

**DAVID WORTMAN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

*This award bestows special recognition on an outstanding amateur, whose contributions to golf in the mid-Atlantic region include the promotion of the game, the Middle Atlantic Section and its professionals, and overall support of MAPGA programs and golf throughout the region.*

**BEN F. BRUNDRED, JR.**

Advisory Committee Chairman, Kemper Insurance Open

The MAPGA is pleased and very proud to honor Ben Brundred. Mr. Brundred has been associated with the Kemper Open since 1980 when it moved from Charlotte, NC to Congressional CC in Bethesda, MD where he was the club President. He owned his own business, an international marketing firm, at the time. Ben first served as the Volunteer General Chairman of the tournament. In 1983 he sold his business, but remained on the tournament's executive committee, working as a consultant to the PGA Tour on the TPC at Avenel project. In 1986 he was asked by Jim Kemper to run the event in its first year at Avenel. Ben agreed to serve as chairman for three years. . . and was still doing it 13 years later until his recent retirement just last year!

Ben was born in Ottawa, Kansas but his parents, Ben and Maude Brundred, moved their family to California a short time after Ben Junior's birth. He began playing golf when he was just seven years old, with his parents as his teachers. Ben credits his mother for being a strong influence in his desire to learn to play. She won the California State Women's Championship several times during the 1920's, and while not quite as accomplished as his mother, Ben's father was a good golfer and a strong supporter of Ben and the game. Ben was also influenced by Ramy Watson, Tom's father, whom he played golf with on a regular basis following his service in the Navy and before attending Stanford University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Economics in 1950.

Ben has been a major force in the Washington golf community for many years. From 1973 to 1980 he served on the Board of Directors at Congressional Country Club, and from 1975 through 1984 he served on the Maryland State Golf Association's Board of Directors, holding the office of President in 1984. Ben was a member of the (now defunct) Advisory Board of the Middle Atlantic Section of the PGA from 1990 to 1992. Additionally, from 1987 to 1989 he served as Executive Director of the 1989 PGA Championship held at Kemper Lakes in the Chicago suburbs. In 1990 Ben was honored by *Washingtonian Magazine* as Washington's "Man of the Year." He also played a significant role in helping Congressional CC get the 1995 Senior Open and the 1997 U.S. Open.

When asked to what he attributes his success in the golf community, Ben's response is, "a love of the game and all the fine people connected with it." His dedication and involvement over the years has certainly made golf a better and a more enjoyable experience for literally thousands of others.

Ben and his wife, Carroll, have been married for 49 years. They are the proud parents of four children and eleven grandchildren.