

# ***2010 "ECI Week" Diary Entry***

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MERIDEN, Conn. – I'm going to take this opportunity to provide a continuation of my diary from last year because since last year's ECI, a lot has happened on, and off, the golf course.

You may recall that I was out of work for quite some time. Well, just before the 2009 ECI, that ended and I finally got back to the grind. Then, literally a week after opening a cardboard box to hand over a second ECI trophy to John Dailey, I was opening a suede box with a glistening diamond ring – yes, I took the plunge and as you would expect, the planning began: when, where, and most importantly...how???\$\$\$???

Jen and I will wed less than four months from now on Friday August 20, 2010. And just when you thought planning and listening to a baby bridezilla everyday wasn't enough? Well, it wasn't enough. Yes, the house search began, simultaneously to planning this wedding stuff; and we found one and bought one and will be moving in at the end of May, back in my hometown of South Windsor.

But...there was *always* room for golf. I still played in 2009 as much as I could and if you would have said to me that I would win a "major" championship in 2009, I would have said you're crazy. But it happened. On July 26, 2009, I ham-'n-egged it with Colin Dailey (yes, John's brother) to win the 2009 H. Smith Richardson Golf Course Member-Member Net Championship on the second playoff hole in front of 40 men's club members on the 18<sup>th</sup> green! It was my first major crown and it was an awesome feeling! I was awarded a trophy at the winter meeting and our names were engraved on the wall plaque inside the club house.

Baby steps, baby steps – but let's keep this championship train going!



***Colin Dailey and Marc Zirolli***

**2009 HSR Member-Member Net Champions**