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**The Valley Country
Club Story**

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About RIGA

The Rhode Island Golf Association is a non-profit organization of private and public clubs and courses dedicated to the service of golf in Rhode Island. Founded in 1902, our primary mission is to promote and preserve the traditions of the game of golf in the State of Rhode Island.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Rhode Island Golf Association is governed by an Executive Board which is comprised of a representative from each member club. An operating committee formulate policies and directives for the Executive Director and staff to implement and manage.

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A Message from the Executive Director



Bob Ward

As the RIGA prepares for its 115th golf season I would like to thank everyone involved who helped and supported the association during the 2016 season - member clubs, their boards, golf pros, superintendents, support staff, members, volunteers and players. The RIGA had a successful year and contributed \$380,000 back to its member clubs. In my opinion a

tremendous amount of funds being given back to member clubs and a consistent source of revenue that each club is looking for these days.

The RIGA continues to grow with a renovation of our office at Button Hole. The expansion almost doubled the size of the office space and includes a much needed storage area. The project was mostly funded by generous RIGA members including Jack Marshall – Marshall Properties, James Carr – H. Carr & Son, David Ruggieri – Ruggieri Flooring and Carpeting, Joe Izzo - Izzo Electric, Steve Morel – Commercial Painting and James Ross - Gem Plumbing. The project was coordinated and worked on by the great efforts of Paul Pisano and Reed Netter from Marshall Properties Inc.

RIGA championships, weekly invitational's and women's events continue to drive the growth of the association. The schedule has become a multiple event program for golfers from early May each year to early October. The success of RIGA events is directly connected to member clubs and their members. On either Monday or Tuesday the RIGA has close to 400 members playing golf at various courses. In my eyes this is an amazing statistic that shows the upside to RIGA events.

It's always necessary to congratulate all RIGA champions during the past year and recognize a few great

accomplishments. Two high school golfers elevated their status as elite golfers not only locally but at a national level. Davis Chatfield became one of the youngest golfers to ever win the Amateur Championship in July and only a few weeks later Patrick Welch won the Junior Amateur for the third time before finishing second in PGA Junior Championship and then representing America on the Junior Ryder Cup team.

Registration for 2017 RIGA events is already underway. The season is highlighted by these three biggest events: the Amateur Championship at Valley CC, the Women's Amateur at RICC and the Junior Amateur at Agawam Hunt. We will also be hosting the New England Amateur at Metacomet CC, and in early October we'll be hosting the Endicott Cup at Potowomut GC.

This season we will also have a couple of member clubs host outside events that will bring golf recognition to the state. As always the Northeast Amateur will be played the third week of June at Wannamoisett CC. The field is comprised of the next group of players on the PGA Tour. For the 19th year in a row RICC will host the CVS Charity Classic. This event over its time has become one of the largest contributors of fund to charity on the PGA Tour.

As always the RIGA must support our charitable partners in golf. Button Hole, the Burke Fund, RIGCSA College Fund and the RIWGA Junior program are all valuable assets to the golfing community.

Please feel free to either contribute or volunteer to one or more of our partners to keep the wonderful game of golf viable in the future.

Hope to see you all at an RIGA event during the upcoming season.

– Bob Ward, Executive Director

A Message from the President



Michael A. Montigny

It is my honor to write this letter to all of you as the President of the RIGA for 2017. I have had the pleasure and opportunity to be involved with the RIGA in a Vice President and Operating Committee Board member capacity for the past 15 years. I am proud to say, we have an excellent Board and staff to lead this great

organization. I have witnessed firsthand how dedicated they are, and how hard they all work to make the game of golf in Rhode Island competitive and for all players to enjoy.

Dr. Vincent Cavallaro, our outgoing president, exemplified the true role of this position in many ways throughout his term. He led us to a very successful year. I plan on following his footsteps and continue to make The RIGA even stronger, and all members proud of the RIGA staff, and their efforts to continue to build one of the best golf associations in the country.

I ask all of you to promote the RIGA within your member clubs, and to ask all of your golfing friends to join as well. With your help and support, we will be able to ensure the future of golf in RI remains strong.

I am truly honored to be your President, and I will work very hard to help guide the RIGA through 2017. The list of past presidents is very impressive. I will do my best to continue the legacy they have all created. Financially we had a very strong year, thanks to Bob Ward our Executive Director, and his elite staff members consisting of Jim McKenna, Kate McCurry, Katie DeCosta and Tyler Malo.

Their offices have been expanded and totally renovated. They went from small cramped cubicles to an area they can perform their jobs more effectively and comfortably.

The RIGA must always support our charitable partners in golf. Button Hole, The Burke Fund and The RIWGA Junior Program are all extremely important assets to the Rhode Island golfing community. Please help by contributing or volunteering to one or all of our partners to help keep this great game of golf viable for all to enjoy in the future.

I look forward to meeting all of you, as you attend one or more of the golf events planned throughout the 2017 golf season. I wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year!

– Michael A. Montigny, Valley CC





The Valley Country Club Story

By Paul Kenyon

The streak of holding the State Amateur Championship at a course with a special history will continue in 2016 for the RIGA when the event moves to Valley Country Club.

The course at the top of the hill on the Warwick-West Warwick line is less than a decade away from celebrating its 100th anniversary. But it has been through much, including nearly closing down six years ago.

As has happened so often in recent years, club members saved the course, turning it from a member-owned to a privately owned facility. In this case, about 60 members formed a new ownership group, Valley CC Investors, LLC. It has worked out beautifully.

“We have zero debt. There is no assessment, no initiation. We’ve gotten 90 new members in the last year,” said Mike Montigny, who has served five terms as Valley president and now is the new president of the RIGA. “We are doing very well. The people who come love the course and love the food. I’ve had some of the new members come in and say it was best decision they ever made to come here.”

“Having the amateur here gives us a chance to show off our club,” Montigny said. “It’s really big for us. We want people to see our club.”

“Doing it in a year when one of Valley’s own is the association president makes it even more special. Montigny has been at Valley for 36 years. He grew up down the hill in West Warwick and is a Vietnam veteran. He joined the Marines after graduating from West Warwick High, then called Deering High. He was sent to Vietnam in 1966 and 1967 as a machine gunner operator at Red Beach and Khe Sahn. He was promoted to sergeant at age 21.

As with everyone who went to Vietnam, he survived numerous horrors. Just last year, he decided to write about his experiences. His book, “A Few Good Angels” was published last summer and has received high praise. It is different than most books about what happened in Vietnam in that it is uplifting. Montigny writes about he feels his faith helped save his life more than a dozen times.

Montigny is on the RIGA’s course-rating committee. He also has begun speaking to groups about his book and the Vietnam experience, including meeting with a Veterans group that spends time at the Button Hole course where RIGA headquarters are located.

LOCAL RULE: ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON THE PUTTING GREEN

WHAT IT MEANS: *The committee in charge of a competition or course now has the option to adopt a Local Rule that eliminates the penalty for **all** circumstances when a player, an opponent or either of their partners, caddies or equipment **accidentally** moves a ball or ball-marker on the putting green.*

HOW IT WORKS | The following are examples where the Local Rule would apply:

IF: When preparing to make a stroke, a player accidentally causes the ball to move...



THEN: No penalty, and the ball must be replaced.

IF: A player accidentally drops his/her ball, which hits and moves the ball-marker...



THEN: No penalty, and the ball-marker must be replaced.

IF: A player accidentally drops his/her ball-marker, which hits and moves the ball...



THEN: No penalty, and the ball must be replaced.

IF: A player accidentally kicks and moves his/her ball...



THEN: No penalty, and the ball must be replaced.

HOW IT DOESN'T WORK | The following are examples where the Local Rule would not apply:

IF: A player intentionally moves or lifts his/her ball on the putting green without first marking its location...

THEN: One-stroke penalty, and the ball must be replaced.

IF: A player accidentally moves his/her ball that is lying on the fairway, in the rough or in a bunker...

THEN: One-stroke penalty, and the ball must be replaced.





Davis Love III



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SALEM COUNTRY CLUB

History returns to Salem

The 38th U.S. Senior Open Championship is coming to Salem Country Club this summer, bringing the greatest names in the game to compete for the coveted U.S. Senior Open trophy. Watch your all time favorite Champions such as Fred Couples, Colin Montgomerie, Bernhard Langer and Tom Watson compete for this National Championship in your own backyard.

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U.S. Senior Open

Salem Country Club in Peabody, Massachusetts, site of five prior United States Golf Association (USGA) championships filled with drama and history-making moments, hosts its sixth national tournament June 26-July 2, the 38th United States Senior Open.

Gene Sauers will defend the title he won last summer at Scioto Country Club in Columbus, Ohio, with a five-foot par putt on the 72nd hole and a three-under-par 277 total, good for a one-stroke margin of victory over Miguel Angel Jimenez, who bogeyed the final hole, and Billy Mayfair.

Sauers' triumph was all the more special, his first Senior major win, considering he had quit competitive golf in 2005 and suffered a mysterious, life-threatening medical condition in 2011 that required seven weeks hospitalization before being properly diagnosed.

At one point he was told he had a twenty-five percent chance for survival. Once he received the proper diagnosis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, a rare disorder of the skin and mucous membranes that causes the skin on his extremities to burn from the inside out, he was on the road to a long recovery.

By 2012 he was eligible for the PGA Tour Champions and began a long competitive comeback. He knew he had his game back when he nearly won the 2014 U.S. Senior Open, squandering a three-shot lead with one round to go and losing a playoff to Colin Montgomerie.

Now he comes to New England to defend his title at Salem Country Club, like Scioto, one of Donald Ross's finest designs.

Less than a decade after opening in 1926, Salem was approached by the USGA about hosting the 1932 U.S. Women's

Amateur. The club obliged and Virginia Van Wie, a 23-year-old from Chicago, routed five-time titlist Glenna Collett Vare, 10 and 8, in the 36-hole final match. Van Wie tasted revenge in her one-sided triumph. In three previous U.S. Amateur meetings, Vare defeated Van Wie once in the semifinals and twice in the final. It was Van Wie's first of three consecutive U.S. Amateur titles.

The USGA returned twenty-two years later to stage the 1954 U.S. Women's Open in what proved to be one of the most historic U.S. Women's Opens ever. Babe Didrikson Zaharias, already a legend in American athletic circles, including golf, won her third and final Open fifteen months after major cancer surgery that required her living with a colostomy bag. The Babe routed the field by twelve strokes with a three-over 291 total in what continues to this day to be considered one of the great golfing accomplishments in USGA history involving men for women. Golf World magazine called her victory "the greatest sustained golf ever in a women's championship."

It was Zaharias's last great victory. She died two years later, at the age of 42.

Dale Morey won the 1977 U.S. Senior Amateur at Salem during a week plagued by rain. Morey was qualifying medalist for match play with a one-under 143, avoided elimination in his very first match with a holed-out wedge flop shot from behind No. 2 green for a 20-hole victory and beat defender Lew Oehmig in the title match, 4 and 3.

Impressed with everything about Salem CC, including the way the course drained so well during the week, the USGA considered Salem worthy of a second U.S. Women's Open for 1984.

More history was made when Hollis Stacy broke a three-way tie coming to the last hole with Amy Alcott and Rosie Jones, made the only par on the home hole and won her sixth USGA title with a 69 closing round and a 290 total.

Seventeen years later, in 2001, the club hosted its first USGA Senior Open – another doozie down the stretch – with Bruce Fleisher outlasting a group of challengers the last four holes, including Jack Nicklaus, to win the prestigious event with a level 280 aggregate. Nicklaus was tied for the lead with four holes to go but bogeyed Nos. 15 and 16 Sunday and finished two strokes back.

Following Fleisher, Jim Colbert and Gil Morgan were tied for the lead coming down the final hole, but neither could make birdie to pass Fleisher, nor make par to force a playoff.

Fleisher thus became only the third player to win the U.S. Open and U.S. Amateur, joining Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer in that unique class.

Another extraordinary competition is anticipated when the Senior Open is back on Salem CC soil this June.

Tickets for this once in a generation event are on sale now. Children 17 and under are admitted free of charge to the championship grounds when accompanied by a ticketed adult. Get behind the scenes of this national champion as a volunteer.

For more information about tickets and volunteering visit, www.2017ussenioropen.com.

A look back on the summer of '16



By: Paul Kenyon

The list of highlights in the 2016 RIGA season is lengthy and varied. Teenagers gave promise for a bright future, with Davis Chatfield becoming the first player ever to win the Junior and Amateur Championship in the same year. Patrick Welch earned a national reputation when he finished second in the PGA Junior Championship at Wannamoisett and then helped lead the United States to victory in the Junior Ryder Cup. Allison Paik won the girls Junior Amateur even before she reached high school.

Among the veterans, Paul Quigley continued to defy the calendar, shooting his age, or better, a half dozen times on the way to winning the Senior Player-of-the-Year award. Cancer survivor Deb Cyronak put together one of the most emotional stories of the year when she won the Senior Women's Championship.

Still, when Bob Ward recalls the year, one of the highlights came in the middle of the season, not because of one event but because so much happened.

"We had one of the men's majors, two sold out women's events and four of our weeklies, all in the same week," Ward recalled. "We had close to a thousand players in our events in one week. That has to be a record."

Ward reflected on the season at the RIGA's annual recognition dinner and banquet held at Valley Country Club. Valley is the home of the new president, Mike Montigny, who replaces Dr. Vincent Cavallaro, who will go down as one of the most active and visible presidents ever in association history.

Valley could stand as a symbol for the present day RIGA and how the association has changed with the times. It was only a few years ago when there was concern about Valley's survival as it was one of a number of clubs fighting for survival. But investors, led by club members, stepped up and saved the club. It is now privately owned and thriving. Valley is not alone. Actually, it is part of a growing trend.

"I think we have 26 private clubs, including the nine-holers, and I think seven of those are privately owned clubs," Ward pointed out. "It would not surprise me if 10 years from now we had nine or ten truly private member-owned clubs. It's the trend in our country. It's just the way it is."

"Here's an interesting statistic," Ward offered. "Back in the early 1960s, 75 percent of the clubs in America were private clubs and 25 percent were public. Today it's just the opposite, 75 percent of the clubs are public and 25 percent private. And it's going to continue to increase."

The times when golf was considered a rich man's game open only to a few are long gone.

"Those days are over. It's all about playing golf, letting people play golf and giving people access to all our wonderful courses. The days of, 'I'm a private player and you're a public player,' doesn't work in today's model," Ward said. "This year we had players qualifying for all kinds of regional and national events. More than ever, it seemed to me."

The director feels the RIGA is stable.

"I think from the men's point of view it's pretty flat. But I think there's plenty of room for growth with the women," Ward said. The decision to merge with the RIWGA has been a home run.

"In the first three years we've done it, it has increased every year and I don't see it being any different next year," Ward said. "We could get 200 or 300 more rounds of golf from the ladies next year, too."

Massachusetts recently announced that it is doing what Rhode Island did. The MGA will help the women's association run events next summer, and then fully merge the two organizations in 2018.

One thing that remains constant is the competition on the course. The highlight of the 2016 season had to be the sensational 38-hole title match in the Amateur with Chatfield completing a fabulous performance at Point Judith by outlasting 2015 champion Kevin Silva. It was the longest title match in Amateur history and one of the best.

"I think it was magnificent the way they conducted themselves," said president Cavallaro. "Those are two fine young men." Silva would receive some consolation by season's end. He played so well all year that he won both the Player of the Year and the Joseph J. Sprague Sr. Stroke Average championship.

Among the women, Laura Parziale earned the Player-of-the-Year Award and Jane Geary for the women's Net Player-of-the-Year Award. Sue Cavanagh captured the Women's Amateur before heading off to Oregon State where she has gotten her career there off to a strong start.

It was Cyronak who provided one of the most dramatic finishes of the year. She looked as if she was on her way to a special career two decades ago. She won numerous titles, including the RIWGA Championship in 2002. However, twice she was forced to the sidelines for extended periods by battles with cancer. Cyronak refused to quit, returned and won the RIGA Mixed Team Championship with Ed Kennedy in both 2010 and 2011.

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In late August at the Women's Senior Amateur at Potowomut, she birdied the 18th hole to tie defending champion and two-time former Amateur winner Lisa Griffin McGill for the title with a 76. Cyronak then won the championship on the second playoff hole. The event produced memorable champions in all three divisions. Kibbe Reilly won the Super Seniors with an 80 and Hall of Famer Nancy Chaffee romped to the Legends Division crown with a 78.

The Senior men also produced lots of drama. Quigley and George Pirie continued their career-long jousts right to the end of the season. Both turned in terrific late-season efforts. Quigley closed out the season with another memorable chapter in his one-of-a-kind career. First, he qualified for the US Senior Amateur Championship St. Louis. He did it by shooting his age, 71, and earning medalist honors in qualifying held at New England Country Club.



2016 RIGA CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

18th John P. Burke Memorial – Gross Division May 3-4: Newport CC & Wanutonomy G&CC

1	Brad Valois, Metacomet CC	66-72—138
2	Bobby Leopold, Wannamoisett CC	71-72—143
3	Kevin Blaser, Metacomet CC	76-68—144
T4	Billy Forcier, Wannamoisett CC	74-71—145
	Kevin Silva, Montaup CC	71-74—145

18th John P. Burke Memorial – Net Division May 3-4: Newport CC & Wanutonomy G&CC

1	Richard Salzman, North Kingstown GC	74-68—142
T2	Mark Steffy, Cranston CC	74-70—144
	Joe Park, Triggs Memorial GC	73-71—144
4	Jerry Drummond, North Kingstown GC	73-72—145

23rd Ed Perry Senior Four-Ball Championship – Gross Division May 9-10: Alpine CC

1	Tom Acciaro & Dr. George Pirie	71-67—138
T2	Paul Quigley & Mike Soucy	71-69—140
	Norm Levesque & Don Wright	68-72—140
T4	Paul Couture & Gary Palmer	73-70—143
	Joe Hassett & Herb Stevens	72-71—143

23rd Ed Perry Senior Four-Ball Championship – Net Division May 17-18: Crestwood CC

1	**Ronald Renzi & Tony Vecchio**	65-60—125
2	Curt D'Aguanno & Matt Mainelli	60-65—125
3	Gianfranco Chicarella & Kenneth Ferrara Sr	67-59—126

Won on first playoff hole

67th Four-Ball Championship May 23-24: Carnegie Abbey Club & Newport National GC

1	Tyler Cooke & Bobby Leopold	62-65—127
T2	Dave Carvara & Kevin Silva	67-65—132
	Kyle Hoffman & Ryan Pelletier	66-66—132
	Billy Forcier & Michael Philipp	64-68—132

111th Amateur Championship June 27th-July 1st: Point Judith CC

Qualifying Results

1	Eric Marchetti, Metacomet CC	74-69—143
2	Cameron Andrade, Rhode Island CC	73-72—145
3	Bobby Leopold, Wannamoisett CC	75-71—146

Quarterfinals

Eric Marchetti, Metacomet CC (1) def.
Ryan Pelletier, Pawtucket CC (8), 3 & 1
Kevin Silva, Montaup CC (5) def.
Johnny Hayes IV, Newport CC (4), 3&2
Davis Chatfield, Wannamoisett CC (23) def.
Cameron Andrade, Rhode Island CC (2), 3&2
Jason Short, Point Judith CC (6) def.
Bobby Leopold, Wannamoisett CC (3), 2 Up

Semifinals

Kevin Silva, Montaup CC (5) def.
Eric Marchetti, Metacomet CC (1), 3 & 2
Davis Chatfield, Wannamoisett CC (23) def.
Jason Short, Point Judith CC (6), 20 Holes

Finals

Davis Chatfield, Wannamoisett CC (23) def.
Kevin Silva, Montaup CC (5), 38 Holes

76th Mixed Foursomes Championship July 18-20: Kirkbrae CC

Championship Division

Dean & Laura Parziale (Metacomet CC) def.
Peter & Karen Lyons (Rhode Island CC), 6 & 5

First Division

Bill Henry & Debra Olsson (West Warwick CC) def.
Joe Calabro & Jane Byrne (Kirkbrae CC), 4 & 3

Second Division

Stephen Sullivan & Karen Adams-Mauro (Point Judith CC) def.
Paul & Doreen Martin (Crestwood CC), 19 Holes

Third Division

John & Diana Wilcox (Wanutonomy G&CC) def.
Ken & Pat Lewis (Glocester CC), 5 & 3

33rd Stroke Play Championship July 25-26: Agawam Hunt

1	Kevin Silva, Montaup CC	70-68-65—203
2	Brad Valois, Metacomet CC	66-69-70—205
3	Kyle Hoffman, Pawtucket CC	66-74-70—210
4	Tyler Cooke, Potowomut GC	71-73-68—212

2016 RIGA CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

23rd Mid-Amateur Championship

August 15-16: Metacomet CC

1	Bobby Leopold, Wannamoisett CC	66-68—134
2	Brad Valois, Metacomet CC	67-70—137
3	Dr. George Pirie, Valley CC	67-72—139
4	Jason Kalin, Metacomet CC	69-71—140

85th Rhode Island Open Championship

August 30-September 1: Kirkbrae CC

1	Jeffrey Evanier, Clinton CC	65-69-68—202
2	Jason Thresher, Ellington Ridge CC	74-67-63—204
3	Cole Wilcox, Merion GC	68-70-69—207

58th Senior Amateur Championship – Gross Division

September 13-14: Triggs Memorial GC

1	Paul Quigley, Swansea CC	74-72—146
2	Tom Acciaro Sr, Agawam Hunt	73-74—147
T3	Eric Ahlborg, Warwick CC	79-70—149
	Dean Parziale, Metacomet CC	74-75—149

58th Senior Amateur Championship – Net Division

September 13-14: Triggs Memorial GC

1	Steven Heath, Jamestown GC	70-69—139
2	Steve Sampson, Crestwood CC	68-72—140
3	Karl Augenstein, Triggs Memorial GC	69-72—141

2016 Robert Mulligan Interclub Team Championship

September 15: Pawtucket CC

Team Champions: Pawtucket CC – Brian Donahue, Kyle Hoffman, Daniel Boutelle, Ryan Pelletier and Chris O'Neill

1	Pawtucket CC	286
2	Metacomet CC	292
3	Crestwood CC	297

Individual Medalists: Kyle Hoffman (Pawtucket CC) & Joe Tucker (Potowomut GC)

10th Annual RIGA Weekly Invitational Net Championship

October 17: Crestwood CC

1	Thomas Zimmerman, Metacomet CC	42
2	Frank Clemente, Pinecrest GC	40
T3	Sid Wordell, Montaup CC	39
	David Nuttall Sr, Melody Hill GC	39

*Net Stableford Points Scoring

83rd Tri-State Matches

October 18-19: Rhode Island CC

Rhode Island Team: Tom Acciaro, Paul Quigley, Dr. George Pirie, Dean Parziale, Billy Forcier, Brad Valois, John Hayes IV, Kyle Hoffman, Kevin Silva, Ryan Pelletier, Kevin Blaser, Bobby Leopold

Final Point Totals: Massachusetts (56 ½), Rhode Island (54 ½), Connecticut (51)

2016 Men's Player of the Year

1	Kevin Silva, Montaup CC	1030
2	Brad Valois, Metacomet CC	905
3	Bobby Leopold, Wannamoisett CC	850
4	Davis Chatfield, Wannamoisett CC	475
5	Kyle Hoffman, Pawtucket CC	455



Men's Senior Player of the Year

1	Paul Quigley, Swansea CC	777
2	Dean Parziale, Metacomet CC	410
3	Dr. George Pirie, Valley CC	333
4	Tom Acciaro Sr, Agawam Hunt	290

2016 RIGA CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Rhode Island vs. Connecticut

June 2: Hartford GC

Rhode Island Team: Leand, Foss, Bullock, Cavanagh, Clancy, DiDonato, Diemoz, Cyronack, Keough, Corio, Reilly, Chaffee, White, Field, Ferrara, Jackson and MacLeod

Final Point Totals: Rhode Island (217 ½) def. Connecticut (214 ½)

Four-Ball Championship

June 6-7: Wanumetonomy G&CC

1	Dottie Maher & Judy Naugle	30 ½
2	Nancy Cloud & Nancy O'Neill	25 ½
T3	Martha Clancy & Deb Cyronack	25
	Sandy Gertz & Jennifer Moretti	25
	Sandy Crevier & Judy Horton	25

Amateur Championship

June 20-24: Sakonnet GC

Qualifying Results

1	Susan Cavanagh, Agawam Hunt	68
2	Caroline Farber, Agawam Hunt	73
3	Kibbe Reilly, Wannamoisett CC	75

Julie Green Cup

Susan Cavanagh, Agawam Hunt def. Daria Delfino, Alpine CC, 2 & 1

President's Bowl

Rebecca Moniz, Potowomut GC def. Lisa Ferrara, Wannamoisett CC, 1 Up

Past President's Bowl

Georgia Allen, Wannamoisett CC def. Jane Lippincott, Wanumetonomy G&CC, 3 & 2

Junior-Senior

July 5: Ledgesmont CC

1	Kibbe Reilly & Nancy Diemoz	72
2	Starr Daniels & Marilyn Weigner	74
3	Jo Ann Jackson & Deb Cyronack	76
4	Jane Geary & Annie Corio	77

Senior Amateur Championship

August 31: Potowomut GC

1	**Deb Cyronack, Potowomut GC**	76
	Lisa Giffin-McGill, The Misquamicut Club	76
3	Kay Bullock, Montaup CC	80
4	Robyn Catley, Ledgesmont CC	84

President's Team

September 13: Point Judith CC

Gross

1	Laura Parziale, Metacomet CC & Tonia Mason, Triggs Memorial GC	84
2	Nancy Chaffee, Rhode Island CC & Virginia McGinn, Warwick CC	86

Net

1	Christina Anderson, North Kingstown GC & Maureen Mossey, North Kingstown GC	69
2	Debra Olsson, West Warwick CC & Debra Iafrazi, West Warwick CC	70

Elizabeth 'Lib' McLoughlin Interclub Net Team Championship

September 27: Agawam Hunt

1	Wannamoisett CC (1)	214
T2	Wannamoisett CC (2)	216
	Triggs Memorial GC (1)	216
4	Potowomut GC	217

TEAM MATCHES RESULTS

Association Bowl, Wannamoisett CC

Jane Geary, Annie Corio, Angel MacLeod, Lisa Ferrara, Linda Duffel, Maura Thursby, and Karen Gladney

Baker Bowl, Quidnessett CC

Sandy Gertz, Ashley St. Amand, Pat Carney, Lisa Heinzelman, Kim Schold and Grace Smith

Fernald Bowl, Potowomut GC

Liz Goodermote, Sue Fryc, Janice Mignanelli, Judy Horton, Sandy Crevier, Catherine Lombardi and Lynn Malloney

MacColl Cup, Rhode Island CC

Cherry Cumming, Sally Cregan, Deborah Barton, Sandy Stamoulis, Nancy Mayer, Tina Carr and Lyn Chapman

2016 Women's Net Player of the Year

1	Jane Geary	Wannamoisett CC	520
2	Georgia Allen	Wannamoisett CC	496
3	Rebecca Moniz	Potowomut GC	432



2016 Women's Player Of The Year

1	Laura Parziale	Metacomet CC	687
2	Susan Cavanagh	Agawam Hunt	624
3	Kibbe Reilly	Wannamoisett CC	575
4	Kay Bullock	Montaup CC	506
5	Jane Geary	Wannamoisett CC	500

JUNIORS RESULTS

RIGA Family Day July 11-12: Metacomet CC

Junior Division Results

Boy's Division

Gross: Dan & Zachary Najarian

Net: Bruce Bookbinder & Ryan Marcantonio

Girl's Division

Gross: Ed & Marissa Kirby

Net: Bruce Bookbinder & Lora Marcantonio

Senior Division Results

Men's Division

Gross: Michael & Joe Miozza

Net: Michael & Joe Miozza

Women's Division

Gross: Arthur & Faith Rose Fiorenzano

Net: Arthur & Faith Rose Fiorenzano

2016 New England Junior Amateur Invitational August 15-17: Cochecho CC

1	Massachusetts	1047
2	Connecticut	1082
3	Rhode Island	1084
4	Maine	1106
5	New Hampshire	1108
6	Vermont	1118

Team Rhode Island: Davis Chatfield, Patrick Welch, Joe Tucker, Jesse Boog, Ryan Malloy, Sean Irons and Colin Sutyla

2016 Junior Player of the Year

1	Davis Chatfield Wannamoisett CC	865
2	Joe Tucker Potowomut GC	680
3	Patrick Welch Providence, RI	675
4	Colin Sutyla Potowomut GC	385

95th Junior Amateur Championship, August 1-4: Pawtucket CC

Boys' Division

Qualifying Results

1	Colin Sutyla, Potowomut GC	67
2	Davis Chatfield, Wannamoisett GC	68
3	Joe Tucker, Potowomut GC	71

Championship Division

Quarterfinals

Colin Sutyla, Potowomut GC (1) def. Jack Steckler, Rhode Island CC (8), 6 & 5

Joe Tucker, Potowomut GC (4) def. J. Brendan Fay, Barrington, RI (12), 4 & 3

Davis Chatfield, Wannamoisett CC (2) def. Jesse Boog, Wanutemotomy G&CC (10), 4 & 6

Patrick Welch, Providence, RI (3) def. Ryan Malloy, Potowomut GC (6), 5 & 3

Semifinals

Joe Tucker, Potowomut GC (4) def. Colin Sutyla, Potowomut GC (1), 2 & 1

Patrick Welch, Providence, RI (3) def. Davis Chatfield, Wannamoisett CC (2), 2 & 1

Finals

Patrick Welch, Providence, RI (3) def. Joe Tucker, Potowomut GC (4), 4 & 2

First Division

Finals

James Burke Jr., Potowomut GC (11) def. Stephen Vye, Green Valley CC (5), 3 & 2

Second Division

Finals

Christian Sorensen, Glocester CC (1) def. Peter Kazounis, Crestwood CC (2), 1 Up

Girls' Division

Qualifying Results

1	Allison Paik, Ledge mont CC	75
2	Courtney Breen, Rhode Island CC	80
3	Addy Douglas, Newport CC	81

Championship Division

Quarterfinals

Allison Paik, Ledge mont CC (1) def. Marissa Isabella, Kirkbrae CC (9), 3 & 2

Lauren Dohoney, Alpine CC (4) def. Alana McGuinness, Bristol, RI (5), 8 & 6

Courtney Breen, Rhode Island CC (2) def. Ava Santamaria, Alpine CC (7), 9 & 7

Addy Douglas, Newport CC (3) def. Jaclyn Levesque, Valley CC (6), 6 & 5

Semifinals

Allison Paik, Ledge mont CC (1) def. Lauren Dohoney, Alpine CC (4), 5 & 4

Addy Douglas, Newport CC (3) def. Courtney Breen, Rhode Island CC (2)

Finals

Allison Paik, Ledge mont CC (1) def. Addy Douglas, Newport CC (3)

2017 Weekly Invitational Program

Registration for the 2017 RIGA Weekly Invationals will be the same process as it has been in recent years. The program is open to all members of a RIGA member club and players are required to sign up as a foursome. The designated captain will be the contact for each group. Captains are asked to ensure that each player join the RIGA member program before the first event. When completing the registration form please include the email address of each player in the group. This will help with communication in the event something changes for a given weekly. **The only applications that will be considered are those that arrive via U.S. Postal Service Mail postmarked no earlier than March 1st.** Tee times will range from 7:30-1:30. If early groups cannot keep pace the RIGA reserves the right to assign that group a later time.

The Stableford scoring system will again be used in an effort to speed up play for each round. The top 15 players, the highest point totals, from each round will accumulate points toward the Weekly Net Championship (October 17-Valley CC). Again, players will collect points for each hole with a net double bogey being the limit. Gift certificates for each weekly will be distributed by GROSS Stableford points within your handicap division. Points for the Weekly Net Championship will still be the top 15 NET Stableford point totals for each weekly. To be eligible for the Weekly Net Championship a player must turn in a card for four of the six weeklies. Players are not obligated to participate in the “point’s race”, but may choose to play in the weekly program on a noncompetitive basis. Groups need to check in with the RIGA representative when ready to play. Any substitute players need to be changed so accurate scoring can take place. All scorecards should be turned into the golf shop once play is complete. The RIGA will again be posting all scores to the GHIN system.

The fee to participate in the Weekly Invitational program packages for 2017 will be \$1500.00 per package or \$375.00 per player and includes cart fees for each event. Credit cards will again be accepted as a form of payment, Visa or MasterCard only. Please complete the registration form completely if a credit card is used as the form of payment. If a group would like to participate in multiple packages please indicate in the check box located on the bottom of the registration form. Packages are distributed on a first come first serve basis and multiple packages will be given out once everyone participating gets one package. Due to oversubscriptions in various packages in 2016, groups who received their second or third choices will be given first preferences in 2017. **The sign-up period will begin on March 1st. Any mail postmarked prior to March 1st will be returned. No USPS Express Mail will be accepted that was initiated prior to March 1st.** “Walk-ins” to the RIGA office are NOT permitted. The RIGA office will inform the captains by mail & e-mail in late March.

Package 1

M	May 15	Agawam Hunt
Tu	May 30	Alpine CC
M	June 19	Green Valley CC
M	July 17	Triggs Memorial GC
Tu	Sept 12	Pawtucket CC
W	Oct 4	Sakonnet GC

Package 2

Tu	May 9	Pawtucket CC
M	May 22	Point Judith CC
M	Aug 7	Metacomet CC
M	Aug 21	Cranston CC
Tu	Sept 5	Potowomut GC
M	Sept 18	Wanumetonomy G&CC

Package 3

M	May 8	Rhode Island CC
Tu	May 23	Wannamoisett CC
Tu	June 13	Exeter CC
M	July 24	Montaup CC
Tu	Aug 29	Crestwood CC
Tu	Sept 19	Agawam Hunt

Package 4

Tu	April 25	Ledgemont CC
Tu	May 16	Potowomut GC
Tu	June 13	Quinnatisset CC
Tu	July 11	Crestwood CC
Tu	Aug 8	Fenner Hill GC
M	Sept 25	Carnegie Abbey

Package 5

M	April 24	Quidnessett CC
Th	May 18	The Misquamicut Club
M	July 10	Crystal Lake GC
Tu	August 15	Kirkbrae CC
M	Aug 28	Swansea CC
Tu	Sept 26	Warwick CC

Weekly Invitational Net Championship

Tu	Oct 17	Valley CC
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2017 RIGA WEEKLY INVITATIONAL APPLICATION

Please clip or copy and mail to the RIGA office not postmarked earlier than **Wednesday, March 1st.**

Packages are \$1500 per foursome per package. Includes cart fees.

Captain's Name _____ Club Affiliation _____
Captain's Email _____ GHIN# _____
Captain's Telephone (day) _____ (eve) _____ (cell) _____
Captain's Address _____
STREET CITY, STATE ZIP
Captain's Visa/Mastercard Number _____ (expiration date) _____
Captain's Signature if paying by Credit Card _____

Please include information for additional players.

Player 1 _____ Club Affiliation _____
Email _____ Tel _____ GHIN# _____
Address _____
STREET CITY, STATE ZIP
Visa/Mastercard Number _____ (exp date) _____ Signature _____

Player 2 _____ Club Affiliation _____
Email _____ Tel _____ GHIN# _____
Address _____
STREET CITY, STATE ZIP
Visa/Mastercard Number _____ (exp date) _____ Signature _____

Player 3 _____ Club Affiliation _____
Email _____ Tel _____ GHIN# _____
Address _____
STREET CITY, STATE ZIP
Visa/Mastercard Number _____ (exp date) _____ Signature _____

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WRITE PACKAGE NUMBER IN SPACE NEXT TO CORRESPONDING CHOICE

First Choice _____ Second Choice _____ Third Choice _____

TEE TIMES

7:30 - 7:56 _____ 8:04 - 8:30 _____ 8:38 - 9:04 _____ 9:12 - 9:38 _____ 9:46-10:12 _____
10:20-10:46 _____ 10:54-11:20 _____ 11:28-11:54 _____ 12:02-12:36 _____ 12:45-1:15 _____

Would you like to participate in additional packages? Yes No

TO REGISTER: Visit www.rigalinks.org, - **OR** -
Mail this completed form and either a check payable to RIGA, or Visa/Mastercard number(s).
If mailing credit card information, please be sure to sign above to authorize credit card payment.

One Button Hole Drive, Providence, RI 02909

Envelopes postmarked prior to Wednesday, March 1st, 2017 will be returned unopened.

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112th Amateur Championship
Valley CC, July 10-14!

2017 MEN'S TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	TOURNAMENT	CLUB	ENTRIES CLOSE
May 2-3	John P. Burke Memorial (Net)	Newport CC, Wanumetonomy G&CC	4/19
May 9-10	John P. Burke Memorial (Gross)	Point Judith CC, Shelter Harbor GC	4/26
May 16	USGA Open Qualifying	Newport CC	4/26
May 23-24	Four-Ball Championship	Kirkbrae CC	5/10
May 30-31	Senior Four-Ball (Gross)	Green Valley CC	5/17
June 6-7	Senior Four-Ball (Net)	Agawam Hunt	5/24
June 7	Amateur Championship Qualifying	Cranston CC	5/30
June 12	Mixed Multi Format	Exeter CC	6/5
June 14	Amateur Championship Qualifying	Fenner Hill GC	5/30
June 21-24	Northeast Amateur	Wannamoissett CC	Invitational
June 26	Amateur Championship Qualifying	North Kingstown GC	5/30
June 26-28	Mixed Foursomes	Crestwood CC	6/19
June 27	New England Amateur Qualifier	Agawam Hunt	6/11
July 6	USGA Amateur Qualifying	Alpine CC	6/21
July 10-14	Amateur Championship	Valley CC	5/30
July 11	RIGA Family Day (Jr. Division)	Pawtucket CC	6/28
July 18	RIGA Family Day (Sr. Division)	Pawtucket CC	7/5
July 18-20	New England Amateur	Metacomet CC (RI)	6/11
July 25-26	Stroke Play Championship	Pawtucket CC	7/12
July 31-Aug 2	Rhode Island Open	Ledgemont CC	7/19
Aug 7-11	Junior Amateur Championship	Agawam Hunt	8/1
Aug 9	Mixed Stroke Play	Green Valley CC	8/2
Aug 14-16	New England Junior	Manchester CC (NH)	Invitational
Aug 28-29	Mid-Amateur Championship	Carnegie Abbey	8/16
Sept 12-13	New England Seniors	Wethersfield CC (CT)	8/3
Sept 13	USGA Four-Ball Qualifying	Kirkbrae CC	8/16
Sept 25-26	Senior Amateur (Gross/Net)	Montaup CC	9/13
Sept 27	Mulligan Interclub Team Championship	Agawam Hunt	9/13
Oct 12-13	Tri-State Matches	Silver Spring CC (CT)	Invitational

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2017 WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE



2017 Women's Amateur
Rhode Island CC
July 31-August 4!

DATE	TOURNAMENT	CLUB	ENTRIES CLOSE
May 2	Best Ball of 4	Shelter Harbor GC	4/24
May 16	Best Ball of 2	Kirkbrae CC	5/9
May 17	Best Ball of 4	The Misquamicut Club	5/10
May 22	2 Best Ball of 4	Warwick CC	5/15
May 24	Best Ball of 2	Newport CC	5/17
June 1	RI vs CT	Valley CC	5/15
June 6	Four-Ball Championship	Wanumetonomy G&CC	5/30
June 12	Mixed Multi Format	Exeter CC	6/5
June 13	Texas Scramble	Pawtucket CC	6/6
June 19	2 Best Ball Front 9/Best Ball Back 9	Montaup CC	6/12
June 20	Lib McLoughlin Net Team Championship	Alpine CC	6/13
June 21-22	Girl's Junior Tri-States	Hop Meadow CC (CT) Invitational	
June 26-28	77th Mixed Foursomes	Crestwood CC	6/19
July 5	Stroke Play	Ledgemont CC	6/28
July 10	1 Best Ball Even / 2 Best Ball Odd	Quidnessett CC	7/3
July 10-12	NEWGA	Hop Meadow CC (CT)	6/26
July 11	RIGA Family Day (Junior Division)	Pawtucket CC	6/28
July 18	RIGA Family Day (Senior Division)	Pawtucket CC	7/5
July 31-Aug 4	Women's Amateur Championship	Rhode Island CC	7/20
Aug 7-Aug 11	Junior Amateur Championship	Agawam Hunt	8/1
Aug 9	Mixed Stroke Play	Green Valley CC	8/2
Aug 21	Senior Amateur Championship	Metacomet CC	8/14
Sept 5	Junior/Senior	Newport National GC	8/28
Sept 12	Best Ball 4	Point Judith CC	9/5
Sept 19	President's Team	Carnegie Abbey	9/12
Sept 26	123 Best Ball (1 par 5/2 par 4/3 par 3)	Agawam Hunt	9/19
Sept 26-28	USGA State Team Championship	The Club at Las Campanas, Santa Fe, NM	Invitational
Oct 3-5	Endicott Cup	Potowomut GC (RI)	9/15
Oct 3	2 Best Ball of 4	Wannamoisett CC	9/26
Oct 5	Best Ball of 2	Sakonnet GC	9/28

Team Matches: July 18 & 25, August 15, 22 & 29

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