

ECHO

Eshquaguma Country Club

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From the President

Dear Members,

With the Fourth of July almost here, it almost feels like summer is half over. Yet, celebrating the solstice and accompanying strawberry moon, we know it is really just peaking!

You'll be hearing a lot about our "Rio de Eshquaguma" Fourth of July Celebration. It is often the highlight of the year and we hope you will be here to celebrate and participate. Got your float ideas developed yet?

We hope you, your family and friends are enjoying the wonderfulness of ECC. The kitchen has a fabulous new menu. The golf course is a gem. And the ProShop continues to entice us with new games. The lake is up, but very inviting on these hot days.

The kids golf and tennis camps recently ended with smiles and thanks all around. Our volunteers who drive these events are too numerous to mention by name...but we thank them.

The annual meeting is a little more than a month away. We welcome candidates that want to play a role in ECC governance and business affairs. There are additional details in this ECHO, but if you need a nudge or want additional information on what is involved in ECC Board activities just ask any board member or contact the Nominating Committee.

If this isn't your year to run for the board, there are numbers volunteer options for you that are enjoyable, contribute significantly to ECC and yet don't have quite the longer commitment. We hope you'll make yourself available. Volunteerism at every level is the life-blood of ECC!

Have a great summer . . . see you on the 4th!

John Hovanec
President, ECC Board of Directors



ECC Ladies Opening Cocktail Party 2016



The Ladies Opening Cocktail Party was a great success! The food was fabulous and we had over 60 in attendance. Having it at night has enabled us to have a large turnout. Thanks to Barb Richards who chose the southern theme. *Kathy Nelson*



FAMILY GOLF OUTING July 2nd, 2016



An ECC tradition . . . start out the 4th with this great family golf outing.

9 a.m. Shotgun start. 9 holes

Great way to kick off the 4th of July Celebration

Adam and Eve July 16, 2016

This is a 9-hole couples event. Entry fee is \$15.00, with prizes and awards at a dinner following golf.

TEE TIMES START AROUND 2 P.M.



July Events

July 2 FAMILY GOLF OUTING
9 a.m. Shotgun Start

July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATION See pages 3 and 4

July 7, 14, 21, 28 YOUTH AND
ADVANCED TENNIS DRILLS
Every Thursday in July

July 16 ADAM & EVE GOLF
EVENT See page 1

July 23 CHEF'S CHOICE DINING
EVENT – Live music “Blue Tear Drops”

July 27 LADIES DAY “GOLF FORE
LIFE” Cancer Awareness event

July 30 CERAR WEDDING Dining
Room closed for event

Corporate Members of Eshquaguma CC

The Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors is looking for Corporate Members interested in filing for candidacy for the August election to fill three openings on the Board.

If you are interested please contact: George Crolick (952) 240-9666 or gcrolick@aol.com; Dwight Day (218) 750-6680 or dwight@tufco.us; or Ed Pajunen (218) 865-4757 or edwardpajunen@gmail.com

To be listed on the ballot at the annual meeting, we ask that you contact one of us by July 21st, one month prior to the Annual Meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Your Nominating Committee

Reminder: The date was changed . . . so original calendars are incorrect. **Correct date is Sunday, August 21** at 2 p.m. for the ECC Annual Meeting – not the 14th!

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2016 ECC 5K Run/Walk/Bike once again a huge success



Elizabeth Ebner
and Isla Pepelnjak



Erin Pepelnjak & Petra Noble



Winner Dave Surla

The ECC 5K Run/Walk/Bike was a huge success again this year with a record 98 participants. Despite the wet, soggy weather, fun was had by all.

Thank you to all of the volunteers: Cathy & Brian Hiti, Matt Uhan, Joe Cramer, Scott Strudwick, Tom & Jane Stunkard, Jill & Lauryn Devich, Carolyn Woodle and the restaurant staff.

Also a huge thank you to our sponsors: Tufco, Pit&Quarry, Lundgren Motors, First National Bank of Gilbert, Uhan Professional Services, Greater MN Agency, Buhl Water, Margie's Roosevelt, Tom & Linda Deluca, Larry & Teresa Lehtinen, Devich Chiropractic, Taconite Tire, Honaken Richards Strand, Jon's

Drug, Miner's Bank.

Our overall winner was first time 5K participant, Dave Surla with a time of 22:35 followed by our female winner Aimee Allen with a time of 23:15.

Second place male was Scott Schueller (24:23) and 2nd place female was Megan Wolff (24:10). Katie Giblin was our senior winner with a time of 31:55.

The junior race was a nail biter won by Elizabeth Ebner (24:45) chased closely by Isla Pepelnjak (24:47). It was fun to see the smiles on the kids' faces when they each received a medal and a prize.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this a successful event again this year. *Meg Uhan*



2016 ECC Men's Club News

4th of July Theme

- Summer Olympics – Rio de Eshquaguma
- Band sign up: contact Bob Baldrica for music
- ECC 4th Volunteers – Parade, games, setup, clean up - email Matt Uhan: Matt@gilbertbank.com



an immeasurable amount to the bar and restaurant. Guests enjoyed 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 all for \$50 entry fee. It's a great way to showcase ECC!

ECC Men's Guest Day set for July 20

Have a thousand Facebook friends? Find one that plays golf! The Men's Club will again host a structured Men's Guest Day on Wednesday, July 23 and all men playing that day will be required to participate and bring a guest.

In 2012 and 2013, the event drew almost 30 participants and generated over \$1,000 for the Proshop and

ECC Men's Club Annual Meeting

The ECC Men's Club annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 27, at 7 p.m. in the Grill Room.

Former, current and future Men's Club members are encouraged to attend. It'll just be business as usual – no

Welcome new members!

Don't miss the Fourth of July Celebration at the Club. It is geared for the youngest to the oldest and, believe us...everybody has a wonderful time! It's a great chance to meet old friends and make new ones!

- Michael & Jodi Knaus - Corporate
- Terry Hill & Jane Sullivan - Corporate
- Eric & Chris Erie - Social Member
- Jim & Elizabeth Kohler - Corporate
- Niecie Strand - Social Member
- Erik Honkanen - Social Member
- Bob & Ruby Zallar - Social Member

elections or current amendments to discuss.

Reminder that Men's Club dues are \$35 annually and help supplement club events. Men's Club statements will be mailed out or can be obtained at the annual meeting.

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Fish Fry Every Friday					1	2 Family Golf Outing 9 a.m. Shotgun Start
3 Sunday Brunch	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Independence Day Celebration Bar Open until 4 p.m.	5 ERA 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf	6 Ladies' Day Men's Night	7 TENNIS DRILLS: Youth 3:00 - 4:00 Adults/Advanced 4:00 - 5:30	8 ERA	9
10 Sunday Brunch	11 Restaurant Closed	12 ERA Buddy Golf Matches 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf	13 Ladies' Handicap Tourney Men's Night	14 Bridge Lnchn. TENNIS DRILLS: Youth 3:00 - 4:00 Adults/Advanced 4:00 - 5:30	15 ERA	16 Adam & Eve Golf Event
17 Sunday Brunch	18 Restaurant Closed	19 ERA 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf	20 Ladies' Day Men's Guest Night	21 TENNIS DRILLS: Youth 3:00 - 4:00 Adults/Advanced 4:00 - 5:30	22 ERA	23 Chef's Choice Live music
24 Sunday Brunch	25	26 ERA 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf	27 Ladies' Day "Golf Fore Life" Cancer Awareness Men's Night	28 TENNIS DRILLS: Youth 3:00 - 4:00 Adults/Advanced 4:00 - 5:30	29 ERA	30 Cerar Wedding
31 Sunday Brunch						

TRIVIA

CATEGORY: FUN

QUESTION: WHAT HAS BEEN HELD TWICE ON A THURSDAY NIGHT, HAS BEEN A LOT OF FUN, AND HAS NEARLY ALREADY DOUBLED IN PLAYERS?

ANSWER: TRIVIA NIGHT!!

A special thanks goes out to Cathy Lisenby for being the official moderator!

Put your thinking caps on, come solo, or put a team together and join us for the next round. Watch for the E-Blast for the next date!

The Home Schooler's donated their winnings to the Ladies Club to purchase perennial flowers.

The Cedesh Team has started a Trivia Party Kitty with their winnings.

June 2nd Winners

1st Place Team: "Home Schooler's" - (David Boz, Barb Boz, Louie Hippolt & Kym Drain

2nd place Team: "Frozen" - (Matt, Meg, Libby & Mia Uhan, Barry Woodle, Nick & Lauryn Devich)

3rd Place Team: Jean Pajunen & Grand daughter Katie

June 16th Winners

1st Place Team: "Cedesh High" - (Robert, Audrey Licari & Mike, Julie Smolich)

2nd Place Team: "Frozen II" - (Denny Reagan, Jane Stunkard, Barry Woodle, Kris Polus, Eric Erie, & Sheri Harms)

3rd Place Team: "Guys" - (Troy Hughes, Mark Mikulich, & Bob Bratulich)

We have a better idea!

That cooler on 7 isn't working . . .

"My favorite isn't there."

"The squirrels are drinking it!"

"My brother charged my #"

"The black bear sat on the cooler."

"I needed water – not beer!"

. . . so let's move to a better idea!

Pick up your ECC cooler stocked with your preferred beverages at the bar.

Refill at the turn . . . call us at 865-4263 – we'll have it ready to pick up before the 10th.

And, to ease the transition – how about "Buy five . . . get the sixth one free." Limited time only.

Your group is going to be happier to have the coldest, most perfect beverage to help that trudge up the long par 5s . . . are you in the weeds? . . . or help to measure those long putts. (Hey we are just trying to help!)

The ECC cooler is a take-home item for sure. It's only \$10 – or you can return it and it will be ready for the next time.

Lots of ice . . . cold beverages . . . sounds perfect doesn't it?



Fun at the club!

July 23 from 7:00 p.m. to 11 p.m. Come & listen and dance to the Blue Tear Drops. 50s 60s and 70s music with four-part harmony. Doo-wop the way it once was. \$5 cover.

Summer clean up 2016

Saturday June 25th started with quite a storm. We had started early but had to quit and then come back. Due to the weather many were waiting to see what would happen and we know there were many ready to pitch in. When we returned the entry circle was raked, parking blocks put back in a line, the club beach was cleaned up, mulch was placed around the club, and a large pine tree in front was cleaned up. Everything looks great!

Thanks to Pat & Henry, Linda & Tom, Theresa & Larry, Terri & Dave, Kathy & Mick, Dave Klima, Kevin and Mike Reagan, Carolyne and Joanna.

Thank you to Gerry, Anne Marie, Mary Louise, Sheri & Kris Polus for helping out with the flowers.

This was just the tip of the iceberg. We are lucky to have people pitch in as soon as the snow melted. Thanks Tom for trimming all the bushes this spring. And the tennis court crew of Jane & Tom, and Audrey & Robert for sprucing the courts up. Thank you to all who donated time and money.

CLUES FOR PRO-SHOP CASH ARE COMING!

(For a small fee, I'll send them to JUST you first!)

It's back for another 4th of July season! The ECC Men's Club is again sponsoring a \$50 ECC Proshop gift certificate to the successful medallion hunter! This year's clues might be a tad harder than before! Best of luck!

Clues will only be delivered via e-mail blast and at unordinary times! Be on your toes! Drum roll please!! *Matt Uhan*

Eshquaguma Country Club Schedule of Events

July 4, 2016

Cocktail Party (Clubhouse Lawn)..9-11

Parade Lin-up (8th green).....11:30

Parade.....12:00

Flag Ceremony and National Anthem at Flagpole.....After Parade

Lunch.....Lunchtime

Games (Starting with sand pile)... 1:30

Lunch is per person charge
Beverages will be cash

From the ECC Pro Shop

865-4706 Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday thru Sunday
9:00 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Mondays
Darlene Simonson, Manager

Women's Golf Day



June 7th was a great day here at Eshquaguma Country Club. We had 24 gals take part in our first Women's Golf Day. It was exciting to be part of a world-wide event, which took place in over 400 locations in 27 countries, celebrating girls and women playing golf and learning skills that last a lifetime!

We had the opportunity to enjoy a round of golf, or head to the driving range and take a lesson from Carver Richards. Carver did an amazing job working with all the ladies, those that had never held a club to those who have spent some time on the course. Thank You Carver!

Following our round of golf or lessons, Nancy Henderson- Korpi led us in Basic Golf Stretches. Nancy did a great job, everyone benefits from

stretching before they golf. Thanks to Nancy for all her time and effort.

Dr. Cathy Mitchell, also talked to us about some of the health issues that women face. Cathy was very informative and took time to answer some questions. Thank you so much!

Ladies, mark your calendar for next year – June 6, 2017!!

Too much fun!

We had another first here at Eshquaguma Country Club . . . 2 Person – Par 3 Scramble.

We had 19 teams! It is always interesting hitting from places on the course that you have never been. The winning team was Mark Karpen and Mark Skorjanec. Kym Drain drained the Longest Putt (sorry, I couldn't help myself) on Hole #2, and Kathy Nelson had Closest to the Pin on Hole #9. Thank you to Doug and his crew for moving the tee boxes!

"Nothing straightens out a nasty slice quicker than a sharp dogleg to the right."

Divot Mix Container

If anyone needs a Divot Mix Container, let me know and I can order them for you. You can purchase them at cost plus shipping.

Special Orders

Let me know if there is anything that you would like me to special order for you that we don't carry in the Pro Shop. The most common items special ordered are golf clubs, shoes, bags and rain gear. Special orders are 15% above cost, plus shipping.

Junior Golf Camp a Success!

The 2016 Kids Golf Clinic was once again a fun-filled success. Twenty-nine participants (children, grandkids, nieces, nephews, and cousins of our members) came out to enjoy instruction, games, and (finally) beautiful weather! Ages varied from 5-15, so we had quite a variety of skill levels!

A HUGE thank you to our coaches and helpers this year: Kris Polus, Jane Stunkard, and Jean Guy who took on the smallest of the golfers; Terri Nelson for helping me handle the largest group of 8-9 year olds; Dar Simonson and Bill Pelpnjak for working with the 10 year olds; Tom Stunkard and Tom Deluca for hanging with the older kids; Henry Tamminen and Chuck Mattson for being flexible and available where needed; and finally, to Barry Woodle for setting up the putting contest and hanging out and giving me moral support in getting this years clinic off the ground!

As always, the week ended with a

pizza and prizes party on Friday afternoon. Prizes this year included towels, water bottles, electronic ball returns, ball repair/markers and goody bags! It really was a joy to see these kids start to become the next generation of golfers out here at ECC! *Sheri Harms*



Pat "Paddy" Roche Memorial Golf Tournament

Thursday, July 21

"Win a Car" Hole-In-One Prize
sponsored by Waschke Family Auto



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT*
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Funds raised at this event are dedicated to providing financial assistance for kids, families and older adults, and expanding YMCA programming and services for everyone in our Iron Range communities.

EVENT DETAILS

LOCATION: Eshquagama Country Club
6469 White Pine Ln, Gilbert, MN 55741

REGISTRATION: 2:00pm

TEE TIME: 3:00pm

DINNER & CELEBRATION: 6:00pm

SPONSORSHIP & REGISTRATION

MAJOR SPONSORSHIP \$500

Includes: Team Entry, Recognition as Hole Sponsor and Recognition at Dinner & Celebration

HOLE SPONSORSHIP \$250

Includes: Recognition as Hole Sponsor and Recognition at Dinner & Celebration

INDIVIDUAL GOLFER \$75

(ECC MEMBERS \$55)

4-PERSON TEAM \$300

(Deduct \$20 per ECC Member)
Includes: Green Fees, Gift Bag and Dinner & Celebration

DINNER & CELEBRATION ONLY \$25

Does not include golf

*Cart not included. Cost is \$10 per seat (payment made at check-in). Cart reservation must be made by calling ECC Pro Shop at 865-4706

Our YMCA is grateful to have committed volunteers who truly live our cause. We are proud to honor the memory of Patrick James Roche.



The Mesabi Family YMCA recognizes Patrick Roche for his steadfast support and unwavering loyalty to the Y and its principles of youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

Pat was chairman of the initial capital campaign in 1990 and never wavered in his dedication throughout his life. He served as the board president, was an active and engaged member, wise counsel, mentor and tireless cheerleader. He believed the Y served the community from "cradle to grave". He was a generous donor that embraced the Y philosophy that the services of the Y should be available to all.

No individual has given so selflessly of his talents, time or resources. The Mesabi Family YMCA is forever grateful to Pat Roche for his unique legacy.