

RHODE ISLAND GOLF ASSOCIATION



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UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION QUALIFYING RESULTS

OPEN – Local

Alpine Country Club

May 24 — Entries: 48

Brett Quigley	70-69-139
Dana Quigley	69-74-143
Pat Sheehan	73-70-143
Ed Kirby	72-72-144

AMATEUR – Sectional

Montaup Country Club

August 10 — Entries: 42

Rick Woulfe	71-67-138
David Herzog	70-71-141



It was a Quigley-Quigley finish at the Open. Dana (R) and nephew, Brett, are all smiles after the awards presentation.

1993 RIGA PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Dr. George Pirie with Joe Sprague at RIGA Appreciation Banquet.

There wasn't much that Dr. George Pirie hadn't accomplished on the golf course. The periodontist from Valley Country Club had won his club championship nine times. He'd won the RI State Amateur in 1989. He'd qualified to compete in the US Amateur in 1990. On top of that, he'd won the RI State Fourball Championship three times during the 1980's with his partner, Scott Marshall.

With his busy work schedule and ongoing back trouble, George's goals for 1993 were modest. First and foremost, he'd try to become the first player at Valley to win the Club Championship ten times, breaking Lou Plaziak's long-standing record of nine which he had tied in 1992. Other than that, he figured he'd compete in the state tournaments and let the chips fall where they may.

Well, in case you haven't guessed by now, 1993 turned out to be one of Dr. George Pirie's best seasons in tournament golf. In the events for which Player of the Year points are awarded, he proved to be the most consistent player. In the 88th playing of the State Amateur, he grabbed medalist honors with qualifying rounds of 72-69, losing in the quarter-finals in 20 holes to eventual champion, David Herzog. At the RIGA-A.T. Cross Open he finished in a tie for 12th which was also good enough for low amateur. In the Stroke Play Championship he finished in a tie for 9th place.

It's consistency for which a player is rewarded in accumulating points for Player of the Year and, though he didn't win an RIGA title in '93, George was "in the hunt" in every tournament. Other highlights of his year (not included in Player of the Year rankings) were winning ten out of a possible twelve points in the Tri-State Matches this past October, winning the Journal-Bulletin Tournament of Champions at Triggs as well as copping low gross with his father, Jack, with a score of 69 in the RIGA Father & Son. And, oh by the way, he won that record tenth Valley Club Championship.

Congratulations to Dr. George Pirie for being the 1993 RIGA Player of the Year.

1993 RIGA PLAYER OF THE YEAR FINAL RANKINGS

Player	Club	Points
1. Dr. George Pirie	Valley	260
2. Brad Adamonis	Pawtucket	245
3. Paul Quigley	RICC	235
4. David Herzog	Metacomet	227
5. Joe Fogarty	Triggs	165
6. Fred Schick	Point Judith	160
7. Mike McCormick	Triggs	155
8. Matt Brennan	Warwick	145
T9. Robert Grossguth	West Warwick	125
T9. Chuck Wojtowicz	Montaup	125
11. Tom Goryl	Wannamoissett	100
12. Dan Peres	Cranston	98
13. Bill Lunnie	Wannamoissett	93
14. Jeff Giguere	Potowomut	88
15. Dan Cregan	RICC	80
T16. Kyle Phelps	Green Valley	75
T16. John Oliver	Wanumetonomy	75
T18. Tom Acciaro	Cranston	70
T18. George DeBlois	Cranston	70
T20. Bill Campbell	Wanumetonomy	60
T20. Jim Bjorge	Triggs	60
T22. Matt Lucchesi	Kirkbrae	55
T22. Dan Najarian	Valley	55
T22. John Godhino	Pawtucket	55
T25. Charles Hayes	Newport	50
T25. Steve Travis	Wanumetonomy	50
T25. M. B. Hogan	Triggs	50
T25. Jack McDermott	Pawtucket	50
T25. Peter Laurelli	Metacomet	50
T25. Doug Robinson	Triggs	50

(Top 25 players & ties exempt from pre-qualifying for 1994 State Amateur.)

WEEKLY INVITATIONALS

For the second consecutive year over 5,000 rounds were played in 24 Weekly Invitationals proving once again that this is, by far, the most popular set of events run by the Association. Only two Weeklies – Triggs and Misquamicut – were cancelled completely due to inclement weather. The second day at Quidnessett was also cancelled due to freezing rain (!) and bitter cold.

The Association thanks all those who participated in a Weekly Invitational. Thanks also to the clubs for helping to coordinate the schedule and for making our players feel welcome. We look for more of the same in '94.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Joseph J. Sprague

How fast the time flies. Here it is the end of another enjoyable and successful year for the RIGA. Once again we had full fields in most of our major tournaments, good turnouts at our Weeklies, outstanding golf weather throughout the season and comparable membership in '93. Also, an additional two clubs signed on to our USGA's GHIN Handicap System which now totals 19 clubs. Is it any wonder that this past season was so exciting?

Also, by making a few adjustments in the '93 tournament schedule which spread out the key Championships, we were able to create more interest in the Players' Rankings; hence, the final outcome wasn't decided until the end of the season.

After listening to constructive comments during this past season, we intend to fine tune this point system for '94.

As of this writing a few other clubs plan to join GHIN for '94. The universality of this system makes it attractive. If your club isn't using GHIN maybe you should consider it for '94.

During the next few months we will be doing the necessary preparations for the start of another season with the intent of making it better. If you have any thoughts or suggestions for '94, give us a call. We strive to be better.

Enjoy your winter and thanks for being part of the RIGA.

I'm sure the superintendents might not agree but we certainly can't complain about the weather we had this season. For conducting golf tournaments it was nothing short of spectacular. With the excellent course conditions and the fine players, we had all the ingredients for many exciting championships.

I'd like to extend a personal thanks to the various member clubs for their excellent cooperation in hosting our tournaments throughout the season whether it be a Weekly Invitational or Major Championship. Without their help

we wouldn't have been able to have had such a successful year.

I would also like to thank the RIGA Vice Presidents and Representatives who volunteer their time at the tournaments to ensure that everything runs as smoothly as possible. I'd be remiss if I didn't give a special thanks to Evelyn at the RIGA office who helped me throughout the entire year, not just during the golf season.

It has been a pleasure serving as the President of your Association. I wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and all the best for 1994.



1993 IN REVIEW RESULTS OF 1993 RIGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

STATE AMATEUR Wanumetonomy Golf & CC July 12-16 — Entries: 309

Medalist

Dr. George Pirie 72-69-141

Quarter Finals

David Herzog def. Dr. George Pirie 20 Holes

Dan Peres def. Steve Travis 1 Up

Chuck Wojtowicz def. Kyle Phelps 2-1

Brad Adamonis def. Joe Fogarty 4-3

Semi Finals

Herzog def. Peres 3-2

Wojtowicz def. Adamonis 5-4

Finals

Herzog def. Wojtowicz 6-4

MIXED FOURSOMES

Agawam Hunt

July 9-11 — Entries: 106 Teams

Championship Division

Kim Augusta-Wannamoisett 73-73-73-219

Tom Goryl-Wannamoisett

1st Division

Jay Clifford-RICC 87-73-85-245

Judy Blount-RICC

2nd Division

Mark Chaffee-RICC 89-79-86-254

Nancy Chaffee-RICC

3rd Division

Charles Graham-West Warwick 92-82-87-261

Jayne Lemek-West Warwick

Consolation

Brian Di Carlo-West Warwick 88

Suzette Gervais-West Warwick



State Amateur: David Herzog.



Mixed Foursomes: Kim Augusta and Tom Goryl.



Northeast Amateur: Allen Doyle.

NORTHEAST AMATEUR INVITATIONAL

Wannamoisett Country Club
June 24-27 — Entries: 76

Allen Doyle
LaGrange, GA 67-67-71-72-277

Chris Tidland
Placentia, CA 69-67-74-73-283

Todd Demsey
Rancho Santa Fe, CA 73-71-68-72-284

Danny Yates
Atlanta, GA 68-74-72-70-284

Brian Gay
Daleville, AL 69-73-73-69-284

Jay Sigel
Berwyn, PA 69-77-69-70-285

David Howser
Cordova, TN 71-73-70-72-286

Mark Slawter
Winston Salem, NC 71-68-76-71-286

Ron Whittaker
Little Rock, AR 72-72-72-70-286

Buddy Marucci
Berwyn, PA 70-74-70-73-287

JUNIOR AMATEUR

Potowomut Golf Club

July 19-23 — Entries: 84

Paul Schick-Point Judith def.
Steve Powers-RICC 3-2

Medalist

John Lombardi-West Warwick 68



Junior Finalists: Steve Powers (L) and Paul Schick.

1993 IN REVIEW



Fourball champs Bill Lunnie (L) and Jack McDermott.

STATE FOURBALL

Warwick Country Club

June 15-16 — Entries: 119 Teams

Bill Lunnie – Jack McDermott	203
Derek Breau – Lowell Metivier	205
M. B. Hogan – Jim Bjorge	208
Charlie Blanchard – Matt Brennan	209
Fred Schick – Paul Schick	210
Charles Hayes – Bill Campbell	210
Mark Battista – Ray Sharpe	210

FATHER & SON

Winnapaug Country Club

July 29-30 — Entries: 167 Teams

Senior Division

Low Gross: Jack & Dr. George Pirie
Valley 69

Low Net: George & Pat Lyons
Winnapaug 66

Junior Division

Low Gross: Roger & Troy Pare
Valley 70

Low Net: Joseph & Joe DiSanto
Metacomet 63



Displaying their hardware: Stroke Play winners (L-R) Mike McCormick, Fred Schick, Paul Quigley, Brad Adamonis, Rob Grossguth, Dan Cregan and Matt Brennan.

STROKE PLAY

Metacomet Country Club

August 24-25 — Entries: 159

Paul Quigley- RICC	72-73-68-213	Mike McCormick-Triggs	70-76-75-221
Fred Schick-Point Judith	72-72-74-217	Robert Grossguth-West Warwick	71-75-75-221
Matt Brennan-Warwick	73-74-71-218	Dan Cregan-RICC	70-71-80-221
Brad Adamonis-Pawtucket	72-77-71-220		

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Rhode Island Country Club

September 13-17 — Entries: 249

Junior Division

Paul Quigley-RICC def. Russ Ainsworth-NECC
19 Holes

Senior Division

Jack Clegg -Warwick def. Joe Iacofano-Metacomet
1 Up

Senior Plus Division

Paul Willett-Lincoln def. Bill Ferrigno-Winnapaug
2-1

CADDY TOURNAMENT

Woodland Greens Golf Club

August 18 — Entries 49

Team: Point Judith Country Club	317
Individual: Chris Hynes- Point Judith	73



Jack Clegg (L) and Joe Iacofano, two finalists in the Senior Championship.

TRI-STATE MATCHES

TPC at River Highlands

October 18 — Cromwell, CT

Connecticut 55 points, Rhode Island 42½ points, and Massachusetts 37½ points.