

ARLINGTON SPORTS HALL OF FAME

2016 INDUCTEE – HENRY D. KERFOOT, JR.



While at Washington-Lee High School, Henry played on the golf team in the #1 position for three years. As a senior, he won the Metropolitan Schoolboy Championship, a most prestigious tournament that continues to be played today.

Henry received a four year athletic scholarship to play golf at Wake Forest University. He was a starter all four years and captained the golf team in his senior year when they won the ACC Championship. During Henry's sophomore year, Arnold Palmer was his teammate.

After college, Henry continued to pursue his talents as an amateur golfer while also raising a family. He won the Club Championship at Washington Golf & Country Club in Arlington on five different occasions, in four different decades, and eight senior championships. In 1998, he won both the Club Championship and the Senior Club Championship. At the age of 55, he won the VSGA (Virginia State Golf Association) Senior Championship.

Henry has had many regional/national golf accomplishments. He was the medalist (lowest scorer) for the Middle Atlantic qualifier for the 1993 USGA (United States Golf Association) Senior Open, held in Denver, Colorado and won by Jack Nicklaus. He also won three MAGA (Middle Atlantic Golf Association) Senior Championships, and several national invitational events.

Due to his love of the sport, Henry served as a volunteer to run VSGA and USGA tournaments and also served on the VSGA Board of Directors. While a member of the Arlington Jaycees, he held qualifying events for local high school golfers and took the winners to the Virginia Jaycee Championships in different parts of the state. In 1968, he brought the Championship to Arlington. In 1974, he founded the Northern Virginia Amateur Championship, a tournament that continues today. In 1984, he was appointed to the Board of the MAGA and became president in 1989. Additionally, Henry was one of the founders of The First Tee of Washington, an organization that uses golf to promote character and leadership to youth.

At age 81, Henry is still an avid competitor and beginning at age 69 has scored under his age over 400 times, twice by 9 strokes.