



RHODE ISLAND GOLF ASSOCIATION

What's New For 2011

Handicapping

The RIGA will conduct its annual handicap seminar at Potowomut GC on Wednesday, March 16. This seminar is mandatory for every club to re-certify your handicap license with the USGA. Each club has been notified by email and will also be sent an invitation by mail. If you are a new handicap chair or member of a club and would like to attend please contact the RIGA at 401-272-1350. The score posting season for 2011 in Rhode Island will be April 1 – November 15. Members who travel during the winter months are required to post scores on www.GHIN.com. Only scores from "In Season" areas are allowed ex: FIA, AZ, TX, etc. If you haven't done so yet, you can also receive your updated handicap index via e-mail after every revision by going to the GHIN.com website. Your updated handicap index will be e-mailed to you on the 1st and 15th of each month. Speaking of, the USGA will calculate new handicap indexes on these same dates. It's important for golf professionals, handicap and tournament chairmen to coordinate which revision will be used when a club event falls on the 1st or 15th.

Major Championships

The RIGA executive board voted to institute a \$25 late fee for members who miss the deadline for a RIGA championship. Once a championship deadline passes, members will still be allowed to enter a championship until pairings are created or the championship is sold out, but a \$25 fee will be added.

Over the 2011 winter months the RIGA created a "players committee" to evaluate championship formats, player of the year points, code of conduct policies and other logistics. They have agreed to adapt a new method of accumulating points toward the Player of the Year standings. The new system is based on a percentage of overall points per event with each championship

being weighted differently based on difficulty, number of rounds, and strength of field. This system favors a player who competes and makes more cuts in events than players who only play in a few of the bigger events during the season. In each event the champion will receive 18% of the overall points for that specific championship and the rest of the field will be given a percentage of points based on their finish. This system is similar to the way money is distributed in a championship for professionals. The new committee consist of 7 members: 2 private club, 2 public club, 1 RIGA Past President, 1 RIGA Vice President and 1 Rhode Island Golf Hall of Fame inductee.

The RIGA will bring back the Tournament of Champions on Sunday, June 5th at Cranston CC and is open to all male and female club champions from the '10 season. Registration will be based on information acquired from each club in Rhode Island. More information can be found on the RIGA website.

Rhode Island will host the 82nd New England Amateur at Metacomet CC on July 18-20. A qualifier for members of a RIGA member club will take place at Metacomet on Thursday, June 9. The fee to qualify will be \$80 (includes cart fee). Those who qualify will pay the difference for the overall entry fee. Rhode Island has been given 34 spots for 2011 which will allow 18 openings for qualifying, plus 5 alternates. Sixteen RIGA members have been given an exemption into the championship (see RIGA website). If any of these members decline the invitation of exemption the number of qualifying spots will be increased. The New England Amateur is a 72-hole stroke play championship and includes the best amateur golfers throughout New England. Rhode Island champions include '08 Matt Broome, '06 Brad Valois, '83 Billy Andrade, '80-'81 Brad Faxon, '58

Dates of Interest

February 28 Mail back for the Weekly Invitational Program

March 7-10 14th Annual New England Regional Turfgrass Conference & Show at the RI Convention Center. Tuesday, 3/8 the USGA conducts a number of sessions that interest all in the golf business. The Keynote speaker for the day will be Mike Eruzione captain of the 1980 Gold Medal US Hockey team. Complete information can be found at www.nertf.org or www.turfshow.com

March 16 RIGA annual handicap meeting at Potowomut GC. Complete details will be mailed to each member club.

March 30 New England Golf Summit at Andover CC in Andover, MA. This is open to anyone who has interest in keeping up with current events in the golf business. Complete details can be found at www.negolfsummit.org

April 1 Posting scores for handicap purposes begins.

November 14 Posting scores for handicap purposes ends.



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Bobby Allen and 3 time champion '52 '53 '57 Bob Kosten. Metacomet CC last hosted the New England Amateur in 1974.

The Mixed Foursomes Championship date has been changed to August 29-31. This was done in an attempt to increase the size of the field and play during a time when weather conditions will be more favorable.

The Senior Amateur gross and net divisions will be conducted in the same way, but will be played on the same dates at two different courses. The gross division will be played Crestwood CC (round 1) and

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Message from the President



Cameron P. Quinn, Jr.

Over the years my involvement with the RIGA has been personally rewarding and a great learning experience. I would like to thank our Nominating Committee and Executive Board for affording me the opportunity to serve as President in 2011. I look forward to another year of working with all of them and our staff of Kate McCurry, Jim McKenna and Bob Ward. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated, knowledgeable and well respected staff. Their close working relationship with the superintendents, golf pros, managers and the USGA is what enables the RIGA to fulfill its mission. Many thanks to Fred Schick for his years of service and fine work as President in 2010. It will be a pleasure to serve on the Operating Committee again this year with Fred, Steve

Feinstein, Dr. John Carroccia, Luke Hyder and Pete McBride. It's also nice to know that 2009 President Steve Sampson will never be far away should we need him. Congratulations to RIGA Past President George Fowler on being elected President of the New England Golf Association.

Thanks to all our individual members for their support in 2010. Your annual fee goes a long way to help us provide some of the best competitive golf and other value added services such as handicapping, directed by Jules Cohen and course rating, led by Brian Harbour. I want to congratulate all our 2010 tournament champions and thank all the competitors for their participation. We look forward to another great year of competition and your support in 2011. Thanks to all those who support our Weekly Invitational Packages. This type of program is unparalleled in any other state golf association. These are a significant source of revenue for us and a convenient way to enjoy our member clubs at a reasonable cost.

This year the RIGA will be participating with green industry business, education,

research and regulatory groups to conduct an economic impact survey. Responses from the golf clubs will be very important to help show how the golf business contributes to the overall economic well being of Rhode Island.

On a sad note, the RI golf scene lost some great ambassadors recently. RIGA Past President Dr. Bill Brennan and amateur golfing legend Angie Santilli. Angie is the only Rhode Islander to have competed in The Masters as an amateur. They will be missed.

At this writing, when one looks out the window, it is hard to believe another golf season is just around the corner. Although some of our clubs are facing difficult times, I believe that necessity is the mother of invention; most of us will find a way to survive and perhaps even thrive despite our current circumstances. Wishing you all a great 2011. ↑

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Bob Ward

As always, I would like to thank everyone – member clubs, their boards, golf pros, superintendents, support staff, members and players - for their help and support during the 2010 season. The RIGA had a successful year thanks to all who contributed.

I would like to congratulate the 2010 RIGA champions and all who participated in one or more championships. I believe the highlight of the 2010 season was team Rhode Island finishing tied for 2nd in the USGA State Team Championship in September. Charlie Blanchard, Bobby Leopold and Garrett Medeiros showed that Rhode Islander's can compete at the highest level of amateur golf at a national level.

The 2011 golf season should again be a great year. Potowomut GC will host the 106th Amateur Championship, Metacomet CC will host the 82nd New England Amateur and the Rhode Island Open will be played at Kirkbrae CC in conjunction with the clubs 50th anniversary.

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.

I would like to thank everyone who continues to support the John P. Burke Scholarship Fund and Button Hole as they

are the two main benefactors of the RIGA. The Burke Fund currently has 95 scholars who will receive \$147,000 during this academic year. Button Hole's In School Introduction to Golf taught 1,901 kids the game in 2010 and is in the process of teaching as many or more kids during the 2011 winter months. Supporting these programs is a direct link to future players and club members in Rhode Island.

I'm looking forward to some green grass and another great season of amateur golf in Rhode Island. ↑

2010 RIGA YEAR IN REVIEW

12th John P. Burke Memorial (Net)

May 4-5, Carnegie Abbey/ Newport CC

1	John Blackmar	Warwick CC	67-72--139
T2	Conn Kelly	Fenner Hill GC	72-69--141
T2	Robert Apice	Quidnessett CC	73-68--141
4	Tony Rao	Lincoln CC	73-69--142
5	Tom Randall	Cranston CC	70-75--145

110th United States Open (Local Qualifying)

May 11, Metacomet CC

1	Charlie Blanchard	North Providence	68
2	Jarryd Dillas	Bermuda	69
3	Jon Curran *2nd Playoff Hole	Hopkinton, MA	71
4	John Elliott *1st Alternate	Westerly	71
5	Scott Spence *2nd Alternate	Middletown	72

12th John P. Burke Memorial (Gross)

May 17-18, Wanumetonomy G&CC/Warwick CC

1	Bobby Leopold*	Potowomut GC	70-72--142
2	Ben Tuthill	Wannamoissett CC	69-73--142
T3	Dave Nuttall Jr	North Kingstown GC	70-73--143
T3	Eugene DiSarro	Metacomet CC	71-72--143
5	Ryan Gumbel	Metacomet CC	71-73--144

*Won on 2nd Playoff Hole

61st Four-Ball Championship

June 1-2, Crestwood CC/Ledgemont CC

1	Bobby Leopold	Potowomut GC	
	Paul Quigley	Swansea CC	66-63--129
2	John Kelly	Point Judith CC	
	Bill McDonald	Point Judith CC	62-68--130
3	Rob Grossguth	West Warwick CC	
	Jamie Lukowicz	West Warwick CC	68-63--131
4	Bob Marshalewski	Swansea CC	
	Garrett Medeiros	Metacomet CC	64-68--132
5	George Donnell	Quidnessett CC	
	Ben Tuthill	Wannamoissett CC	67-66--133

17th Ed Perry Senior Four-Ball Champ. (Gross)

June 14-15, Point Judith CC

1	Paul Quigley	Swansea CC	
	Mike Soucy	Metacomet CC	70-66--136
T2	George Donnell	Quidnessett CC	
	Jon Fasick	New England CC	70-69--139
T2	Joe Dias	Wanumetonomy G&CC	
	Bob McSparren	Wanumetonomy G&CC	66-73--139
T4	Norm Levesque	West Warwick CC	
	Peter McBride	Lincoln CC	70-70--140
T4	Tom Acciaro	Agawam Hunt	
	Dr. George Pirie	Valley CC	69-71--140

49th Northeast Amateur Invitational

June 23-26, Wannamoissett CC

1	Joseph Bramlett	Saratoga, CA	69-68-66-67--270
2	Brad Benjamin	Rockford, IL	65-68-73-66--272
3	Mike Ballo	Stamford, CT	66-69-68-71--274
T4	Sihwan Kim	Buena Park, CA	68-67-70-70--275
T4	Hudson Swafford	Tallahassee, FL	69-68-68-70--275
T4	Andrew Yun	Chandler, AZ	69-69-71-66--275

17th Ed Perry Senior Four-Ball Champ. (Net)

June 28-29, Montaup CC

1	Vincent DiMartino	Montaup CC	
	Robert Hill	Montaup CC	61-62--123
2	Mike Freitas	Montaup CC	
	Maurice St. Pierre	Montaup CC	63-61--124
3	Brian Allen	Pinecrest GC	
	Tom Cobb	Cranston CC	63-62--125
4	Bob Greco	Potowomut GC	
	John Holmes	Potowomut GC	64-63--127

2010 RI Public Links Championship

July 2-3, Cranston CC/Triggs Memorial GC

1	Jason Hull*	Fenner Hill GC	71-71--142
2	Paul Quigley	Swansea CC	72-70--142
T3	John Costa III	Swansea CC	72-71--143
T3	Jamie Lukowicz	West Warwick CC	70-73--143
T5	Hermen Dacones	Laurel Lane CC	72-76--148
T5	Jon Fasick	New England CC	72-76--148

*won on Third Playoff Hole

105th Amateur Championship

July 6-10, Wannamoissett CC

Qualifying

1	Charlie Blanchard	Wannamoissett CC	67-70--137
T2	Bobby Leopold	Potowomut GC	69-70--139
T2	Garrett Medeiros	Metacomet CC	69-70--139
4	Peter Taylor	Quidnessett CC	70-70--140
5	Ben Tuthill	Wannamoissett CC	72-70--142

Quarterfinals

Paul Quigley, Swansea CC (9) def. Charlie Blanchard, Wannamoissett (1), 1 up

Ben Tuthill, Wannamoissett (5) def. John Drohen, Alpine CC (29), 3 & 2

Bobby Leopold, Potowomut (2) def. Matthew Broome, Rhode Island (10), 4 & 2

Garrett Medeiros, Metacomet (3) def. Michael Caprio, Wannamoissett (6), 4 & 3

Semifinals

Ben Tuthill, Wannamoissett (5) def. Paul Quigley, Swansea (9), 2 up

Garrett Medeiros, Metacomet (3) def. Bobby Leopold, Potowomut (2), 2 & 1

Finals

Garrett Medeiros, Metacomet (3) def. Ben Tuthill, Wannamoissett (5), 8 & 6



Paul Quigley & Mike Soucy



Charlie Blanchard

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Father & Son Championship

July 13-14, Laurel Lane CC

Senior Division Co-Champions: Tom & Bobby Acciaro
Ron & Jay Barrow

Junior Division: John & Brad Auclair

81st New England Amateur Championship

July 20-22, The Course at Yale, New Haven, CT

1	Brian Higgins	Franklin CC (MA)	67-70-67--204
T2	Joshua Briere	Newport CC (VT)	69-70-66--205
T2	Colin Brennan	Indian Ridge CC (MA)	67-70-68--205
T2	Michael Ballo	Woodway CC (CT)	68-68-69--205
5	Garrett Medeiros	Metacomet CC (RI)	66-70-70--206

110th United States Amateur Sectional Qualifying

July 27, Potowomut GC

T1	Antonio Grillo	Vineyard Haven, MA	72-66--138
T1	Robert Leopold	Cranston, RI	68-70--138

79th Rhode Island Open

July 28-29, Quidnessett CC

1	John Elliott	Seaview CC	70-70-66--206*
2	Dustin Cone	Mount Anthony CC	68-73-65--206
T3	Jesse Larson	Mendon, VT	69-72-66--207
T3	Michael Welch	Granite Links	71-72-64--207
T5	Jason Parajeckas	Pleasant Valley CC	70-72-67--209
T5	Troy Pare	Wannamoisett CC	73-68-68--209

*won on fourth playoff hole



Bob Ward and John Elliott

27th Stroke Play Championship

August 2-3, Agawam Hunt

1	Garrett Medeiros	Metacomet CC	69-70-65--204
2	Jared Adams	Crestwood CC	71-71-67--209
T3	Charlie Blanchard	Wannamoisett CC	69-72-72--213
T3	Dr George Pirie	Valley CC	75-71-67--213
T3	John Hayes IV	Newport CC	69-71-73--213

89th Junior Amateur Championship

August 4, 10-12, West Warwick CC / Alpine CC

18-Hole Qualifying (West Warwick CC)

1	Jamison Randall	Cumberland, RI	68
2	Alex Grimes	Green Valley CC	71
3	Mckinley Slade	Wannamoisett CC	75
T4	Chris Correia	Swansea CC	76
	David Kraunelis	Swansea CC	76

Championship Division

Quarterfinals

Jamison Randall, Cumberland, RI (1)
def. Luke Fleury, Carnegie Abbey (8),
8 & 7

David Kraunelis, Swansea CC (5) def.
Chris Correia, Swansea CC (4), 2 & 1

Alex Grimes, Green Valley CC (2) def.
Adam Southworth, Jamestown GC
(10), 8 & 7

Brandon Macedo, Alpine CC (14) def.
Tim Carroll, Green Valley CC (11),
1 up

Semifinals

Jamison Randall, Cumberland, RI (1)
def. David Kraunelis, Swansea CC
(5), 7 & 6

Alex Grimes, Green Valley CC (2) def.
Brandon Macedo, Alpine CC (14),
2 & 1

Finals

Jamison Randall, Cumberland, RI (1)
def. Alex Grimes, Green Valley CC (2),
2 & 1

First Division

Finals

Seamus Fennelly, Foster CC (2) def.
Mathew Corio, Wannamoisett CC (9),
6 & 4

Second Division

Finals

Justin Pratt (10) def. Chris Grasso,
Metacomet CC (5), 21 holes

16th Parent & Daughter Championship

August 16, Louisquisset GC

Senior Division Mariusz & Jenna Masnyk / Junior Division Robert & Elizabeth Rubino

New England Junior Amateur Invitational

Championship Aug 17-18, Abenaqui CC (Rye Beach, NH)

Rhode Island Team: Chris Correia, Luke Fleury, Alex Grimes, David Kraunelis,
Brandon Macedo, Jamison Randall and Adam Southworth.

Individual Competition:

1	Jamison Randall	Cumberland, RI	71-73-77--221
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52nd Senior Amateur Championship (Net)

August 31-September 1, Kirkbrae CC

1	Frank Veto	New England CC	68-67--135
2	Dr David Bruno	Kirkbrae CC	72-67--139
3	Anthony Caprio	Melody Hills GC	70-70--140
4	Jim Buckner	Triggs Mem. GC	75-68--143
5	Brian McCaffrey	Lincoln CC	71-74--145



Gary McLane



Garrett Medeiros

2010 RIGA YEAR IN REVIEW



Stan Baluik, Tom McCormick, John Murray, John Auclair, Bruce Tramonti, Martin Hill, Dr. Cavallaro & Mike Bradshaw

17th Mid-Amateur Championship

September 7-8, Newport National GC

1	Charlie Blanchard	Wannamoissett CC	73-72--145
2	Ryan Gumbel	Metacomet CC	73-76--149
3	Tom Acciardo	Agawam Hunt	74-77--151
T4	Ben Tuthill	Wannamoissett CC	75-78--153
T4	Dave Patrick	Rhode Island CC	73-80--153
T4	Darren Corrente	Metacomet CC	74-79--153
T4	Jamie Lukowicz	West Warwick CC	77-76--153

9th USGA State Team Championship

September 12-16, Mayacama CC, Santa Rosa, CA

1	Kansas	140-141-142 -- 423
T2	Rhode Island	144-142-141 -- 427
T2	North Carolina	143-143-141 -- 427
T2	Florida	141-145-141 -- 427

Rhode Island Team: Charlie Blanchard, Bobby Leopold, Garrett Medeiros

13th New England Senior Amateur Championship

September 21-22, Pawtucket CC (Pawtucket, RI)

1	Dave Szweczul	Tunxis Plantation GC (CT)	65-68--133
2	Robert Linn	Berkshire Hills CC (MA)	71-69--140
T3	Paul Couture	Pleasant Valley CC (MA)	72-69--141
T3	Gary Palmer	Segregansett CC (MA)	72-69--141
5	Tom Bergeron	Crumpin-Fox Club (MA)	70-72--142

52nd Senior Amateur Championship (Gross)

September 27-28, Rhode Island CC

1	Gary McLane*	Rhode Island CC	71-72--143
2	George Donnell	Quidnessett CC	72-71--143
3	Paul Quigley	Swansea CC	73-71--144
4	Dr George Pirie	Valley CC	70-76--146
T5	Jon Fasick	New England CC	71-76--147
T5	Herb Stevens	West Warwick CC	71-76--147

*won on third playoff hole

2010 Robert Mulligan Interclub Championship

September 29, Kirkbrae CC

Team Champions: Kirkbrae CC - Tom McCormick, John Murray, John Auclair, Bruce Tramonti, and Martin Hill

1	Kirkbrae CC	298	5	Pawtucket CC	312
2	Wannamoissett CC	300	Individual Medalist: Charlie Blanchard (Wannamoissett CC)		
3	Metacomet CC	306			
4	North Kingstown GC	307			

70th Mixed Foursomes Championship

October 4-7, Valley CC

Championship Division:

Ed Kennedy & Deb Cyronak (Potowomut GC) def.
Andy Calcione (Metacomet CC) & Jennifer Hendricks (Exeter CC) 2 & 1

1st Division:

Bill Henry & Debra Olsson (Lincoln CC) def.
Alan Lao (Alpine CC) & Paula Kleniewski (North Kingstown GC) 3 & 1

2nd Division:

John Richardson (Green Valley CC) & Kathleen Murphy (Wanumetonomy G&CC) def.
Ralph Apici & Cindy Donald (Potowomut GC) 5&3

77th Tri-State Matches

October 7-8, Metacomet CC, Riverside, RI

Rhode Island Team: Bobby Leopold, Jamie Lukowicz, Charlie Blanchard, Eugene DiSarro, Ben Tuthill, Mike Caprio, Jon Costa, Dave Nuttall, Dr. George Pirie, Tom Acciardo, Paul Quigley and Gary McLane

Final State Point Totals: Massachusetts 72, Rhode Island 52 ½, Connecticut 38 ½

4th Annual Weekly Invitational Net Championship

October 19, Wannamoissett CC

T1	Kevin Morrison	Montaup CC	34*
T1	Paul Malo	Pinecrest GC	34
T1	Anthony Caprio	Melody Hills GC	34
T4	Mike Swift	Swansea CC	33
T4	Conn Kelly	Fenner Hill GC	33

*Net Stableford Points Scoring

2010 Player of the Year

1	Charlie Blanchard	Wannamoissett CC	785
2	Garrett Medeiros	Metacomet CC	762
3	Bobby Leopold	Potowomut GC	697
4	Ben Tuthill	Wannamoissett CC	508
5	Paul Quigley	Swansea CC	417

2010 Senior Player of the Year

1	Paul Quigley	Swansea CC	922
2	Dr. George Pirie	Valley CC	730
3	Tom Acciardo	Agawam Hunt	475
4	Jon Fasick	New England CC	445
5	Gary McLane	Rhode Island	295



Joe P. and Tom Acciardo



Jamison Randall



Thanks to Everyone for Another Great Year!



2011 Weekly Invitational Packages

Registration for the 2011 RIGA Weekly Invationals will be the same process as it has 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 be the contact for each group. Captains are asked to ensure that each player join the RIGA member program before the first event. When completing the registration form please include the email address of each player in the group. This will help with communication in the event something changes for a given week.

The only applications that will be considered are those that arrive via U.S. Postal Service Mail postmarked no earlier than February 28. Tee times will range from 7:30-12:30. If early groups cannot keep pace the RIGA reserves the right to assign that group a later time.

The biggest change to the Weekly Invitational program for 2011 is the addition of a 6th Package. This package has four 9-hole courses (West Warwick, Glocester, Lincoln, Weekapaug). Carnegie Abbey is also included in Package 6. Tee times for this package will range from 7:30-9:10 to allow early groups to make the turn easily. If you've never played these 9-hole courses now is your chance to take advantage.

The Stableford scoring system will again be used in an effort to speed up play for each round. One modification will be that only the top 15 players from each round will accumulate points toward the Weekly Net Championship (October 18 - Potowomut GC). Again, players will collect points for each hole with a net double bogey being the limit. Gift certificates for each weekly will be distributed by GROSS Stableford points within your handicap division. Points for the Weekly Net Championship will still be the top 15 NET 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 weekly program on a noncompetitive basis.

Groups 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. All scorecards should be turned into the golf shop once play is complete. The RIGA will automatically be posting scores to the GHIN system. This is a feature that has been positive from a player's standpoint.

The fee to participate in the Weekly Invitational program packages (1-5) will be \$1392.00 per package or \$348.00 per player and includes cart fees. The fee for Package (6) will be \$1120 or \$280 per player which includes carts. Credit cards are accepted (Visa, MasterCard or Discover). Please complete the registration form completely if a credit card is used. If a Group would like to participate in multiple packages please indicate in the check box located on the bottom of the registration form. 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 Monday, February 28. Any mail postmarked prior to February 28 will be returned. No USPS Express Mail will be accepted that was initiated prior to February 28. "Walk-ins" to the RIGA office are not permitted. The RIGA office will inform the captains by mail & e-mail in early March.

Package 1

Mon, April 18	Ledgemont CC
Tues, May 10	Wannamoissett CC
Tues, May 17	Potowomut GC
Tues, June 28	Crestwood CC
Mon, July 18	N. Kingstown GC
Tues, Sept 27	Wanumetonomy G&CC

Package 2

Tues, April 19	Quidnessett CC
Mon, May 2	Alpine CC
Mon, May 23	Newport National GC
Tues, Aug 23	Cranston CC
Tues, Sept 6	Valley CC
Mon, Sept 26	Ledgemont CC

Package 3

Mon, April 25	Rhode Island CC
Mon, May 9	Valley CC
Tues, May 24	Kirkbrae CC
Tues, July 5	Triggs Memorial GC
Tues, Aug 16	Swansea CC
Mon, Oct 3	Point Judith CC

Package 4

Tues, April 26	Metacomet CC
Wed, May 11	Misquamicut Club
Tues, July 26	Foster CC
Tues, Aug 9	Green Valley CC
Mon, Sept 19	Agawam Hunt
Tues, Oct 4	Warwick CC

Package 5

Tues, May 3	Pawtucket CC
Mon, May 16	Agawam Hunt
Mon, June 20	Montaup CC
Tues, July 12	New England CC
Tues, Sept 20	Crestwood CC
Wed, Oct 5	Sakonnet GC

Package 6 - 9 hole courses

Tues, June 21	Glocester CC
Mon, July 11	West Warwick CC
Mon, Aug 22	Lincoln CC
Wed, Sept 7	Weekapaug GC
TBD (Oct)	Carnegie Abbey

Weekly Invitational Net Champ.

Tues, Oct 18	Potowomut CC
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2011 RIGA WEEKLY INVITATIONAL APPLICATION

Please clip or copy and mail to the RIGA office not postmarked earlier than **Monday, February 28.**

Packages are \$1392 per foursome per package (pkg 1-5) and \$1120 (pkg 6). 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 28, 2011 will be returned unopened.



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Pawtucket CC (round 2). Net division will be played at Pawtucket CC (round 1) and Crestwood (round 2).

Conforming grooves for the US Open and US Senior Open is mandatory for all levels of qualifying. Those who wish to compete in a US Open local qualifier are required to use clubs that conform with the USGA's groove policy that changed in 2010. The penalty for playing with non-conforming clubs is disqualification. Visit the USGA website to insure that your clubs meet requirements before entering a US Open or Senior Open qualifier for 2011.

The handicap index limit to compete in the Amateur and Mid-Amateur Championship has been increased to 10.0. This was done to have more players attempt to qualify for either championship.

The RIGA will post scores in RIGA major championships with the exception of team events. In all championships where players compete as a individual the RIGA will automatically post a players score for handicap purposes with a "T" tournament score directly to the players scoring history.

Weekly Invitational

The Weekly Invitational program continues to be the most popular programs for RIGA members. This year the Weekly Net Championship will be conducted at Potowomut GC on Tuesday, October 18th. The RIGA will again use the Stableford points system as a way to speed up play during weeklies. In 2011 points for the Weekly Net Championship will be based on the top 15 players from each weekly using the NET Stableford points system. The top 15

players from packages 1-5 and the top 5 players from package 6 will be invited to compete in the Weekly Net Championship. This change allows players who miss a round to still have a chance to make it into the top 15 places in a package. Players will have to play in four of the six weekly events within their package (1-5) or three of five in package (6) in order to qualify. All players who finish in the top 15 Stableford points will be given points 30 to the winner and 2 for fifteenth for each weekly. All ties will be awarded the value for whatever place they tied for. The RIGA wants to ensure that players who support the Weekly Invitational program on a regular basis have an opportunity to play for the Weekly Net Championship. Gift certificates will continued to be paid out based on a GROSS Stableford points within your handicap division. These gift certificates will be good at the club that hosts the Weekly Invitational for that week.

The RIGA will continue to post all scores directly to the GHIN handicap system. This will ensure that anyone playing in a Weekly Invitational will have his score posted. These scores will always be posted as Non-Tournament scores.

The fee to compete in the Weekly Invitationals was increased by \$2 per player per round for a total of \$12 in packages 1-5. The registration form is located within this newsletter and explains all rules on registering for the Weekly Invitational packages. The date for mailing in your request will be Monday, February 28. Any questions pertaining to the Weekly Invitational program can be directed via e-mail to jmckenna@rigalinks.org.