sands Point	330
Jon Saxton	Greenwich	300
Howard Pierson	River Vale	270
Jerry Courville, Jr.	Shorehaven	225
Kenneth Mattiace	Garden City Golf	200
Gene Francis	Wheatley Hills	180
Randy Beil	Plandome	170
Steve Sieg	Emerson	170

