

# 1999 PLAYER OF THE YEAR FINAL STANDINGS

PLAYER	CLUB	POINTS
1. Mike Soucy	Metacommet/Valley	720
2. Paul Quigley	Metacommet	630
3. John Auclair	Kirkbrae	590
4. Tom Goryl	Wannamoisset	575
5. Charlie Blanchard	Wannamoisset	530
6. Dr. George Pirie	Valley	505
7. Bill Lunnie	Wannamoisset	430
8. Mike Capone	Quidnessett	390
9. Bill Campbell	Wanumetonomy	305
10. Fred Schick	Point Judith	245
11. Jim Stallman	Metacommet	230
12. Dr. Paul Barber	Potowomut	195
13. Herb Stevens	Potowomut	180
14. Brad Edgerton	Wanumetonomy	170
15. John Barber	Potowomut	155
16. John Olsen	Newport	150
17. Jesse Furtado	Montaup	145
17. Rob Grossguth	West Warwick	145
19. Jon Drumm	Cranston	135
20. Ray Lajoie	Triggs	125
20. Dan Pilkington	Kirkbrae	125
22. Ray Sharpe	Wannamoisset	120
23. Marc Brocato	Winnapaug	115
23. Eddie Yoon	Quidnessett	115
25. Tobie Lombardi	Valley	105
25. Eric Ahlberg	Warwick	105
25. Tom Fielding	Potowomut	105
28. Jim Mahoney	Point Judith	100
29. Nick Cioe	Rhode Island	95
29. Tom Acciaro	Wanumetonomy	95
31. Jim Fogarty	Triggs	85
32. Mike McCormick	Triggs	75
32. Greg Richard	Wannamoisset	75
34. David Apuzzo	Wannamoisset	70
34. Scott Marshall	Valley	70
34. Pat Lyons	Wanumetonomy	70
34. Bob Savoie	Rhode Island	70
38. Joe Cataldi	Alpine	60
38. Don Wright	Potowomut	60
38. E.J. Wholey	Alpine	60
41. Paul Mastrobuono	Alpine	55
41. Adam Resmini	Rhode Island	55
41. Farrell O'Malley	Pawtucket	55
41. Lou Parente	Valley	55
45. Norm Lutz	Pawtucket	50
45. Kevin Clary	Potowomut	50
45. Paul LaPoint	Triggs	50
45. Bob Schmeck	Metacommet	50
45. Jim Colucci	Triggs	50
45. Jason Gentili	Pawtucket	50
45. Kevin Baker	Wanumetonomy	50
45. Jon Moore	Potowomut	50
45. Charlie Graham	West Warwick	50
45. David DiSanto	Alpine	50
55. Greg Erickson	Potowomut	45
55. Peter Angelone	Triggs	45
57. Steve Travis	Wanumetonomy	35
58. Mark Krieger	Wannamoisset	25
58. Steve Sampson	Crestwood	25
58. Wayne LaPoint	Seaview	25
61. Tom Caffrey	Triggs	15
61. Gary DiFilippo	Triggs	15
61. Michael Nardolillo	Triggs	15
61. Charlie Hayes	Newport	15

Congratulations to 1999 RIGA Player of the Year, Mike Soucy. He was a mirror of consistency; when he wasn't winning he was in contention.

### MIKE'S YEAR AT A GLANCE:

- Burke Memorial - 1st Place
- Four-Ball - 2nd Place
- State Amateur - 1st Place
- Stroke Play - 3rd Place
- Mid Amateur - T 2nd Place
- USGA State Team Member
- Tri-State Team Member



### SCORING AVERAGE

(14 rounds possible, 10 rounds minimum)

1. Paul Quigley.....	72.90	(10)
2. Charlie Blanchard.....	72.92	(12)
3. Bill Lunnie.....	73.50	(12)
4. Mike Soucy.....	73.92	(12)
5. John Auclair.....	74.43	(14)
6. Jim Stallman.....	74.91	(11)
7. Tom Goryl.....	74.93	(14)
8. Bill Campbell.....	75.60	(10)
9. Jim Mahoney.....	76.50	(10)

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# RIGA NEWS

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## BUTTON HOLE - A FIELD OF DREAMS IN THE MAKING

by Joe Sprague, Jr.

I was recently at the annual meeting for the IAGA which is short for International Association of Golf Administrators. Most of the golf associations from the 50 states were represented along with top ranking staff members from the USGA and Royal Canadian Golf Association. The meeting is basically four days of presentations and break out sessions that serve to inform us on the state of the game and to offer a forum in which to exchange ideas about golf administration. I met a lot of nice people who work at other golf associations, and I came away with some good ideas that we might be able to implement at the RIGA.

I'm telling you about the IAGA Annual Meeting as a backdrop to something that occurred while I was there. Before the meeting began, I was getting reacquainted with a few people whom I had met over the past couple of years. One guy from Arizona came up to me and said, "Hi, Joe, how's it going? How's Button Hole?" He was, of course, referring to the one and only Button Hole short course and teaching center being built on the Providence/Johnston town line. I told him that Button Hole was going well; fund raising is ongoing, but the course should be completed sometime in 2000. Other people came up to me, too, and although they couldn't remember the name of it, they knew there was an alternate golf project for kids being developed in Rhode Island.

### National Exposure

What really impressed me, however, was something that occurred during one of the panel presentations. Mark Frace

who works for the USGA Foundation in Colorado gave a talk about the grant process at the Foundation. The USGA's *For the Good of the Game* campaign has pledged \$50 million over ten years to programs that will provide

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Button Hole under construction in early November

affordable access and education to new golfers. Mark cited three projects that the USGA has helped fund as examples of the Foundation's commitment; a project in Sacramento Springs, CA, a disabled golf initiative in Wheaton, IL and our own Button Hole short course. It's no secret that the USGA is behind Button Hole; they've made two grants totalling \$100,000. But for the USGA to highlight Button Hole in a national forum demonstrates how special they believe our project to be.

Hopefully, most of you reading this are already familiar with Button Hole. For those of you who may need to be brought up to speed, Button Hole is a nine-hole short course with par-3 holes ranging in length from 60 to 180 yards. The site is an abandoned sand pit on the Johnston/Providence town line which has been most recently used by dirt bike riders. A two-ended driving range is also being built along with a clubhouse that will serve as both the administrative headquarters and an indoor learning facility. The driving range is scheduled to open June 1, 2000. Brad Faxon has been involved in the design process, particularly the driving range and teaching areas. In the end, Button Hole is a social project driven by golf. With 25,000 children living within three miles of the site, the project seeks to overcome the two largest barriers for kids who have yet to be exposed to golf - affordability and accessibility.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make the 1999 Rhode Island Golf Association season a great success.



Henry L. Richard, Sr.

Special thanks must go to my fellow RIGA officers for their support and counsel, and to all the vice-presidents and representatives for their volunteer hours at the golf tournaments. We really could not have hoped for a better year for golf in '99. For the most part, the weather cooperated and we were fully subscribed in almost every major tournament. The Weekly Invitational package program was in place for a second year, and it seemed to be embraced by everyone. All five of the packages were sold out prior to the start of the season. With some further fine-tuning we are going to offer a similar program for the "Weeklies" in 2000.

As I've already alluded to, the major tournaments were a big success. One of the most exciting tournaments that I watched was our Fleet Open Championship. It came down to the final few holes and John Hickson from Maine played spectacularly under a great deal of pressure to hold off Jeff Dantas as well as Rodney Butcher and Pat Sheehan. I would also like to congratulate Mike Soucy on being the 1999 Player of the Year. Not only did Mike win two tournaments, but he was in the hunt in just about every one he played. Great job, Mike.

I have enjoyed my tenure as President of your Association. We addressed any problems that we had during the year with tournaments, and if we couldn't fix them right away we will make sure to implement positive changes for next year. These are exciting times for the RIGA. We're working closely with the Golf Foundation of Rhode Island to get Button Hole up and running. We're going to be improving in the area of technology with a web site that will be operational by the start of next golf season. We're also exploring ways to be able to provide more services to you, our members and our member clubs.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your President. I wish you all a healthy 2000, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our tournaments next year.

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Button Hole is administered by the Golf Foundation of Rhode Island, a non-profit, 501 c-3 organization that is comprised of members of the RIGA, RIWGA, OSWGA, RIPGA, and RIGCSA.

### A Chance to Give Back to the Game

Button Hole is being funded through donations, and according to fund-raising campaign co-chairs Ed Mauro and Stanley Goldstein, the leadership gift phase of the campaign is 80% complete. The response has been extraordinary with the largest 75 gifts, including in-kind, amounting to \$2.1 million of the \$2.3 million raised to date. The project requires another \$900,000 to meet its goal. By now most RIGA member clubs have or are in the process of sending out a direct mail solicitation to you. If you have not yet, but would like to receive a mailer, you may call the Button Hole office at (401) 334-6849. The Button Hole mailing address is P.O. Box 851, Providence, RI 02901. If you would like to make a gift, but spread it out over a period of time, the fund-raising committee is encouraging people to consider a

three-year pledge.

After Button Hole is built there will be wonderful opportunities for people to become involved as volunteers. The entire volunteer effort will be coordinated closer to the date of completion, but if you are someone who is anxious to be among the first to do so, you may call the above mentioned telephone number.

The day to day activities of Button Hole are administered by Project Coordinator Maureen McMahon and newly hired Executive Director Greg Rollins. RIPGA Golf Professional Robert Tramonti will come on board in late-winter to begin putting together the golf instruction aspect to Button Hole.

As is hopefully apparent by now, Button Hole is a group effort with one goal in mind - giving kids who have previously not had the opportunity a chance to learn and experience something new. It is not intended to be a cure for all the problems of the world, but maybe after giving golf a try, some of the kids will come away with a few of life's lessons that are at the heart of this great game.



Rhode Island's men's and women's State Teams are pictured all together here in Williamsburg, VA at the USGA State Team Championship. The men's and women's championships were held concurrently at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club's Gold and Green courses on September 7-9. All 50 states plus Puerto Rico fielded a three-man team on the men's side, and 43 states entered teams on the women's side. Team Rhode Island are (l-r) Charlie Blanchard, Carol Clarey, Nancy Chaffee, John Auclair, Julie Greene and Mike Soucy.

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The 1999 golf season is now one for the books. While many people put away the sticks for the season, I know there are also plenty of you who are still out playing. The recent mild weather has made for many enjoyable fall golf days.

We had another successful season of golf at the RIGA both with the major championships and the weekly invitationals. The weather was on our side for most of the season, but don't tell that to the players who played in the John P. Burke Memorial or the Four-Ball. I asked the players to play through some very adverse conditions, especially at the Burke. It was one of those you-can't-believe-how-bad-unless-you-were-there scenarios. Cold, wet and windy only begins to describe it. Thanks for being understanding, guys. Come to think of it, the weather wasn't exactly balmy when we finished up the season with the Fred Malcolm Memorial in October. But that's another story.

We're officially into the "silly season" now, a.k.a. Fred Couples' favorite time of year. The last

golf season of the millennium certainly was eventful, both locally and globally. We witnessed the rebirth of Brad Faxon's PGA Tour Career with his win at the B.C. Open; the dramatic U.S. come-from-behind victory at the Ryder Cup; Tiger Woods serving notice to the rest of the world's golfing elite with his Nicklausian domination as to who is number one; the rise of Sergio; and sadly, the tragic death of Payne Stewart and four others in a plane crash. I'll never forget being at Warwick Country Club during the Mixed Foursomes when I heard that Payne had been killed.

The Button Hole short course is on track to really be something special. (See cover article). Dana Quigley's recent appearance on The Golf Channel's Golf Talk Live with Peter Kessler further solidifies Dana's arrival to "the big time." Playing in every official event, Dana was once again the Senior Tour's "ironman" not to mention Mr. Top-10. Keep it going in 2000, Dana!

In 2000 the USGA will be unveiling its new

Windows 95/98 version of the GHIN program which will give clubs more flexibility and ease of use. This includes the Tournament Pairing Program (TPP) where printing scorecards among other things will be much easier. The RIGA is bringing a member of the USGA GHIN staff to conduct a seminar in March. RIGA Director of Handicapping Jules Cohen will be sending out a notice sometime in the new year.

The 2000 RIGA tournament schedule is nearly complete. We're hoping for another good year. I'd like to thank our 1999 President Hank Richard for supporting me all year and being a great president. I'm hesitant to begin singling out others because there are too many people who do a great job to make the Rhode Island Golf Association such a success. However, I do want to thank the players and everyone else for supporting me during my first year as executive director. Your words of encouragement made a very good year even better for me. Happy Holidays to everyone and their families. *-Joe Sprague, Jr.*

# 1999 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

## FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Metacomet Country Club • May 24-26 • Entries: 97 Teams



Brotherly Love: Four-Ball Champs Paul & John Barber

### Medalists

David Apuzzo & Mike Hogan.....62

### Quarter Finals

John Auclair & Mike Soucy *def.* Paul & Wayne LaPoint.....4-3

Charlie Graham & Rob Grossguth *def.* Greg Richard & Mark Krieger.....3-2

Dr. Paul & John Barber *def.* Paul Quigley & Tom Goryl.....2-1

Jon Moore & Tom Fielding *def.* Scott Marshall & Dr. George Pirie.....1Up

### Semi Finals

Auclair & Soucy *def.* Graham & Grossguth.....3-1

Barber & Barber *def.* Moore & Fielding.....2-1

### Finals (5 Holes Better Ball Stroke Play)

Barber & Barber.....20 (E)

Auclair & Soucy.....21 (+1)

## MID AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Pawtucket Country Club • September 20-21

Entries: 124

Charlie Blanchard.....136-71-65

Brad Edgerton.....139-70-69

Mike Soucy.....139-70-69

Jesse Furtado.....141-74-67

John Auclair.....142-73-69

Dr. George Pirie.....142-73-69

Bill Lunnie.....142-72-70

Tom Goryl.....144-74-70

Ray Sharpe.....146-77-69

Farrell O'Malley.....146-75-71

Fred Schick.....146-74-72

Paul Mastrobuono.....146-73-73



"Pinseeker's In The House": Charlie Blanchard (r) lets Mike Soucy know who's Number One at the Mid Amateur

## STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Alpine Country Club

August 30-31 • Entries: 136

\* Paul Quigley.....217-69-71-77

Charlie Blanchard.....217-68-74-75

Mike Soucy.....218-68-76-74

Jim Stallman.....220-73-75-72

Bill Lunnie.....223-75-76-72

Dan Pilkington.....224-68-76-80

Herb Stevens.....226-76-78-72

Bill Campbell.....226-75-78-73

Fred Schick.....226-75-74-77

John Auclair.....228-76-74-78

Tom Goryl.....228-75-74-79

Pat Lyons.....230-75-74-81

Robert Savoie.....230-75-75-80

\* won on 1st play-off hole

## USGA QUALIFYING RESULTS

### OPEN-LOCAL

Kirkbrae Country Club • May 18 • Entries: 61

Qualifiers:

Brett Quigley .....67 Brad Adamonis .....69

a-Michael Carbone.....69 a-John Auclair .....72

Bill Hafner .....72

### AMATEUR-SECTIONAL

Wannamoisett Country Club • July 28 • Entries: 73

Qualifiers:

Craig Stechowych...136-66-70 Alex Rocha...139-71-68

\*Mike Capone.....143-74-69

Agawam Hunt • July 28 • Entries: 48

Jim Gentile ...145-72-73 \*Al Falussy ....146-73-73

\* won play-off

## FRED MALCOLM MEMORIAL

North Kingstown Golf Club

October 6-7 • Entries: 28 Teams

Tom Goryl & Charlie Blanchard 218-72-73-73

Eric Ahlberg & Tom Fielding 219-73-70-76

Tom Acciardo & Bill Lunnie 223-70-81-72

Paul Barber & Herb Stevens 224-73-76-75

E.J. Wholey & Dan Pilkington 225-71-74-80

Charlie Hayes & Sam Toland 227-75-75-77

Dan Perry & David Andrade 229-70-82-77

Scott Cooke & Kevin Clary 229-72-75-82

Kurt Bodziony & Joe Fogarty 231-73-79-79



# 1999 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

## Senior Amateur Championship

Crestwood Country Club • September 27 - October 1

Entries: 187



Norm Lutz & Nick Cioe

### Medalist

Norm Lutz.....74

### Semi Finals

Norm Lutz *def.* Dan Sheehan.....5-4

Nick Cioe *def.* John Oliver.....3-2

### Finals

Cioe *def.* Lutz.....20 Holes

## Mixed Foursomes Championship

Warwick Country Club • October 25-27 • Entries: 63 Teams



L-R: Joe Fogarty, Cheryl LaFontaine, Nancy Federico and Tom Carroll

### Medalists

Jim Dearden & Carol Clarey.....79

### Semi Finals

Tom Carroll & Nancy Federico *def.*  
Tom & Melodie Hebert.....2-1

Joe Fogarty & Cheryl LaFontaine *def.*  
Jesse Furtado & Karen Dufault.....19 Holes

### Finals

Fogarty & LaFontaine *def.*  
Carroll & Federico.....20 Holes

## Ed Perry Senior Four-Ball

Winnapaug Country Club • May 19-20

Entries: 49 Teams

### Gross:

Bob Phillips & Wally Quinn.....142-71-71

Norm Lutz & Joe Iacofano.....144-71-73

Joe Fitzgerald & Rick Wilson.....147-72-75

### Net:

Ralph Apici & Manny DePointe .....126-63-63

Don Delaney & Ernie Stenhouse.....128-60-68

Sal Soscia & John Wragg.....128-65-63

## Junior Amateur

Woodland Greens • July 26-30

Entries: 92

### Medalist

Dan Keefe.....68

### Semi Finals

Greg Sampson *def.* Scott Serrecchia.....19 Holes

Sean Mulligan *def.* Jon Pirie.....2-1

### Finals

Mulligan *def.* Sampson.....5-3

## Father & Son

Montaup Country Club • August 4-5 • Entries: 162 Teams

### Senior Division:

\*Richard & John Lombardi.....71

Mike Burke & Ben Tuthill.....71

Joe & Joe III Cavanaugh.....73

John & Jon Holstein.....74

### Junior Division:

Dr. George & Jon Pirie .....73

Tim & Tom Bryan.....74

Steve & Lee Krieger.....74

Gary & Jason Pannone.....75

\* won by matching cards

## Parent & Daughter

Glocester Country Club • June 28-29 • Entries: 23 Teams

### Senior Division:

Fred & Amy Schick.....79

Bill Cooke & Patricia Ray.....79

Peter Erickson & Kris Buckley.....80

Vincent Petrarca & Marisa White.....81

Henry & Christine Cooper.....81

### Junior Division:

Fred & Allison Schick .....75

Tom & Lindsey Goryl.....76

Scott & Taylor Cooke.....83

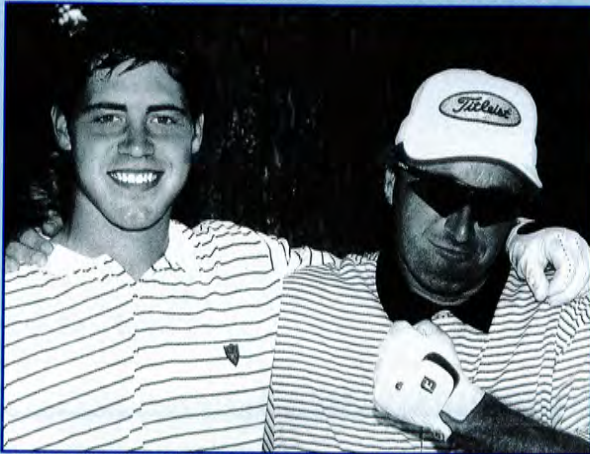
Chris & Sarah Hurd.....85



# 1999 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

## STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Ledgemont Country Club • July 12-16 • Entries: 271



And In This Corner...: The Two Mikes, Capone and Soucy share a light moment before the afternoon round of their final match.

### Medalist

Paul Quigley .....140-68-72

### Quarter Finals

Dr. George Pirie *def.* Jim Mahoney..... 1 Up  
 Mike Soucy *def.* John Auclair ..... 3-1  
 Mike Capone *def.* Charlie Blanchard..... 4-3  
 John Olsen *def.* Joe Fogarty..... 1 Up

### Semi Finals

Soucy *def.* Pirie..... 19 Holes  
 Capone *def.* Olsen..... 3-1

### Finals

Soucy *def.* Capone.....4-3 (36 Holes)

## **Fleet** OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Wanumetonomy Golf & Country Club • August 16-17 • Entries: 159

- John Hickson (Bath Country Club) - 205-67-67-71 ..... \$5,000
- Jeffrey Dantas (Palm Beach Country Club) - 206-66-72-68 ..... \$3,750
- Rodney Butcher (Exeter Country Club) - 209-69-69-71..... \$2,525
- Paul Parajeckas (Woburn Country Club) - 209-66-68-75 ..... \$2,525
- Kirk Hanefeld (The Ridge Club) - 210-70-68-72..... \$1,750
- Frank Dully II (Kernwood Country Club) - 210-69-68-73..... \$1,750
- Patrick Sheehan (Unattached) - 211-66-70-75..... \$1,300
- Sean Noonan (Heritage) - 212-69-69-74..... \$1,000
- Timothy J. McLaughlin (Eastward Ho Country Club) - 213-70-69-74..... \$ 850
- Matthew Lucchesi (Kirkbrae Country Club) - 216-70-74-72..... \$700
- a-Tom Goryl (Wannamoissett Country Club) - 216-72-73-71..... n.a.



John Hickson

## John P. Burke Memorial Tournament

Newport Country Club / Wanumetonomy Golf & Country Club • May 3-4 • Entries: 123

Scratch Division	Net Division	Team Net Division
Mike Soucy.....147-73-74	Dr. Michael Smith.....150-75-75	Paul Quigley & John Cicerchia..... 135-67-68
John Auclair.....149-71-78	Moe Landry..... 154-75-79	Bill Campbell & Dr. Michael Smith..... 136-70-66
Jonathan Drumm.....149-78-71	William Pirolli.....154-78-76	Dana Welshman & William Pirolli..... 136-68-68
Ray Lajoie..... 153-75-78	Edwin Silva.....154-79-75	Tom Acciardo & Keith Bagley..... 137-67-70
Bill Campbell..... 153-78-75	Vincent Decesaris.....154-77-77	Scott Marshall & Edwin Silva..... 137-69-68
Paul Quigley.....154-80-74	Keith Bagley.....155-75-80	
Brad Edgerton.....154-77-77	John Cicerchia.....156-74-82	
David Apuzzo.....155-80-75	Chuck Federico.....156-75-81	
Jesse Furtado.....156-77-79	Philip Eklund.....158-83-75	
Ray Sharpe.....156-78-78	Ralph Apici.....159-76-83	
Nick Cioe.....156-76-80	Richard Sipka..... 159-88-71	