

CHARLEY VOLPONE
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Charley Volpone was born in Newburyport, Mass. on March 25, 1937. He did not take long to introduce himself to the golf world, announcing his presence, and hinting at his future greatness, with a win at the 1956 Massachusetts State Amateur Championship at Belmont Country Club. Volpone attended Boston College, where he starred for the Eagles golf team in 1957 and 1958, and is one of just seven golfers to have earned a spot in the university's Hall of Fame. While still a student, he teamed with John McDonald, head pro at his home course of Ould Newbury Golf Club, to win the New England PGA Pro-Am Championship at the Myopia Hunt Club.

Volpone's playing career is perhaps highlighted by back-to-back Massachusetts Open wins in 1971 at Vesper Country Club and 1972 at Tedesco Country Club. He is one of just six men who have won the State Amateur and the State Open. Volpone added a thrilling victory two years later at Ferncroft Country Club, where he out dueled Ross Coon in an epic eighteen-hole playoff to decide the New England PGA Championship. Volpone's dominance was not exclusive to his home area, as he won Amateur or Open championships in four other states.

After thirteen years as a professional at Nashawtuc Country Club in Concord, Mass., during which he was the NEPGA Player of the Year six times, Volpone decided to regain his amateur status so he could devote himself more fully to playing the game he loved. During this second turn as an amateur, while playing out of Concord Country Club, he teamed with Joe Keller to win the Massachusetts Four-Ball Championship in 1987 and 1993. While he could boast one of the most successful playing careers in New England history, Volpone realized that he missed sharing his knowledge with others. Inspired by the gratitude of the passionate golfers who he had introduced to the game years ago as children, in 2000 he once again became a club professional at what for most is retirement age. Volpone continues to play competitively and is currently associated with The Golf Club at Cape Cod in Falmouth, Mass.