

Ronnie Quinn

He was a tremendous all-around athlete who was the Rhode Island schoolboy athlete of the year in 1949 after earning a total of 12 letters in football, basketball, baseball and golf at West Warwick High. The son of former Rhode Island Governor Robert E. Quinn and a lifelong resident of West Warwick, he won his first golf title at 12, the State Caddy Championship. His first title out of state was the New England Junior Championship in 1948. By the time he was finished, he had used his power game to win five State Amateurs, in 1956, 62, 66, 67 and 71. He also captured the Northeast Amateur twice, in 1964 and 1965, winning the 1964 title with a 78-foot putt on the final hole. Among his other titles, he took the New England Amateur in 1962, the R.I. Open in 1963 and the Porter Cup in 1971. An attorney, he also gave back to the game serving as an official of the RIGA, both as treasurer and, later, as association president. He died in 1998 at age 66.