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Eshquaguma Country Club

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CENTENNIAL UPDATE

The 4th of July Aerial Photo Shoot

The centennial committee wants to thank everyone for their great cooperation – and smiling faces – with the aerial photos taken by **Dan Janisch** of Janisch Realty. Everyone showed up on time, the line up was great and we were done promptly so that the parade started on schedule. Dan was able to get 10 to 15 minutes of video. We have received two or three shots – one of which is on the ECC Facebook page.

We have now begun the process of sorting thru the video to find still images which can be used to our best advantage. We want the membership to have access to copies along with the guest book in the time capsule, and also maybe a way to communicate and strengthen the ECC image. If you have ideas on how the shots might be applied and enjoyed please share with any centennial committee or board members.

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Upcoming Events

August 5 MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

August 8 ECC's SOUTHERN CENTENNIAL PARTY See below

August 9 ECC'S ANNUAL MEETING 2 p.m.

August 14-15 LADIES' CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - Finals begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday

August 20 MEN'S SHOOTOUT - 4:00 p.m., PAST CHAMPIONS RECEPTION - 6:00 p.m.

August 21-23 ECC MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

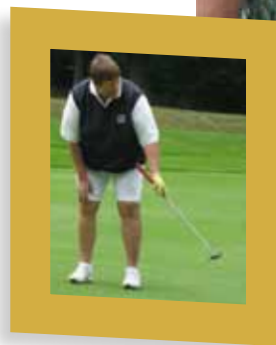
August 27 LADIES' INVITATIONAL - Course closed until 2 p.m.

Lehtinen wins the 23rd Annual Ladies' Handicap Tournament

The Ladies Handicap Tournament is held each year in honor of a past Ladies' Golfing Member. The tourney was held on July 15th in honor of **Jill Ryan**, who passed away April 3, 2014. We had 26 golfers and a full grill room for lunch where a pasta buffet was served.

Jill's sister, **Bridget Strudwick**, was on hand to present the prize for low net score winner. Jill loved animals (especially cats and lions) and she was an avid collector of glass figurines. Bridget generously donated a figurine to each golf participant and awarded a beautiful lion sculpture to our Handicap Tournament Champion, **Teresa Lehtinen**. Teresa shot the low net score of 33 to win the title. Other golf prizes were awarded to the top 3 winners of each flight.

Thank you to all the golf participants and lunch guests who came out in support of our tournament and to honor Jill!



This year's tournament was held in honor of the late Jill Ryan, shown here using her signature one-handed putting stroke.



Stunkards win 2015 Adam & Eve event

The 2015 winners of the Adam and Eve event were Tom and Jane Stunkard. Their names will be added to the 50 others on the silver cup. Twenty golfers competed on a beautiful afternoon and a good time was had by all, followed by a wonderful dinner at the club.



ECC Southern Centennial Party

AUGUST 8, 2015 • \$30 PER PERSON
MUSIC & COCKTAILS WILL START AT 5:30



This event replaces the "Chef's Night" originally scheduled for this date. The normal dinner menu will not be served this night but come and join us for some Southern Style dining! We'll be setting up banquet tables outside for this event with an amazing view of the lake! The bar will also be outside with music playing. We will be giving away a \$100 gift certificate for the restaurant to the best dressed. Sign up by calling in or you may sign up on the sheet in the clubhouse.

Ya'll come and join us in your best dressed southern style: flannels, cowboy/cowgirl hats, jeans and cowboy/cowgirl boots are welcome! We'll be giving away \$100 gift certificate to the best dressed! Family style dining. Everything will be outside, bar included. DJ system will be outside for music and dancing.

- Corn Bread
- Fried Chicken
- Ribs
- Potato Salad
- Corn on the Cob
- Watermelon
- Baked Beans
- Coleslaw
- Assorted Desserts

Eshquaguma Country Club members, families and guests scored a “hole in one” at this year’s 4th of July celebration. The weather was beautiful, the attendance was record-breaking, and all events ran on schedule without any snags. A perfect start for our next 100 years.

As requested, all participants showed up on the 1st fairway lining up to form the number 100 in celebration of the club’s birthday. (Casey, our skilled groundskeeper, had outlined the numbers the previous morning). An aerial video was taken by drone, courtesy of Dan Janisch, from Janisch Realty.com. The plan is to select singular pictures from the video and include them in the time capsule along with the signed guest book. All in attendance will become part of history!

The traditional parade started at 12:00 p.m., which included the guest color guard and volunteer fire department. The parade was followed by a flag ceremony. (Although not flown that day, the Club has received two flags, courtesy of Rep. Rick Nolan’s office, that have both been flown over the Nation’s Capitol in Washington D.C.). The plan is to fly these flags - two different sizes, one for each flagpole - only on the 4th of July and other significant days.

At the flag ceremony a letter from Gov. Mark Dayton was read, congratulating the membership on the 100th anniversary and recognizing the club’s contributions to the community through the last hundred years.

Well-known, accomplished singer Connie Evingson lead the guests in singing the national anthem, accompanied by the ECC Marching Band lead by esteemed trumpeter Bob Baldrica!

Lunch followed, served by our outstanding wait staff and provided by our very professional chefs. The sand pile coin search kicked off the organized field games, which were supported and staffed by the ECC Men’s Club.

All in all, with an estimated attendance of over 500 members, families and guests, it was a wonderful day and a great start on our next 100 years of Happy!



Megan Uhan



Courtesy of Sandy Douglass



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ECC Medallion Hunt Recap!



Sami and Sheri Harms

There was a certain buzz around the ECC grounds the week leading up to the Centennial Celebration. If you saw random people looking in random spots high and low, near and far, they were searching for the ECC Medallion. A few years ago, Nick Devich had the idea of a medallion hunt for members and guests leading up to the 4th of July celebration. The Men's Club sponsored the hunt and the idea was brought to reality.

There was a little interest in year one, a bit more in year two – and this year the bar was set pretty high with people calling for clues, searching during golf rounds and before and after dinner reservations. Congratulations to Sheri and Sami Harms for finding the 2015 medallion. For their prize, they received \$100 gift certificate to the ECC Proshop courtesy of the ECC Men's Club.

Here's a recap and some insight to the 2015 clues.

- ECC turns 100! Happy birthday! Let's get ready to eat some cake, it won't be made here though. *This clue just rules out the clubhouse/restaurant and points searches elsewhere on the grounds.*

- Through these 100 years of ECC lore, the golf course has seen many changes. Some holes added, some removed and some rerouted. This one has stood the

test of time though. *This clue points searches to somewhere on the golf course.*

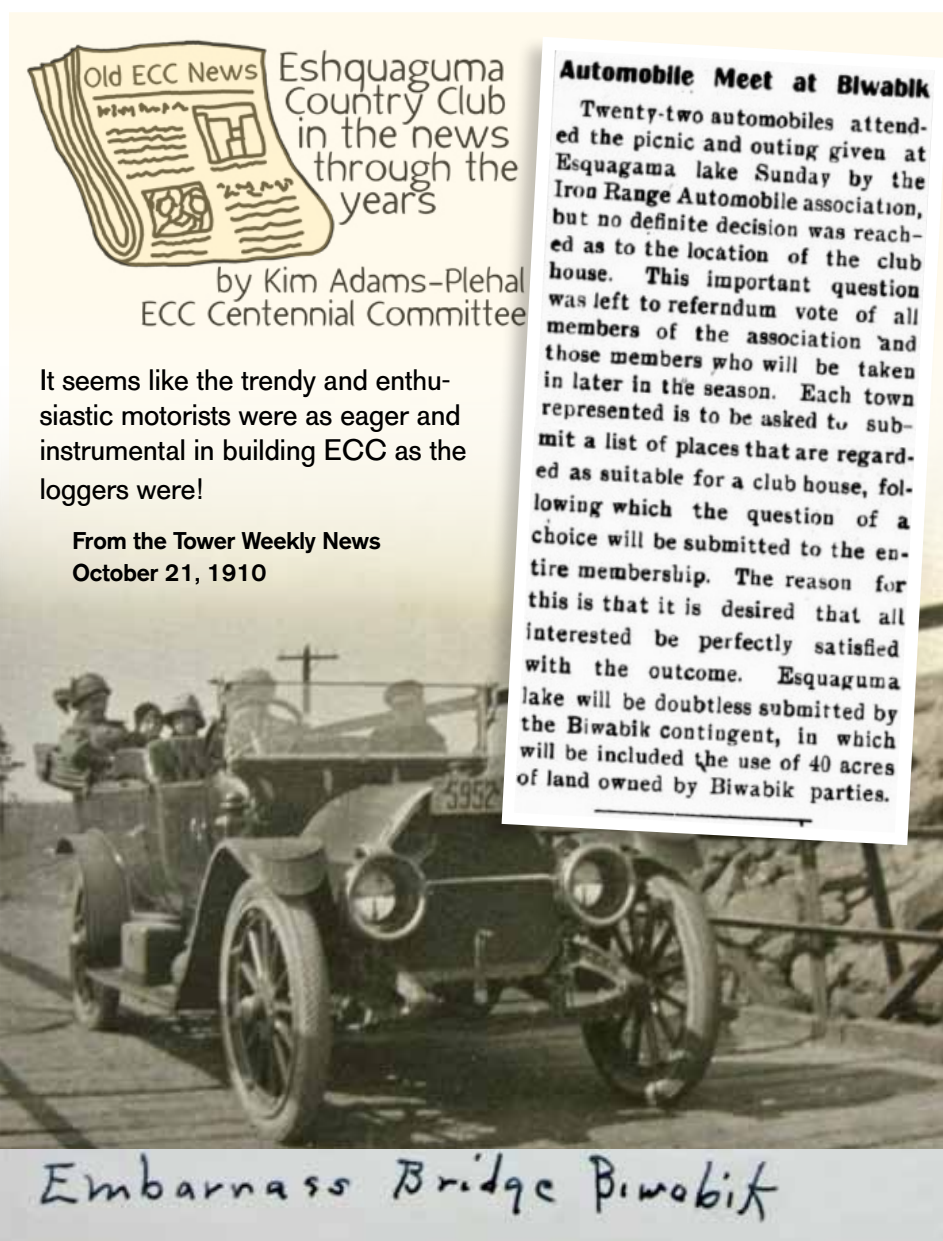
- The 15th in '35 was a famous one, so was the 2nd in '12. Maybe you'll make one in 2015 – a record not well kept the first 100 years. *These are famous double eagles. There are only a few holes at ECC where you can make one. (Note the medallion was technically on #5 however the location of the medallion could be considered in play on #4)*

- Some call it kuku land, some call it no man's land, some call it don't even bother land; risk reward plays a part. Make sure you take extra club! You don't want to be short. *This clue directs to*

hole #4 area. If you took extra club, you may land on the Indian mound.

- Members old and members new, we'll all celebrate these 100 years that were started by just a few. *This clue references the Founders Plaque just paces from where the medallion was hidden.*

- As we get ready to bury 100 years for the next generations to come, let's be wise and bury where nothing has been buried before. Happy 100th Eshquaguma! *This clue was never released. It pointed directly to the Indian mound where ECC historians debate about whether or not there are remains buried beneath the 5th tee box.*



It seems like the trendy and enthusiastic motorists were as eager and instrumental in building ECC as the loggers were!

**From the Tower Weekly News
October 21, 1910**

Automobile Meet at Biwabik
Twenty-two automobiles attended the picnic and outing given at Esquaguma lake Sunday by the Iron Range Automobile association, but no definite decision was reached as to the location of the club house. This important question was left to referendum vote of all members of the association and those members who will be taken in later in the season. Each town represented is to be asked to submit a list of places that are regarded as suitable for a club house, following which the question of a choice will be submitted to the entire membership. The reason for this is that it is desired that all interested be perfectly satisfied with the outcome. Esquaguma lake will be doubtless submitted by the Biwabik contingent, in which will be included the use of 40 acres of land owned by Biwabik parties.

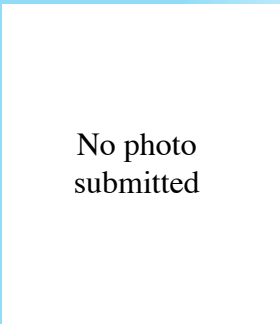
Embarrass Bridge Biwabik

ANNUAL MEETING ON SUNDAY AUGUST 9, 2 P.M. AT THE CLUBHOUSE

There will be an election to fill three open board slots. Listed alphabetically below, are the candidates. There will be one vote per corporate membership. Upon arrival, ballots will be available at the registration table.



For those who don't know me, my name is Mick Giblin aka James Giblin Jr. I am a resident member living year round with my wife Kathy. I served on the E.C.C. Board prior to this term for 9 years as secretary under three presidents – Julie Staver, Brian Vito and Leland Russell. I am currently an appointed board member serving as the restaurant liaison. I've been an E.C.C. member all of my life – having never missed an E.C.C. 4th of July parade! My family includes Chad and Amy with their spouses Holly and Brian, along with my grandson Ian. I am the President of the Greater MN Insurance Agency when not attending E.C.C. duties. Thank you for your consideration as I will always seek to protect our investment in E.C.C.



No photo submitted

My name is Roger Henson. Forty seven years of membership has provided me with plenty of history to draw on. Many clubs are not surviving these days. As a board member we must ensure the survival of Eshquaguma Country Club by providing what the members want.



I am Lee Anne Lundgren and I have submitted my name as a candidate for re-election to the ECC Board of Directors. I am currently a resident corporate member and have been a member for more than 10 years. My area of responsibility on the Board of Directors has been membership. I recently facilitated a very successful membership campaign that has resulted in more than 20 new corporate members. As a small business owner, I have a keen understanding of the importance of customer service, marketing and fiscal responsibility.

ECC faces many challenges – retaining and continuing to grow our membership and many building and equipment needs. I look forward to serving as a director again and meeting these challenges.



My name is Denny Reagan. My parents and my brother and sister-in-law have been members of Eshquaguma for nearly 30 years. I've always enjoyed the club and joined a couple of years ago when I retired. I lived in the Twin Cities area for 30 years and moved back to the Range several years ago. I worked in sales and finished my career as the Sales Manager for the engineering/architectural firm SEH. I've been very fortunate in my life and I have always tried to give back. I have sat on several boards and I have been a member and the president of the Anoka Jaycees; president of the Linwood Lake Association for ten years; and a member of the East Range Lions Club. I enjoy ECC and I am willing to give of my time and talents to help to increase membership and help ensure a long future for the club.



I have submitted my name as a candidate for the ECC Board. I have been an ECC member for 40 years and my family is 5th generation. I have served on the board in the past and as de facto legal counsel through every legal crisis in 40 years. I believe I can provide direction, foresight, reason and common sense to the board and Club in general. I've served on many boards including Eveleth-Gilbert School Board (Chairman), Range Mental Health, Giants Ridge Golf (Chairman), Virginia Chamber, Northern Lights Music Festival (Chairman), Minnesota Golf Assn. and more. My experience and training as a trial lawyer will serve the board and the Club because of the necessity and my ability to consider expeditiously all sides of an issue before proceeding. I have received the highest recognition of my colleagues of the bar. My experience and knowledge as a lifelong golfer, Golf instructor, member of the MGA Board of Governors and working from the beginning on the opening of Giants Ridge Golf will be invaluable in facilitating the golf operations at ECC. I have many ideas on improving our membership numbers, the golf experience and financial circumstances. A vote for me is a vote for the future well being of ECC. Thank you. Carver Richards

2015 Men's Club News Update

4TH of July Recap

The ECC Men's Club would like to thank all of the volunteers, staff, members, guests, ECC Centennial Committee and most importantly, mother nature for another successful 4th of July celebration! Congratulations again to ECC! Here's to the next 100 years!

Founders Cup Results

The annual ECC Men's Club Founders Cup was held on Sunday, July 5th. A total of seventeen golfers played in Championship and Presidential Flights. Beau Mitchell edged out Nick Devich by a shot with a gross score of 74. In Presidential Flight, Ryan Hughes won the gross division with a score of 84, edging Marc Kwiatkowski on a scorecard tiebreaker. The net divisions are still being calculated as this edition went to print. All winners were awarded equal Proshop prizes for their efforts. Thanks to all who played in this Callaway handicapped event.

Men's Club Annual Meeting

The ECC Men's Club will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, July 30, in the Lakeside Room at the Club. The meeting is open to past, present and future members. The

Men's Club will sponsor a social hour from 6-7 (this means free beer and appetizers). The meeting typically lasts an hour. Remember the primary focus of the ECC Men's Club is to promote golf events throughout the year at ECC. Come with ideas on how to grow the game!

Club Championship

The club championship week is quickly approaching. The annual event will be contested August 20-23. A detailed schedule of events will be posted in the Proshop and Clubhouse. Remember to post your scores and maintain an accurate GHIN handicap index. The format will continue to be 18-hole match play matches. The week is highlighted with the past champions' reception on Thursday, August 20. Contact the Proshop to register.

Men's Club Dues

Due to a change in ECC board policy, the Men's Club members are not able to charge dues or golf entry fees to member accounts. 2014 dues were not billed and the Men's Club Board is still evaluating the best method for dues and entry fee payment. 2015 dues and entry fees into events will be billed together. Thanks for patience and understanding in this matter.

News and Notes

• July 9th bridge results:

1. Jan Nelson 2. Kathleen Fagan
Low - Jeanne Schake

• **Many thanks** to Andrea and David - two of our kitchen staff - for cleaning up behind the rear Club entrance.

It was scary - and now it looks great!
Thanks for taking the initiative to clean up what was a real eyesore!

August

 Fish Fry Every Friday

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Sunday Brunch	3	ERA Breakfast Buddy Golf Matches 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf	Ladies' Day Men's Night Men's Club Meeting	6	 ERA	8 Southern Centennial Party
9 Sunday Brunch Annual Meeting 2 p.m.	10	ERA Buddy Golf Matches 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf	12 Ladies' Day Men's Night	13 Bridge Luncheon Ladies' Club Tournament	 ERA Ladies' Club Tournament	15 Ladies' Club Championship Finals at 1:00
16 Sunday Brunch	17	ERA Buddy Golf Matches 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf	19 Ladies' Day Men's Night	20 Men's Shootout 4 p.m. Past Champions Reception 6 p.m.	 ERA Men's Tournament Private Party/Lakeside - Grill Room Open	22 Men's Club Tournament
23 Sunday Brunch Men's Tournament	24 Buddy Party 5:30 p.m.	ERA 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf	26 Ladies' Day Games End Men's Night	27 Ladies' Invitational Course closed until 2 pm	 ERA	29
30 Sunday Brunch	31					