

DAVID WORTMAN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

This award bestows special recognition on an outstanding amateur, recognized by the MAPGA and the business community as a leader in his/her field, whose contributions to golf in the mid-Atlantic region include the promotion of the game, the Middle Atlantic Section and its PGA Professionals, and overall support of MAPGA programs and golf throughout the region. This award is named in honor of the late David Wortman, Esq., Section Legal Counsel from 1971-1988 and honorary member of the MAPGA.

Jack Vardaman

Chairman of the Board

The First Tee of Washington D.C.

For his outstanding work on the Board of Directors at the First Tee of Greater Washington D.C., Jack Vardaman is the Middle Atlantic PGA David Wortman Citizen of the Year.

Originally from Anniston, Ala. Jack began playing golf at Anniston Country Club at the age of six. Playing until dark on the 15th and 16th holes with the club professional, Jack improved his game and began playing in tournaments at the club.

In 1957, he won the Alabama Junior Chamber of Commerce Junior Tournament, qualifying for the national tournament in Columbus, Ohio. Also playing in that tournament was a young Jack Nicklaus with national attention. During the time, Jack was deciding between pursuing law school or collegiate golf. He says when he saw Nicklaus swing he knew law school was more his niche, but he did defeat the “Golden Bear” in the first round of competition.

Soon after, Jack attended Washington and Lee University, before receiving his law degree from Harvard in 1965. He began working as a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black, and for the past 46 years, has worked as an Associate of William & Connelly LLP and served as general counsel to the United States Golf Association from 1999-2002.

Jack’s amateur golf career includes being a three-time Middle Atlantic Senior Champion (1996, 1997, 2001), two-time Washington Metropolitan Senior Champion (1997, 2010) and was named a Top-10 Senior Amateur by *Golf Digest* in 2001. He has also won multiple club championships at Congressional Country Club and Pine Valley Club.

As a Board of Directors member at the First Tee of Greater Washington, Jack was awarded the Washington D.C. Youth Leadership Foundation Spirit of Service Award in 2012. He has also been awarded numerous times for his dedication to providing scholarships to Greater D.C. area youth.