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A Perfect Foursome; Dailey Captures 4th Title!!!



NORTHBRIDGE, Mass. – After being 6-over par through three holes of play last Saturday at the 12th Annual ECI, John Dailey might as well got in his car and drove home. Little did he know that he would go on to birdie five holes en route to an inconsistent round of 78, enough for his 4th title. Dailey birdied the last two holes to beat Brian Gill and Nick Turczak by two shots, who both fired 80 respectively. “Very surprised to win,” stated Dailey after the round. “I don’t think I played very well today. Lots of birdies, but too many big numbers.” Shining Rock, which proved as a tricky new venue for the championship yielded some high scoring on a perfect spring day. Marc Zirolli and Josh Clark shot 107, one of the higher rounds we’ve seen in a long time. Defending champion Justin McLear shot 86, while hopeful Alex Lawner failed to break 90. McLear, who was a favorite to repeat, said he blames no one but himself for the poor performance. “I can’t attribute the bad round to all of the expectations a defending champion has to endure. It was a long week filled with media requests and appearances, but that is no excuse for my poor play.” The tournament staff is already in negotiations with Shining Rock to return for next year and trying to lock in a new five-year deal as host course. Shining Rock seems to agree. Regardless, another ECI is in the books.