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Palmer Wins "Player-of-Year" Award for Second Time

With young Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player, who aren't full fledged members of the PGA, barred from the ticket, Arnold Palmer has been voted the 1962 PGA Player-of-the-Year award in what practically amounts to "no-contest" voting. Of a total of 1,060 votes cast by members of the pro organization and individuals on the PGA press list, more than 1,000 went to Palmer.

Nicklaus and Player are carried on the rolls as "Approved Tournament Players." But in spite of this designation, the PGA, in keeping with its somewhat typical mystical reasoning, rules that they aren't "players" in the sense that people can vote for them as such. Probably no other sport resorts to similar hocus pocus in specifying who is ineligible to be voted the "most valuable player" or "player-of-the-year."

Player, of course, would have received little support as the year's top performer, but Nicklaus, on the strength of his showing from June through September, certainly would have attracted an imposing share of the votes. At least, it would have made the contest interesting.

Since he also received the PGA award in 1960, Palmer becomes the second man to have won the honor more than once. Ben Hogan was voted the top player in 1948, 1950, 1951 and 1953.

Seven Aces in PGA Contest

Herbert Johnson, a member of Walnut Hills CC in East Lansing, Mich., where Reggie Myles is pro, won the sixth PGA national hole-in-one contest. He scored an ace on the 189-yard seventh hole at his club.

Seven aces were scored on Sept. 3, the day set aside for the contest. Players who connected, their clubs and the distance of their shots, are: E. A. Cashin, Minikahda, Minneapolis (185); H. F. Mosich, Fircrest, Tacoma (185); Ed Mazur, Van Schaick, Cohoes, N.Y. (155); John D. Bennett, Sr., CC of Northampton, Easton, Pa. (152); Ray Bosworth, D.W. Field GC, Brockton, Mass. (155); and J. B. Burnell, Oak Hill, Rochester, N.Y. (160).

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