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From the President

Dear Members,

Don't you just love these long, luxurious days of summer!? I don't even want to think about the 4:30 p.m. darkness of winter. This is a special time - dinners at or takeout from The Club, evening boat rides, fires on the beach, and keeping an eye out for Northern Lights.

The course is in great shape, the restaurant has never been better...and we thank all of our employees who make us feel so comfortable and welcome.

ECC is in full swing with all eyes on the July 4th Celebration. Again, it is mostly a tribute to the volunteers who make ECC what it is. Thanks, in advance, to the Men's Club and the many others who always give us a memorable way to celebrate the 4th.

Speaking of volunteers...we need all of you! We need your ideas; we need your involvement. We encourage you to step up, volunteer and just get the job done. We all look for those unique and special events that make ECC fun. And they all have one thing in common—great volunteers and organizers who make it a joy for the rest of us.

It is also that time of year when we look for the next members of our ECC Board of Directors. Many say it just isn't the right time...and with jobs, family and other commitments...we understand. But, we hope it is the right time for YOU? We can all benefit by your ideas, your governance and financial oversight. Please reach out to the Nominating Committee or any Board member for more information.

It's a special time at ECC. Enjoy the activities - golf, tennis, loafing around and everything you do with family and friends. We all look forward to seeing each other at the 4th of July celebration!

Enjoy your summer!

John Hovanec
President, ECC Board of Directors

2017 Eshquaguma CC Independence Day Celebration

America the Beautiful

The theme for the 2017 ECC parade this year is – “America the Beautiful”.

Also, get ready for another treasure hunt! For those of you paying attention – you know the first clue was already released last year and will not be re-issued! Better start digging through those e-mails! 2017 treasure

hunters get ready this year's medallion winner will get a \$50 ECC Proshop voucher sponsored by the ECC Men's Club. The hunt will officially begin later this week.

2017 ECC 4th of July Schedule of Events

COCKTAIL PARTY (Clubhouse Lawn)	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
PARADE LINE-UP (8th green)	11:30 a.m.
PARADE	12:00 Noon
FLAG CEREMONY & NATIONAL ANTHEM - FLAGPOLE	After Parade
LUNCH.....	Lunchtime
GAMES (Starting with sand pile).....	1:30 p.m.

(LUNCH IS PER PERSON CHARGE – COST TBD/BEVERAGES WILL BE CASH)

The Men's Club is looking for a cast of characters to help the day run as smoothly as possible. We've narrowed it down so the volunteers commitments are generally 30 minutes'ish. Please e-mail Matt@gilbertbank.com if you're interested in the following:

- JULY 4th CELEBRATION**
- Parade line-up/judges-2-3 people - 11:30-12:00
 - Announce & handout parade prizes 3-4 people - 12:15-12:45
 - Sand pile 3 people - 1:30-1:55 (Matt U., Nick Devich, Tim Virant)
 - Races - 1 starter and 3-4 people @ finish line 2:00-3:00
 - Cleanup 4 people - 3:00-3:30.



Band Members Needed – please e-mail Matt or Kris Coombe at lostlakeshores@gmail.com. We're in need of strong horn players and a snare drummer. Base and snare drums are provided.

Upcoming Events

July 1 FAMILY GOLF OUTING - 9 a.m.
Shotgun Start

July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATION - See page 1

July 13 LAKESIDE TRIVIA - 7 p.m.

July 19 LADIES HANDICAP
TOURNEY

July 26 MEN'S GUEST NIGHT

July 27 LAKESIDE TRIVIA - 7 p.m.

June 28 LAKELAND FIRE DEPT.
GOLF TOURNEY - 4 p.m.

ESHQUAGUMA JUNIOR GOLF CAMP

Future ECC Club Champions

This year we had 33 fabulous kids at the ECC Youth Golf Clinic. The Golf Gods kept us dry and we missed the rain. Everyone had a great time playing golf, hitting balls on the range and learning to putt. We cannot wait

to see them all next year, and watch the improvement in these future ECC champions!

A good time was had by all at the Champions pizza party on Friday where all the kids received a prize.

As always, this clinic cannot happen without the generous time given by all of our volunteers this year: Kris Polus, Roger Hensen, George & Peggy Crolick, Mary Louise Meredith, Terry Nelson, Jean Guy, Henry & Pat Tamminen, Jane Stunkard, Brenda Jarvi, Kris Coombe and Barry Woodle.



Please call for reservations!

ECC Dining Room: 218-865-4263

We thank you for making reservations. It always helps us plan food, staffing and making sure that you are greeted and seated appropriately.

Certainly, we understand the last minute decisions – and we welcome that. But, if you can, even giving us a few minutes to set your table will be appreciated.

And, if you simply don't have time or are just coming in from the lake or don't have a phone handy...no worries! We are here to help make your evening special!

Come on in...anytime!

See you soon!

Your ECC Waitstaff



"A fond farewell to Lyn and Chas McNeil . . . and thank you for the lovely cocktail party."

Almost 100 participate in 5K Run/Walk/Bike

The seventh annual ECC 5K run/walk/bike was held on Saturday May 27th and a great time was had by all! We had several new faces this year with 97 participants overall. Each child received a medal and a prize and it was smiles all around!

The first place junior, and overall race winner, was Thomas LaSalla with a time of 23:03 followed closely by his sister Maria LaSalla with a time of 23:56. In the Men's division, Scott Schueller placed again this year with a time of 23:22 and first time participant Jim Fritz took second in the men's division with a time of 30:16. Kelly Surla took first for the women with a time of 28:23 and Courtney Stone was second at 30:15. Marjory Wood, also a first time participant, won the seniors division with a time of 32:22 and Kathy

Nelson was second in the seniors group with a time of 44:11.

A huge thank you to all of our volunteers: Cathy & Brian Hiti, Matt Uhan, Tom & Jane Stunkard, Joe Cramer, Scott Strudwick, as well as our sponsors: Tufco, Devich Chiropractic, Miner's National Bank, First National Bank of Gilbert, Uhan Professional Services, Taconite Tire, Margie's Roosevelt, Tom & Linda Deluca, Cathy & Brian Hiti, Larry & Teresa Lehtinen, Honkanen Richards, S.C., Buhl Water, Greater MN Agency, Lundgren Motors, Jon's Drug, and Textiles Plus.

If you missed it this year, put it on your calendar now... Saturday May 26th, 2018. Help us reach a record 100 participants next year!

Thanks again to all of our participants, volunteers, and sponsors.



Scott Schueller, Thomas LaSalla



Maria LaSalla



Laura Hughes, Tim Virant, Linda Deluca, Teresa Lehtinen, Todd Leoni

Men's Club and Men's Golf Update

Wednesday Evening Events

Starting Wednesday, June 7, there will be a regular Men's night event starting at 5:30pm. Each week will have a different 9-hole event format and will accommodate golfers of all skill level. These events will shotgun start promptly at 5:30 and the entry fee will be \$10 per week. New Proshop Manager Jon Slupe will run the events.

If you are a previous Wednesday afternoon regular, perhaps you'd consider joining the evening bunch and if you hope to play 18, play the first 9 start-

ing at 3:30 so you can join the action at 5:30. Don't think you can play every Wednesday evening? No sweat. Each week is a separate event and there's no requirement to play every week. Please e-mail the Proshop (eccgolfproshop@gmail.com) or Matt Uhan (matt@gilbertbank.com) to express your interest in the events.

Special Golf Events

We will again host a structured Men's Guest Day on Wednesday, July 26 and

all men playing that day will be required to participate and bring a guest. Guests 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. Format TBD. Register in the Proshop.



From the Ladies' Tees

Ladies golf league is up and running on Wednesday mornings. Contact the Pro Shop for information on the league. Join us for a nice round of golf, friendly competition, and a delicious lunch. Not a golfer?

Help keep our lake clean

Recently I received information from the University of MN about invasive species in our lakes. About two years ago I noticed that we were seeing a lot of snails in Lake Eshquaguma. I have also asked friends who live on other lakes if they had noticed the problem. That's when I contacted the U of M. They sent me several pamphlets about several different invasive species invading our lakes.



In particular, it is the Banded Mystery Snail that is the big problem in the lakes, brought in by boats not cleaned properly and other ways, too.

These snails can form dense populations and outcompete native species for food and habitat in lakes and streams. They are intermediate hosts for parasitic worms and can transmit trematodes that kill waterfowl. Banded Mystery Snails prey on fish embryos. Shells often litter shorelines and clog screens of water intakes.

Eradicating mystery snails is nearly impossible. Your actions and your help can help prevent new infestations and are vital for preventing their spread.

As often as possible take a pail to the lake and pick up as many as you can see, daily, if possible. Take them from the lake and put into a burn pile or somewhere else where they can die. They can live several days out of the water.

Please help to keep our lakes clean.

Submitted by Jane Stunkard

Meet up with friends and join us around 11:30 for lunch.

At the Ladies' Business meeting on June 7th, the women approved a motion to purchase an amplifier and microphone from the undesignated memorial funds. This is for club event use and if needed, contact Carrie, our Restaurant Manager.

The Ladies also acknowledged the many volunteers that make this club what it is. So many members have helped with odd jobs around the clubhouse, course improvements, and with flowers on the tee boxes. We thank each and every one of you. If you'd like to make a monetary contribution to the

flower fund, please contact the Ladies Treasurer, Pat Tamminen.

Ladies Guest Day is July 5th. Each paid member of the Ladies Golf League may bring one guest for Wednesday morning golf – green fees waived. Sign up in the ProShop so that we have an accurate count for lunch.

We still have many cookbooks to sell. The proceeds from cookbook sales are used for purchases needed in the restaurant and/or club house. Cookbooks are in the Pro Shop. Please consider purchasing them for gifts to family and friends. They are inexpensive and full of interesting information and fantastic recipes. Many thanks! *Kris Coombe, Ladies' President*



Kentucky Derby Party

These ladies enjoyed the ECC Kentucky Derby Potluck on May 6th. Pictured above are (left to right): Terri Nelson, Cathy Lisenby, Sheri Harms, Jane Stunkard, Kathy Nelson, Kym Drain, Jody Robertson, Kris Polus and leaning is Audrey Licari. Best Hat Award winner was Jody Robertson (right).

Money prizes were won by Nick Devich (\$400), Cathy Mitchell (\$200), Terri Nelson & Jim Fritz (\$100) and Kathy Nelson (\$20).





Annual Meeting set for August 20th

The 2017 Eshquaguma Country Club Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday August 20th** at 2 p.m. Per usual it will be held at the Club.

This is the opportunity for all members to obtain detailed information on our operations, financials, activities, and issues. The board works hard all

on the board. If any Corporate member is interested in serving, please make your interest know to a member of the nomination committee (George Crolick, Dwight Day, Paul Freeman, or Ed Pajunen) or any Eshquaguma Country Club board member by Monday, July 21.

Just a small part of the updating that was done in the chef's quarters this year is shown above. The food has been awesome guys – keep up the great work!

Men's Championship Finals 1:00	20	Re
Sunday Brunch	20	Re
Annual Meeting 2 p.m.	27	Re
Sunday Brunch	27	Re

year and deserves support from each and every member. Although the agenda is managed to have a productive meeting,

it is an opportunity to catch and have discussions.

In accordance with our by-laws there will be an election for three spots

ECC Fundraiser for the Lakeland Fire Department & First Responders



Golf • Food • Prizes • Raffles & "Split-the-pot"
Give to those . . . who give to our community

Friday, July 28th

3 or 4 Person 9 Hole Scramble \$65 per person

Registration @ 4:00 • Shotgun Start 5:00 p.m. • Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Sign up as a team or a single (we'll add you to a team) - 18 teams max.

Entry Fee Includes golf, food, prizes, and your donation to the cause.

Dinner only - \$30.00 • Hole sponsorships available for \$100

Monetary donations are accepted. Additional cash donations for the cause are appreciated. Make checks out to Lakeland Fire Department and send to Cathy Hiti, 4749 Ponderosa Dr, Gilbert, MN 55741

~Open to the Public~

Call the Eshquaguma ProShop 865-4706 and sign-up your team!

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ECC Memorial Garden

Thank you to the Walker Family for their donation to the Memorial Garden. We are awaiting the stone to be added by the family and dedicated to Stuart and Judy Walker.






Hats Off!

While inside the clubhouse please take your hats off. It may be uncomfortable but in respect, please take them off



Thanks to Duffy Watson for his great artwork!

July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Fish Fry Every Friday						1 Family Golf Outing 9 a.m. Shotgun Start
2 Sunday Brunch	3 Restaurant Closed	INDEPENDENCE DAY 4 Independence Day Celebration	5 Ladies' Guest Day Men's Night 1:15	6 Mixed Golf 5:30	7  ERA	8
9 Sunday Brunch	10 Restaurant Closed	11 ERA	12 Ladies' Golf a.m. Men's Night 1:15	13 Bridge Luncheon Trivia Lakeside 7 p.m.	14  ERA	15
16 Sunday Brunch	17 Restaurant Closed	18 ERA	19 Ladies' Handicap Tourney Men's Night 1:15	20 Mixed Golf 5:30	21  ERA	22
23 Sunday Brunch	24 Restaurant Closed	25 ERA	26 Ladies' Golf a.m. Men's Guest Night	27 Trivia Lakeside 7 p.m.	28  ERA Lakeland Fire Dept. Golf Tourney 4 p.m.	29
30 Sunday Brunch	30 Restaurant Closed		30			