Jim Lane was introduced to the game of golf at the age of seven by his father, Phil Lane, PGA. He started playing at Mount Hood in Melrose, MA. Later he played at Bellevue Golf Club and started the golf team at Malden High School where he graduated in 1965. After high school, Jim enlisted in the United States Air Force and served our country from 1966-71. He played in the SAC Championship in 1971. After serving in the military, Jim attended Salem State University from 1973-77 and played in three NCAA Championships and was an All-America honorable mention in 1976.

Jim turned professional in 1978 and began working for Jim Browning at Weston Golf Club. He then moved to Winchester Country Club in the fall if 1978 working for Tex McReynolds until 1984. While working for McReynolds, Jim was elected into membership of the PGA of America on January 1, 1982. In 1985, Lane succeeded McReynolds as the Head Golf Professional. He served in that position for 25 years. He retired as Head Professional of Winchester Country Club in 2010.

Throughout Jim's career as a PGA Professional, he was involved in section governance by serving on numerous committees including Club Relations, Membership, and Awards Committees. Jim was instrumental in the formation of the Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the NEPGA. He was President of the New England PGA from 2003-05. Prior to that, he served as Secretary/Treasurer and Vice President. Jim also served as Honorary President for two terms, 2007-09 and 2009-11.

In 1996 Lane was recognized for his merchandising skills by winning the NEPGA Merchandiser of the Year Award in the Private Category. He also won the NEPGA 1999 Bill Strausbaugh Award in recognition of his work in club relations through mentoring his fellow PGA Professionals in improving their employment situations as well as service to the community. On the chapter level, Jim was recognized as the Eastern Massachusetts Chapter Golf Professional of the Year in 2002. He also received the Chapter's Strausbaugh Award in both 2001 and 2003.

Jim and his wife Diana were married in 1967 and have two sons, Sean and Christopher. They are also the proud grandparents of Amanda and Sean and Great grandparents of Damien.