



RIGA *news*

Newsletter of the Rhode Island Golf Association

RI Golf Hall of Fame Inducts Four New Members



Rhode Island Golf Hall of Fame Inductees Brett Quigley (L) and Marc St. Martin (R). Brad Boss, center, received the Distinguished Service Award.

The list of members to the RI Golf Hall of Fame has recently grown by four. The RIGA's annual Appreciation and Recognition Night on November 30th at Kirkbrae Country Club also served as the ceremony for the fifth class of inductions into the RI Golf Hall of Fame. New Hall members include Barbara Davis, Tommy Tailer, Brett Quigley and Marc St. Martin.

The RI Golf Hall of Fame inducted its inaugural class in 2001 with a gala event at Kirkbrae at which a total of 16 members were inducted featuring Brad Faxon, Billy Andrade, Dana and Paul Quigley as well as other RI golf luminaries like Donald Ross, Ronnie Quinn and Julie Greene.

While the 2009 event was a more low-key affair than the inaugural, the evening was still filled with special moments and a first-class list of inductees. In addition to bringing in a new class of inductees, the Hall also recognized Brad Boss with the RI Golf Hall of Fame Distinguished Service Award. First awarded in 2003, the DSA recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the game outside of the realm of competition.

Brad Boss, a past president of the RIGA, is a longtime USGA committee member in addition to serving the RIGA for many years. His family's company, A.T. Cross, sponsored the RI Open for many years. A fine player himself, much of Brad's service to the game was done quietly, whether it was sponsoring events or helping to run them. As a member at Augusta National, Brad developed a deep friendship with caddie, Joe Collins. When Collins died last year, Brad not only flew to Augusta for the service, he made arrangements for Collins to be buried in a cemetery that overlooks the 10th green at Augusta.

The first inductee of the evening was Barbara Davis who won the RIWGA Championship five times, including three in a row beginning in 1934. She captured the Wannamoisett women's club championship 13 times in a row and won the State Mixed with Stan Koslowski in 1946. She also won the Endicott Cup three times, the tournament that brings together the best players from Mass, RI and Connecticut. Accepting on Davis' behalf was Roberta Hunt, a longtime Wannamoisett member and herself a 17- time club champ.

T. S. Tailer, Jr., or better known as Tommy Tailer, won the RIGA Junior Amateur in 1927 and 1929, and he won the State Amateur in 1930, '31 and '32. He also captured the State Open in both 1932 and '35. Tommy was the son of prominent New York businessman, T.S. Tailer who was also one of the early leaders of Newport Country Club.

A resident of New York who summered in Newport, Tommy won the Metropolitan Golf Association Amateur in 1932 in addition to his RIGA title, and he reached the quarter-finals of the US Amateur that year. He earned two

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invitations to The Masters and in 1938 he became the first amateur to break 70 in the tournament.

Brett Quigley became the third Quigley to be inducted into the Hall, following in the footsteps of his father and uncle. A two-time academic All-American at U of South Carolina, he has won more than \$10 million in 13 years on the PGA Tour. He won the 1984 RIGA Junior Amateur and the State Amateur in 1990. Teamed with dad, Paul, he won the Four-Ball in 1988 and 1990, and was named RIGA Player of the Year in 1988, the same year he won the Northeast Amateur. He and Ronnie Quinn are the only two Rhode Islanders to win the Northeast. Brett also won the USGA Junior Amateur in 1987.

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Message from the President



Fred Schick

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee and the Executive Board for the confidence they have shown in me to lead the RIGA in 2010. In addition, along with First Vice President Cameron Quinn, Second Vice President John Carroccia, Secretary Luke Hyder and Treasurer Peter McBride, we would also like to extend our sincere gratitude and congratulations to Steve Sampson for his efforts as our 2009 President. Steve did a wonderful job as President. It's comforting to know we can rely on Steve and all the past presidents for their advice and consent in the coming year.

Congratulations to all the 2009 champions and recent inductees into the Rhode Island Golf Hall of Fame. It was terrific to see such great golf in '09 and we look forward to more of the same in 2010.

At this writing, the tournament schedule for the RIGA's 2010 major championships is being finalized. I believe all players will be thrilled with year's sites. The Amateur is at Wannamoisett, the Open is at Quidnessett, the Stroke Play is at Agawam Hunt, the Senior 4-Ball (gross) is at Point Judith and the Senior Amateur (gross) at RICC. It doesn't get much better than that! Please consult the web site for dates and venues for all of our tournaments.

We are also making some significant changes to our weekly tournaments that should please those of you who regularly participate or may wish to participate in this fine program. What a great way to play different courses, enjoy the competition and camaraderie of your

friends at a very affordable price. This program also serves as a major fundraiser for the RIGA. Please consider joining in on the fun this year while supporting the RIGA at the same time.

The RIGA is acutely aware of the difficulties many of our members and member clubs are having in these trying economic times. Our capable staff of Bob Ward, Jim McKenna, Kate McCurry along with the countless volunteers, golf pros and course superintendents all look forward to helping out in any way we can while continuing to promote the game of golf in RI.

It may be cold and snowy in RI now but in a short time it will be time to dust off the sticks for another season. Despite the economy, let's make it one of our best year's ever. |

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Bob Ward

I would like to thank everyone – member clubs, their boards, golf pros, superintendents, managers, members and players - for their help and support during the 2009

season. The RIGA had a successful year thanks to all who contributed.

The 2010 golf season should be another interesting one with many private clubs struggling to maintain members. The good news is many leaving private clubs are joining public facilities with the need to continue their love of the game. With tough times continuing I believe it's important for all clubs to create opportunities for younger golfers and maintain relationships with long time members.

The RIGA is committed to continue supporting its member clubs and members. The RIGA tournament

schedule has grown to include every golfing population in the state. Not only does the RIGA conduct the most competitive championships for high level amateur golfers, many net and senior events allow all to enjoy golf in a competitive fashion. If you haven't played in a RIGA event before or in a while please consider competing with some of the most avid golfers in Rhode Island.

Supporting the John P. Burke Scholarship and Button Hole is on the forefront of how the RIGA tries to give back. The Burke Fund continues to support college students who have worked or continue to work at your member clubs. Supporting Button Hole through the Friends of Button Hole or the In School Introduction to Golf introduces more kids to the game. Funding these programs is a direct link to future players and club members in Rhode Island.

I'm looking forward to a great season of amateur golf in Rhode Island I hope that you will be part of the excitement. |

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The most touching part of the evening came with the heartfelt standing ovation for the final inductee, Marc St. Martin. Marc, who has been struggling with cancer in recent years, was visibly touched at the outpouring of emotion from the 200 plus attendees. A most deserved inductee and Kirkbrae's favorite son, Marc won the State Amateur in 1976, 1984 and 1988. He captured the RIGA Caddy Championship in 1968, and won the Four-Ball with partner, Richard Grimes, in 1976. He was also the last amateur to win the RI Open in 1990, the same year in which he was named RIGA Player of the Year.

When he moved to Florida in 1991, Marc's game traveled well where he continued to win awards and was once named South Florida Player of the Year. Perhaps Paul Quigley put it best when he was accepting his Senior Player of the Year Award: "Back in the '70s Marc was the man to beat. Every player knew it. And Marc was one of the three best putters that I have ever seen in the state. The other two are Brad Faxon and Norm Lutz." Not bad company. |

2009 RIGA YEAR IN REVIEW



Bobby Leopold



Charlie Blanchard

11th John P. Burke Memorial (Gross) May 12-13 – Wanumetonomy G&CC/Shelter Harbor GC

*Won on first playoff hole

1	Bobby Leopold*	Potowomut CC	-1-70-70-140
2	Charlie Blanchard	Wannamoissett CC	-1-71-69-140
3	Paul Quigley	Metacommet CC	+3-70-74-144
4	Andy Falcone	Foster CC	+4-73-72-145
T5	Chuck Sullivan	Agawam Hunt	+5-72-77-146
T5	Dr. George Pirie	Valley CC	+5-69-77-146
T5	Jamie Lukowicz	West Warwick CC	+5-72-74-146

11th John P. Burke Memorial (Net) June 8 & October 13 – Carnegie Abbey/Newport CC

1	Curt D'Aguanno	Quidnessett CC	67-69-136
2	S Bradford Doyle	Montaup CC	75-63-138
3	George Harlow	Louisquisset GC	72-67-139
T4	Rich Lipsitz	North Kingstown GC	-70-72-142
T4	Dave Storm	North Kingstown GC	-69-73-142

109th United States Open – Local Qualifying May 21 – The Misquamicut Club

1	Jonathan Curran	Hopkinton, MA	64
2	Nic Mazze	Caledon, ON	66
3	Ed Kirby	Wakefield, RI	67
4	Matthew Doyle	Jupiter, FL	68
	1st Alt Brad Valois	Warwick, RI	69
	2nd Alt Brent Paladino	Kensington, CT	70

60th Four-Ball Championship June 9-10 – Agawam Hunt/Metacommet CC

1	Garrett Medeiros*	Metacommet CC	
	Robert Marshalewski	Crestwood CC	64-68-132
2	George Donnell	Quidnessett CC	
	Ben Tuthill	Wannamoissett CC	70-62-132
3	Jim O'Connell	Pawtucket CC	
	Brenden Smith	Pawtucket CC	70-63-133
T4	John Auclair	Kirkbrae CC	
	Mike Soucy	Metacommet CC	69-65-134
T4	Charlie Blanchard	Wannamoissett CC	
	Jason Pannone	Potowomut GC	66-68-134

*Won on second playoff hole

16th Ed Perry Senior Four-Ball Champ. (Gross) June 16-17– Potowomut GC

1	George Donnell*	Quidnessett CC	
	Jon Fasick	New England CC	65-66-131
2	Paul Quigley	Metacommet CC	
	Mike Soucy	Metacommet CC	62-69-131
3	Tom Acciaro	Swansea CC	
	Dr. George Pirie	Valley CC	64-71-135
4	Paul Barber	Potowomut GC	
	Herb Stevens	Potowomut GC	71-67-138
5	Dan Pilkington	Metacommet CC	
	Paul Treanor	Metacommet CC	67-72-139

*Won on fifth playoff hole

48th Northeast Amateur Invitational

June 24-27 – Wannamoissett CC

1	Dan Woltman	Beaver Dam, WI	70-64-67-64-265*
T2	Wesley Bryan	Chapin, SC	70-64-70-64-268
T2	David Holmes	Knoxville, TN	65-69-67-67-268
T2	Adam Long	Lake St. Louis, MO	67-64-67-70-268
5	Sihwan Kim	Buena Park, CA	65-70-68-67-270

*New 72-Hole Scoring Record

Father & Son

June 30th & August 4th – Foster CC

Senior Gross Division

1	Tom Acciaro & Bobby Acciaro	73
T2	Jim Squadrito & Dan Petrocelli	74
T2	Michael Burke & Ben Tuthill	74
T4	Robert Glass & Bobby Glass	75
T4	George Lyons III & Patrick Lyons	75
T4	Bill Forcier & Billy Forcier	75



Bobby & Tom Acciaro

Senior Net Division Winners

Bob Hirsch & Michael Hirsch	(-14) 58
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Junior Gross Division

1	John Auclair & Brad Auclair	74
1	Arthur Fiorenzano & Andrew Fiorenzano	74
3	Cam Quinn & Travis Sadler	75
4	Gary Delude & Chris Delude	77
5	Curt D'Aguanno & Dylan D'Aguanno	85
T5	Joseph Occhi & Matt Occhi	85



Curt D'Aguanno

Junior Net Division Winners

Curt D'Aguanno & Eric D'Aguanno (-7)	65
Curt D'Aguanno & Dylan D'Aguanno (-7)	65

R.I. Public Links Championship July 5-6 – Triggs Memorial GC/Cranston CC

1	David Sampson	Swansea CC	74-71-145
2	Bob Glass	Foster CC	72-74-146
3	Jason Hull	Fenner Hill GC	72-75-147
4	Joesph Desimone	Cranston CC	73-75-148
T5	Ben Conway	Montaup CC	79-71-150
T5	Dave McNally	Foster CC	77-73-150
T5	J.B. Randall	Cumberland, RI	71-79-150

Parent & Daughter

July 8 – Crystal Lake GC

Senior Gross Division

1	Paul Kleniewski & Paula Kleniewski	73
2	Dr. David Bruno & Erika Bruno	77
3	John Barber & Jennifer Kosh	81



Paul & Paula Kleniewski

Senior Net Division

Dr. David Bruno & Erika Bruno (-3)	68
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Junior Gross Division

1	Robert Rubino & Elizabeth Rubino	75
T2	David Ruggieri & Amanda Ruggieri	78
T2	Willam Tansey Jr.	

Junior Net Division

David Ruggieri & Alyssa Ruggieri	(-13) 58
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2009 RIGA YEAR IN REVIEW

104th RI Amateur Championship

July 13-17 – Crestwood CC

1	Garrett Medeiros*	Metacomet CC	64-65-129
T2	Matt Broome	Rhode Island CC	68-71-139
T2	Eddie Hjerpe	Rhode Island CC	70-69-139
T4	Jim O'Connell	Pawtucket CC	67-75-142
T4	Bill McDonald	Point Judith CC	73-69-142
T4	Bobby Leopold	Potowomut GC	74-68-142

*36-Hole Qualifying Scoring Record

Quarterfinals

David McAndrew (Rhode Island CC) def. Jeffrey Ray (Crestwood CC) 6&5
 Bobby Leopold (Potowomut GC) def. Jim O'Connell (Pawtucket CC) 1 up
 Matt Broome (Rhode Island CC) def. Brad Valois (Alpine CC) 1 up
 Bill Forcier (Cranston CC) def. Eddie Hjerpe (Rhode Island CC) 5&3

Semifinals

Bobby Leopold (Potowomut GC) def. David McAndrew (CC) 2&1
 Bill Forcier (Cranston CC) def. Matt Broome (Rhode Island CC) 1 up

Finals

Bobby Leopold (Potowomut GC) def. Bill Forcier (Cranston CC) 3&2



George Donnell & Jon Fasick



Ray Harrison & Bob Cournoyer

16th Ed Perry Senior Four-Ball Champ. (Net)

July 20 & August 5 – Valley CC/Agawam Hunt

1	Ray Harrison*	Valley CC	
	Bob Cournoyer	Valley CC	63-66-129
T2	Vinny DiMartino	Montaup CC	
	Robert Hill	Montaup CC	63-66-129
T2	Joe Mollica	Exeter CC	
	Ron Razza	Exeter CC	67-62-129
T4	Mario Dequattro	Triggs Memorial	
	Bob Kerwin	Triggs Memorial	64-66-130
T4	Keith Carlson	Potowomut GC	
	Peter Coop	Potowomut GC	64-66-130

*Won on second playoff hole

80th New England Amateur Championship

July 21-23 – Portsmouth CC (Portsmouth, NH)

1	Matt Parziale	Thorny Lea GC (MA)	70-72-68-73-283
2	Garrett Medeiros	Metacomet CC (RI)	73-70-69-74-286
3	Kevin Velardo	CC of Billerica (MA)	72-68-74-74-288
T4	Richard Werenki	The Orchards GC (MA)	77-71-73-68-289
T4	Matthew Broome	Rhode Island CC (RI)	73-72-71-73-289

78th Rhode Island Open

July 28-29 – Newport National GC

1	Michael Carbone	Brewster, MA	66-68-73-207
2	Shawn Warren	Windham, ME	66-66-76-208
T3	Mike Capone	Cranston, RI	68-74-67-209
T3	Todd Cook	Methuen, MA	73-67-69-209
5	Jason Parajeckas	Woburn, MA	73-68-70-211
6	Garrett Medeiros (a)	Metacomet CC	68-74-71-213

88th RI Junior Amateur Championship

August 11-14 – West Warwick CC & Metacomet CC

18-Hole Qualifying (West Warwick CC)

1	Jamison Randall	Cumberland, RI	70
2	Jared Adams	Crestwood CC	72
3	Andrew Fiorenzano	Carnegie Abbey	73
4	Tyler Cooke	Potowomut GC	74
5	Nicholas Leandro	W. Warwick, RI	75

Championship Division

Quarterfinals

Jamison Randall (Cumberland, RI) def. John McCarthy (Potowomut GC) 2&1

Tyler Cooke (Potowomut GC) def. Nicholas Leandro (W. Warwick) 3&1

Brendan Lemp (Misquamicut Club) def. Jared Adams (Crestwood CC) 2&1

Andrew Fiorenzano (Carnegie Abbey) def. Alex Grimes (Green Valley CC) 4&3

Semifinals

Jamison Randall (Cumberland, RI) def. Tyler Cooke (Potowomut GC) 4&3

Brendan Lemp (Misquamicut Club) def. Andrew Fiorenzano (Carnegie Abbey) 1 up

Finals

Brendan Lemp (Misquamicut Club) def. Jamison Randall (Cumberland) 5&4

First Division Final

Anthony Gesualdi (Button Hole GC) def. Greg MacPherson (N. Smithfield) 19 Holes

Second Division Final

Chris Gallogly (Potowomut GC) def. Scott Lincoln (East Providence) 19 Holes

Third Division Final

McKinley Slade (Wannamoissett CC) def. Rob Royal (Rumford) 2&1

26th RI Stroke Play Championship

August 17-18 – Montaup CC

1	Charlie Blanchard	Wannamoissett CC	69-68-69-206
2	Bobby Leopold	Potowomut GC	69-70-73-212
T3	Jeffrey Ray	Crestwood CC	71-72-70-213
T3	Jamie Lukowicz	West Warwick CC	72-70-71-213
T5	Dr. George Pirie	Valley CC	71-71-73-215
T5	Brad Valois	Alpine CC	70-68-77-215

51st Senior Amateur Championship (Gross)

August 31-September 1, 2009 – Triggs Memorial GC

1	Paul Quigley*	Metacomet CC	70-70-140
2	Jon Fasick	New England CC	67-73-140
3	Dr. George Pirie	Valley CC	71-73-144
T4	Herb Stevens	Potowomut GC	75-71-146
T4	Gary McLane	Rhode Island CC	73-73-146
T4	George Donnell	Quidnessett CC	73-73-146
T4	Tom Acciaro	Swansea CC	72-74-146

*Won on third playoff hole

2009 Player of the Year

1	Bobby Leopold	Potowomut GC	851
2	Charlie Blanchard	Wannamoissett CC	725
3	Garrett Medeiros	Metacomet CC	645
4	David Sampson	Swansea CC	514
5	Brad Valois	Alpine CC	510

2009 Senior Player of the Year

1	Paul Quigley	Metacomet CC	805
2	Dr. George Pirie	Valley CC	705
3	George Donnell	Quidnessett CC	575
4	Dave McNally	Foster CC	410
5	Tom Goryl	Wannamoissett CC	330

2009 RIGA YEAR IN REVIEW

51st Senior Amateur Championship (Net)

September 8-9, 2009 – Alpine CC

1	Jim Buckner	Triggs Memorial GC	64-71-135
2	Anthony Caprio	Pinehurst GC	70-67-137
3	Jim Wade	Valley CC	69-72-141
4	George Lyons	Winnapaug CC	75-68-143
T5	Kevin Carty	Jamestown GC	75-69-144

16th RI Mid-Amateur Championship

September 15-16 – Rhode Island CC

T1	Charlie Blanchard*	Wannamoissett CC	71-73-144
T1	Jamie Lukowicz	West Warwick CC	69-75-144
T3	John Auclair	Kirkbrae CC	73-73-146
T3	Paul Quigley	Metacomet CC	69-77-146
T5	Darren Corrente	Metacomet CC	75-72-147
T5	Jason Kalin	Metacomet CC	75-72-147
T5	Steven Merluzzo	Metacomet CC	73-74-147
T5	Ben Tuthill	Wannamoissett CC	72-75-147
T5	Jeff Kern	Swansea CC	71-76-147
T5	Jim Colucci	Wannamoissett CC	68-79-147

* Won on 1st Playoff Hole

New England Junior Amateur Invitational Championship

August 17-18 – Old Marsh GC (Wells, Maine)

Rhode Island Team: Andrew Fiorenzano, Jamison Randall, Tyler Cooke, Jared Adams, Alex Grimes, John McCarthy, Nick Leandro

New England Senior Amateur Championship

September 21-23 – Wyantenuck CC (Great Barrington, MA)

1	Robert Linn	Berkshire Hills CC (MA)	72-70-142
T2	Larry Bolduc	Long Hill GC (CT)	76-69-145
T2	David Szweczul	Tunxis Plantation (CT)	71-74-145
T4	Paul Nunez Jr.	Ludlow CC (MA)	75-71-146
T4	Andy Congdon	Wyantenuck CC (MA)	73-73-146

8th USGA State Team Championship

September 23-25 – The Country Club of St. Albans

(Lewis & Clark Course) – St. Louis, MO

1	Pennsylvania	141-136-140-417
2	Kansas	133-152-135-420
3	Illinois	141-140-141-422
T4	Rhode Island	141-140-143-424
T4	South Carolina	135-147-142-424

Rhode Island Team: Bobby Leopold, Charlie Blanchard, Brad Valois

69th Mixed Foursomes Championship

September 29-30 & October 1 – Ledgemont CC

Medalists: Mitch Pozez & Lauren Collins (Carnegie Abbey)

Championship Division:

Mitch Pozez & Lauren Collins (Carnegie Abbey) def.

Mike & Brenda Nardolillo (Newport National) 5 & 4

1st Division:

John & Barbara Barber (Potowomut GC) def. Earl Stickney & Betty DiDonato 5 & 4

2nd Division:

Ralph Apici & Cindy Donlad def. Matt Dawson & Pam Chin 5 & 3

Mulligan Interclub Team Championship

October 5 – Wannamoissett CC

Team Event Champions: Wannamoissett CC – Charlie Blanchard, Jim Colucci, Bill Lunnie, Ben Tuthill & Michael Caprio

1	Wannamoissett CC	296
2	Potowomut GC	305
3	Pawtucket CC	306
T4	Rhode Island CC	308
T4	Warwick CC	308

Tri-State Team Championship

October 8-9 – Pleasant Valley CC (Sutton, MA)

Rhode Island Team: Steve Sampson, Dr. George Pirie, George Donnell, Tom Goryl, Bobby Leopold, Charlie Blanchard, Brad Valois, Paul Quigley, Billy Forcier, Mitch Pozez, Ben Tuthill, Jeff Kern

Final State Point Totals: Massachusetts 71½, Connecticut 53, Rhode Island 37½

3rd Annual Weekly Invitational Net Championship

October 20 – Crestwood CC

1	Mike Freitas	68	T4	Dennis Tripodi	70
T2	Anthony Caprio	69	T4	Robert Taylor	70
T2	Michael Salvo	69	T4	Bill Flynn	70



Robert Marshalewski & Garrett Medeiros



Michael Carbone



Paul Quigley



Jim Buckner

**Thanks to Everyone for
Another Great Year!**





2010 Weekly Invitational Packages

Registration for the RIGA Weekly Invitational will be the same as in recent years. The program is open to all members of a RIGA member club and players are required to sign up as a foursome. The designated captain will continue to be the contact for each group. Captains are asked to ensure that each player join the RIGA member program before the first event. Every member club is listed on the RIGA website under "member clubs".

The only applications that will be considered are those that arrive via U.S. Postal Service Mail postmarked no earlier than February 22. Tee times will range from 7:30-12:30. If early groups can not keep pace the RIGA reserves the right to assign that group a later time.

One significant change to the Weekly Invitational program is a sixth golf course has been added to each package. Another change will be the use of the Stableford scoring system in an effort to speed up play for each round. Players will accumulate points for each hole with a net double bogey being the limit. The Stableford scoring system will also be used to calculate points for each package for the Weekly Net Championship which will be played at Wannamoisett CC on Tuesday, October 19th. Gift certificates will be distributed by Stableford points within your division. Points for the Weekly Net Championship will still be the top 15 Stableford point totals for each weekly. To be eligible for the Weekly Net Championship a player must turn in a card for four of the six weeklies. Players are not obligated to participate in the "point's race", but may choose to play in the weeklies on a noncompetitive basis.

Cart fees are again included in the registration fee. Players need to check in with the RIGA representative when ready to play. Any substitute players need to be changed so accurate scoring can take place. The RIGA will automatically post scores for each event, this is another feature that has been positive from a player's standpoint.

The fee to participate in the Weekly Invitational program will be \$1344 per package or \$336 per player and includes cart fees for each event. This is a \$2 reduction per player per round for 2010. Credit cards will again be accepted as a form of payment, Visa, MasterCard or Discover only. Please complete the registration form completely if a credit card is used as the form of payment. Groups wishing to participate in multiple packages can check the appropriate box and select which packages you would like. Packages are distributed on a first come first serve basis and multiple packages will be given out once everyone participating gets one package.

The sign-up period will begin on Tuesday, February 22. Any mail postmarked prior to February 22 will be returned. No USPS Express Mail will be accepted that was initiated prior to February 22. "Walk-ins" to the RIGA office are also not permitted. The RIGA office will inform the captains by mail or e-mail as to which package the group received during the week of March 15. |

PACKAGE 1

Mon, April 12	Pawtucket CC
Tues, April 27	Metacomet CC
Mon, May 17	Agawam Hunt
Mon, June 21	Montaup CC
Mon, Aug 16	Fenner Hill GC
Tues, Sept 28	Warwick CC

PACKAGE 2

Tues, Apr 13	Ledgemont CC
Tues, May 4	Alpine CC
Tues, May 18	Potowomut CC
Mon, June 14	Green Valley CC
Tues, Sept 7	Swansea CC
Tues, Oct 5	Sakonnet GC

PACKAGE 3

Tues, Apr 13	Newport National GC
Wed, May 12	The Misquamicut Club
Tues, May 25	Kirkbrae CC
Tues, June 8	Valley CC
Tues, July 6	Triggs Memorial GC
Tues, Sept 21	Crestwood CC

PACKAGE 4

Mon, Apr 19	Quidnessett CC
Tues, May 11	Shelter Harbor GC
Mon, May 24	Laurel Lane CC
Tues, Aug 24	Cranston CC
Mon, Sept 20	Valley CC
Mon, Oct 4	Point Judith CC

PACKAGE 5

Mon, Apr 26	Rhode Island CC
Tues, May 11	Crestwood CC
Mon, June 7	Carnegie Abbey
Tues, June 22	Wentworth Hills GC
Mon, Aug 30	North Kingstown GC
Mon, Sept 27	Agawam Hunt

Weekly Net Championship

Tues, Oct 19	Wannamoisett CC
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2010 RIGA WEEKLY INVITATIONAL APPLICATION

Please clip or copy and mail to the RIGA office not postmarked earlier than **Monday, February 22.**

Packages are \$1344 per foursome per package (includes cart fees.)

Captain's Name _____ Club Affiliation _____
Captain's Address _____ GHIN# _____
Captain's Telephone (day) _____ (eve) _____ (cell) _____
Captain's Email _____
Captain's Visa/Mastercard Number _____ (expiration date) _____
Captain's Signature if paying by Credit Card _____

Please include information for additional players.

Player 1 _____ Club Affiliation _____
Email _____ GHIN# _____
Telephone _____
Visa/Mastercard Number _____ (exp date) _____ Signature _____

Player 2 _____ Club Affiliation _____
Email _____ GHIN# _____
Telephone _____
Visa/Mastercard Number _____ (exp date) _____ Signature _____

Player 3 _____ Club Affiliation _____
Email _____ GHIN# _____
Telephone _____
Visa/Mastercard Number _____ (exp date) _____ Signature _____

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WRITE PACKAGE NUMBER IN SPACE NEXT TO CORRESPONDING CHOICE

First Choice _____ Second Choice _____ Third Choice _____

TEE TIMES

7:30-7:56 _____ 8:04-8:30 _____ 8:38-9:04 _____ 9:12-9:38 _____ 9:46-10:12 _____
10:20-10:46 _____ 10:54-11:20 _____ 11:28-11:54 _____ 12:02-12:36 _____

Would you like to participate in additional packages? Yes No

Enclosed check payable to RIGA, One Button Hole Drive, Providence RI 02909 or print Visa/Mastercard number(s) on the reverse side within the personal information section and sign to authorize credit card payment.

Envelopes postmarked prior to Monday, February 22, 2010 will be returned unopened.



RHODE ISLAND GOLF ASSOCIATION

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What's New For 2010

Many of you have already noticed the RIGA has a new on-line registration process. With a new system in place it's important for everyone who plays in RIGA events to create a new profile. Registration for the 2010 season has already begun and like usual, the Burke Net is filling up fast.

The RIGA is happy to welcome two new member clubs for 2010, Wentworth Hills GC in Lakeville, MA (Cumberland, RI) and Meadow Brook in Richmond. We look forward to serving these clubs and their members for years to come.

Major Championships

- Golf club grooves is a non-issue for everyone playing in tournaments unless you qualify for US Open Sectional or higher.
- The RIGA has opened the RI Open to all golf pros, in the past only New England PGA members and special invitees could play. Golf professionals who are not affiliated with the NEPGA or RIPGA will have to qualify to play in the championship.
- An old event has been resurrected! The RI Pros vs. Amateurs was created in the mid 80s by RI Golf Hall of Famer Norm Lutz & RIPGA pro Steve Napoli to inject some competition and camaraderie into both groups. Exact details will be listed on the RIGA website soon.
- This year's Amateur Championship will be held at Wannamoisett CC with the final 36 hole match being played on Saturday, July 10th.

Changes to the Weekly Invitational Program

- A sixth golf course has been added to each of the five packages. Carnegie Abbey and Shelter Harbor will host a weekly for the first time and a few other private clubs have given two dates.
- The method of scoring will be changed to Stableford points system. Players will be allowed a net double bogey, after that no points will be awarded. This change is an effort to speed up play for all involved and create a more manageable scoring system for the Weekly Net Championship.

Other Notes

- Over the winter Rhode Island lost a couple of locals in the golf world. Dave Adamonis, Sr. was best known for creating the US Challenge Cup so kids would have a place to compete in summer. Mike McCampbell (RICC) passed away after a battle with brain cancer. He was captain of the URI golf team. One of his greatest golf moments was making it to the finals of the RI Junior Amateur at 14. They will both be missed.
- Shelter Harbor's course superintendent Ed Walsh has retired after 40+ years. He was always a huge supporter of amateur golf championships. Hopefully, we will see him competing in a few events now that he has a little more time to himself.
- Rhode Islander Matt Lucchesi was promoted to Director of Golf at Colleton River Plantation Club, Hilton Head, SC. Matt is a disciple of Rhode Golf Hall of Famer, Kirkbrae's Stan Baluik.
- Congratulations to Pawtucket CC's Jim Tanner who was inducted into the Professional Caddy Association's Hall of Fame.