

KENTUCKY GOLF HALL OF FAME

James Volpenhein



2014 Nomination

Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame

2014 Nomination Form

NOMINEE'S NAME

Volpenhein	James		A.
Last Name	First Name	Nickname (if applicable)	Middle Initial

NOMINEE'S DATE OF BIRTH

1960	May	20
Year	Month	Day

RESIDENCE

Years Kentucky Resident (minimum 5 years required) 53

Current Residence
10604 Laurin Court, Union, KY 41091

STATUS

- ☒ Amateur
- ☐ Professional
- ☐ Deceased

KEY AREAS (check all that are applicable)

- ☒ Playing Achievements
- ☐ Contribution/Promotion of the Game
- ☐ Contribution to Junior Golf
- ☐ Teaching of the game
- ☐ Golf Course Architecture
- ☐ Turf Grass Research
- ☐ Golf Course Management/Maintenance
- ☐ National Recognition

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Required

- ✓ One page type written biography of nominee
- ✓ Two (2) Letters of Nomination

Suggested

- ✓ Newspaper articles
- ✓ Photographs

James A. Volpenhein

USGA Golf Championships

- Qualified for US Amateur 8 times: 1980, 1988,1990,1991,1992,1993,1994,2000.
- Qualified for US Mid-Amateur 3 time: 2000,2006,2007,2008
- US Open Sectional Medalist: 1982 & 1990

Qualified for the 2013 British Senior Open

7 time Greater Cincinnati Metropolitan Amateur Champion 1981,1988,1989,1990,1992,1999,2004

3 time Greater Cincinnati Metropolitan Mid-Amateur Champion 2001, 2003, 2006

Greater Cincinnati Metropolitan Junior Champion 1977

Runner-Up Greater Cincinnati Metropolitan Amateur 2006

Kentucky State Amateur Runner-Up 1978

Kentucky Open Runner-Up 1981, 1989

Kentucky Senior Open Runner-Up 2011

Kentucky Tournament of Champions Winner 1997 & 1998

John C. Owens Cup Runner-Up 1991, 1992, 1993

Northern KY. Am Champion 1979, 1980, 2007

East Tennessee Amateur Champion 1995, 1997, 2002

First Team All Southeastern Conference 1981

Winner of four college tournaments while playing for University of KY

13 time Club Champion at various clubs in Northern KY

Holds three course records: Hyde Park CC Cincinnati, Ohio- Traditions Golf Club Hebron, KY- Fox Run Knoxville, Tenn.

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To: Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame Committee

From: Ralph Landrum

PGA Master Professional

Crestview Hills, KY

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Dear KY Golf Hall of Fame Committee:

It is my pleasure to nominate, my longtime golf partner and more importantly long time friend, Jimmy Volpenhein for the KY Golf Hall of Fame.

It is without debate that Jimmy has had the greatest amateur golf career of anyone from Northern Kentucky. Jimmy, in my opinion, is the best amateur, other than former US Amateur Champion Mr. John Fischer, in Greater Cincinnati. Jimmy's playing accomplishments, as noted in the attached resume, have been ongoing and consistent for the past 40 years.

The Greater Cincinnati Amateur Championship has long been considered the "Major" championship of amateur golf in Cincinnati. The fields consist of the best players on both sides of the river. The event is traditionally played on the best courses in Greater Cincinnati. The fact Jimmy has won 7 times, over a span of 25 years, when no one else has won more than three times in the 105 year history of the tournament is an accomplishment that will take a very long time to replicate.

Jimmy has had a great deal of success in qualifying for U.S.G.A events having played in 8 US Amateurs and 4 Mid Amateurs. I have no facts to base this on but I would guess only a very few amateur golfers from the State of Kentucky have played in as many U.S.G.A events. Jimmy has also won the U.S. Open local qualifier on two occasions. In 2013 Jimmy qualified for the British Senior Open.

In the State of Kentucky Jimmy has won many events and been close several times in our biggest events. He has runner-up finishes in both the State Amateur and State Open. He won the Kentucky Tournament of Champions twice and the John C. Owens cup three times. He has won the Northern Kentucky Amateur in three different decades and has won more than a dozen club championships at different clubs in Northern Kentucky. Per the University of Kentucky golf team web site Jimmy is one of only five golfers since 1980 to be named First Team All-SEC.

At this point the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame has only two Northern Kentucky natives as members. Golf in Northern Kentucky does not receive very much media coverage in the two major markets in the state. The results of the local U.S.G.A. qualifying and our other larger golf tournaments can go unnoticed by the rest of the state. Being the best amateur golfer ever from the third largest populated area of the state, in my opinion, is sufficient enough for Jimmy to be a member of the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame.

When you add in the exceptional amount of success he as had in U.S.G.A. qualifiers along with his record in several of the larger state events plus being one of only a handful of players to be named All Sec while playing for the University of Kentucky, leaves no doubt about Jim Volpenhein being qualified to be a member of the Kentucky Hall of Fame..

Thank you for your time. I appreciate your time and consideration you may give Jimmy. I am very proud to be a Member of the Kentucky Hall of Fame and want to say thanks for your efforts to uphold the standards of the Kentucky Hall of Fame.

Be good:



Ralph Landrum

PGA Master Professional

Vice President of KY PGA

Member of the KY Golf Hall of Fame

7/1/2014

TO; KENTUCKY GOLF HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

I am writing this letter to request strong consideration for Jim Volpenhein to the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. The qualifications attached are truly either the best record for amateur golf in the state of Kentucky or second best. Jim accomplishments have been over a 40 year period from local events, state events and many USGA events. He was also 1st team SEC player at the University of Kentucky in 1981 along with many other collegiate accomplishments while at University of Kentucky

Jim's love for the game of golf is something that still truly amazes me and his competitive fire is still as strong as it was 40 years ago. He loves playing the game of golf as much as anyone I have ever known and will compete as long as he can and wants to play his best at all times. He truly loves the game of golf.

I could go on and on talking about Jim's accomplishments but his record speaks for itself. He is truly a Kentucky Golf Hall of Famer in my book and hopefully in the eyes of the committee.

Sincerely

*Dave Macke
EZGO Golf Cars*