

KENTUCKY GOLF HALL OF FAME

Bill Sergeant



2016
Nomination

Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame

2016 Nomination Form

NOMINEE'S NAME

SERGEANT Bill S
Last Name First Name Nickname (if applicable) Middle Initial

NOMINEE'S DATE OF BIRTH

1955 JUNE 9
Year Month Day

RESIDENCE

Years Kentucky Resident (minimum 5 years required) _____

Current Residence

43 WALNUT VIEW DRIVE LONDON KY 40744
Address City State Zip

STATUS

- ☒ Amateur
☐ Professional
☐ Deceased (please provide date of death _____)

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

Bill Sergeant Golf Résumé

KGA Board of Directors since 1982

- part president
- played on several challenge cup teams
- Amateurs vs Professionals

Member of the University of the Cumberland's Athletic Hall-of-Fame, inducted in 2007

Co-director of 3 Duramed Futures Tour events at Crooked Creek Golf Community; a developmental tour for the LPGA

College Career:

- 10 Individual Titles (currently 3rd all - time at University of the Cumberland's)
- 4 time all - KIAC
- 3 time all - district 32
- Played in 3 NAIA National Championships

Golfing Career:

1990 & 1997 Kentucky State Am Champion

- Played in 25+ state ams
- Made 22 consecutive cuts

Tied for Low Am twice in KY Open

50+ individual tournament championships in Va, Ky, & Tn

Senior Golf:

- Top ten in points first five years eligible for Senior Am events
- Second in Senior Am at Owensboro Country Club
- Tied for 1st in 2 KGA one day events in Sr. Division

Coaching:

- 29 1/2 years at Cumberland College/University of the Cumberland's (men: all / women: 15 years)

- 1 year at South Laurel High School
- 1 year at University of Virginia at Wise

-Individuals won 106 tournament titles

- 53 All conference selections
- 15 Conference Team titles
- 11 NAIA National Tournament appearances (Best finish 6th)
- 6 All-Americans (including honorable mentions)

- 1 Individual NAIA National Championship
- 10 NAIA District 32 titles in 19 seasons
- Hosted 2 NAIA National Women's Championships at London Country Club (2000 & 2001)
- 5 appearances in NAIA Women's National Championship

Coaching Achievements:

- 2 time President of NAIA Men's Golf Coaches Association
- 1 time President of NAIA Women's Golf Coaches Association
- Only person to have served as President of both coaches associations
- Hosted over 50 collegiate tournaments at both London Country Club & Crooked Creek Golf Community

Bill Sergent Biography

William S. Sergent was born in Norton, Virginia on June 9, 1955. He was raised in Big Stone Gap, Virginia and his home away from home was Lonesome Pine Country Club where he would eventually become a nine time winner of its invitational tournament. His high school golf team at Powell Valley High School was the VHSAA Class A Champions in 1977, the first team to ever win any state championship at the school.

In 1974 Bill Sergent moved to Kentucky to attend Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Kentucky to play golf and pursue a college education. During his college career he won ten individual titles and was named All-KIAC four times, All-District three times, and his stellar college career included playing in three NAIA Championships.

After graduation Bill worked at his alma mater for the next 29 years, from 1978 to 2007, as Men's and Women's golf coach. He also served as Assistant Athletic's Director for seven years, 2000-2007, Assistant Women's Basketball coach from 1978 to 1990 and Sports Information Director from 1978-2000. In 2007 Bill Sergent was inducted into the Cumberland College/University of the Cumberlands Hall of Fame.

Bill Sergent's outstanding golfing career includes being the Kentucky State Amateur champion in 1990 and 1997. He played in at least 25 State Amateurs and made 23 consecutive cuts. Twice he tried for low amateur in the Kentucky Open. His exceptional amateur record tallies over 50 championships in Kentucky, Virginia, and Tennessee.

Currently Bill Sergent is owner and operator of Sergent's Golf Shop in London, Kentucky, where Bill resides with his wife Mary and daughter, Carlee.

Dr. Terry T. Lester

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June 3, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my privilege to nominate Bill Sergent for the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. Bill has distinguished himself as an accomplished player, a successful coach, and as an avid supporter of the game of golf. As a player Bill Sergent has been the winner of numerous amateur tournaments throughout his golfing career. His impressive amateur record includes two Kentucky Amateur championships. As a senior amateur he continues to compete at the highest level.

As a collegiate coach Bill Sergent led both men's and women's golf teams at Cumberland College (University of the Cumberlands) to national prominence. Under his leadership Bill recruited and helped develop outstanding student athletes who excelled on the golf course and ultimately in the game of life. Many of his former players have become life-long friends because Bill genuinely cared for his players as people. While Bill Sergent is a hard-nosed competitor on the golf course, he also possesses a heart of compassion evidenced by small acts of kindness and concern for others, especially his former players and golfing friends.

Since his days of growing up at the Lonesome Pine Golf Club in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, Bill has been an ardent supporter of the game of golf. As a coach on the collegiate level he has served in numerous national offices related to golf. For years he has served in volunteer leadership positions with the Kentucky Golf Association with the sole aim to preserve and promote the great game of golf. Bill has also filled the role of golf course manager at the Crooked Creek Golf Club and currently is the proprietor of "Sergent's Golf Shop." It's no exaggeration to say that Bill Sergent loves the game of golf!

Bill Sergent's golfing life has been a commitment to excellence. He has earned this consideration to the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame by his outstanding contribution to the game as a player, coach, and supporter of the game. His induction would both honor him and add one more name to the illustrious list of people who have represented the very best in Kentucky golf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry Lester". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Dr. Terry T. Lester



May 23, 2016

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To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to recommend Bill Sergent for induction to the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. I have known Bill for 37 years and I strongly feel he is a worthy candidate for this honor. His success as a golfer, his contributions as a leader in the KGA, and his lifetime involvement in the game make him someone to be highly considered by the Kentucky Hall of Fame for inclusion.

Bill is a past president of the Kentucky Golf Association and has been on the KGA Board of Directors since 1982. He has played on several challenge cup teams, including the Amateurs vs. Professionals. He was Co-Director of 3 Duramed Futures Tour events at Crooked Creek Country Club. He was elected into the University of the Cumberlands Hall of Fame in 2007 for his outstanding collegiate golf career. Bill was a 2 time President of the NAIA Men's Golf Coaches Association and served one time as President of the NAIA Women's Golf Coaches Association, the only NAIA coach to serve as President of both coaches associations.

Bill and I first met as members of the University of the Cumberlands, then Cumberland College, athletic department. Bill was the golf coach, a position he held for 29 ½ years before stepping down to run the Pro Shop at Crooked Creek Golf Club in London, KY. Bill was the head men's coach for the entire 29 ½ years at Cumberlands and started the women's program and coached them for 15 years. He enjoyed tremendous success coaching both teams. His teams won 15 men's conference team titles and made 11 NAIA National Tournament appearances, with a best finish of 6th place. His women's teams competed in 5 NAIA National Tournaments and twice Cumberlands was the host school for the NAIA Women's National Championships. He coached 53 all conference performers, 6 NAIA All-Americans, and one NAIA individual national champion.

Bill has also been very successful on the golf course. He has played in 25+ Kentucky State Amateurs, including winning the 1990 & 1997 events and making 22 consecutive cuts during that time. He has also competed in the Kentucky Open on many occasions, twice finishing tied as the low amateur, and has won over 50 individual tournament championships in Kentucky, Virginia, and Tennessee. Bill has played in many Senior Golf events in the state and finished in the top ten in points during his first five years of eligibility as a senior. He also finished 2nd in the Senior Amateur at Owensboro Country Club.

His college career was also very successful as he won 10 individual titles, was 4 time all-conference, 3 time all-district, and qualified to play in 3 NAIA National Championships.

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Bill Sergent Has been involved with golf in some capacity for nearly his entire life. He has contributed to the game in so many ways and he continues to do so today. I strongly urge the Kentucky Golf Association to consider Bill Sergent for the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. He will be a great addition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Randy Vernon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Randy" and last name "Vernon" clearly distinguishable.

Randy Vernon

Vice President for Athletics

Director of athletics

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