

Coleman Plecker, PGA
Manor Country Club, Rockville, Maryland

Coleman is a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Baltimore. In 1967, he became a golf professional under the tutelage of the much respected Johnny Bass at Pine Ridge Golf Course. Coleman accepted a position as assistant professional at Seminole Golf Club in West Palm Beach, Florida, and continued his professional training under Henry Picard. He became a member of the PGA in 1973. He returned to Baltimore and Pine Ridge and established one of the most successful teaching concessions in the area. In 1976, he became the head golf professional at Towson Golf and Country Club in Phoenix, MD, before heading over to Manor Country Club as head professional in 1982.

The MAPGA is proud to announce that Coleman was subsequently selected as the 1999 National Winner for this award, out of the nominations from 41 sections. Coleman has twice before been honored by the Section with this prestigious award in 1986 and in 1991. He was also a 1993 Finalist for the National PGA Horton Smith Award. His reputation is well-known in the section, and outside the section as well. He has been invited to speak by many sections throughout the country and in Canada on the GPTP education program and process. He has served as a faculty member for the National PGA since 1986, and was instrumental in the formulation of the GPTP program. Coleman also assisted in the formulation and development of the new Merchandising Certification program, earning his own certification in 1998. His Master Professional thesis, "The Circle of Success," is a public part of the PGA lending library and gives members the basics of developing an effective merchandising plan. Coleman is also a perennial speaker at seminars offered during Merchandise Shows in Orlando and Las Vegas. Even with his vigorous schedule, Coleman maintains the highest standards of personal performance in his capacity as director of golf /head professional at Manor Country Club, and is an effective ambassador for the PGA through his civic and community involvement. In 1987 Coleman was chosen the MAPGA Merchandiser of the Year, and in 1996 he was honored with the section's highest award, Golf Professional of the Year. Coleman strives to give his fellow professionals the enthusiasm to challenge themselves to do a better job — not only for financial rewards, but for the intrinsic value that accomplishment brings. By becoming better educated, he believes his fellow professionals will become more powerful, positive people in their professions and in their communities.

A devoted family man, with his fully supportive wife, Barbara, along side, Coleman has inspired his children Joe and Beth to pursue careers as PGA professionals.