

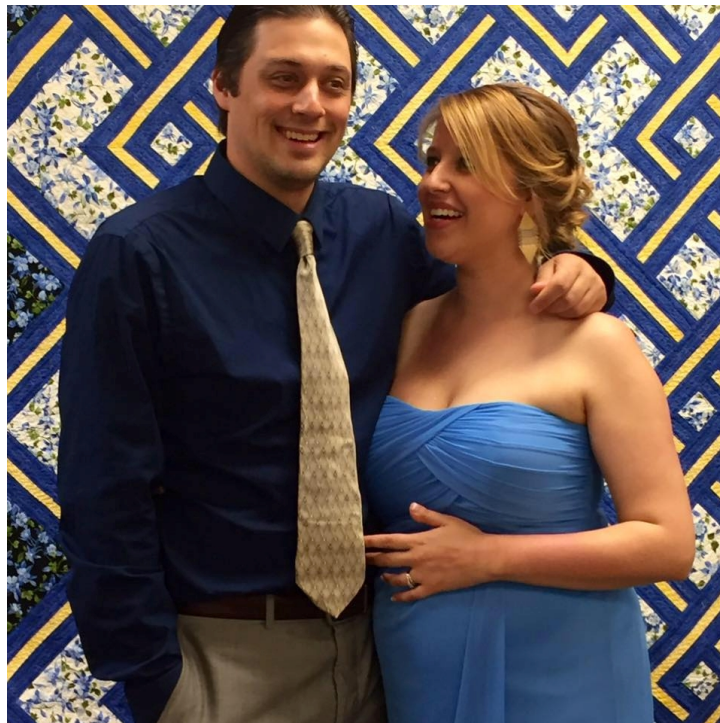


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2017 Champion's Corner

With 2016 and Two-Time Defending Champion,
Nick Turczak



Nick, 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, but also to have you back once again in arguably one of the best fields of amateur golf.

Your body of work over the years have certainly paid off for you, and your incredible playoff victory with a huge birdie putt was nothing short of stunning! Let's find out how you do this...



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MZ: You have a storied history at the ECI, from competing in both playoff years, to capturing your fifth crown a year ago, and once again, most titles in tournament history. How do you do it??

NT: It's great to see everyone & I go out with a mindset to grind away & try to avoid any big numbers because there are usually a few birdie opportunities to make up for mistakes around the Red Tail property. I'm never blowing away the field; I just want to have a shot to win in the last couple holes.

MZ: The last time you won three in a row was 2005-2007. This year, you could do it again! What have you done to prepare for this upcoming milestone, 15th-anniversary year?

NT: Not sure there's a secret formula to having success at the ECI, but I just try to have fun & embrace the whole day.

MZ: Another solid field returns for this special year. Let's talk about some guys who have not won, but are in the mix. One dark horse, in my opinion, is Derek Sharron, who has posted 89-85-87 the last three years. What kind of advice can you offer Derek, as well as to the rest of the field?

NT: Derek is always a dark horse & plenty capable of finishing at or near the top of the leaderboard. Tessier is another that can certainly bring home the trophy one of these years. Only advice I can really give is to try and block out the distractions while on the course & not to get too frustrated because Red Tail will give you some bad breaks along the way when you think you've deserved a better result.

MZ: You've had a life-changing moment in the last year! How is the family, and have you played any golf?

NT: I certainly have! Little Brayden Turczak just turned 5 months old & he's definitely been a life changer. Part of that change has included me not picking up a club (minus one range session) in 2017. Sucks coming into this tournament unprepared, but all the time & attention goes his way right now.

MZ: The ECI really appreciates 7 Central stepping up as presenting sponsor for our 15th anniversary. Any specials for the players before, during and after the tournament?

NT: 7 Central is indeed a proud sponsor & we hope to see some guys who make the trip in on Friday for a round of beers on me.

MZ: Where are your 5 ECI trophies today?



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NT: Good question. I've got the last two trophies in my current house in Beverly. I believe 2 are in my parents house & unfortunately I think one got lost over the years w/ many changes in address I had in the 2008-2011 years.

MZ: Thanks Nick; see you on Saturday for another big year for the ECI!

NT: Looking forward to seeing everyone, actually playing golf again & the total ECI experience on Saturday. Amazing we've been at this for 15 years & I'm sure we'll all make a few more memories this weekend.