



2016 Inductee

HUGH (Hugo) AYLOR CRIGLER III



Imagine being so good at playing golf that when it comes time to assign handicaps in a tournament, you actually have to give strokes back to the golf course.

That's how Hugo Crigler III plays the game.

A plus handicapper for more than 30 years (he currently owns a plus 2 handicap at age 59), Crigler seems to have been born to play golf. Well, at least since he was 12 years old when he first played competitively at both Lexington Golf Club and Sapona Country Club.

He was a four-year standout, playing from either the No. 1 or No. 2 position on the Lexington Senior High School golf team from 1971 to 1975.

In 1975-76 he medaled in two tournaments for the Davidson County Community College team. The following year, he finished in the top four in the National Junior College Athletic Association All-Region 10 championship, which qualified him for the All Region 10 team.

He received a Division I scholarship to play for UNC Charlotte in 1977 to 1979, where he was named the All Time Letter Winner for Golf.

Meanwhile, he was competing in local summer tournaments. He won at least 15 Sapona Country Club club championships, winning club titles in his teens, 20s, 30s, 40s and 50s.

He set the course record at Sapona with a 63 (which has since been broken) and at Mountain Aire Country Club in West Jefferson (NC) with a 60 on a course that has since been redesigned.

He has also won the Greensboro News and Record Classic in 1977 and 1978, which required winning 13 straight matches both times in the match play format.

He's also won the Barbecue Festival Tournament twice among other various tournaments across the state.

