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From the President

Dear ECC Members,

The 4th of July is less than a week away! Summer is again flying by, and we have already had some great events at the club. July will be a busy month so keep an eye on the club's calendar in the "Week at a Glance" and watch for sign-up sheets in the clubhouse, as new events including special theme dinners will be added.

The golf course is in beautiful condition. Events are being planned, including tournaments every other Thursday for golfers of all levels, so come out and play. Stop into the ProShop to sign up and see our Club Pro Jason if you need a lesson or getting clubs re-gripped.

The fundraising effort is going well, but with our sights set higher than last year, we still hope to sell many more tickets. If you wish to buy tickets (\$100 each), please email Nate Lehmann at NLehmann@caduluth.com. Prizes will be awarded on July 2 at the clubhouse, and there will be a silent auction occurring that day as well. If you have any items to donate for the silent auction, notify Nate or drop them off in the pro shop. Proceeds will be going to our Capital Reserve Fund.

We will be unveiling our plans for the grill room renovation/addition on Friday, July 1, at 5:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Please join us for the unveiling party. We plan to break ground on the addition in July, with the renovation to the existing grill room beginning in late September after the restaurant closes.

ECC is already having a great year, with about 25 new members. I'd like to thank our employees in the restaurant, ProShop, and golf course as they are doing a fabulous job, and I would also like to thank all the volunteers who continue to make ECC a special place.

We hope you and your family have a wonderful summer at the Club, and we look forward to seeing you at the 4th of July weekend celebration!

Best wishes,

Tim Virant
President, ECC Board of Directors

Clubhouse Renovation Fundraiser 2022

You've heard the exciting news! The ECC board is moving forward with the clubhouse addition and renovation project. The estimated project cost is a little higher than we expected however a member has offered to match up to \$150,000 of direct contributions to this project. Matt Uhan, ECC's Treasurer, reports that through various other direct requests, we've raised to date, \$99,500 from nearly 20 individual members toward this match. These contributions will leave the Club with a reasonable short-term mortgage that can be serviced through ordinary operations. While this addition and upgrade will be used by all members and probably worthy of an assessment, it is the board's intent to not assess members

for this beautiful and long overdue upgrade.

The Club is in a strong financial position and it's paving the way for this clubhouse project and future investments. Our capital reserve fund is approaching \$200,000 and growing. The board will use some of this for this project but believe it's in the best interest of the Club to keep a healthy balance in this fund.

If you are willing to commit anything to this effort, please contact Matt Uhan directly at matt@gilbertbank.com or (218) 248-9543.

Thank you for your consideration and long-term commitment to ECC. See you at the Club!



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Upcoming Events

- July 1** ECC Fundraiser Kick-off and Silent Auction opens at 5 p.m.
- July 2** ECC Fundraiser - 12 - 5 p.m. (see p 4)
- July 4** 4th of July Celebration (see page 5)
- July 7** Trivia Night 7 p.m.
- July 12** Ladies' Glitz & Glam, 5 p.m. Social, 6 p.m. Dinner
- July 15** Live Music 7:30 p.m.
- July 16** Flotilla at 1: p.m.; Lobster Dinner 5 p.m. (reservations required)
- July 19** Ladies Book Club 6 p.m.
- July 21** Northern Lights Music Festival Fundraiser, 5 p.m. Social, 6 p.m. Dinner
- July 27** Ladies' Golf Handicap Tourney - a.m.
- July 29** Family Scavenger Hunt 6 p.m.
- July 30** Bean Bag Tournament 11 a.m., Live music 7:30 p.m.
- July 31** Family Golf Outing 9 a.m. start

Eshquaguma Opening Party



The Days at Opening Night!

Our 2022 Eshquaguma Opening Party was a great start to the season. The event was attended by 110 members and guests. A Prime Rib Carving station and Pan-Fried Atlantic Salmon were served with all the fixings. And the fabulous Chocolate Red Velvet Cake was a favorite. Thanks to our chefs and restaurant staff for making this event enjoyable and delicious.

The dinner was followed by an enjoyable three hours of listening and dancing to "The 4 Blue Teardrops". During a band break, we were entertained by the talented Ron Bonkosky who played a few songs on his trumpet.



From the ECC Restaurant

Our Head Chef, Alex and his talented crew are preparing fabulous meals. Watch for the announcements of our Mexican, Italian and Seafood Buffets. Our wait staff are all doing an incredible job this year, some of them this being their first job. Bryan Q, our manager will be there to greet you and make sure you have a wonderful dining experience. He makes everything run smoothly. We are fortunate to have Roberto from California join our wait staff for the second year. Greet Roberto – he's a pleasure and a talent.

The Father's Day brunch had 154 members and guests enjoying an amazing meal celebrating all Dad's.

We had a Smear Tournament with Andrea Polus as the big winner. Thanks to Cathy Lisenby for again organizing this event. There were 16 who enjoyed playing smear for about 2 hours. We had fun and laughs.

There was live music last Saturday with Cowboy Angel Blue. It was a great event with the dinner and dancing enjoyed by all. If you missed this past weekend not to worry, we have much more to come. Bands have been scheduled throughout the summer.



Roberto and Bryan

Do You Have a Reservation?

The restaurant is SUPER busy already and reservations are MUCH appreciated!

Two more ECC Hole-in-ones!



June 19 . . . Kyle Pidde, son-in-law of Steve and Sheri Harms, carded a hole-in-one on #5, 225 yds with a 5 iron.



June 24 . . . Tom Stunkard carded his fourth hole-in-one – hole #5, 220 yds with an 8 iron.

From the ECC Pro Shop

The Thursday night golf events have been well attended and great fun . . . thanks Jason. It is a great mixer and way to meet old and new members.

The ProShop has been busy keeping inventory up. We have new Sofi Bella, Glove It, Greg Norman and Antigua apparel arriving through the month. Thank you for all your support!

We will have a 20% discount in the ProShop on all apparel and accessories excluding golf balls

for the July 4th weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday).



Don't know about you, but we LOVE the hydration station!

ECC Mother/Daughter/Granddaughter Luncheon

There were 34 attendees at our 1st Annual Eshquaguma Mother/Daughter/Granddaughter Luncheon. We all had a delicious meal.

Our baby grand piano was played by Elizabeth Uhan entertaining us with her piano skills. She loves to play for an audience and will come play for us any time.



As you drive down White Pine Lane to the clubhouse you will notice the Moeglein Memorial Planter is exceptionally beautiful. After this past harsh winter, many of the plants didn't survive. This year perennial Zone 3 plants were chosen with a few more shrubs. Thanks to the Landscape Committee, Terri Kern and Jerry Arnold for helping to remove all the rock and replace it with mulch. The rose bushes planted many years ago by the Crolick family are still thriving.

ESHQUAGUMA COUNTRY CLUB Fundraiser



JULY 2ND, 2022 | 12:00PM
DRAWING TO BE HELD AT 5:00PM

PROCEEDS GOING TOWARDS CLUBHOUSE RENOVATION

Prizes

- GRAND PRIZE: \$2,000 Cash
- SECOND GRAND PRIZE: \$1,000 Cash
- 10 - \$275 Cash Winners
- Multiple Golf Rounds
- Pro Shop Gift Certificates
- Plus many more items!

Putting Contest

- 50/50 Cash Pot & Yeti Cooler
- Winner Splits total purse with ECC & wins Yeti Cooler

Silent Auction

- Blackstone Grill Package
- Set of Tires from Taconite Tire
- Twins & Wild Tickets
Courtesy of Jim & Molly Carey
- Lake Superior Yacht Cruise with dinner
Courtesy of Brian Maki
- Steak Dinner & Booze Cruise
With Sheri & Steve Harms
- 1 Year Family Membership to ECC
New Members Only
- Vortex Optics
Scopes, Binoculars and Spotting Scope



4th of July 2022

“You’re a Grand Old Flag”

Grand Marshal - Dave Boentje

If you’ve been fortunate enough to spend a 4th of July at ECC and Lake Esquagama, you’ve probably enjoyed the best fireworks display on the Iron Range. Long-time ECC member, Dave Boentje, has wowed us with his fireworks for years beyond years. Although his show in the bay is arguably the grandest, each year more lake folks join in for quite the display. Give Dave in his flashy pants a big wave and thank you for his patriotism and dedication to ECC for so many years!

Note: no boat parade this year

ProShop Discount – Everything, except golf balls, in the Pro Shop will be discounted 20% on July 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th

Grill Room/Deck Will be open on July 4th and you may charge to your account, use a credit card or pay cash.

Ticket Pre-Sale Tickets for food & drink will be on sale in the ProShop. Charge to your member account or pay cash.

- If you purchase tickets early, \$25 will get you 30 tickets, but you must purchase prior to July 4th.

- On July 4th tickets will be available for purchase in the ProShop and a table set up outside the front entrance. Charge to your account or pay cash for the tickets.

- All food and drink items outside the Clubhouse require Ticket only.

- No Tickets can be used for drinks inside the Grill Room, you must charge your account, use a credit card or pay cash.

4th of July Weekend Schedule

Interested in playing in the ECC 4th of July Band! We walk – not “march”, music is easy – not hard, no rehearsals, young and old - you’ll have fun! Contact Kris Coombe (lostlakeshores@gmail.com) or Matt Uhan (matt@gilbertbank.com) ASAP.

Thanks for considering and helping out!

Friday, July 1st

3-5 p.m. Happy Hour

5 p.m. Silent Auction opens

Grill room renovation unveiling & kick-off in the Fireside Room.

Grab a cocktail or mocktail and come celebrate as we see the drawings of our new grill room for the first time!

Saturday, July 2nd

Noon-5 p.m. Fundraising event

Place your bets on the AWESOME Silent Auction items and join us for a putting contest, your chance to win a Yeti cooler, and split the pot!

5 p.m. Raffle ticket drawings

Cross your fingers and hope you win the grand prize of \$2,000 CASH!

Sunday, July 3rd

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Breakfast available

1 - 4 p.m. Lite fare available

Monday, July 4th

7 a.m. Set your alarm, load your shotgun and listen for the Annual Shotgun Salute to kick off our traditional 4th of July Celebration. The salute starts at 7 a.m. near the Uhan’s on the east side of the lake and continues clockwise around the lake!

9 a.m. Beverage Station Opens on the front lawn

10:30 a.m. Parade Line-up and judging on White Pine Lane near #8 tee

11 a.m. Parade begins

Flag pole ceremony and National Anthem immediately following the parade

Lunch and socializing following the National Anthem.

12:30 p.m. Races and games begin

NOTE: Lunch is served buffet style outside the front of the Clubhouse. You must use tickets for your lunch and any drinks outside.

Item	# of Tickets	Item	# of Tickets	Item	# of Tickets
Burger.....	7	Eggroll.....	1	Cocktails.....	5
Hot Dog.....	5	Beer 12oz can.....	4	Water.....	1
Corn Dog.....	3	Tap Beer.....	4	Pop.....	2

Salads and chips are included with the purchase of a burger, hotdog or corn dog. Tickets are to be used outside of the Clubhouse only.

ECC Men's Club Update

Date change

The Men's Club will again host a structured Men's Guest Day on **Wednesday, July 27**. All men playing that day will be required to participate and bring a guest in this shotgun start event. Guests will enjoy 18 holes of golf, on-course prizes, a steak dinner, drink tickets and a voucher good for 18-holes to be used at a later date.

See the flyer on the right for details.

Now you know . . .

Are the raffle tickets the same as the silent auction? NO! The raffle tickets are separate from the silent auction. The raffle tickets are \$100 each and buy you a chance at winning cash prizes and/or free rounds of golf! The silent auction has many awesome prizes that you can outbid your neighbor on.

Do I get a free drink with my raffle ticket? NO, but you may get a free drink if you participate in the putting contest, split-the-pot, or Yeti cooler drawing!

Time is running out . . . No need to wait until the weekend . . . Support our Club . . . Ask your family and friends!

Contact Nate at nlehmnn@caduluth.com or 218-940-8422 to reserve your ticket today!

Enjoy Pickleball!
The nets are set up. Permanent pickleball lines will be drawn when the courts are refurbished in July.



Eshquaguma Country Club Men's Guest Day Wednesday, July 27, 2022

(Note: date change from directory)

FORMAT: 18 HOLE – SHAMBLE

Team score will be low two best balls per team. In a "Shamble," each golfer tees off and the best shot is selected, but from that point, each golfer plays his or her own ball until it is holed out.

SCHEDULE: 3:00 p.m. shotgun start
Dinner and prizes upstairs following the round

ENTRY FEE: \$30 – ECC members
\$50 – Guests

PRIZES: ProShop prize vouchers for:

- Team payouts for low two best ball score
- Individual best shamble score
- On course games
- Optional cash skins game and horse race

Sign up with Matt Uhan matt@gilbertbank.com or in the ProShop at eccgolfproshop@gmail.com (218) 865-4706

REMINDER

This coming weekend more than ever – we remind everyone about cart safety! It's evident that everyone loves ECC not only for the hidden gem it is but for the community it fosters. It's important to remember that members enjoy the Club in many different ways. **It is the members' responsibility to educate their children and guests on proper etiquette and behavior at Eshquaguma.**

Here are a few points to remember:

Slow down! The speed limit on White Pine Lane is 15 mph; kids and dogs are all over!

Watch out! Be mindful of walkers and runners on the trails in the woods.

Be careful! The driving range is meant for practicing golf shots, not horsing around on a golf cart.

No guns! Airsoft guns are NOT ALLOWED on Country Club property.

Have fun! There is still a lot of fun to be had while respecting ECC property and fellow members.



Fun times at the "Youth Golf and Tennis" week again this year. We had a record-breaking number of 42 golfers, and 17 who enjoyed tennis. A huge thanks to all the volunteers who are helping our young ones learn the games of golf and tennis and work on enhancing their skills. As part of the week's activities, we had 50+ at the bonfire enjoying smores, hot dogs, chips and beverages followed by a dip in the lake by many.



Chinese snail invasion

For those that live on the lake, you may be wondering about the influx of snails. John Hovanec received this information from the DNR:

Those are called Chinese Mystery Snails. They are an invasive pest. For the last several years people from lakes all around the state have reported similar situations to the one in Lake Esquagama. The snail populations increase rapidly and prevent people from enjoying swimming and shallow water activity.

The snails are susceptible to copper poisons but the fix is only temporary because over time new snails move in from other parts of the lake. The good news about these snails is that they follow population cycles where they peak and then fall off for a number of years. In peak snail years some people report having to haul wheelbarrow loads of them off the beach.

You should get some relief in the future. Natural cycles and environmental conditions will adjust the population.



Welcome back to another season of the ECC Medallion Hunt!

For the new members, this is a scavenger hunt tradition started by the ECC Men's Club in 2014. Frequent clues will be issued through the Club's digital platforms leading up to the 4th of July. And sometimes, you need to grab a clue from prior releases to get going in the right direction! Nonetheless, it's proven a family fun event for members old and new. When you find the famed medallion, remember it can come in many shapes and sizes and it'll be clearly marked, let the ProShop know to claim your \$100 gift certificate sponsored by the ECC Men's Club. Good luck!

CLUE #1 Welcome again to another 4th of July at Esquagama and the famed medallion hunt sponsored by the ECC Men's Club. Except for this first tease – all the clues will be via e-blast as we salute America and get to know YOU'RE A GRAND OLD FLAG!

July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					ERA - a.m. 1 Special Happy Hour 3-5 p.m. ECC Fundraiser/Raffle Opens at 5	ECC 2 Fundraiser/Raffle Noon-5 Private Party Lakeside 10 a.m.
3 Breakfast 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	INDEPENDENCE DAY 4 Independence Day Celebration Restaurant/Bar Open	5 ERA - a.m. Restaurant/Bar Closed	6 Ladies' Golf a.m. Men's Golf 1:15	7 Trivia Night 7 p.m.	8 ERA - a.m. 8 Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Friday Fish Fry	9
10 Breakfast 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	11 Restaurant/Bar Closed	12 ERA - a.m. Ladies' Glitz & Glam Social 5 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m.	13 Ladies' Golf a.m. Men's Golf 1:15	14 Thursday Night Golf Event 5:30 p.m.	15 ERA - a.m. 15 Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Band 7:30 p.m.	16 Floatilla 1 p.m. Lobster Dinner 5 p.m. Reservations Required
17 Sunday Brunch 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Piano Music	18 Restaurant/Bar Closed	19 ERA - a.m. Ladies' Book Club 6:00 p.m.	20 Ladies' Golf a.m. Men's Golf 1:15	21 Northern Light Music Festival Fundraiser 4 p.m. Golf 6 p.m. Dinner	22 ERA - a.m. 22 Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Friday Fish Fry	23
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