



RIGA NEWS

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A Year To Remember



Two months later Corey Pavin launched a four-wood at the 72nd hole at Shinnecock Hills. With the ball still in mid-air Pavin raced up the fairway to catch a glimpse of where it would land. Arms raised in triumph, Pavin stood and watched as his ball stopped six feet from the hole. He had won the Centennial U.S. Open.

John Daly took St. Andrews by storm the next month by absolutely overpowering The Old Course. On golf's holiest of grounds, it was almost irreverent what he did in winning the British Open, but the crowds loved him for it.

Finally, in August, Australian Steve Elkington prevented an American sweep of the four majors by winning his first grand-slam event. The highlight for most Rhode Islanders, though, came in the form of a final round 63 by Brad Faxon which vaulted him right onto the Ryder Cup team.

On the ladies' side, Annika Sorenstam won the U.S. Women's Open and both the American and European money titles, a feat all but unthinkable in this modern era of golf.

Closer to home, the histrionics were no less dramatic. Playing on his home course with all his family and friends watching, Kyle Phelps of Green Valley won the R.I. State Amateur. And with a gesture marked by both emotion and class, the newly crowned champion dedicated the win to Manny Raposa, Green Valley's owner and architect. Phelps also presented him his winner's trophy.

Come to think of it, 1995 might have been the year of the home course advantage. Mike Wilson and Chris Pompeii of Valley CC won the net division of the Ed Perry Senior Four-Ball in May. A week later Joe Fogarty snared his first RIGA championship in the Mid-Amateur at Triggs. Paul Quigley and Nick Cioe edged out two other teams in a play-off to claim the Four-Ball at Rhode Island CC. And it was déjà vu all over again as Dana Quigley captured his third A.T. Cross Open of the 90's (fifth overall) at his home track, Crestwood. Five tournaments with home course winners!

The sixth was the show stopper, though. It was a team effort in Rhode Island's home turf win in the Tri-States at Pawtucket CC over two strong teams from Connecticut and Massachusetts. In the final match of the day at 18, Sakonnet's John Davis slammed home a birdie to give Rhode Island its first win since '89.

The highlight film wouldn't be complete without mention of the USGA Centennial and the Centennial Amateur at Newport. It's in the books now and it's a year to remember. So long, 1995. We're gonna miss ya.

—Joe Sprague, Jr.

Paul Quigley — Player of the Year —



Like fine wine Paul Quigley seems to get better with age. We all know how dominant he has been. Let's have his playing record speak for itself: State Amateur Champion 1986, '87, '91; Stroke Play Champion 1988, '89, '90, '92, '93, '95; Four-Ball Champion 1988, '90, '95; Player of the Year 1987, '92, '95. Enough said.



Déjà vu: Dana Quigley accepts another winner's check from A.T. Cross chairman Brad Boss.

1995 RIGA Player of the Year Final Point Standings

Player	Club	Points
1. Paul Quigley	RICC	435
2. Kyle Phelps	Green Valley	385
3. Jim Stallman	RICC	340
4. Andy Young	Green Valley	265
5. Joe Fogarty	Triggs	255
6. John Auclair	Kirkbrae	220
7. Tom Goryl	Wannamoisset	210
8. Charles Hayes	Newport	180
9. Joe Henley	RICC	175
10. Norm Lutz	Pawtucket	165
11. John Davis	Sakonnet	150
12. Jim Bjorge	Triggs	140
12. Bill Campbell	Wanumetonomy	140
12. Mark Battista	Cranston	140
15. Brad Adamonis	Triggs	125
16. Tom Acciaro	Wanumetonomy	120
17. Bill Lunnie	Wannamoisset	115
18. Joe Iacofano, Jr.	Metacomet	100
18. Fred Schick	Point Judith	100
18. Mike Soucy	Valley	100
18. Greg Richard	Wannamoisset	100
18. Marc Brocato	Winnapaug	100
23. Mike Capone	Quidnessett	95
24. Cosmo Minicucci	Triggs	90
25. Jesse Furtado	Monatup	85
26. Brad Edgerton	Wanumetonomy	80
27. Troy Pare	Valley	75
28. Mike McCormick	Seaview	70
28. Tad Constant	Triggs	70
29. Craig Gardner	Wanumetonomy	65
30. Peter McBride	Lincoln	65

(Top 30 players and ties are exempt from pre-qualifying for the 1996 State Amateur.)

1995 Membership Report

CLUB	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Agawam Hunt	70	49	58	76	66
Alpine	95	97	96	100	87
Cranston	216	251	234	188	173
Crestwood	93	112	121	117	118
Foster	-	-	-	-	63
Glocester	41	60	50	47	56
Green Valley	61	66	67	69	76
Kirkbrae	149	134	135	134	116
Laurel Lane	120	99	97	91	92
Ledgemont	73	74	67	69	64
Lincoln	53	70	74	51	69
Metacomet	110	119	114	119	118
Misquamicut	4	3	2	7	19
Montaup	118	134	72	143	146
Newport	8	8	7	15	17
Pawtucket	130	135	127	143	118
Point Judith	97	112	115	108	112
Potowomut	139	139	136	122	126
Quidnessett	129	137	120	123	108
No. Kingstown	33	19	20	11	12
RICC	125	109	109	104	94
Sakonnet	3	2	9	6	7
Seaview	-	-	-	71	55
Triggs	198	258	218	219	218
Valley	180	173	135	132	153
Wannamoisset	195	184	195	185	181
Wanumetonomy	106	101	102	107	106
Warwick	143	121	130	112	108
West Warwick	58	75	117	91	114
Winnapaug	72	68	67	69	60
Woodland Greens	186	224	177	164	174

TOTALS

1991: 3,005 1992: 3,177 1993: 3,004
1994: 2,993 1995: 3026

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President's Message

The 1995 season for the Rhode Island Golf Association was a very busy and successful year. The Weeklies, unique to the RIGA, were once again very popular.

There were several highlights to the season, and I would like to mention four of them. First, there was the State Amateur. It was held at Green Valley CC which marked the first time our Amateur was held at a public golf course. It could not have been more successful. The course was in great condition and proved to be a fine test. The hospitality shown by the Raposa family was unequalled, and Kyle Phelps certainly proved to be a worthy champion.

Secondly, two of our member clubs hosted the 100th Anniversary of the U.S. Amateur Championship. Wanumetonomy and the host club, Newport, did our Association and state proud.

Thirdly, I would like to congratulate Kyle Phelps, Andy Young and Jim Stallman for representing the RIGA in the first USGA State Team Tournament held at Lake Nona in Orlando, FL. They finished 16th out of 48 states which was certainly a fine showing.

Lastly, I would like to mention the accomplishment of Brad Faxon, a past RIGA champion, in being selected to the U.S. Ryder Cup Team. This was a first for a Rhode Island golfer, and I know we are all proud of his efforts.

In closing, I want to congratulate and thank Joe Sprague and his staff for running a first-class golf association.

— William F. Lunnie

USGA Qualifying Results

OPEN-LOCAL

Agawam Hunt
May 22 & Entries: 61

Bill Harmon	70
Dana Quigley	70
Brett Quigley	71
Angel Franco	71
P. H. Horgan III	71
Ed Kirby	73

AMATEUR - SECTIONAL

Metacomet Country Club
August 7 & Entries: 67

David Jackson	68-72-140
Marc St. Martin	73-72-145
Paul Quigley	74-72-146
Marc Siewertsen	73-74-147

Executive Director's Report

What a year this has been for tournament golf! The Centennial Amateur at Newport; our State Amateur at a public course for the first time – Green Valley; the exciting finish at the A.T. Cross Open; start of a new tournament – Parent & Daughter; Tri-State win by RI at Pawtucket; the Ryder Cup with our own Brad Faxon; and the USGA State Team Tournament at Lake Nona, one of the top courses in Florida. All this and more made for a very exciting golf year in '95.

Speaking of the State Tournament, our team of Kyle Phelps, Jim Stallman and Andy Young acquitted themselves very well. We were tied for fifth after the first round and finished 16th overall out of 48 teams. The format was stroke play with the best two out of three scores each day. Day one was Phelps 71, Young 72; day two – Phelps 74, Young 75; day three – Stallman 74, Phelps 79. Our total was 445. Virginia was first with 424.

The USGA is conducting a survey to determine if this event will continue. The decision will be announced this winter at their annual meeting. If it does continue it will certainly add an exciting dimension to the RIGA Player Rankings in the years to come.

We're busy putting the final touches on the '96 schedule. There are no new tournaments on the docket, but we plan to streamline a few while trying to make all of them better.

— Joseph J. Sprague



The Rhode Island contingent at the USGA State Team Tournament: (left to right) Jim Stallman, Executive Director Joe Sprague, Andy Young and Kyle Phelps.

1995 Northeast Amateur Invitational

Wannamoisett Country Club & June 22-25 & Entries: 78



Notah Begay

- 275 – Notah Begay, Stanford, CA
72-71-67-65
- 277 – Scott Kammann, White Pine, TN
67-69-70-71
- 278 – Justin Roof, Conway, SC
69-67-68-74
Bud Still, Diboll, TX
67-68-72-71
- 281 – Hank Kim, Jonesboro, GA
69-71-65-76
- 282 – Scott Barlow, Henderson, NV
70-69-70-73
Christian Chernock, Orange, CT
74-70-67-71
- 284 – Tim Jackson, Germantown, TN
68-71-71-74
Alan Bratton, College Station, TX
70-69-73-72

1995 RIGA Championship Results

Ed Perry Senior Four-Ball

Valley Country Club & May 24-25 & Entries: 63 Teams	
GROSS DIVISION	
Norm Lutz & Jack McDermott – Pawtucket	71-71-142
Don Lamb & Ed Conforti – Montaup	72-72-144
Manny Pontus & John Oliver – Wanumetonomy	72-72-144
NET DIVISION	
x Milt Wilson & Chris Pompeii – Valley	64-68-132
Don Lamb & Ed Conforti – Montaup	66-66-132
x - Won Play-Off	

Mid Amateur

Triggs Memorial Golf Club June 1-2 & Entries: 129	
Joe Fogarty	73-72-145
John Davis	75-72-147
John Auclair	77-73-150
Jesse Furtado	75-75-150
Paul Quigley	75-75-150

Mixed Foursomes

Point Judith Country Club June 12-14 & Entries: 80 Teams	
SEMI FINALS	
Chris Buteau – Metacomet & Susan Mouchon – Valley <i>def.</i> Marc Carrier & Charlene Petrone – Valley	4-3

Brian Warnock – Warwick & Terry Kling – North Kingstown <i>def.</i> Harry Casey & Joanne Call – Wanumetonomy	Default
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FINALS	
Buteau & Mouchon <i>def.</i> Warnock & Kling	1 Up

Four-Ball

Rhode Island Country Club June 26-27 & Entries: 141 Teams	
x Paul Quigley – Nick Cioe	67-69-70-206
Andy Young – Kyle Phelps	67-71-68-206
Bill Campbell – Charlie Hayes	66-68-72-206
Marc Brocato – Pat Lyons	66-69-72-207
George Pirie – Scott Marshall	70-67-70-207
x - Won Play-Off	

State Amateur

Green Valley Country Club July 10-14 & Entries: 294	
CO-MEDALISTS	
Jim Stallman	70-71-141
Bill Lunnie	69-72-141

QUARTER FINALS	
Mike Soucy <i>def.</i> Joe Iacofano, Jr.	4-3
Kyle Phelps <i>def.</i> Peter Ells	5-4
Jim Stallman <i>def.</i> Troy Pare	22 Holes
Joe Henley <i>def.</i> Brad Adamonis	1 Up

SEMI FINALS	
Phelps <i>def.</i> Soucy	5-4
Stallman <i>def.</i> Henley	20 Holes

FINALS	
Phelps <i>def.</i> Stallman	4-3 (36 Holes)

The Final Word

Ben Hogan was once asked by a long-suffering player what he should do about his wretched putting. He had tried every stance, grip, club and attitude. But nothing was dropping. Said Hogan, "Have you considered hitting it closer to the hole?"

— Dan Jenkins, golf writer

"If you have to remind yourself to concentrate during a competition, you've got no chance to concentrate."

— Bobby Nichols

RIGA – A.T. Cross Open

Crestwood Country Club & July 31-August 1 & Entries: 156	
x Dana Quigley – Crestwood	67-72-69-208
Pat Sheehan – Unattached	67-70-71-208
Brett Quigley – RICC	68-69-73-210
Bill Mackedon – Quidnessett	70-69-71-210
Scott Johnson – Salem	73-67-70-210
Rodney Butcher – Potowomut	68-73-71-212
Chris Congdon – Foxboro	71-70-71-212
Al Vallante – Johnston GC	71-71-70-212
Mike San Filippo – Shaker Hills	70-75-67-212
Low Amateur	
Kyle Phelps	70-73-75-218
x - Won Play-Off	

Stroke Play

Kirkbrae Country Club August 15-16 & Entries: 151	
Paul Quigley	72-78-68-218
Kyle Phelps	74-74-71-219
Jim Stallman	75-72-73-220
Andy Young	74-74-75-223
Mark Battista	73-75-76-224
Joe Fogarty	73-76-75-224

Senior Amateur

Winnapaug Country Club September 11-15 & Entries: 99	
MEDALIST	
John Oliver – Wanumetonomy	72
SEMI FINALS	
Bill Ferrigno – Winnapaug <i>def.</i> Ted Greene – Quidnessett	2 Up
Joe Iacofano – Metacomet <i>def.</i> Paul Willett – Lincoln	2-1

FINALS	
Ferrigno <i>def.</i> Iacofano	3-2

Junior Amateur

Alpine Country Club July 17-21 & Entries: 79	
MEDALIST	
Paul Buteau	72
FINALS	
Paul Buteau – Metacomet <i>def.</i> Tom McCormick – Seaview	1 Up

Parent & Daughter

Foster Country Club July 26 & Entries: 21 Teams	
GROSS DIVISION	
Fred & Amy Schick – Point Judith	73
NET DIVISION	
Fred & Allison Schick – Point Judith	65

Father & Son

North Kingstown Municipal GC August 8-9 & Entries: 178 Teams	
SENIOR DIVISION	
Low Gross: Joe Iacofano & Joe Iacofano, Jr. – Metacomet	70
Low Net: Jack & Robert Tyrell – North Kingstown	66
JUNIOR DIVISION	
Low Gross: Larry & Paul Buteau – Metacomet	69
Low Net: Mike & Tom McCormick – Seaview	69

Caddy Tournament

Lincoln Country Club August 10 & Entries: 34	
Team: Kirkbrae CC	345
Individual: John De Mayo – RICC	39-42-81