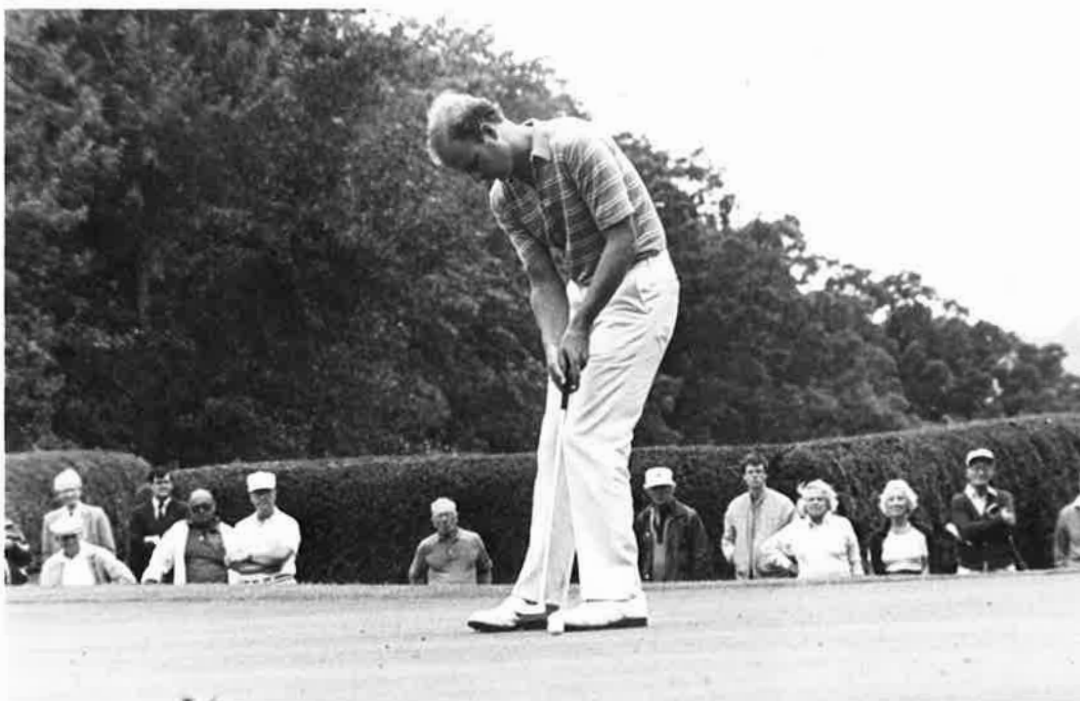


AMATEUR PLAYER OF THE YEAR



For the third time in four years, George J. Zahringer III has dominated met area amateur play and earned the MGA's Amateur Player of the Year Award. George amassed a total of 690 points with his outstanding performance in local events throughout the 1982 season.

Inaugurated in 1976, the Player of the Year Award honors the metropolitan area amateur who compiles the best competitive record in select local, national and international events. The winner is determined by a point ranking system whereby players accumulate points based on their performance in designated tournaments.

George laid the groundwork for his third title with early season victories in the Long Island Amateur (his second) and Richardson Memorial (his third) for which he earned 200 points. He picked up 10 points for making the quarter finals of the Travis and 30 for finishing in a tie for 6th in the Hochster. A coveted, and until now elusive, victory in the Met Amateur heaped

on 255 points boosting his total to 495 and giving him the lead in the standings by early August.

George maintained his momentum finishing second in the Ike Championship two days after the Amateur, earning another 95 pts. In late August, George finished 3rd against an outstanding field in the Met Open and earned himself another 100 points bringing his total to 690.

Runner-up in the Player of the Year standings was Mike Diffley of Cherry Valley. Mike accumulated a total of 430 points this season with a victory in the Ike Championship, a second place finish in the Met Amateur, third place finish in the Hochster and low Amateur in the LI Open.

Third place in the standings went to New Jersey Amateur champion, Bob Housen, with 360 points. Travis winner, John Baldwin and Westchester Amateur champion, Jon Saxton, tied for fourth place with 355 points; and sixth place went to 16-year old Mike Lopuszynski, the MGA's current Junior Champion.

Zahringer, 29, is a stock broker who plays out of Sands Point Club on Long Island. He won this award in 1979 and 1980, but confesses to feeling slightly more pleased with this year's win because it comes with the Met Amateur crown.

The Player of the Year Award will be presented at the Association's Annual Meeting on December 8th at the Westchester Country Club in Rye, New York. Previous recipients include Dick Siderowf in 1976, Jimmy Dee in 1977 and '78 and Peter Van Ingen in 1981.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR 1982 HONOR ROLL

George Zahringer	690 pts.
Michael Diffley	430 pts.
Robert Housen	360 pts.
John Baldwin	355 pts.
Jon Saxton	355 pts.
Mike Lopuszynski	280 pts.
Randy Beil	175 pts.
Chris Estelle	175 pts.
Jeff Thomas	175 pts.
Bart Lyon	165 pts.