



# RIGA NEWS

Newsletter of the Rhode Island Golf Association

## ★Brad Adamonis★ RIGA Player of the Year



Brad Adamonis may not have won an RIGA tournament, but he was the most consistent performer whenever he stuck a tee in the ground. He finished no worse than 11th place in any tournament, and outdistanced runner-up Paul Quigley by 140 points.

Brad was medalist in the State Amateur at Montaup and advanced to the semi-finals before losing to eventual champion Mike Capone in 20 holes.

Competing in a very strong field at Charles River CC, Brad finished 8th in the New England Amateur followed by a 7th place finish at the A.T. Cross Open at Pawtucket CC which was good for low-amateur honors. Finally, an 11th place finish in the Stroke Play at Potowomut capped his season.

Congratulations, Brad, on providing us with some great golf, and for winning RIGA Player of the Year!

## 1996 RIGA Player of the Year Final Points Standings

Player	Club	Points
1. Brad Adamonis	Triggs	580
2. Paul Quigley	RICC	440
3. Mike Capone	Quidnessett	435
4. Bill Lunnie	Wannamoisset	410
5. Fred Schick	Point Judith	255
T6. Jim Stallman	RICC	235
T6. Jim Bjorge	Triggs	235
8. Tom Goryl	Wannamoisset	230
9. Charlie Blanchard	Wannamoisset	220
T10. John Davis	Sakonnet	210
T10. Chuck Wojtowicz	Montaup	210
T10. Dr. George Pirie	Valley	210
13. Tom Acciardo	Wanumetonomy	180
14. Jim Mahoney	Point Judith	170
15. Eric Dantas	Cranston	160
T16. Greg Richard	Wannamoisset	155
T16. Kyle Phelps	Green Valley	155
T16. Joey Iacofano	Metacommet	155
19. Andy Young	Green Valley	145
20. Norm Lutz	Pawtucket	140
21. Dr. Paul Barber	Potowomut	135
22. David Carlson	Laurel Lane	130
23. Brad Edgerton	Wanumetonomy	120
T24. Derek Breau	Laurel Lane	115
T24. Andy Calcione	Metacommet	115
T24. John Pellegrino	Triggs	115
27. Marc Brocato	Winnapaug	100
28. Mike Soucy	Valley	95
T29. Chris Baetzel	Cranston	85
T29. Bryce Wallor	Wannamoisset	85

(Top 30 players and ties are exempt from pre-qualifying for the 1997 State Amateur.)

## 1996 RIGA Membership Report

Agawam Hunt	49	58	76	66	63
Alpine	97	96	100	87	85
Cranston	251	234	188	173	163
Crestwood	112	121	117	118	124
Foster	-	-	-	63	68
Glocester	60	50	47	56	75
Green Valley	66	67	69	76	75
Kirkbrae	134	135	134	116	107
Laurel Lane	99	97	91	92	99
Ledgemont	74	67	69	64	56
Lincoln	70	74	51	69	81
Metacommet	119	114	119	118	114
Misquamicut	3	2	7	19	17
Montaup	134	72	143	146	147
Newport	8	7	15	17	15
Pawtucket	135	127	143	118	122
Point Judith	112	115	108	112	112
Potowomut	139	136	122	126	126
Quidnessett	137	120	123	108	120
North Kingstown	19	20	11	12	17
RICC	109	109	104	94	110
Sakonnet	2	9	6	7	5
Seaview	-	-	71	55	39
Triggs	258	218	219	218	210
Valley	173	135	132	153	113
Wannamoisset	184	195	185	181	182
Wanumetonomy	101	102	107	106	87
Warwick	121	130	112	108	117
West Warwick	75	117	91	114	99
Winnapaug	68	67	69	60	67
Woodland Greens	224	177	164	174	180

### TOTALS

1992: 3,177 1993: 3,004 1994: 2,993  
1995: 3,026 1996: 2,995

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## Horgan Returns to the Show



Fans of golf in Rhode Island know all about the exploits and heroics of PGA Tour veterans Brad Faxon and Billy Andrade. They hear about budding star Brett Quigley. They even get updates about the careers of Rodney Butcher and Pat Sheehan. One guy who seems to get left behind is P.H. Horgan III, the guy from Wanumetonomy that many of us know as just Pat Horgan.

Pat didn't come from golf pedigree. He played junior golf growing up but never did better than qualifying for second division in the RI State Juniors. He played football at both Rogers High School and URI before getting serious about golf, and now he's about to enter his fifth full-time year on the PGA Tour after earning back his card with a top-ten finish on the 1996 Nike Tour money list. Among other things, P.H. is proof positive to the value of dedication, perseverance and hard work.

(The following interview was conducted over the telephone by Joe Sprague, Jr. just prior to Thanksgiving.)

**Joe Sprague, Jr.:** How many tournaments have you played in during the off-season since the Nike Tour Championship?

**P.H. Horgan:** Just two. In Mexico and Chile. I'd gone to Chile last year and had a really nice time. It's a beautiful country, one of the fastest emerging third world countries. We stayed in a nice hotel and played a nice golf course. They covered expenses going down and you're guaranteed to win x-amount of dollars. It's one of the perks for doing well. The criteria

was top-ten on the Nike, and also for Mexico it was top-ten on the Nike which was another good deal.

**JS:** Now that you're going back to the big show how does it feel?

**PH:** It feels good. It feels like I've been away too long. I've really missed it. I've played four full years on Tour.

**JS:** When was your last full-time year?

**PH:** I played 18 events in '94. I played a full year in '89 and '90, and '91 I played nine events on the Tour and 27 Hogan Tour events [now the Nike Tour]. I could have played 15 to 20 events [on the regular tour] in '91 but I was doing well on the Hogan so I had to keep my position out there. It was weird to turn down playing in million dollar events to play in \$100,000 events, but I made the right decision because I was playing for the next year's exempt status which I got by finishing third [on the Hogan Tour money

list]. I got back on Tour in '92 and finished in the top 125, and then '93 was when I skipped the first five events because of my shoulder injury. I still finished 141st on the money list and I was only \$9,000 away from keeping my card.

**JS:** Are you feeling healthy now going into the '97 season?

**PH:** Yes, I do. I feel like now I know how to deal with my shoulder injury. I used to be a ball banger, and just hit balls for the sake of hitting balls. Now it's more quality time as opposed to quantity time. If I do go out and bang balls like I

used to, my shoulder will get a little sore and I'll have to ice it down. Health-wise, I'm as good as I have been. It's not a major concern.

**JS:** Do you think that you'll plan your schedule any differently this year compared to the last time you played the Tour full-time?

**PH:** I think I may play fewer tournaments. When I was on Tour before I probably played an average of 29 or 30 events a year, and that's a lot. Maybe I'll play 27 events, but I'm not sure. I enjoy playing. Now that I think I have a good routine in terms of how much practice I do, how many practice rounds I play, how much time I spend at the course - I think I've really gotten a lot more disciplined and I'm putting in quality time now at the golf course.

**JS:** Are there any other things you think that you need to do differently or improve upon in order to have some more success?

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## Executive Director's Report



What a treat! As defending champs of the Tri-State Matches we were traveling in early October to The Country Club of Waterbury (one of the top courses in Connecticut—designed by Donald Ross) to attempt to make it two in a row.

Believe me, the players weren't disappointed in the layout. It was vintage Ross—not long by yardage but it played long, and you used all the sticks in the bag.

Well, I did all my chirping at Thursday night's dinner and when the results were in Friday, Rhode Island had finished third with 38 points; Massachusetts was the winner with 52 points

followed by Connecticut with 45.

Rhode Island Team members were Brad Adamonis, Dr. Paul Barber, Charlie Blanchard, Andy Calcione, Kyle Phelps, Dr. George Pirie, Fred Schick and Andy Young along with Don Lamb and Norm Lutz. RIGA Past President Tim Harrington of Warwick CC was our non-playing Team Captain.

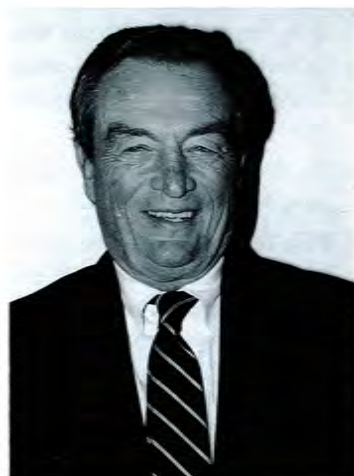
Top point getters for RI were Paul Barber with 9½ points followed by Kyle Phelps with 9. We assured both Mass. and Connecticut that we'd be at The Kittansett Club in '97 to make another run at the trophy.

Back to business: No sooner do we finish one season and another one begins. We've been busy finalizing the '97 schedule and making preparations for next season.

Happy Holidays to everyone, and we'll update you on things in our winter issue.

—Joseph J. Sprague

## President's Message



Mark Munsill

Whether we like it or not, all good things must come to an end. On this note, I would like to express my appreciation for the cooperation that I received during my term as President. It was certainly an honor, and something I shall always be proud.

The weather was fine except for the second day at the Mid-Amateur (frigid)

and the Seniors (rain the last day). There was a full complement of players in every event which made for excellent and exciting tournaments. In particular, the afternoon round of the State Amateur finals between Bill Lunnie and Mike Capone had to be one of the finest exhibitions of golf ever offered in the championship.

The Junior Championship at Foster CC was a success with a challenging venue for the players. I would hope that we continue to maximize our efforts in promoting our Junior Golf program.

The ever-popular Weekly Invitationals suffered severely from rain-outs which hurt our revenues. Let's hope for better weather in '97.

I would like to put in a plug for more RIGA golfers to use caddies. Where there are not caddies available, encourage starting a caddy program. Not only do you gain the physical benefits of walking, but taking a caddie adds to the overall enjoyment and camaraderie of golf.

All in all, we should be very proud of the tournaments that the RIGA offers, but it is only with the cooperation and efforts of the member clubs and RIGA officers that we continue this fine tradition.



Jason Enloe

## 1996 Northeast Amateur Invitational

Wannamoissett Country Club & June 20-23 & Entries: 78

276 – Jason Enloe, Decatur, IL	71-71-69-65
277 – Steve Scott, Coral Springs, FL	70-66-67-74
278 – John Curley, Osterville, MA	67-71-69-71
279 – Jerry Courville, Jr., Milford, CT	70-70-68-71
280 – Grant Masson, Little Rock, AK	65-69-73-73
281 – John Harris, Edina, MN	66-71-73-71
Justin Roof, Conway, SC	66-70-74-71
Charles Warren, Columbia, SC	69-68-72-72

## 1996 RIGA Championship Results

### Ed Perry Senior Four-Ball

North Kingstown Municipal Golf Club

May 22-23 & Entries: 40 Teams

#### GROSS DIVISION

George Peters & Joe Iacofano	70-69-139
Norm Lutz & Jack McDermott	72-68-140

#### NET DIVISION

Dick White & Dr. Mike Smith	
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John Pellegrino

### Mid Amateur Championship

Triggs Memorial Golf Club & May 29-30 & Entries: 145

John Pellegrino	75-75-150
Kyle Phelps	80-71-151
Chuck Wojtowicz	75-76-151
Jim Stallman	75-77-152
Jim Bjorge	74-78-152

### A.T. Cross Open

Pawtucket Country Club & July 29-30 & Entries: 156

Dana Quigley – Crestwood	64-64-66-194	\$5,000
Rusty Gunnarson – Bay Pointe	67-65-73-205	\$3,750
Rodney Butcher – Potowomut	68-72-66-206	\$2,750
Mike Ryan – Triggs	70-66-71-207	\$2,300
Pat Sheehan – Unattached	69-68-71-208	\$1,900
Jimmy Burke – Leo Martin Golf Club	73-69-69-211	\$1,600
Webb Heinzelman – Dicio's	72-68-72-212	\$1,050
Brad Zeitner – The Country Club	71-73-68-212	\$1,050
Paul Parajeckas – Woburn	73-72-67-212	\$1,050

#### LOW AMATEUR

Brad Adamonis – Triggs	72-71-69-212
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### Mixed Foursomes Championship

Point Judith Country Club

June 10-12 & Entries: 84 Teams

#### CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

Rob Grossguth & Becky Mailloux	def. Marc Carrier & Charlene Petrone	2-1
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#### FIRST DIVISION

Buddy Aglione & Dr. Beverly Brown	def. Gerald Santos & Jeanette Butler	8-6
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#### SECOND DIVISION

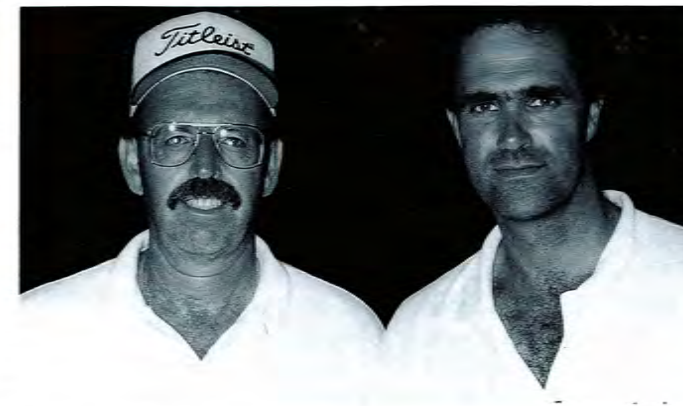
Ted & Jeanette Greene	def. Don & Sona Stevens	4-3
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#### THIRD DIVISION

Tim Packhem & Pat Keough	def. Joe Cornicelli & Louise Haas	4-3
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#### MEDALIST

Marc Carrier & Charlene Petrone - Valley CC	71
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Tom Goryl & Chuck Wojtowicz

### Four-Ball

Agawam Hunt & July 1-2 & Entries: 100 Teams

Tom Goryl & Chuck Wojtowicz	66-64-69-199
Bryce Wallor & David Carlson	70-67-63-200
Charlie Blanchard & Greg Richard	65-64-73-202
Dr. George Pirie & Scott Marshall	67-68-67-202
Mark Krieger & Peter McBride	68-68-67-203

## – Please Note –

As a reminder to the tournament players, 1996 points will be counted at 75% toward the two-year cumulative totals for the RIGA State Team. The three players with the highest point totals after the 1997 Stroke Play will compete as the RI contingent in the USGA State Team Tournament which will be held in Fountain Hills, AZ on September 16-18, 1997 at Sunridge Canyon GC. (E.G. A player with 300 points for '96 and 300 points for '97 would have a two-year total of 525 points towards State Team rankings.)



# 1996 RIGA Championship Results



Mike Capone & Bill Lunnie

## State Amateur

Montaup Country Club & July 8-12 & Entries: 287

### MEDALIST

Brad Adamonis ..... 70-70-140

### QUARTER FINALS

Brad Adamonis *def.* Norm Lutz ..... 6-5

Mike Capone *def.* Jim Stallman ..... 4-3

Derek Breau *def.* Eric Dantas ..... 20 Holes

Bill Lunnie *def.* Paul Quigley ..... 1 Up

### SEMI FINALS

Capone *def.* Adamonis ..... 20 Holes

Lunnie *def.* Breau ..... 6-5

### FINALS

Capone *def.* Lunnie ..... 5-4 (36 Holes)

## USGA Qualifying Results

### OPEN-LOCAL

Wanumetonomy Golf & Country Club

May 13 & Entries: 39

Al Vallante ..... 72

Rodney Butcher ..... 72

Dana Quigley ..... 74

John Davis ..... 74

### AMATEUR-SECTIONAL

Crestwood Country Club

August 6 & Entries: 82

James Driscoll ..... 68-72-140

Bill Lunnie ..... 71-70-141

John Gudauskas ..... 70-72-142

Andy Young ..... 75-67-142

Mike Capone ..... 71-72-143

## Junior Amateur

Foster Country Club & July 15-18 & Entries: 63

### SEMI FINALS

Rob Higginbotham *def.* Mike Frattarelli ..... 1 Up

Nick Montemarano *def.* Eddie Yoon ..... 19 Holes

### FINALS

Higginbotham *def.* Montemarano ..... 5-4

## Parent & Daughter

Potowomut Golf Club & July 22 & Entries: 33 Teams

### SENIOR DIVISION

Bill Cooke & Patricia Ray ..... 77

### JUNIOR DIVISION

Fred & Amy Schick ..... 77

## Father & Son

Warwick Country Club

August 13-14 & Entries: 160 Teams

### SENIOR DIVISION

Not Completed .....

### JUNIOR DIVISION

Dr. George & Jon Pirie ..... 69

## Caddy Championship

Seaview Country Club & August 16 & Entries: 38

### INDIVIDUAL

Chris Hynes ..... 71

### TEAM

Quidnessett Country Club ..... 347

## Stroke Play

Potowomut Golf Club & August 19-20 & Entries: 150

Paul Quigley ..... 75-71-71-217

Dr. Paul Barber ..... 74-71-74-219

Tom Acciardo ..... 72-75-74-221

Greg Richard ..... 69-80-73-222

Jim Mahoney ..... 74-72-76-222

## Senior Amateur

Valley Country Club & September 9-13 & Entries: 123

### MEDALIST

Joe Iacofano ..... 74

### SEMI FINALS

Don Lamb *def.* Joe Iacofano ..... 4-3

Jerre Pease *def.* Otis Sampson ..... 2-1

### FINALS

Lamb *def.* Pease ..... 20 Holes



## Horgan Returns to the Show...

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**PH:** I think I need to work a little more on my short game from 100 yards in. I would say I'm a good bunker player and I've always felt like I was a pretty good putter, but for the last two or three years I didn't make as many putts as I thought I should have. It's really hard to discipline yourself to go to the practice green and just practice chipping and putting, but that's where 90% of the game is, really. Also, my approach will be different mentally in terms of my expectations. I think I was somewhat hard on myself in the past. I want to be able to react in a consistent way to what happens to me on the course. I don't think I have a temper but I think I should allow things to happen more. I still want to be driven but I want to enjoy myself, too.

**JS:** *How much did the disqualification in Shreveport hurt your year?* [For those readers who don't know, P.H. was disqualified at the Nike Shreveport Open right before the start of a sudden-death play-off in which he was involved with one other player. He inquired about his ball having moved his ball marker on the green during the second round. He was unaware of any infraction and thought that he had followed proper procedure, but when Nike Tour officials told him that there was a one stroke penalty involved, P.H. disqualified himself.]

**PH:** It hurt because I was going along nicely. I lost in a play-off, finished second the next week, won the third week and was tied for first again until I got disqualified. It killed my momentum. We had a week off after that, and when I got back out to the next event it was a real distraction. The players were talking about it. The press was asking me about it. I stopped thinking about playing golf and started thinking how I got shafted. After about three weeks I had a decent tournament again and I said "I'm dropping this. It's ancient history."

**JS:** *Having played both tours full-time, what do you think is the biggest difference between the Nike Tour and the PGA Tour other than the obvious greater depth of talent on the big tour?*

**PH:** I would say that the courses on the regular tour are more difficult. They're longer with higher rough and faster

greens. That's not to say that it takes a different style of golf to do well. You still have to shoot a score on either tour. The guys on the Nike are all very good players, and it's very competitive. The big difference is a lot of the guys are inexperienced. They're matured physically, but mentally they've got a ways to go. Overall, you adapt. When you get on the PGA tour you realize you have to hit more fairways and you can't be so aggressive with your putts because the greens are faster.

**JS:** *How much more difficult do you think it is to break in on Tour now than when you first broke in during the late '80's?*

**PH:** In general, I'd say the quality of play might be a little better because of the Nike Tour. I think the Nike Tour prepares guys to play the Tour because it's run by the PGA Tour. It's officiated by PGA Tour officials. You have to register. You have to have a caddy. You can be fined. You get timed if you're out of position. It's run just like a PGA Tour event so guys are schooled and prepped. It makes it easier for a player coming on the Tour to adjust. When I first got out there I didn't know where I was going or how to register. The thing with the Tour is you can have two or three good weeks and you've got your card, but on the Nike Tour I needed about 15 good weeks. It helped me in terms of keeping me sharp and competitive and teaching me how to deal with the pressure of having to perform every week.

**JS:** *I heard that you kind of took Brett Quigley under your wing this year. Did you guys become pretty good friends?*

**PH:** Yeah. I didn't know Brett that well before. I like him a lot and I think he's going to be a really good player. Everyone asks me how I think he's going to do, but it's hard to predict. Obviously, finishing in the top-ten on the Nike speaks for itself.

**JS:** *What do you think his biggest adjustment will be?*

**PH:** I think it's the same with every rookie and that's playing with guys they've never played with before. There are things that I can't teach him or Brad and Billy can't teach him. He's got to play with Tom Watson or Fred Couples and get over that psychological barrier that you sometimes have where you think, "Oh my God, I'm sitting in front of

10,000 people." You're going to have your bad days but you have to come through. If you enjoy it and if you like being in that situation, you're eventually going to do well in that situation I don't want to predict how his year is going to be, but I think that he's only going to get better.

**JS:** *What's the best piece of advice you could give to an average player?*

**PH:** I think golf exposes your strengths and weaknesses and it teaches you discipline. I think the number one thing a golfer has to be able to do is have composure on the golf course and have good discipline in dealing with what happens to him on the course. It's not like basketball where the rim never moves or like tennis where the net never moves. In golf there are all kinds of variables, and if you can react in a consistent manner to what happens to you on the course, it makes you a better person and a better golfer. It's like life – you're going to run into a few bumps along the way, but if you learn to handle the things that happen to you then the road's going to get smoother down the line.

### P.H.'S CAREER AT A GLANCE

**PGA Tour Events Played: 151**

**Nike Tour Events Played: 81**

**Combined Earnings: \$681,003**

**Nike Tour Victories: 3**

**Best Finish PGA Tour:  
T5 1989 USF&G Classic**

**Final Position 1996  
Nike Tour Money List: 7th**

#### Also...

**1994 RIGA-A.T. Cross  
Open Champion**

**Won First Nike Event Ever  
Entered: 1991 Yuma Open**

