

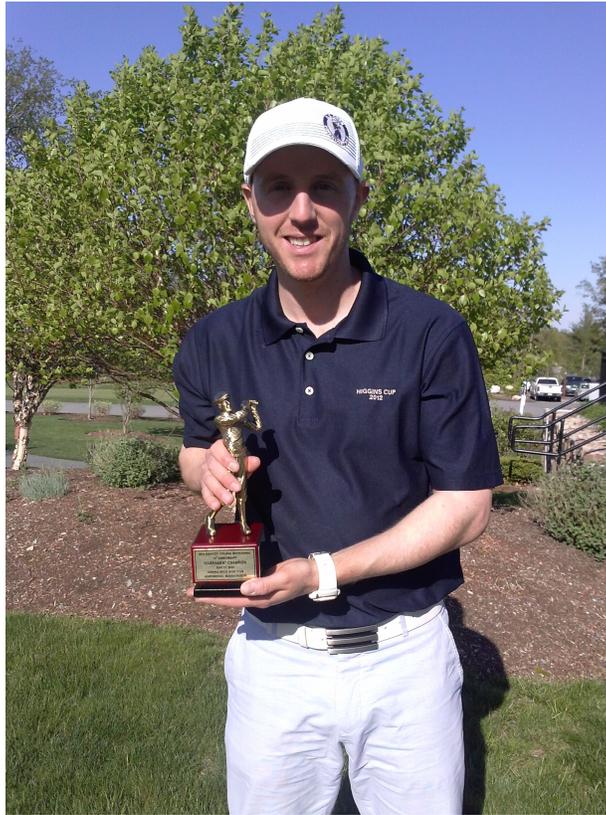


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2015 Champion's Corner

With 2014 Defending Champion, John Dailey



John, on behalf of the Endicott College Invitational, our valued sponsors and supporting fans, we are delighted to not only have you here for a pre-ECI interview – and as co-chairman, no less – but also to have you back once again in arguably one of the best fields of amateur golf.

Your body or work and dedication over the years have certainly paid off for you, and your incredible round last year at Shining Rock was nothing short of dominating. You are a valued member of this select group and we are looking forward to having you back year after year. So let's get down to it!



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MZ: John, the ECI is an opportunity for players to put on display their current state of their game of golf amongst good friends and past teammates. How important is it for you to put on a good showing at this event?

JD: As always it's great to see former teammates and friends, but I think guys still want to go out and compete and beat each other. We are all competitors, and no one wants to go out and stink it up when we get the chance to play once a year.

MZ: You've at long last, earned your first ECI crown at a venue other than Red Tail. How will you prepare now that the target is once again, on your back?

JD: Well I've been fortunate enough to win this championship four times, so I'm no stranger to having this so called "target" on my back. I'm just looking forward to going out and having some fun. Hopefully the weather is good and I get myself in the mix on the back nine Sunday.

MZ: This year's event reignites a new era at Red Tail. You've played it and several times. Does playing this course before yield an advantage for you?

JD: I don't think this course gives an advantage to anyone. You can make birdies out there, but you can make the big number easy as well if you're not careful. I really love the golf course though. I have since we started playing there.

MZ: If you had to choose two players that will be in contention this year, who are they? In your opinion, who has the greatest chance of winning their first ECI?

JD: I think Justin McLear is getting better and better, and he won back in 2013 so he's got the confidence to know he can go out and get the job done, and certainly Brian Gill is always in the mix. As for someone who could win their first, I think Matt Gajda or Matt Barnes have a good shot.

MZ: It seems that just about every amateur golfer is involved in some type of fun event every year with friends or colleagues. Is the ECI something you always have circled on your calendar?

JD: Yes, this is a great event. I do think the weekend has lost some of its magic in recent years, but that's OK. It's great we can come together for a fun round!

MZ: From what I've observed, your golf game has improved since college, would you agree? Why?



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JD: Hard work and a love of the game and a love to compete.

MZ: What's going on off the golf course, John?

JD: Well as some may know I completed year two of head varsity basketball coach at Fairfield Ludlowe High School. We had a terrific season....17-7 and a run to the state tournament quarterfinals. I was also name coach of the year in our conference. It was a run I will never forget. Beyond that, still teaching and just enjoying life.

MZ: Thanks, John! We are looking forward to seeing you on the 17th of May for the 13th annual ECI. Best of luck!

JD: Appreciate it Marc!