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Woodward Out; Barnes In for ECI - Round One Pairings Released

SOUTH WINDSOR, Conn. – As ECI tournament officials finalize plans for a milestone weekend, changes can, and may, occur – as expected.

On Monday, Pete Woodward announced that he will withdraw from the 10th-annual rendition of this event due to undisclosed reasons. Woodward, a great friend of ECI participants and solid southpaw, expressed his disappointment, but indicated that it was the right thing to do and hopes to be back in 2013. "I wish the boys my very best," said Woodward from his home in Georgetown, Mass. "Golf is my life outside of work and home, but I just could not commit this year for a two-day event. I can't wait to be back next year!"

Also on the final day of April and a year removed from the ECI, Matt Barnes officially committed to the 2012 ECI, stating that a stunning schedule change has allowed him to break away for the weekend, enabling him a chance to win his first ECI. "Being able to announce my presence at this year's ECI just made my year, said Barnes via WIFI from his flight on Delta Airlines as he returns home from a food and beverage mission in The Sudan. "I'm pumped to see the guys, I'm pumped to play golf at two great courses...I'm – I'm just pumped, man!"

PAIRINGS RELEASED

Please note that the official pairings for <u>Round One</u> have been released and posted to the ECI website. Tournament entry has closed and these are the pairings as we worked diligently to fulfill all requests to the best of our ability. The reason why tournament entry has closed is because if Carl Bean and Pete Woodward play on Sunday – for fun – we will have 16 players. Also please note: the pairings will be reshuffled at the conclusion of Round One in preparation of <u>Round Two</u> based on scores, from highest to lowest, just like on Tour. Please prepare to play with others whom you may never have played with before. This is a tournament and this is how it's going to be to maintain the integrity of the Rules of Golf, so thank you in advance for your cooperation.

BLACKSTONE NATIONAL – News and Notes

- Greens were aerated on Wednesday, April 18.
- \$54 dollars that includes your greens fees, cart, and range balls.
- Please note our new starting time for Saturday: 12:30 PM.
- Dinner immediately following in the Blackstone restaurant for scorecard posts, reshuffling of pairings for Sunday's round, and The Kentucky Derby.



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RED TAIL GOLF CLUB - News and Notes

- Greens were aerated on Monday, April 23.
- \$45 dollars that includes your greens fees and range balls. Cart is EXTRA!!!
- Please note that our starting time on Sunday at Red Tail: 2:00 PM
- Group picture, trophy presentation and dinner immediately following in the Red Tail restaurant.