

## **DAVID WORTMAN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

*This award recognizes an outstanding amateur whose contributions to the Middle Atlantic Section include the promotion of golf, the MAPGA Section and its professionals, and support of MAPGA programs.*

## **CHARLIE HOLDEN**

Charlie Holden was born and raised in Alexandria, VA. He attended George Washington High School and graduated from Virginia Tech in 1963. A longtime proponent of the great game of golf, Charlie turned to the game to help his family and others battle cancer. His daughter Sherry's struggle fighting the disease provided the inspiration for Charlie to create the Holden Cup, a golf championship with MAPGA Professionals and scratch amateurs. The Holden Cup has raised over \$100,000 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in only four years.

Charlie's golf career started as a caddie at Belle Haven Country Club, shagging balls and carrying bags for members. He won the VSGA Junior Championship in 1957 and played in two USGA Junior Championships. Charlie received the first golf scholarship ever given at Virginia Tech. He played on the golf team in 1961 through 1963, was the team captain, and played in two NCAA Championships. Charlie has won the Belle Haven Club Championship four times and the Belle Haven Four-Ball in both the regular and senior divisions. He also captained this year's victorious Virginia team at the Virginia-West Virginia Junior Team Matches.

Charlie stopped playing competitive golf around 1975 but continued to use golf extensively to network and build his insurance business. He sold his business in 1986 to a large London (England) insurance broker but continues to take care of his clients and work with his son Scott in developing the business.

Charlie and his family have a long history of giving, especially to the game he loves, golf. He funds annual golf scholarships at Virginia Tech. He was one of a small group that backed local PGA Professional Fred Funk in his attempt to make it on the PGA Tour. He donated funds to the VSGA Foundation, earmarked for a dormitory at their new golf facility to house children at summer golf camps. Charlie currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Virginia State Golf Association and the MAPGA Scholarship Foundation.

Charlie is married to Carol (Nottingham) and lives in Alexandria. Charlie and Carol are quite proud of their sons, Chris and Scott, as well as their son-in-law, John Mauk, and their 5 grandchildren. Sadly, the Holden's daughter, Sherry (Mauk), succumbed to breast cancer in April of 2001.