

## Gill Glides Through Heat to Win 2<sup>nd</sup> ECI !!!



**DEVENS, Mass.** – After a three year hiatus from the Endicott College Invitational, and then scores of 81 and 75 in 2008 and 2009, you just knew sooner or later that Brian Gill was going to win his second ECI. Well, that he did on a scorching Sunday afternoon yesterday at Red Tail Golf Club. Gill tied John Dailey’s previous tournament record of 74 to outlast Alex Lawner by two shots. “I played really solid today,” said Gill afterwards. “The greens had me spooked early on, but once I got into a rhythm, I was able to adjust and make a few putts.” Birdies on holes 9, 10, 13, and 17 propelled Gill to victory over runner-up Lawner who carded a 76. Lawner, playing in the final group, was tied with Gill at 2-over par with two holes to play, but bogeys on 17 and 18 saw any hope of winning his first ECI fade away. It was Lawner’s highest finish in Devens and he was pleased with his round. “I really am pretty excited about how I played today. I knew coming in that I had a shot at possibly winning this thing. I wasn’t nervous at all, just made a couple of poor swings down the stretch.” Gill was leaking a little oil coming in, but managed to hit clutch shots, and get some lucky bounces along the way. On the 9<sup>th</sup> tee, Gill rifled his drive into the 1<sup>st</sup>-hole waste area. He then hit the shot of the tournament and launched a 7-iron to 10 feet and made birdie. On the 17<sup>th</sup> hole, he hit another leaking drive headed for another waste area when it caromed off a rock and landed 5-feet in front of the green where he would go on the make birdie. “Sometimes when you win a golf tournament, you get those kinds of breaks,” said Gill. “I’ve had those things go against me plenty of times as well.” Ken Tessier flies back to Georgia once again without his first ECI. Maybe the most consistent player in the field over the years, Tessier shot 78 and tied three-time champion Nick Turczak for third. Defending champion John Dailey struggled with an 80, while Justin McLear managed to hang in and shoot 80 as well, finishing tied for fifth, his highest finish in four years. Inaugural champion Ken Dargon shot a 92, while Matt Davis did not finish. Many thought he would compete this week. Josh Clark had his career ECI low with a 95.

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