

## **Fantastic Five! Tough Turczak Finds a Way**

DEVENS, Mass. – On a day when four-time ECI champion Brian Gill looked like he was going to run away with another title, it was Nick Turczak who pulled a rabbit out of his hat down the stretch to steal the championship away from Gill for his fifth title, the most in tournament history.

“I’m a little stunned to be honest,” said Turczak after the win. “Brian looked like he was locked in, but he made a couple of mistakes late and I just tried to stay around the lead.”

After Gill double-bogeyed number 14, the lead went from three shots to one. Gill followed up 14 with another double-bogey on 16 to allow Turczak to get even closer. After Turczak chopped it around on 17 for a double-bogey, he then pulled off the shot of the tournament with a chip-in for birdie on 18 to force a playoff with Gill at 77. Meanwhile, John Dailey needed to birdie the final two holes to join the playoff. He had good looks on 17 and 18, but couldn’t find the bottom of the hole.

“Story of the day,” said Dailey after the round. “I couldn’t putt. Wasn’t comfortable all day long and it cost me.”

After Turczak delivered another birdie on the first hole of the playoff, he found himself holding the trophy once again. “This is a great event; I’m really proud to be the champion once again,” Turczak added.

Meanwhile, Brian Gill knows he let one get away. “Bad swing on 14 and a terrible stroke on 16. I wouldn’t mind having those two moments back.”

Ken Tessier, who many had pegged as a possible favorite hung around for nine holes, until a back nine 6-over par 42 ultimately doomed any chances he had. “Another year, another miss,” said Tessier after the round. “Hopefully I will be back again for another chance to win.”

2014 champion Justin McLear shot 89, and 2003 champion Kenny Dargon fired a 91.