

The Class of 2018



Jim Colbert

(1941 -)

Local Amateur Champion and Successful Touring Pro

Recognizable from anywhere on the golf course by his signature bucket hat and turned up collar, **Jim Colbert** distinguished himself as a tenacious player on both the PGA and Senior Tours.

As an amateur, Colbert was the 1964 Heart of America Four Ball Champion (partner: Matt Talbot), after his runner-up finish in the Missouri Amateur in 1962, he won it all the following year and was the 1965 Kansas Amateur Champion. He qualified for four USGA national championships while still an amateur.

Colbert turned professional in 1965 and entered the winners' circle for the first time four years later at the Monsanto Open. His total of eight wins on the PGA Tour and twenty victories on the Senior Tour (including one major, the 1993 Senior Players Championship) span some 32 years.

He also scored victories in six team competitions (Diners Club matches and Legends of Golf) with partners Bob Murphy, Andy North and Jim Thorpe.



In addition to his success as a touring professional, Colbert was a golf analyst for ESPN for three years. He is president of Colbert Golf Design & Development, creators of Colbert Hills Golf Course in Manhattan, Kansas home of the K-State Wildcat golf teams. He is a member of the Kansas Golf- and Kansas State Athletic- Halls of Fame.