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# Eshquaguma Country Club ECHO

## 2023 ECC Fundraiser Update

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear ECC Members,

Our fundraising over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was a huge success! We raised \$50K after expenses, thanks to our fundraising lead Nate Lehmann and the committee including Scott and Bridget Strudwick, Jean Enloe, Terri Nelson, Jean Guy, and Jason Teragawa. Over the last 3 years, their efforts with the raffle and silent auction fundraiser have raised a total of \$136,000! All proceeds are going toward the clubhouse renovation project. Thank you for all your support!

August is “tournament month” at ECC, highlighted by the Men’s and Ladies’ Club Championships. The events have flights based on handicap/playing ability, so everyone can compete. Come out to play and/or bet on your favorite players. We also have the United Way Ball Drop Event on August 3, so please support this fundraiser. Check out the calendar for many other scheduled golf and social events.

The annual meeting is scheduled for 2:00 pm on Saturday, August 26 at the clubhouse. This is your chance to hear directly about how our club is performing, elect directors, and to get more involved.

I hope you are having a great summer!

Tim Virant, President  
ECC Board of Directors

Another successful Eshquaguma Country Club Capital Improvement Fundraiser is in the books and 2023 was our most successful by far! This year we were able to raise \$49,372 for the club, surpassing last year’s total by almost \$7,000!

Being part of the ECC family is – and will continue to be something special for me and my family. Organizing the fundraiser the last three years has been very fulfilling to me personally and I’m very proud of the impact it’s had for Eshquaguma.

This event certainly doesn’t come together on its own, however. It takes a very focused group who can plan, execute and work well together.

Luckily, I’ve had this support group behind me the entire way and there is no way I’d be able to pull this off without them. I would like to thank all the volunteers, the donors, and the Board of Directors for their support – and most importantly – I’d like to thank our membership for buying tickets and supporting the events!

*Nate Lehmann, Fundraising/  
Membership Liaison*

- 2021 - \$40,449
- 2022 - \$42,421
- 2023 - \$49,372

**Three Year Total \$132,602**



\$132,602

## Eshquaguma Board of Directors

The Eshquaguma Nominating Committee is looking for candidates to serve a three-year term on the ECC Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting for 2023 will be held on August 26th As is our tradition, three Board terms will expire and be filled through election of three candidates. We encourage all Corporate Members to consider serving a term on the Board by filing as a candidate.

The filing deadline to be on the ballot at the August 26 Annual Meeting is August 13.

If you are interested in being a candidate or would like more information about Board membership, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Dwight Day at (218) 750-6680 or dwight@tufco.us - Kym Drain at (218) 749-0500 or buhlwatercompany@yahoo.com - John Hovanec at (612) 382-5701 or johnjhovanec@yahoo.com.

Board service is enjoyable as you join a cohort of others who want just what you want—to make ECC the best it can be!

There is one seat vacated by Nate

Lehman, Fundraising/Membership Liaison. Brian Maki, Golf Course Liaison and Terri Nelson, Restaurant Liaison are running for re-election. Thank you to Nate Lehmann for his service on the ECC Board. We appreciate his time and significant contribution with fundraising efforts and hope to see more of him in the years to come. In addition to the three normal board vacancies, Scott Strudwick, Building, Grounds & Security Liaison has announced that he is resigning his position on the ECC Board. The Board is planning to replace Scott’s role which is for one additional year by appointment. Scott’s role in implementing the new POS and IT Systems was huge. We will miss working with Scott and appreciate his offer to assist with the transition. If you are interested in being considered for his board position, please contact Tim Virant as soon as possible.

We will be utilizing the Absentee Voting once again this year. Details will be announced in a separate eblast.

Thank you for your consideration.

## ESHQUAGUMA COUNTRY CLUB

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Bookkeeper: 218-750-2033  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 1** Lakehead Golf Event, 11 a.m. - golf; Dinner - Fireside/Lakeside
- August 3** Golf Ball Drop Event 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Dinner - 4 p.m., Golf Ball Drop - 6 p.m.
- August 5** Italian Buffet, 5, 5:30, 6 p.m. seatings. Call for reservations
- August 9-13** Ladies' Club Tournament and Shoot-out
- August 15** Ladies Glitz & Glam, 5 p.m.
- August 16-20** Men's Club Tournament and
- August 23** Business After Hours 5 p.m.
- August 24** Ladies Invitational Golf Tourney, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- August 26** Mexican Buffet, 5, 5:30, 6 p.m. seatings. Call for reservations
- August 30** Ladies Golf Social/Fun Day, 9:30 a.m.
- August 31** Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m.



Culinary Staff Roberto & Carolina (above) and Alex, Joel, Julio (right).



## From the ECC Restaurant

**Please call for reservations!  
ECC Dining Room  
call 218-866-4263, or email  
restaurant@eshquaguma.com**

Thank you for making reservations. It always helps plan for food, staffing and making sure that you are greeted, seated and waited on appropriately.

### Our Restaurant

This year the California Culinary staff have provided exceptional meals. Thanks to the efforts of Head Chef – Alex, Sous Chef – Joel, Prep Chef – Julio, and Prep Chef – Carolina.

Summer is well under way and restaurant sales are up 7% over last year thanks to our members and guests. Several large events are scheduled in August so there will be times when the Lite Fare menu will not be served until 5 p.m. and a scheduled buffet will be provided for dinner. We will keep you posted and try to minimize any inconvenience.

Restaurant sales for the July 4th weekend were over \$20,000,

and 250 enjoyed lunch and the fun that followed with the putting contest and games. The annual Seafood Buffet was enjoyed by 117 members/guests. It brought in over \$11,000.

Make your reservation at restaurant@eshquaguma.com for the Italian Buffet on August 5 and another spectacular Mexican Buffet on August 26th.

An updated August calendar is being provided in this ECHO. In August there are many private lunch/dinner events being held as well as a month of golf events.

Watch for new items to be added to the Lite Fare menu in the next few weeks.

### NOTE THESE UPCOMING DATES:

On August 1st there will be no dinner menu served due to a large event. Members dining this evening will be provided with the buffet. Also, Lite Fare will be served only until 3:00 p.m.

Watch for more information to follow in the Week-at-A-Glance  
*Terri Nelson, Restaurant Liaison*





# Cart Barn Reminder

It never hurts to remind each other that we always need to be vigilant about locking the cart barn doors and taking extra care in storing our equipment.

ECC is not responsible for your golf carts, equipment or personal items stored on the premises. Of course, we want to be welcoming to our guests, but please let someone know if you see suspicious activity. And, please . . . let's lock those darn cart barn doors at the end of each day!



# From the ProShop

The month of August at Es-hquaguma means it's time for the 2023 Men's and Ladies Championship. The 2022 Men's Champion was Beau Mitchell and the Ladies Champion was Maggie Hillmer.

This is the time when all those bad habits have been worked out and you're ready to vie for the trophy in your division. Don't be surprised if you see your golf buddies out on the range honing their skills too. It should be another exciting tournament for both Men and Ladies. We wish every participant the best luck! Sign up in the ProShop.

The ProShop still has some great looking attire for both men and women available. Don't forget the sweatshirts, vests and pullovers for the fall. Keep your eye out for specials during the month of August.

Rachael and her crew work hard to keep our course looking great. We truly appreciate their efforts. But to do your part, PLEASE make every effort to repair your divots and any others you see.

### Cart Barns

We want to remind everyone to do

your part to keep the cart barns locked after the ProShop closes.

If you return after a late round please lock your barn and any other barns you see open. Please stow your valuables. Cart barns are for the storage of golf carts only. We kindly ask members to refrain from storing items other than golf carts. Report any suspicious things you see.

*Tom Lisenby, Liaison*

**Jason Teragawa**

ECC Head Golf Pro

[proshop@eshquaguma.com](mailto:proshop@eshquaguma.com)

218-865-4706

## ECC ProShop Hours

**Hours: May 8 - Sept. 17**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Wednesday 7:30-7:30

Saturday & Sunday

7:00-7:30

## Welcome NEW MEMBERS

### CORPORATE (R)

David and Judy Roberts

### CORPORATE (NR)

Mike and Connie Baland

### SOCIAL

Jill Forte

Luan and Len Gentilini

### JUNIOR

Maxwell Herzog



ERA heads out to golf on a Tuesday in July 2023!

# 2023 ECC Men's Club

## 2023 MEN'S TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August 17-20, 2023



### ECC Men's Guest Night Recap

The annual ECC Men's Guest Night was held Wednesday, July 26 with a record 68 members and guests competing in the hybrid Shamble/Scramble Format. In a shamble, all players tee off and then play their own ball in from the best tee shot recording gross scores. For the par 3s, everybody plays their own ball tee to green. On the back 9, the format changed to a good ol' fashioned scramble. Congratulations to the winning team of Brian Youso, Ethan Youso, Travis Blais and Bruce Perander! Runners up were former champions Tyler Harvey, Mike Terch, Cale Finseth and Neil Luukkonen. Third place honors went to the honorable Steve Harms, Tony Zika, Tom DeLuca and Troy Hughes.

During the event, there were on-course games on every hole, a blind horse race and a cash skins game. After the round, the players were treated to a prime rib buffet with all the fixins! Thanks to all who participated and the staff for getting the games, food and course ready! This was a great event to showcase ECC and attract new, active members.

### GROUP PLAY FOR 2023

The format for the 2023 Men's Tournament will be the same as 2022 and will again include the modified qualifying for seeding purposes. For Championship flight, you have the option to qualify and use the lesser of your NET score for seeding purposes or use your most current handicap index. 18-hole qualifying should be attested by another registered member of the event and played before August 15th. Those wishing to play in Championship Flight will still play 18-hole match play matches. For other groups, golfers with similar golf personalities and abilities are grouped together to play round robin matches. This provides for good camaraderie and some even better golf! As usual, in an effort to get as many golfers as possible, we try to accommodate all schedules so if you have a conflict, don't worry! We can schedule around it!

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Men's Shootout (9 holes) – 4:00 pm  
\$10 cash entry fee and is open to all men and space in the shootout is unlimited. This year's shootout will be a two-man alternate shot format. Pairings will be made by the Proshop. See separate sign-up.

Past Champions' Reception and Parimutuel - 6:00 pm

- Place your bets on the tourney favorites and dark horses while enjoying an evening of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres sponsored by the ECC Past Champions.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Championship Flight

- First and second round matches played the same day starting at 9am. Second match will be scheduled for the afternoon after the first match completed.

- Tee times and pairings will be established by the Proshop Manager. See or call Proshop for starting times and pairings.

Other Flights

- First round matches start Friday afternoon.

- Tee times and pairings will be established by the Proshop Manager. See or call Proshop for starting times and pairings.

- The course will be closed until all matches are completed.

### SATURDAY, Aug. 19 (Morning tee times)

Championship and Other Flights

- Tee times and pairings will be established by the ProShop Manager. See or call ProShop for starting times and pairings.

- The course will be closed until all matches are completed.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Championship and Other Flights

- Tee times and pairings will be established by the ProShop Manager. (beginning with Championship Flight at 9 am)

- Men's final pairing to start at 1 pm

- Awards ceremony to follow the completion of the final match. Cocktails and food buffet to be available after the final match. (Awards equal among all flights)

Contact the ProShop 865-4706 or [matt@gilbertbank.com](mailto:matt@gilbertbank.com) for more details



# 2023 Ladies Club Tournament & Shootout

It's time to sign up for the fun-filled Ladies Match Tournament – as well as the Shootout! The tournament will run from August 9-12 and the Shootout on August 13 at noon. All Corporate and Junior members are eligible to play regardless if they are ladies club members, although there would be a \$30 entry fee to play.

(Our \$50 club fee covers the cost of the tournament). You will also need a MGA handicap to participate. There will be a sign up sheet in the ProShop. Matches will be held Wednesday through Saturday in the morning, with Championship match at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Flights and matchups are determined based on handicaps and how many

are signed up.

The Sunday Shootout at noon is open to all Ladies for a \$10 entry fee. Partners will be determined after we know who signs up. Join the Fun!! Any Questions contact Shelley Rask, Sheri Harms, or Maggie Hillmer.

We encourage people to make reservations for dinner on Saturday night after the final match. Looking ahead:

**Ladies Invitational is August 24.** Registration form on page 6.

**Ladies Golf Social/Fun day, August 30,** all ECC ladies are invited. 9:30 sign up in ProShop

**Ladies Golf 9:30 and Business Meeting at Noon on September 6** Look for more info/changes in the week-at-a-glance or E-blasts.

## UWNEMN Golf Ball Drop

The \$10,000 Golf Ball Drop from the United Way of Northeastern Minnesota will be held on August 3, 2023 at Eshquaguma Country Club. The raffle tickets are available at the ECC Pro Shop for purchase before August 1st. Members may charge their account which is the preferred way or pay by check written out to "United Way of Northeastern MN".

Two golf ball drops mean two chances to win! Purchase a \$20 ticket for one or both drops and the closest five balls to the hole or pin for each drop wins cash prizes!

**Two rounds of cash prizes:**  
\$2,500 · \$1,000 · \$750 · \$500 · \$250

All ticketholders are welcome to come watch the balls drop from a Lakehead Constructors crane 6pm August 3rd at the Eshquaguma Country Club to see who wins.

You must be 18 years or older to purchase. Need not be present to win. All event proceeds benefit UWNEMN's **Buddy Backpacks**

program.

Tickets can also be purchased at the UWNEMN building in Chisholm OR by calling/texting 218-295-2424 or emailing [elizabeth@unitedwaynemn.org](mailto:elizabeth@unitedwaynemn.org), Terri Nelson ECC email: [terrinelson19@gmail.com](mailto:terrinelson19@gmail.com) cell: 218-398-3021



Congratulations to the Family Scavenger Hunt winners – The Soderling Family.



The John & Darcy Boentje Family found the 2023 ECC Medallion.



**Exceptionally delicious frozen favorites.**  
**(Now available in the ECC ProShop!)**





# Northern Lights Music Festival Golf Fundraiser

Northern Lights Music Festival just concluded the 20th season! We had amazing performances and lectures all the way from Ely to Duluth, and a great golf tournament at Eshquaguma. We appreciate everyone's support and look forward to seeing you at events in July 2024! Complete information is always available at [northernlightsmusic.org](http://northernlightsmusic.org).



NLMF winners: The Crusaders & The Sword of Justice Team

## ECC LADIES' INVITATIONAL



**Thursday, August 24, 2023**

**18 hole, 2 Person Team Event**  
(sign up as a Team)

**\$62.00 entry fee per person**  
Includes greens fee, range balls, prizes,  
and a gourmet lunch

Add \$15.00 per person for a cart

Registration at 8 a.m. Shotgun Start at 9 a.m.

Submit entries to: **Pat Tamminen,**  
6459 White Pine Lane, Gilbert, MN 55741  
(C) 218-780-5518 or [hptamm@hotmail.com](mailto:hptamm@hotmail.com)

Contact Pat with any questions or special requests.

Entry Deadline is August 17, 2023

[Limited to the first 64 registrants]

Golfer #1 \_\_\_\_\_

**18 Hole Handicap** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #2 \_\_\_\_\_

**18 Hole Handicap** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be wanting a Cart? \_\_\_\_\_ (yes or no)



Every light in the clubhouse is now on!



# Eshquaguma Ladies Cultural Committee Dinner

It was a great turn out for the Eshquaguma Country Club Ladies' Cultural Committee Dinner. Entertainment was provided by Paul Metsa, and held on the evening of July 27. We served around 30 for dinner. Thank you to Jean Enloe and Joanna Johnson for organizing this event, and to head chef Alex and his crew for a wonderful meal!



# Ladies' Group Handicap Golf Tourney Results



Winners in A Group:  
1st - Trish Olsen, 2nd - Sheri Harms, 3rd - Barb Hecomovich,  
Overall Winner - Cathy Lisenby



Winners in the B group:  
1st - Teresa Lehtinen,  
2nd - Terri Nelson,  
3rd - Becky Reagan



Winners in the C group:  
1st - Terri Kern  
2nd Joanna Johnson  
3rd Pat Tamminen



Enjoying lunch after a very hot day of golf!



# The 4th of July Celebration at ECC '23!



Scott Schueller shouts out instructions for the Egg Toss Game



Dwight Day sinking the winning shot in the '23 Putting Contest!





# Grill Room Remodel Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on July 2nd, 2023 at the Independence Day Celebration acknowledging the efforts of all of those who contributed towards making the Grill Room addition a success. Significant contributors were recognized formally by Tim Virant, ECC President, and Matt Uhan, Treasurer prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony. A print of the Eshquaguma Country Club will be presented to the significant contributors at a later date. We are fortunate to have such a grand addition to our clubhouse. Thank you to everyone who contributed and made this possible for all of us!





# It's time for the "Name a Chair" Fundraiser

A few years ago, ECC members purchased a name plate for a chair in the Grill Room. With the new addition to the Grill Room, we purchased an additional 20 chairs. We will once again sell a name plate for these chairs. The money generated from this, will be used for the continued renovation of the Clubhouse.

Chair name plates are being sold at \$200 each. We have 20 chairs for this fundraiser. First come first served. Please complete the form below. For questions, you may contact the ECC Ladies Decorating Committee: Terri Nelson 218-398-3021, Barb Richards 218-290-7578, or Becky Reagan 612-720-9856



## Music at ECC

Sunday Brunch on August 6th, we will have Shannon Gunderson playing the piano from 10 to noon in the Fireside room. Come on out and enjoy listening to a wonderful musician. Shannon has recently ECC joined as a Social Member and is enjoying it.

Unfortunately, the band scheduled for Saturday, August 5th, has cancelled. Please watch for further music events in the month of August to be announced in the Week-at-a-Glance.

### ECC "Name a Chair" Fundraiser

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name Plate \_\_\_\_\_

Name Plate \_\_\_\_\_

(No more than 15 characters on the name plate)

Charge Member Account \_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

You can charge direct to your account or send a check to: Ladies ECC  
Write "Name a Chair" in memo. Send form & indicate type of payment  
to: Terri Nelson, 6519 White Pine Lane Gilbert, MN 55741

# AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		ERA - a.m. 1 Lakehead Golf 11 a.m. Dinner Fireside/Lakeside	Ladies' Golf a.m. 2 Men's Golf 1:15 p.m.	Golf Ball Drop 3 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. 4 p.m. Dinner Lakeside 6 p.m. Ball Drop	ERA - a.m. 4 Golf/Dinner Event 12:30 Dinner -Lakeside Happy Hour 4-6 Friday Fish Fry	Italian Buffet 5 5:30 p.m., 6:00 & 6:30 seatings
Shannon - Piano 6 Breakfast 9 a.m. - Noon Lunch Noon-4 p.m.	7 Restaurant/Bar Closed	ERA - a.m. 8 Tuesday Night Golf 5:30	9 Wedding Dinner Lakeside	Investment Mtg. - Fireside 10 Happy Hour 4-6	11 Friday Fish Fry	Private Party 12 Lakeside 10:30-2 p.m. Ladies' Golf Tourney Finals 1:00 p.m.
13 Breakfast 9 a.m. - Noon Lunch: Noon-4 Ladies' Golf Shootout	14 Restaurant/Bar Closed	ERA - a.m. 15 Ladies' Glitz & Glam Social 5 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m.	Ladies' Golf a.m. 16 Men's Club Tournament begins 1:15 p.m.	Men's Shootout 4 p.m. 17 Past Champs Reptn/Paramutual Happy Hour 4-6	No ERA 18 Tournament Anniversary Party Lakeside Friday Fish Fry	19 Private Party 2-8 p.m. in Fireside/Lakeside
Breakfast 20 9 a.m. - Noon Lunch Noon-4 p.m. Men's Golf Finals 1:00 p.m.	21 Restaurant/Bar Closed	ERA - a.m. 22 Tuesday Night Golf 5:30	Ladies' Golf a.m. 23 Men's Golf 1:15 p.m. Business After Hours 5 p.m.	Ladies' Invitational Tournament Course Closed 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Happy Hour 4-6 24	ERA - a.m. 25 Private Golf/Dinner Event - Golf 10 a.m. Dinner 6 (Fireside) Friday Fish Fry	26
27 Breakfast 9 a.m. - Noon Lunch Noon-4 p.m.	28 Restaurant/Bar Closed	ERA - a.m. 29 Private Event Lunch Lakeside	Ladies' Golf 30 Social/Fun Day All ECC Ladies invited 9:30 a.m. Men's Golf 1:15 p.m.	Trivia Night 31 6:30 p.m. Private Dinner Party Lakeside Happy Hour 4-6		



# LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS!



**August 3, 2023 - 6PM**  
**Eshquaguma Country Club**

United Way of Northeastern Minnesota's

**\$10,000**

**GOLF BALL DROP**



- Purchase a \$20 ticket for **one** or **both** of the raffle drops.
- Each ticket purchased corresponds with a golf ball from one of the two drops.
  - Just 500 tickets sold per drop!
  - **Drop One** (tickets 1-500) **Drop Two** (tickets 501-1,000)
- Closest five balls to the hole or pin for each drop wins **cash prizes!**
- Ball drops courtesy of Lakehead Constructors crane.
- All event proceeds benefit **UWNEMN's Buddy Backpacks!**
- Must be 18 years old to purchase. Need not be present to win.

## TWO ROUNDS OF CASH RAFFLE PRIZES:

**\$2,500 | \$1,000 | \$750 | \$500 | \$250**

## THANK YOU, EVENT SPONSORS!

**BALL SPONSOR:** **TWIN METALS MINNESOTA**

**CRANE SPONSOR:** **LAKEHEAD constructors inc.**

### GOLD SPONSORS



**HOLE SPONSORS** CTC Taconite Tire

\$10,000 Golf Ball Drop will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday, August 3, 2023 at Eshquaguma Country Club. Need not be present to win. All proceeds benefit United Way of Northeastern Minnesota's Buddy Backpacks program.

For more information: Call 218-295-2424 or email [elizabeth@unitedwaynemn.org](mailto:elizabeth@unitedwaynemn.org)

