JAMES ROBERT SHEERIN NEW ENGLAND SECTION PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME 2015

Jim Sheerin began his golf career as a caddie at Andover Country Club at the early age of 11. Mr. John Boda Sr. was instrumental in Jim's career. Jim became caddie master and then enrolled in the P.G.A Apprentice program. He received his business degree from the Andover Institute of Business and became a P.G.A. member in 1972. Mr. Phil Friel was a generous mentor to Jim and was instrumental in helping Jim step into the Head Professional position at Abenaqui Country Club in 1975. Jim served his entire career, of forty years, at Abenaqui.

One of Jim's first priorities at Abenaqui was to establish a caddie program. This program with scholarship availability is still active after forty years of dedication. Jim also served on the McDonough Scholarship board and has the honor of a scholarship in his name. Jim served on the board of the Fish House Foundation and the Greater Piscataqua Foundation for scholarships for children.

In 1968 Jim was one of the original organizers of the N.E.P.G.A. Assistants Association. Jim has served on the Club Relations, Ethics, and Membership Committees and served as Vice President at large from New Hampshire to the N.E.P.G.A. Jim served as the Golf Coach at the Winnicunnett High School for nineteen years winning the State School Boy Championship in 1985. Jim has served on the board of the N.H.Chapter for more than twenty years.

Jim's wife Pamela encouraged Jim to attain his P.G.A. Master Professional status. In 1995 Jim became the 155th Master Professional in America. He has also been awarded Merchandiser of the year in 1993, the Bill Strausbaugh Award in 1997, and in 1998 was the N.E.P.G.A. Professional of the Year.

Jim has won the N.E.P.G.A. Senior Championship three times. He has also won the N.H P.G.A. Stroke Play six times and the Senior Stroke Play ten times. As a team Jim partnered with Peter Norton and Jack Gale to win both the N.E.P.G.A. Match and Stroke Play Championships. Jim has competed in three U.S. Opens and the Senior P.G.A. Championship. Jim also competed in three Champions Tour events. In 2014 Jim won both the N.H.Chapter Championship and the Senior Division while shooting his age, "65".

In 2001 Jim helped to bring "The First Tee" to N. H. and served on the Board of Directors. Jim's Master P.G.A. thesis "Junior Golf: Commitment and Purpose" is testimony to his dedication to young people and the positive influence and ethics golf can teach them.

The word "golf" has a special meaning to Jim. G-for love of God O-for sharing golf with others L-for the life golf has given him F-for the gifts of family and friends

Jim has been married to Pamela for forty-four years. They have three daughters: Kimberly, Melanie, and Rebecca. They are thrilled with four grand-children: Caton, Phoebe, Duke, and Estella. Clifton and Mark are their sons-in-law. Sincere and excellent service is what Jim has attained for himself and his staff. The respect and esteem the game of golf has brought to Jim is reflected in his love of the game and the privilege of being a P.G.A. Master Golf Professional