

Porsche Driver

Holbert Rates As Champion

One of the contestants in this year's 12-Hour Grand Prix of Endurance race, run at Sebring, Fla., in March, was Bob Holbert, Volkswagen - Porsche dealer from Warrington, Pa., who in the past few years has risen steadily among the ranks of top flight sports - racing drivers in the U.S.A.

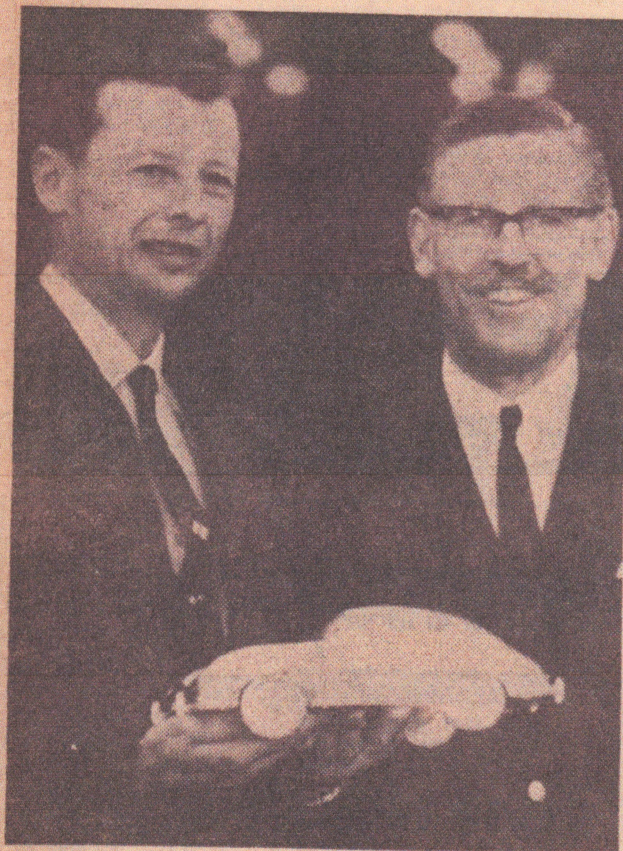
Among his notable successes he can count his being winner of the "New York Times" award for Best Sports Car Driver of the Year in both 1960 and 1961; he was also the Sports Car Club of America National Champion in Class E (Modified) the same years.

Bob's steady rise to fame has been tied to the superior performance and reliability of the Porsche Spyder sports racing car and, in this country he is ranked by many as the best Porsche race driver today. This enthusiasm is also shared by the Porsche Corp., of Stuttgart, Germany, and at pre-race preliminaries in Sebring, Fla., Holbert was awarded a one-of-its-kind trophy by Fritz Huschke von Hanstein, Porsche factory racing team manager, as recognition of his achievements in the amazing little silver speedsters.

Finishes Seventh

The Sebring race was Bob's third outing in the 1962 season, and he finished seventh overall, at the end of 12 hours racing, first in his class and second in the Gran Turismo category. His first two 1962 appearances were both at Daytona, Fla., where he finished high in the honors both times. Ironically enough, the Porsche Abarth Carrera Coupe in which he breezed the Sebring course is a car that differs considerably from Bob's own Type 718 Spyder in which all his race successes have been earned.

Nevertheless his ability and



SPORTS CAR TROPHY . . . Bob Holbert, left, Sports Car Club of America champion, from Warrington, Pa., is presented with a silver trophy by Fritz Huschke von Hanstein, right, on behalf of the Porsche Automobile Works of Germany. Engraved inscription on the trophy reads; "Dem US Champion" (The US Champion).

skill placed the experimental Porsche coupe ahead of several larger and more powerful cars including some of the more potent and faster Spyder-type Porsches which were also running in the race.

The Holbert racing schedule for 1962 reads like an American Express tour of the United States. Louisiana, Virginia, Ark-

ansas, New York, Illinois, Wisconsin, California and Connecticut are among many of the states he will visit in his quest for racing honors. He will also travel to Canada in mid-summer for a meet near Ontario. However, nearer home, Bob will be wheeling his silver bullet in high gear at Vine-

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land, N.J., Hatboro, Md., and Cumberland, Md.

His charming wife Elinor travels with him to almost all of his race events, and when asked about her reactions to his racing she had this to say: "The only time I feel apprehensive about Bob racing is at the start of a race, and once I see him get clear and settle down to his driving, then I calm down too."

In addition to Holbert's racing activities he devotes the major part of his time to his Volkswagen - Porsche business in Warrington, Bucks County.

Keep your eye on Bob Holbert, whether it be in selling or servicing cars, or in racing them—1962 looks as though it will be a good year for Bob Holbert either way.