



# RIGA NEWS

Newsletter of the Rhode Island Golf Association

## RIGA FLASHBACK

## BOB MULLIGAN A DEDICATED VOLUNTEER



Norm Lutz (right) accepts winner's trophy from RIGA Secretary, Ed Perry, for being the 1975 RI Open Champion. Lutz, the 1970 State Amateur champ, is defending his RIGA Senior title this year at Rhode Island Country Club.



If you stopped by Potowomut this summer at the State Juniors, you saw a man with dark glasses, a floppy hat and blue blazer passing out scorecards on the first tee. Later you'd have seen him driving his cart around officiating matches. This man is none other than Bob Mulligan and he's been connected with Rhode Island golf and, specifically, the RI Junior Championship for more than 40 years. Until recently, he was also a fixture at the first tee during the Northeast Amateur Invitational.

Mr. Mulligan is a past president of the Rhode Island Golf Association as well as the New England Golf Association. He's a former member of the USGA Junior Committee. A past president and member of Pawtucket Country Club, the Mulligan Classic, the annual inter club tournament which features the top players from local clubs, is named in his honor. Somewhat of a local historian, Mr. Mulligan compiled the entire history of Pawtucket Country Club, putting it out in book form for the benefit of his club members.

Now a resident of Ellenton, Florida, Mr. Mulligan plans his annual sojourn to Rhode Island around the dates of the RI Junior Championship just so he can continue helping out and watching our young players develop. For this kind of dedication, our hats are off to you, Mr. Mulligan.

## HERZOG MARCHES TO VICTORY IN STATE AM



David Herzog watches flight of his ball en-route to victory.

If David Herzog plays in the U.S. Amateur in 1995 he'll certainly have a jump on the rest of the field. Wanumetonomy, the site of Herzog's first State Amateur Championship, will be the second stroke play course in the 100th playing of the nation's oldest golf championship. The main course will be Newport Country Club which hosted the first National Amateur in 1895.

But first things first. Herzog, the 20 year old Rollins College golfer playing out of Metacomet, was like a man on a mission in this year's State Amateur. After opening with a disappointing 76, he stormed back with a sizzling 68, low 18 hole score in the stroke play qualifying. On to match play, Wednesday, July 14th: Herzog needed only 26 holes out of a scheduled 36 to put away his first two opponents; in the morn-

ing match it was Tom Acciaro of Cranston CC and in the afternoon match Bill Campbell from the host club was eliminated.

The second day of match play proved a tad more difficult for the former LaSalle All-Stater. In the morning match Herzog was pitted against Dr. George Pirie, tournament medalist and one of the state's finest players. The two were all even going to 17. Herzog took the lead but Pirie birdied 18 to draw even. Herzog finally won with a birdie on the 20th. In the afternoon, the semi-finals, Herzog was playing Dan Peres of Cranston CC, the surprise of the tournament. Peres reached the semis by defeating such notables as Steve Travis and two-time State Amateur champ, Leo Marcotte. Herzog proved too much for him though, building a four hole lead through 12 holes and closing out the match 3-2.

Friday's 36 hole final was a study in contrast - Herzog, the college golfer versus Chuck Wojtowicz of Montaup, the hard-working family man. The 33 year old Wojtowicz, who admits to not playing a lot of golf because of his work schedule, turned in rounds of 77-69 in qualifying

(one of only five players to break 70). He had the right touch this week, however. In a truly remarkable run he turned back former State Amateur champ, Peter McBride, then Tom Goryl and college stars Kyle Phelps and Brad Adamonis. But then he ran into the Herzog juggernaut.

Herzog won the first four holes against Wojtowicz but Herzog hit his tee shot out of bounds on the par-three fifth and Wojtowicz eventually drew even after nine. David did not budge, though. He won the 11th and then the 12th when Wojtowicz called a penalty on himself. He never looked back from there. After the morning Herzog stood two up and eventually won 6-4. "I tried to play aggressive but smart all day, all week actually" said a delighted Herzog after his triumph. "The whole week there wasn't one part of my game that was weak."

In all, 276 players entered the tournament at the three pre-qualifying sites plus 29 exemptions for a total of 305 players. Next year the State Amateur will be held at Wannamoisett CC. And don't forget about 1995 - we already know it's on David Herzog's mind.



David Herzog and Chuck Wojtowicz line up their putts on the tenth green at Wanumetonomy during their afternoon match.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Timothy J. Harrington

The Rhode Island Golf Association is having a great season thanks to marvelous weather, our dedicated officials and the outstanding cooperation from the country clubs that allow us to use their facilities.

It is important to remember, when participating in RIGA Weekly events and major tournaments at the various member clubs, that we are the guests of that particular club for the day or the duration of the tournament. Please treat their golf course in the same manner that you respect your own course. We must replace divots, repair ball marks and rake bunkers. We can ensure continued success and good relations by making the little extra effort to leave the golf course in the same condition as when we arrived.

The season is waning and the days are getting shorter but, as the fall approaches, some of our best golf days are still ahead. I wish all of our members continued enjoyment on the links.

## RI MAKES PITCH FOR USGA MUSEUM

On August 11, 1993, a presentation was made to the United States Golf Association officials, including President Stuart Bloch, in hopes of attracting their museum to Newport, Rhode Island. The museum is presently located in Far Hills, New Jersey along with the USGA's administrative headquarters and testing facilities.

The proposed Rhode Island site would be bordered by Newport Country Club (adjacent to the 5th hole) on the east, the Ten Mile Drive on the south, and the

Brenton Point public recreational area, best known for kite flying, on the west.

The USGA Museum now enjoys 20,000 visitors per year. The presentation suggested this amount could exceed 100,000 if the museum were to be sited in Newport because Newport is visited by 3.4 million people per year. A tourist attraction such as the Tennis Hall of Fame has more than 70,000 visitors per year.

The USGA's response has been positive yet noncommittal. Their Executive Director, David Fay, stated that other

## “QUOTABLE QUOTES”

*“I’m hitting the woods just great, but I’m having a terrible time getting out of them.”*

– Harry Toscano, professional golfer

*“The average expert player – if he’s lucky – hits 6, 8 or 10 real good shots in a round. The rest are real good misses.”*

– Tommy Armour

communities have shown interest in the past and, as in Newport's case, they will seriously weigh the proposals. Any action of this magnitude must be approved by the USGA's 16-person Executive Committee which meets in early October.

The Rhode Island committee hopes that Newport's unique place in golfing history – having hosted the first USGA Amateur and Open in 1895 – and the commemorative playing of the Amateur event in 1995 at Newport Country Club will further enhance their proposal.

## DANA QUIGLEY – STILL THE MAN TO BEAT



Brad Boss (left), A.T. Cross chairman, presents Dana Quigley the winner's check.

Dana Quigley continued his torrid pace this summer by successfully defending his RIGA – A.T. Cross Open Championship at Valley CC on August 2-3. Firing rounds of 73-69-71, he outlasted his nephew, Brett, and Georgetown GC pro, Mike San Filippo by a single shot. Dana's three-under par total was good for the \$4,000 first place check and his fourth State Open Championship. “I'm just on a gigantic roll since the end of June,” said Quigley at the end of the tournament. “The confidence factor is way up. It's really been pretty easy golf.”

Easy or not, Quigley proved he's still the man to beat in New England. Before winning the Open, the Crestwood CC profinished 1st in the New England PGA, 2nd in the Mass Open, 1st in the NEPGA Pro/Assistant with Henry Cole, semi-finalist in the NEPGA Match Play, and also made the cut in the New England Classic, the PGA Tour stop at Pleasant Valley. If that's not enough, he also competed in the PGA Championship at Inverness, narrowly missing the 36 hole cut. That, ladies and gentlemen, is golfing your ball. His NEPGA buddies will prob-

ably be happy to ship him off to the Senior Tour in a few years just so they don't have to look up at the leader board and read the name “Quigley”.

In other 1993 RIGA tournament highlights, it was a junior/senior combo which bagged the top prize at the Fourball Championship at Warwick CC back in June. **Bill Lunnie** of Wannamoisett and **Jack Mc Dermott** of Pawtucket claimed their first RIGA crown by holding off the URI duo of **Derek Breau** and **Lowell Metivier**.

**Allen Doyle** of LaGrange, GA, a member of this summer's victorious Walker Cup Team, fired an opening round 67 and never trailed en route to a six shot victory in the 32nd Northeast Amateur.

**Tom Goryl** and **Kim Augusta** of Wannamoisett proved too tough for the rest of the field as they won this year's Mixed Foursomes at Agawam Hunt by eight shots with rounds of 73-73-73. Finishing second was the team of **David**

**Herzog** (Metacomet) and **Andrea Latina** (Quidnessett). Both Augusta and Latina qualified for this year's USGA Women's Amateur. Augusta also successfully defended her RI Women's Amateur title.

**Paul Schick** of Point Judith edged out **Steve Powers** of RICC 2-1 for his first RI Junior Amateur Championship.

It's getting to be old hat by now. The Stroke Play Championship has been contested ten times. **Paul Quigley** has now won five of them. He shot a final round 68 at Metacomet in strong winds on top of rounds of 72 and 73 to hold off **Fred Schick** of Point Judith. What more can we say about this Quigley guy? Brother of Dana, father of Brett, we've exhausted all superlatives. Paul's record stands by itself in the annals of RI amateur golf.

Other accomplishments by local players include **Jim Stallman** of RICC qualifying for the USGA Mid-Amateur Championship. He'll be competing with the country's top players in the 25 and over set on September 18th at Eugene CC in Eugene, OR. **David Herzog** qualified for the US Amateur for the second time in as many years. This year's Championship was held at Champions Golf Club in Houston.

## RIGA SALUTES THE INVISIBLE SUPPORTERS

We appreciate all our members who play in the Weekly Tournaments and Major Tournaments. But a special thanks must go to those who purchase an RIGA membership without any intentions of competing in the various events.

With close to 3,000 members, less than half of these ever tee it up in one of the tournaments. So just this once, we'd like to single out these members and say thank you for supporting the RIGA's efforts. You are all well accounted for and much appreciated.

## RULES CORNER

Many of you who watch golf telecasts on television are familiar with Rules violations being called in by astute viewers. In Paul Azinger's case it resulted in his disqualification because he had already signed his scorecard by the time officials were alerted. Whether or not TV and/or videotape should be permissible in deciding a Rules violation is a highly contested point which could be the subject of an entirely different column. The point here is to make you aware of two very basic Rules so you don't make the same mistake.

In the 1992 Bay Hill Classic Paul Azinger's ball came to rest in the confines of a water hazard. The ball, lying on some large rocks, was playable. He took his stance and kicked a few rocks aside to better situate his feet. He hit the ball out of the hazard onto the green and was subsequently disqualified after network TV replayed the shot and a viewer called in.

In this year's Buick Invitational Payne Stewart's ball came to rest on a cart path. He took relief from the cart path and played his shot. When playing the shot, part of his foot still lay on the cart path. He was assessed a two stroke penalty. Do you know the

rulings in these two situations?

In Azinger's case he was in violation of Rule 13-4c which states “Except as provided in the Rules, before making a stroke at a ball which lies in or touches a hazard (whether a bunker or water hazard), the player shall not touch or move a loose impediment lying in or touching a hazard.” Azinger's violation was inadvertent but still a violation. Kicking the rocks aside was moving a loose impediment.

In Payne's case he should have re-dropped because his foot was still on the path after taking relief. He was in violation of Rule 20-2c which states “A ball shall be re-dropped without penalty if it rolls back into the condition from which relief was taken under Rule 24-2 (immovable obstruction) or Rule 25 (abnormal ground conditions and wrong putting green).” When taking such relief a player must take *complete* relief which includes stance as well as swing. Because part of his foot was still on the path from which he took relief, it was two shots for not re-dropping. No doubt, neither Paul nor Payne will make the same mistake again. Now you won't either.