

THE GOLF ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA

HALL OF FAME



The Golf Association of Philadelphia announced the creation of a Hall of Fame in the last issue of the Magazine. This month, the Golf Association of Philadelphia is honored to announce its first inductee, **R. Jay Sigel** of Berwyn, Pa.

Sigel, 64, a long-time Aronimink Golf Club member, is arguably the greatest male amateur golfer even born and raised in both the Philadelphia region and state of Pennsylvania. He holds the record for Golf Association of Philadelphia Open Championship victories with six and, in all, was a 19-time major winner (including Silver Crosses).

On the national and international level, Sigel was just as dominant a force, winning five titles in a six-year span. From 1982-87, he took two U.S. Amateur Championships and three U.S. Middle-Amateur Championships. In fact, Sigel's 1982 U.S. Amateur victory made him just the 13th individual to win both the U.S. and British Amateur championships. He took the British in 1979. He also represented the United States on nine straight Walker Cup teams from 1977-93.

Upon turning 50, Sigel joined the Champions Tour (then named Senior Tour) where he has won eight times, to date. This year, unfortunately, left shoulder surgery has Sigel sidelined. He is expected back on Tour either later this year or next season.

An inaugural Hall of Fame class will be inducted at the Player's Dinner on Oct. 7 at Torresdale-Frankford Country Club.

Jay Sigel

Golf Association of Philadelphia accomplishments

Open Championship (6 – 1975, 1977-78, 1980, 1986-87)
 Amateur Championship (2 – 1973, 1987)
 Silver Cross (6 – 1969-70, 1972-75)
 Patterson Cup (5 – 1970, 1972, 1980, 1985-86)

United States Golf Association accomplishments

U.S. Amateur Championships

1982 – defeated David Tolley, 8&7, at The Country Club in Brookline, Mass.
 1983 – defeated Chris Perry, 8&7, at North Shore CC in Glenview, Ill.

U.S. Middle-Amateur Championships

1983 – defeated Randy Sonnier, 1-up, at Cherry Hills CC, Englewood, Colo.
 1985 – defeated O. Gordon Brewer, Jr., 3&2, at the Vintage Club in Indian Wells, Calif.
 1987 – defeated David Lind, 20 holes, at Brook Hollow GC in Dallas, Texas
**He was also a three-time qualifying medalist (1981-82, 1988)*

Walker Cup (9 – 1977, 1979, 1981, 1983 (captain), 1985 (captain), 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993)

**Sigel holds the record for most U.S. Matches played at 33 and most U.S. victories at 18*
 World Amateur Team Championship American representative (7 – 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1992)

Pennsylvania Golf Association accomplishments

Amateur Championship (11 – 1962, 1966, 1968, 1972-76, 1978-79, 81)
 Open Championship (4 – 1974, 1978, 1983, 1990)
 Junior Champion (2 – 1960-61)

Other notable Amateur accomplishments (In alphabetical order)

British Amateur Championship (1979)
 British Open Championship low amateur (1980)
 Ben Hogan Award (1984)
 Bob Jones Award (1984)
 Collegiate Golf Coaches of America Hall of Fame (1988)
 Crump Cup Champion (9 – 1975, 1978, 1981, 1983, 1985-87, 1991, 1993)
 Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation's Athlete of the Year Award (1984)
 Masters Tournament low-amateur (3 – 1981-82, 1988)
 Northeast Amateur Invitational Golf Tournament (3 – 1984-85, 1991)
 Pennsylvania's Sports Hall of Fame (1993)
 Porter Cup (3 – 1975, 1981, 1987)
 Sunnehanna Amateur Tournament for Champions (3 – 1976, 1978, 1988)
 U.S. Open low amateur (1984)