PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Mark D. Trauner - 1985 MGA Player of the Year!

The Metropolitan Golf Association is pleased to present its 1985 Amateur Player of the Year award to 24-year old Mark Trauner of Metropolis Country Club in White Plains, NY.

Trauner is the tenth recipient of this award which is given annually to the metropolitan area amateur who accumulates the most points for performances in select local, national, and international events.

A graduate of Dartmouth College with a degree in economics, Mark was a model of consistency throughout 1985, earning a total of 765 pts. for his many achievements. These included winning the 1985 Richardson Memorial (100 pts.), qualifying for the U.S. Open (150 pts.) and U.S. Amateur Championships, and staging one of the most exhilarating semi-final battles in Met Amateur history (150 pts.). Mark also finished second low

amateur in the Met Open (75 pts.) and had several strong showings on the national amateur circuit including a t-3rd in the Azalea Amateur (85 pts.) and 9th in the Dixie Amateur (30 pts.).

Among the many highlights of Mark's season was his impressive performance in the U.S. Amateur where he qualified on site, won his first match, and nearly upset eventual champion Sam Randolph in the second round after leading one-up through ten holes. Randolph eventually won the match 2 & 1, but it was a tremendous effort on Trauner's part for which he earned 175 pts.

Though not included in the MGA point system, one of Mark's proudest achievements this year was qualifying to represent his country in the 1985 Maccabiah Games in Israel where he finished second in the individual golf competition involving 19 other nations. Forty-eight countries overall

took part in the games.

Finishing second in the 1985 standings was George J. Zahringer III of Sands Point, who earned 540 pts. for his history-making victories in both the MGA Amateur and Open Championships, qualifying for the U.S. Amateur and making the quarter-finals of the Travis Memorial. In third place was former British Amateur Champion, Dick Siderowf of Century with 462 pts. and fourth with 417 pts. was Jim Guerra of Montclair who qualified onsite at the U.S. Amateur.

The 1985 Player of the Year Award is presented at the MGA Annual Meeting on December 4th at Westchester County Club in Harrison, NY.

1985 Player of the Year Honor Roll

Mark Trauner	765
George J. Zahringer, III	540
Dick Siderowf	462
James Guerra	417
John Baldwin	285
Jon Doppelt	250
William Van Orman	235
Carl Campanelli	230
Brian Darby	225
Bob Housen	225
Pat Fogarty	225

Past Champions

1976	Richard Siderowf
1977-78	Jimmy Dee
1979-80	George Zahringer, III
1981	H.P. Van Ingen, Jr.
1982	George Zahringer, III
1983	Jonas B. Saxton
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