

# 1998 PLAYER OF THE YEAR FINAL STANDINGS



The Three Amigos: (L-R) Charlie Blanchard, Paul Quigley and Joey Iacofano each finished tied for third place at this year's A.T. Cross Open. It was a remarkable performance by all three and, not coincidentally, they finished 1,2,3 in the standings.

As a reminder to the players, 1998 point totals will be valued at 75% when added to 1999 point totals in determining the RIGA State Team. The three players with the highest combined point totals will be eligible to compete in the USGA State Team Championship at The Golden Horseshoe GC in Williamsburg, VA on September 5-9, 1999.

In the event of any ties, the player or players with the highest point totals for 1999 will be selected.

PLAYER	CLUB	POINTS
1. Joey Iacofano	Metacomet	850
2. Charlie Blanchard	Wannamoissett	725
3. Paul Quigley	RICC	595
4. Bill Lunnie	Wannamoissett	570
5. Mike Capone	Quidnessett	495
6. Tom Goryl	Wannamoissett	350
7. Bill Campbell	Wanumetonomy	325
8. Dr. George Pirie	Valley	290
John Auclair	Kirkbrae	290
10. Herb Stevens	Potowomut	220
11. Pat Lyons	Winnapaug	160
12. Greg Richard	Wannamoissett	155
13. Brad Edgerton	Wanumetonomy	150
Dr. Paul Barber	Potowomut	150
15. Fred Schick	Point Judith	140
16. Marc Brocato	Winnapaug	135
17. Rick Bernard	Triggs	130
18. Greg Erickson	Potowomut	125
19. Andy Calcione	Metacomet	120
Norm Lutz	Pawtucket	120
Shane Rice	Valley	120
22. Ray Lajoie	Triggs	110
Jim Stallman	RICC	110
Mike McCormick	Triggs	110
25. Mike Soucy	Valley	105
26. Joe Fogarty	Triggs	95
27. Jesse Furtado	Montaup	85
Peter Laurelli	Point Judith	85
Jim Mahoney	Point Judith	85
30. John Damiano	Metacomet	75
Rob Grossguth	West Warwick	75
Lou Parente	Valley	75
John Davis	Sakonnet	75
34. John Mello	Montaup	60
Walter Hunter	Agawam	60
Dan Pilkington	Kirkbrae	60
Chris Ferreri	Warwick	60
Jim Colucci	Triggs	60
39. Steve Sampson	Crestwood	50
Kevin Clary	Potowomut	50
Bryce Wallor	Wannamoissett	50
Steve Travis	Wanumetonomy	50
Chris Chantre	Metacomet	50
Chris Miranda	Point Judith	50
Brooks Hawkins	Montaup	50
George Philip	New England	50
47. Paul Carney	Potowomut	45
David Holmes	Valley	45
49. Dan Oregan	RICC	40
Ted Greene	Quidnessett	40
Nick Cioe	RICC	40
Ryan Porter	Crestwood	40
Tom Murphy	Potowomut	40
Scott Cooke	Potowomut	40
55. John Pellegrino	Triggs	35
56. Scott Marshall	Valley	25
George Peters	Triggs	25
Chris Hynes	Point Judith	25
Jim Bjorge	Triggs	25
Mike Dounetos	West Warwick	25
John Sampson	Crestwood	25
62. Brad Faxon, Sr.	Metacomet	20
Joe Iacofano, Sr.	Metacomet	20
64. Cosmo Minicucci	Triggs	15
Dave Deverell	Triggs	15
Dave Adamonis	Triggs	15
67. Jamie Luckowicz	West Warwick	10



# RIGA NEWS

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## A FOND FAREWELL



Joe Sprague competing in 1963 RI State Amateur

instituted the Player of the Year point system in 1987 which has become extremely popular with all the tournament players.

Many people have only known Joe as the no-nonsense guy who runs the state golf tournaments. They don't realize that he was also a great player in his day. In fact, he often reflected on his experiences as a tournament player when he would try to make tournaments better for today's players.

Joe has been at this game for a long time, and it all started in 1940 when he was nine and began caddying at Wannamoissett. Hockey and baseball were his first loves, but after a few years the allure of golf began to take hold. Joe hit his first golf shots at age 12 when he borrowed some old hickory shafted clubs from his father in order to play on caddy day. He eventually bought his first set of clubs from Wannamoissett pro George Gordon and began to play in the State Caddy Championship. Since many of the state's better players came out of the caddy ranks, this tournament was very big in its day.

Joe had his first taste of golfing success in 1948 when he won the State Caddy Championship. He won again in 1950 and '51 while leading Wannamoissett to the team title. In fact, it was Ronnie Quinn in 1949 who kept Joe from making it a four-year sweep of the individual crown.

After graduating from East Providence High, Joe became the first four-year recipient of the John P. Burke Memorial Caddy Scholarship. Joe continued to caddy while in college, and upon his graduation from Holy Cross he spent two years in the Marines where he continued to play golf whenever he could.

After his stint in the Marines, Joe came back to East Providence and began an almost 25 year career in education which culminated with his appointment to Principal at East Providence High. He married Maureen McCaffrey who lived down the street from him and raised three children.

Joe had joined Wannamoissett and continued to play tournament golf at the state level to the point where he established himself as one of the best. He competed numerous times in the R.I. Open, Northeast Amateur and as a member of the R.I. Tri-State Team. He was a four-time semi-finalist in the R.I. State Amateur with his closest brush with victory coming in 1963 when he was beaten in the finals by Frank McBride in 37 holes.

Joe's seven club championship at Wannamoissett is a record which still stands, and he is one of two people - Joe's friend Jake Conley is the other - to score a hole-in-one on all four of its par-3 holes.

The opportunity that Joe hoped would someday come his way actually did in 1985. After 32 years on the job, Ed Perry was retiring and Joe was named the new Executive Director of the RIGA. The rest, as they say, is history.

Many people have asked the soon-to-retire Executive Director what he plans to do with his newfound free time. Not being one for other hobbies like fishing, boating or travelling, Joe usually gives an answer that is not unexpected: "I think I'll play a little more golf." And after 13 great years, he deserves it.

As everyone knows, Joe Sprague, Sr. is stepping down as Executive Director of the Rhode Island Golf Association after 13 years at the helm. And as he has recalled recently, "It's been a great 13 years."

A lot has changed in those 13 years both with the game and the RIGA. The popularity of golf in Rhode Island has mirrored the game's boom both nationally and globally. It wasn't always so easy, but Joe always seemed to keep step and institute change when change was necessary. With the State Amateur field bursting at the seams in the mid-1980's, he introduced the pre-qualifying tournaments to make the tournament proper more enjoyable for everyone. The ever popular Weekly Invitational program was expanded to include more courses and to span the entire golf season, not just the spring and late summer.

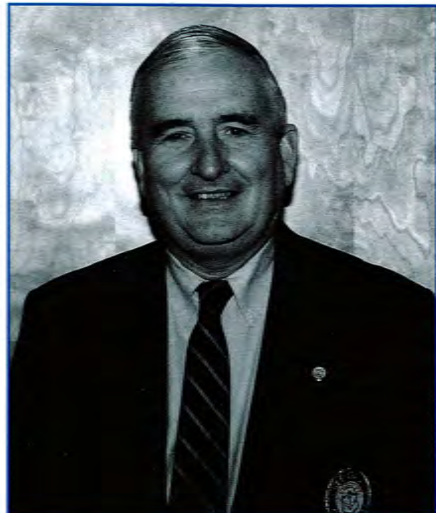
When the R.I. Open was becoming overrun by "rabbit" pros who were just interested in making their quick cash and leaving town, Joe was the one who limited the field to pros who were members of the New England PGA section. Joe also added four new tournaments for the state's amateur golfers and

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Patrick J. Shanahan, Jr.

I am delighted to have been able to serve as the President of the Rhode Island Golf Association during 1998. We faced many challenges from developing new schedules, establishing new tournaments, to re-writing by-laws and establishing search committees. In our spare time we improved on technology, we were a strong participant in the development of Button Hole, and we were also a major contributor in the amount of \$50,000 to Button Hole. Clearly, 1998 was busy and exciting.

I had the good fortune to work with many conscientious and hardworking individuals during my term as President. Two individuals who I would like to recognize and thank individually are Ron Treanor and Tim Harrington. Ron is the RIGA's Secretary who spent many hours in helping to establish new by-laws for the Association. And RIGA Past President Tim Harrington was my "aide-de-camp" during the past year and very instrumental in executing policies and procedures for the Rhode Island Golf Association.

My special thanks, however, goes to Joe Sprague, Sr. I know that Presidents of the RIGA come and go; some are more active than others, and frankly, life could probably go on without most of us. However, the life blood of the Rhode Island Golf Association is clearly the Executive Director, and I am delighted that I was able to serve as President of the Association in Joe Sprague, Sr.'s last year with the RIGA.

I offer my very special thanks to Joe Sprague for all his assistance and cooperation. I'm sure that we'll still be seeing a lot of Joe, and I know that I speak for everyone in wishing him the best in his retirement.

## 1998 RIGA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A breakdown of cardholders by clubs for the past eight years is as follows:

CLUB	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Agawam Hunt	70	49	58	76	66	63	69	86
Alpine	95	97	96	100	87	85	94	94
Cranston	216	251	234	188	173	163	142	111
Crestwood	93	112	121	117	118	124	128	123
Foster	-	-	-	-	63	68	40	39
Glocester	41	60	50	47	56	75	84	78
Green Valley	61	66	67	69	76	75	84	102
Kirkbrae	149	134	135	134	116	107	112	116
Laurel Lane	120	99	97	91	92	99	61	35
Ledgemont	73	74	67	69	64	56	53	60
Lincoln	53	70	74	51	69	81	80	85
Metacomet	110	119	114	119	118	114	108	136
Misquamicut	4	3	2	7	19	17	22	27
Montaup	118	134	72	143	146	147	129	118
New England	-	44	33	-	-	-	18	18
Newport	8	8	7	15	17	15	9	8
Pawtucket	130	135	127	143	118	122	128	114
Point Judith	97	112	115	108	112	112	98	106
Potowomut	139	139	136	122	126	126	125	138
Quidnessett	129	137	120	123	108	102	117	113
North Kingstown	33	19	20	11	12	17	24	20
RICC	125	109	109	104	94	110	109	104
Sakonnet	3	2	9	6	7	5	4	22
Seaview	-	-	-	71	55	39	36	33
Triggs	198	258	218	219	218	210	202	185
Valley	180	173	135	132	153	113	122	141
Wannamoissett	195	184	195	185	181	182	185	199
Wanumetonomy	106	101	102	107	106	87	82	94
Warwick	143	121	130	112	108	117	112	108
West Warwick	58	75	117	91	114	99	87	75
Winnapaug	72	68	67	69	60	67	65	58
Woodland Greens	186	224	177	164	174	180	195	237
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3005</b>	<b>3177</b>	<b>3004</b>	<b>2993</b>	<b>3026</b>	<b>2977</b>	<b>2924</b>	<b>2983</b>



Derek Travers (L) with Executive Director Joe Sprague

The Rhode Island Golf Association was fortunate to be chosen by the USGA to participate once again in the P.J. Boatwright Internship Program. The program is named for the late USGA Director of Rules and Competitions who was the premier expert on the Rules and conducting championships. The USGA grants money to golf associations to pay for the intern's salary, and it is designed to give work-related experience to individuals who have an interest in pursuing a career in golf administration.

Derek Travers, a student at Salve Regina University and longtime caddy at Agawam, was our Boatwright intern for '98. Derek attended a weeklong orientation seminar at the USGA's headquarters in Far Hills, NJ in May right after completing his freshman year at Salve Regina. Upon returning to RI, Derek hit the ground running in working his first tournament, State Amateur Pre-Qualifying at Pawtucket Country Club.

Derek was exposed to most every facet of RIGA operations: tournament preparation in the office, starting players at the first tee, announcing players over the p.a., rating golf courses, collecting score cards and working in the scoring tent. Derek's love for the game was obvious, and he performed his duties with enthusiasm and diligence.

One thing that Derek certainly was not prepared for was the unfortunate accident that occurred at the Stroke Play Championship at Agawam on June 29th. While riding in a cart, Derek broke his ankle when the cart struck a bridge. After recuperating at home for a couple of weeks, Derek returned to his duties in a modified capacity but completed his internship before returning to Salve for the fall semester.

The story does have a happy ending, though. Derek got the cast off before summer officially ended, and he was back teeing it up with his Salve University golf team.

# 1998 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

## Four-Ball Championship

Triggs Memorial Golf Club • August 18-20 • Entries: 122 Teams



Deja Vu: John Auclair & Joey Iacofano repeat as Four-Ball Champs

### Co-Medalists

Marc Brocato & Pat Lyons .....65  
Dr. George Pirie & Scott Marshall.....65

### Quarter Finals

Marc Brocato & Pat Lyons *def.* Steve & John Sampson.....6-5  
Joey Iacofano & John Auclair *def.* Jim Mahoney & Chris Hynes.....7-6  
Charlie Blanchard & Bill Lunnie *def.* Dr. George Pirie & Scott Marshall....2-1  
Mike Capone & Norm Lutz *def.* Rob Grossguth & Mike Dounetos.....2-1

### Semi Finals

Iacofano & Auclair *def.* Brocato & Lyons.....4-3  
Blanchard & Lunnie *def.* Capone & Lutz.....4-3

### Finals (5 Hole Stroke Play, Best Ball)

Iacofano & Auclair.....27 (7 Holes)  
Blanchard & Lunnie.....28

## Mid Amateur Championship

Alpine Country Club

August 31-September 1 • Entries: 141

Paul Quigley..... (-4)140-69-71

Joey Iacofano..... (-1)143-71-72

Jesse Furtado.....144-71-73

Fred Schick.....145-70-75

Bill Campbell.....147-75-72

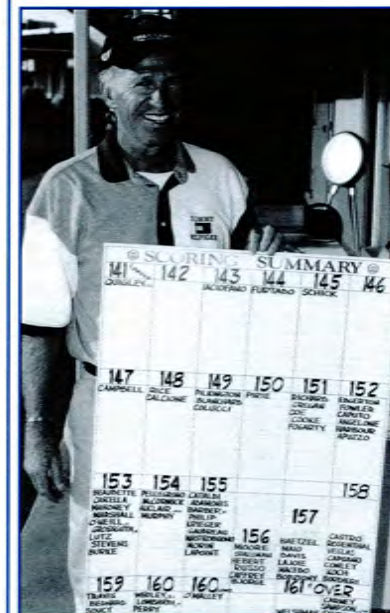
Shane Rice.....148-74-74

Andy Calcione.....148-73-75

Jim Colucci.....149-73-76

Charlie Blanchard.....149-74-75

Dan Pilkington.....149-75-74



Every Picture Tells A Story: Paul Quigley claims the only RIGA major that had eluded him

## USGA Qualifying Results

### OPEN-Local

Green Valley Country Club • May 14, 1998 • Entries: 41

Qualifiers:  
a- John Auclair .....74  
Jeffrey Stewart .....24  
Al Vallante\* .....76  
Troy Pare\* .....76

Alternates:  
Phil Fecteau .....76  
Kyle Phelps .....77  
a-Charlie Blanchard.....77

### AMATEUR-Sectional

Wanumetonomy Golf & Country Club

August 5 • Entries: 76

Alternates:  
Bill Lunnie .....69-70-139  
Dave Tasho .....66-73-139  
Lou Parente .....68-72-140  
Herb Stevens\* .....72-69-141

Bill Campbell.....70-71-141  
Richard Stevens.....71-71-142  
John Auclair .....67-75-142  
Tom Goryl.....74-69-143

## Senior Amateur

Potowomut Golf Club

September 28- October 2 • Entries: 164

### Medalist

George Peters.....75

### Semi Finals

George Peters *def.* John Oliver.....1 Up

Ted Greene *def.* Bob Phillips.....2-1

### Finals

Greene *def.* Peters.....5-4

## Father & Son

Metacomet Country Club

July 29-30 & August 11 • Entries: 180 Teams

### Senior Division

Larry & Paul Buteau.....71\*

Fred & Paul Schick.....71

Joe & Joey Iacofano.....71

### Junior Division

Gary & Jason Pannone.....73\*

Bob & Danny Blessing.....73

\* won by matching cards

## Northeast Amateur

Wannamoissett Country Club • June 25-28 • Entries: 80

274 - Michael Harris, Troy, MI 70-62-72-70

275 - Joel Kribel, Pleasanton, CA 67-66-72-70

275 - Bryce Molder, Conway, AR 67-69-71-68

276 - Charles Howell, Augusta, GA 70-68-69-69

277 - Tim Jackson, Germantown, TN 63-70-74-70

278 - Edward Gibstein, Locust Valley, NY 71-68-71-68

278 - Edward Loar, Rockwall, TX 70-67-71-70

280 - Tom McKnight, Galax, VA 72-69-66-73

280 - Lewis Chitengwa, Charlottesville, VA 69-69-74-68

282 - Vaughn Taylor, Augusta, GA 67-70-72-73

282 - Bo Van Pelt, Richmond, IN 68-70-72-72

# 1998 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

## Mixed Foursomes

Warwick Country Club • May 26-28 • Entries: 75 Teams



Three-peat: Becky Mailloux & Rob Grossguth completed a three-year sweep at the Mixed

### Medalists

Rob Grossguth & Becky Mailloux ..... 71

### Semi Finals

Rob Grossguth & Becky Mailloux *def.* Chris Baetzel & Holly Pfeiffer..... 19 Holes

Jim Dearden & Carol Klery *def.* Jeff Mikolazyk & Pat Malone..... 19 Holes

### Finals

Grossguth & Mailloux *def.* Dearden & Klery..... 3-1

**1st Div-**Russ & Trudy Dufault *def.* Peter Florio & Denise Armstrong-Florio... 23 Holes

**2nd Div-**Tom & Melodie Hebert *def.* Frank Doheny & Karen Whiteley..... 2up

**3rd Div-**Ted & Jeanette Greene *def.* Dick Joly & Dee Poirier..... 6-4

## Ed Perry Senior Four-Ball

Winnapaug Country Club • May 20-21, 1998 • Entries: 45 Teams



Like Son Like Father: Brad Faxon, Sr. (L) & Joe Iacofano, Sr. successfully defended at the Senior Four-Ball

### Gross:

Brad Faxon, Sr. & Joe Iacofano ..... 143-72-71

Ed Mauro & Joe Sprague ..... 147-75-72

Bill Ferrigno & Rip Palmer ..... 147-75-72

Ted Greene & Tony Verdi ..... 147-75-72

Ted Hahn & Joe DiSanto..... 147-71-76

### Net:

Ralph Apici & Manny DePointe ..... 126-65-61

Americo Colasanto & Anthony Ferrari..... 133-63-70

Robert Ferrara & Joe Maynard..... 133-63-70

Sal Soccia & John Wragg..... 133-64-69

## Junior Amateur

Montaup Country Club  
July 20- 23 • Entries: 105

### Co-Medalists

Steve O'Brien & Jon Pirie..... 74

### Semi Finals

Rob Higginbotham *def.* Andy Chesebro... 1 Up

Nick Gernt *def.* Richard Sharpe..... 5-4

### Finals

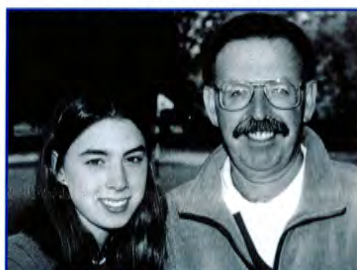
Higginbotham *def.* Gernt..... 3-2



All in the Family: Junior Champion Rob Higginbotham of Wannamoisett poses between his parents Richard and Carole who came out to root him on.

## Parent & Daughter

Crestwood Country Club • August 25 • Entries: 46 Teams



Lindsey & Tom Goryl of Wannamoisett were the overall champions at the Parent & Daughter

### Senior Division

Frank & Jane Toole (Wannamoisett)..... 77

Daniel & Debra Jean Cyronak (Valley)..... 79

Dr. Bill & Kristin Turcotte (Newport)..... 81

Bill Cooke & Patricia Ray (Potowomut)..... 81

Henry & Christine Cooper (RI Country Club)..... 82

Trudy & Karen Dufault (Montaup)..... 82

### Junior Division

Tom & Lindsey Goryl (Wannamoisett)..... 76

Bill & Valerie Blinn (Crestwood)..... 78

John & Haley Gildea (Quidnessett)..... 79

Greg & Elizabeth Caffrey (Wannamoisett)..... 82

Scott & Taylor Cooke (Potowomut)..... 83

## Fred Malcolm Memorial

Green Valley Country Club  
June 15 & October 19 • Entries: 54 Teams

Tom Goryl & Charlie Blanchard..... 288-68-76-74-70

Rick Bernard & Joe Fogarty..... 298-69-75-78-76

David Holmes & Mike Soucy..... 303-70-78-83-72

Dr. Paul Barber & Herb Stevens..... 303-69-79-76-79

Greg Erickson & Paul Carney..... 303-66-80-80-77

David Macedo & Shane Rice..... 304-70-71-84-79

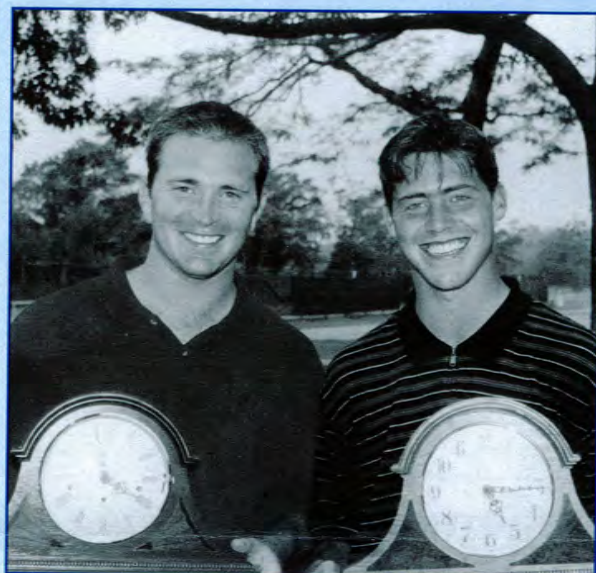
Cosmo Minicucci & Peter Angelone..... 309-70-76-88-75

Charlie Graham & Lou Fresalone..... 312-71-79-77-85

Ted & Jack Ellis..... 312-71-76-76-89

Paul Burman & Lance Burdon..... 314-73-78-77-86

# 1998 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS



Prime Time: Joey Iacofano (L) and Mike Capone show off their wares

## State Amateur Championship

Point Judith Country Club • July 13-17 • Entries: 298

### Medalist

Mike Capone .....142-68-74

### Quarter Finals

Mike Capone *def.* George Donnell..... 1up  
 Dr. George Pirie *def.* Peter Laurelli..... 2-1  
 Greg Richard *def.* Paul Quigley..... 1up  
 Joey Iacofano *def.* Marc Brocato..... 2-1

### Semi Finals

Capone *def.* Pirie..... 3-1  
 Iacofano *def.* Richard..... 4-2

### Finals

Iacofano *def.* Capone..... 2-1 (36 Holes)

## A.T. Cross Open Championship

Rhode Island Country Club • August 3-4 • Entries: 174



Cross Chairman Brad Boss (L) presents Open Champion Kirk Hanefeld with the winner's check

Kirk Hanefeld - Salem Country Club  
 212-72-67-73.....\$5,000  
 Brad Adamonis - New England Country Club  
 213-68-71-74.....\$3,750  
 a-Charlie Blanchard - Wannamoisett Country Club  
 215-74-67-74.....  
 a-Paul Quigley - Rhode Island Country Club  
 215-72-71-72.....  
 a-Joey Iacofano - Metacomet Country Club  
 215-71-72-72.....  
 Bob Bigonette - Country Club of Fairfield  
 217-75-73-69.....\$2,750  
 Webb Heintzelman - Sagamore Country Club  
 218-75-71-72.....\$2,100  
 Nick DeKock - The Country Club  
 218-72-75-71.....\$2,100  
 Jeff Dantas - Palm Beach Country Club  
 219-71-73-75.....\$1,450  
 Frank Dully - Kernwood Country Club  
 219-69-74-76.....\$1,450



## Stroke Play Championship

Agawam Hunt • June 29 & July 27 • Entries: 155

Bill Lunnie.....212-72-66-74  
 Mike Capone.....213-73-68-72  
 Charlie Blanchard.....213-72-67-74