

Eshquaguma **ECHO** Country Club

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From the President

Dear ECC Members,

Summer is going way too fast!

I hope your summer has been enjoyable despite obvious challenges we've faced with the lake and the golf course as it struggles to rebound after a very tough winter. We thank those that are working so hard to get the course back in shape.

There have been many events to keep people engaged at ECC. We appreciate those that have volunteered their time and talents to keep us entertained.

The Fourth of July celebration is always a major attraction. I trust you and your family and friends are planning to participate in our ECC celebration under the banner "United We Stand!" It is always a draw for family and friends who gather to celebrate this important holiday.

Again, special thanks to the many, many volunteers, staff and others that always make this such a memorable event...with music, food, parade and games for all!

Finally, I'd like to call your attention to our annual meeting on August 26. It is your chance to get an annual snapshot at all ECC does. And, in addition to getting an update, I encourage you to run for one of the board-member openings to get more involved in management of your club.

Again, I hope your Fourth is filled with sparkling highlights and memories for you, your family and friends....have a safe, happy Holiday.



John Hovanec
President, ECC Board of Directors

ECC Independence Day Celebration '18

The theme for the 2018 Eshquaguma Country Club Fourth of July celebration is - **United We Stand**. Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all, by uniting we stand, by dividing we fall; in so righteous a cause let us hope to succeed, for heaven approves of each generous deed!

The ECC Men's Club is again organizing and staffing the various activities - but **you need not be a men's club member to help out!**

Below are the areas in which helpers are needed and much appreciated!

Parade line-up/judges 11:30-12:00; 2-3 people

Announce and handout parade prizes 12:00-12:20; 3-4 people

Sand pile 1:30-1:55; 3 people

Races 2:00-3:00; 1 starter and 3-4 at finish line

Cleanup 3:00-3:30; 4 people

As you can see, the time commitments are insignificant but go a long way in making the day a success. Please e-mail matt@gilbertbank.com if you're interested.

There will be another Medallion Hunt and will be broadcast via mass e-mail only. Pay attention to the clues for your chance to win a \$100 Proshop credit donated by the Men's Club .



ECC Band

Members, guests, kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews! If you can carry a tune, we need you for the ECC marching band. The band

plays Minnesota Rouser, Notre Dame Victory March, America the Beautiful and the Star Spangled Banner. This is a tradition unlike any other! Please contact Kris Coombe (lostlakeshores@gmail.com) or Matt Uhan (matt@gilbertbank.com) to report for duty! Music will be provided.

ECC July 4th Schedule of Events



COCKTAIL PARTY (Clubhouse Lawn) **9 a.m. - 11a.m.**

PARADE LINE-UP (8th green) **11:30 a.m.**

PARADE **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

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2018

July Events

June 30 FAMILY GOLF OUTING - Starts at at 9:00 a.m. (See page 2)

July 4 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION (See page 1)

July 11 LADIES' GUEST DAY

July 12 LAKESIDE TRIVIA 7 p.m.

July 14 DINNER MUSIC by the Strohmaier Family

July 17 LADIES' LUNCHEON Bridge, cards, games starts at 11:30. Sign up in the Club lobby.

July 24 FIRESIDE CULTURAL SERIES 6 p.m. (See page 3)

July 25 LADIES HANDICAP TOURNEY

July 26 BEANBAGS TOURNEY - 5:30 behind clubhouse near the flag pole.

July 28 NIGHT GOLF TOURNEY (TBD)



A "Glitz & Glam" evening

Micki Day and Mary Louise Merideth had the fabulous idea of a Gliz & Glam theme cocktail and dinner gathering that was really fun! Bring out your period costume jewelry, flashy sequin

clothing for the next Gliz & Glam get together making an ordinary Tuesday evening extraordinary! So Ladies – mark your calendar now for 6 p.m. on August 21st!

Please help keep our lake clean

This article was originally run in July of 2017. Because of the importance of the subject, we wanted to run it again. Banded Mystery Snails remain a serious concern for our lake. It is very important to pick them out of the lake and put them into a burn pile.

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 and 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

2018 ECC FAMILY GOLF OUTING

Saturday
June 30



The 4th of July holidays are superb for all ECC members and their families. This year's festivities begin with the **Family Golf Outing** scheduled for **Saturday, June 30th**. 9 holes with 4 or 5 person teams. It's a wonderful chance to have Mom, Dad, the Kids, the Grandparents, and other relatives play golf together and do some special bonding. The 4th of July celebration is an extraordinary ECC tradition . . . start it out with this wonderful family outing. \$16 per person.

SHOTGUN START AT 9 A.M.

Kick off the 4th of July Celebration with this wonderful family outing

John Staver 1926-2018

John Staver died peacefully at the Essentia Heath Virginia Care Center from complications of Parkinson's disease, on Wednesday, June 20, 2018.

John was born in Virginia, Minnesota, on November 20, 1926 and attended Virginia High School graduating in 1945. He served in the US Army from 1944-1945. He then attended the University of Minnesota graduating in 1950.

John worked at Staver Foundry for over 50 years and had some ownership in a number of local businesses during those years. Bearing Service and Supply, Taconite Tire, Minnesota Alloy and Wild Rice Inc. He owned, with the Bombardier Corp, Performance Products Corp, distributing Ski-Doo oil in the US and Canada. He also had a major interest in several graphite golf shaft makers during the 1970's and 1980's.

He was an expert on the Rules of Golf. He lectured at many USGA/PGA Rules seminars throughout the US, officiating at 25 US Opens, 25 Senior US Opens as well as 5 Masters Tournaments. He served on the Rules of Golf Committee, the Implement and Ball Committee and the Green Committee of the United States Golf Association throughout the years.

John hit golf balls in 10 decades beginning in the 1920's, winning local golf events through the years. He was a passionate supporter of walking and carrying his bag over the use of golf carts.

Shooting 71 at Northland Country Club at the age of 75 while carrying his bag, shooting a Hole in One at the 12th Hole at Augusta and his ability to tear a deck of playing cards into eighths well into his 70's were the things that he was most proud of.



Photo from Minnesota Golf Association

During his lifetime he was a member of many national and international golf clubs. At the time of his death he was an honorary member of the PGA National Club, Northland Country Club and Eshquaguma Country Club. He served as president of the Virginia Golf Club, Eshquaguma Country Club, and Tryall Golf Course in Jamaica. John was the club champion nine times at Eshquaguma Country Club.

John was an avid wine connoisseur and in 1984 was elected Grand Piliereux of the Chevalier du Tastevin, a French wine society for the United States.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Byron and Doris Staver, son Byron "Fub" Staver and sister Gretel Haglin.

John is survived by his wife Sue, daughters Gayl Staver and Kyle Staver, step-daughters Jodi Perlman and Cheryl Hanson, grandchildren Katrina, Michael, Tara, Staver, Jacob and Olivia.

Editor's note: John Staver won nine ECC Men's Championships spanning four decades – starting in the 50s when he was 28 – to the 80s when he was 61. For a nice article about the life of Mr. Staver, check out this link to the Minnesota Golf Association: https://www.mngolf.org/News/John_Staver_19262018

The Eshquaguma Ladies' Club Proudly Presents the 2018

Fireside Cultural Series



Join us for the Series Finale

Tuesday, August 28

Comedy Tonight - A One Man Show/John DeBoer

All dinners at 6:00 pm, with show to follow at 7:15 p.m. Cash bar.

Advance ticket sales available from the Ladies Golf Club

Reservations are seriously encouraged.

Call 865-4263

The Third in a Series

Tuesday, July 24

A History of the "Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railroad"

CALLING ALL RAILROAD ENTHUSIASTS AND LOCAL HISTORY BUFFS!

Come join us for a festive Mexican Buffet – probably the only one all season – and a captivating presentation by the learned and entertaining **Jon Severson** as he tells us about one of the finest Short Lines in the history of railroading. His book, personally inscribed for you, will be available for sale after his presentation.

\$22 includes presentation and buffet. Cash bar

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
 Jennifer Thiel, Pro Shop Manager

Attention: All Golfers

Please try to avoid driving on the edges of the golf course. Members and member-hired workers have been using the grass area along the road to drive and park on. There are noticeable “paths” being formed in these areas. Sometimes it is necessary to pull over when meeting another car, but there are also wide spots and paved parking areas which can be pulled into instead of always driving on the grass. Our golf course crew has done an excellent job getting the grounds into great shape after another winter. Let’s help them out by not ruining the rough along the course.

Another reminder: All golfers should be fixing their divots with the seed and sand provided at the club. This year especially – since we had a bad winter and the course need all of our help. This also holds for the the driving range.



What's In Your Bag??

LADIES CLUB GUEST DAY - JULY 11th

9 hole event - Tee Off at 9:30
 Team Event for Golf Scoring
 On the Course Contests + Surprises
 Guest Drawing - Free 9 Hole Golf Certificate
 Sign Up Sheet in the Pro Shop or Call Pat Tamminen 865-4604

July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Sunday Brunch	2 Restaurant Closed	3	INDEPENDENCE DAY 4 Independence Day Celebration	5	6	7
8 Sunday Brunch	9 Restaurant Closed	10	11 Ladies' Guest Day	12 Trivia Lakeside 7 p.m.	13	14
15 Sunday Brunch	16 Restaurant Closed	17	18	19 Mixed Golf 5:30	20	21
22 Sunday Brunch	23 Restaurant Closed	24 Fireside Cultural Series 6 p.m. "History of DWP Railroad"	25 Ladies' Handicap Tourney Men's Guest Night	26 Beanbags 5:30	27	28 Night Golf Tourney Time: TBA
29 Sunday Brunch	30 Restaurant Closed	31				 Fish Fry Every Friday



June was a busy month at ECC – especially for the kids – and thankfully, the volunteers! The Golf and tennis clinics were well attended and the party afterwards was epic! For more information on these photos and events, see page 6.



Eshquagumaa Men's Club Update

Golf Events

ECC MEN'S GUEST DAY

Have a thousand Facebook friends? Then find one that plays golf! The Men's Club will again host a structured Men's Guest Day on **Wednesday, July 25** and all men playing that day will be required to participate and bring a guest. Over the last few years, the event has

averaged 30-40 guys and generated a nice nut for the Proshop and 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. This is a great way to showcase Eshquaguma Country Club!

MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

The Men's Club annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 1, at 7pm. Former, current and future Men's Club members are encouraged to attend. It'll just be business as usual! Reminder Men's Club dues are \$35 annually and help supplement the club events and Wednesday men's day.

Eshquaguma News & Notes

There is quite a bit of real estate for sale out at ECC right now . . . tell your friends and relatives! Current known properties are: Paul Brown, Bob McBride, David Adams, Dennis Lindberg, Sumiyo Griesey, Gary Hagar, Phil LaSalla, Chuck McNeil, Mick Giblin. There may be more . . .

• Minnesota DNR Will Survey Lake Eshquaguma

– The DNR will begin a lake survey the week of July 16th on Eshquaguma. This survey will be handled by the Tower office of the DNR. The last survey was conducted in 1999 and will give us a good look at what is happening in fish populations now. The DNR expects to have some preliminary data to share later this summer but the more complete write-up won't happen until winter and then the survey will be published on lake finder on the MNDNR website.

• Special thank you to Marcy Lundgren for leaving \$1,000 for the perennial flowers at the Club. Half were planted this spring and the other half will be planted this fall.

• Thanks go to Maggie Hillmer, Kathy Nelson and Mick Giblin for the 1st Annual Hot Dog & Smores roast as part of the Golf and Tennis Clinics at the Club. More than 40 kids were part of those two events. Hard to count them all let alone get them all in one photo at the "conclusion" party as they were all swimming, biking and using the playset! A good time was had by all.

• Also a belated thank you to Jane and Tom Stunkard for the fire ring donation.

- Thank you to all the members who donated their time to the Kid's Golf and Tennis Clinics during the week of June 18-22. These are wonderful events and the kids have lots of fun, too.
- The Club raft is now in and many have been enjoying that already! There are also

plans to burn up the brush pile and supply firewood.

- The tennis clinic went well again this year and all of the kids are progressing and getting better. Parents should encourage their kids to continue to play over the year so they will get better.

ECC Membership Survey

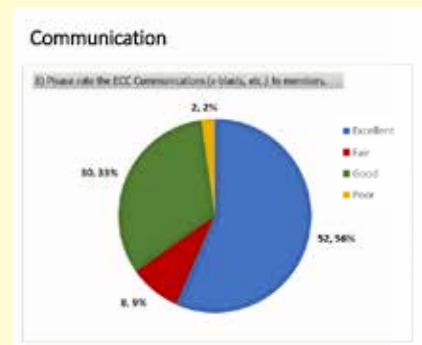
Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the ECC Membership Survey in April. We received 100 survey responses. The Board has reviewed the results and comments and we are making plans that will address many of your concerns.

Specifically, in the Pro-shop we are continuing to search for non-apparel merchandise, different clothing styles and price points with the intent of providing more purchasing options for members.

The golf course is a major concern. Our ECC grounds crew has been working hard to reseed, fertilize, water and help the course rebound after the winter kill that affected ECC and major other courses in the Northland.

We will also be working on new tee boxes and our irrigation system is dated, parts are impossible to find and a system upgrade is sorely needed. We want to re-establish the course as the jewel it can be.

Buildings and grounds is a constant focus. We have aging buildings and we continue to do our utmost to maintain them, keep them safe and looking good



as they are our collective home.

The restaurant will continue to experiment with different price-points and specials. We have a talented group of chefs that can handle any cuisine. And, we have talented volunteers who are looking for additional ways to keep folks engaged.

We hope to be a center for more private parties, banquets and weddings to help our financial situation. At the same time, we'll work hard to make sure these aren't an obstacle for member enjoyment of the club and its activities.

Again, we thank you for your response to the annual survey. It is important for your Board and others to know how people feel about ECC!