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From the President

Dear ECC Members,

Hard to believe that we are nearing the 4th of July...summer is going by too fast! We have already had many great events at the club, including Father's Day weekend with a live band with dancing, and a wonderful brunch. Many more events are being planned, and I encourage you to attend them. Keep an eye out for sign-up sheets in the clubhouse.

The golf course is in beautiful condition. Many events are being planned, including tournaments every other Thursday for golfers of all levels, so come out and play. Stop into the Pro Shop to sign up, and talk to Jason if you need a lesson.

The fundraising effort is going very well, with **just 15 tickets left for sale at the current time**. Thank you for supporting this effort! **If you still need a ticket (\$100 each), please email Nate Lehmann at NLehmann@caduluth.com**. Prizes will be awarded on July 3 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 Grill Room renovations in our clubhouse.

ECC is already having a great year, with close to 30 new members. Our employees in the restaurant, ProShop, and golf course are doing a great job, and we are fortunate to have such a great staff. I would also like to thank all the volunteers, as they are key to making ECC a special place.

We hope you and your family have a terrific 4th of July, and look forward to seeing you at the celebration!

Best wishes,

Tim Virant
President, ECC Board of Directors



Erin Pepljack

“Let Freedom Ring” is ECC’s July 4th 2021 theme

After 2020’s somewhat subdued 4th of July Celebration, things are pretty much back to normal for 2021. Come and join Grand Marshals Jim Fritz and Courtney Stone for ECC’s famous, family-friendly annual party!

- 9:00 Beverage Station Opens
- 10:30 Club Road Parade line up with judging until 11:00
- 11:00 Prizes handed out (to 11:20)
- 11:30 Parade Start
- 12:00 Flag Pole Ceremony
- 12:15 Lunch & Socializing
- 12:30 - 2:00 Races/Competition
- 4:00 Boat Parade - more prizes!

We will have an outside bar to serve pop, beer, and cocktails for those who need to hydrate before the parade.

Pre-Sale for food and drink tickets are currently on sale in the ProShop. You may charge to your member account or pay cash. If you purchase early – \$25 will get you 30 tickets – but only if you purchase prior to July 4th. On July 4th tickets will be available for purchase in the ProShop and a table will be set up outside the front entrance where you may charge to your account or pay cash for the tickets. **All food and drink items outside the Clubhouse require tickets only.** The Grill Room and deck will be open on July 4th and you may charge to your account, use a credit card or pay cash (no tickets inside).

The Grill Room will be open if you’d like to have a drink inside, and drinks can be charged to your account.

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Upcoming Events

- July 3** Fundraiser Raffle winners announced
- July 4** Independence Day Celebration
“Let Freedom Ring” Festivities start at 9 a.m. (See page 1 for details)
- July 16** Beach Bonfire - 7 p.m.
- July 17** Lobster Dinner - 6 p.m.
Reservations are required.
- July 18 Sunday Brunch** -
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- July 28** Ladie’s Golf Hanicap Tourney
- July 30** Family Scavenger Hunt - 6 p.m.
- July 31** Family BBQ & Bean Bags -
11 a.m.
- August 1** Family Golf Outing -
Shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Eshquaguma Men’s Guest Day

August 4, 2021

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 on, each golfer plays his or her own ball until it is holed out.

SCHEDULE: 3 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



Decorate those floats for the 4 p.m. boat parade on the 4th! You may win a prize. Great food & drink!

ECC Ladies Club invites you to a paint & wine evening

The Eshquaguma CC Ladies Club invites you to a delightful paint and wine evening with LeAnn Oman. LeAnn is an award-winning artist and chainsaw sculptor. This event will be held in the Fireside Room on Monday,

August 2nd starting at 5 p.m.
Cost

of this event is \$45.00 fee payable to ECC Ladies Club. Fee includes all art supplies, sub sandwiches and

cookies. The bar will be available to enhance your artistic experience!

To register, call Terri Nelson at (218)398-3021 or text Joanna Johnson at (908)451-5194



Bench created by LeAnn

The ECC 2021 Medallion Hunt is back!

The medallion hunt is a family-fun activity for all members and guests to enjoy during the 4th of July week at ECC. Successful medallion hunters will need to piece together a series of clues to claim this year’s \$100 gift certificate prize. And remember, all remaining clues will come via email from the Eshquaguma Club email account. Thank you to the ECC Men’s Club for sponsoring the prize! Good Luck!

Welcome again to another 4th of July at Eshquaguma 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 LET FREEDOM RING in 2021! Just remember golfers don’t like ringing!



From the ECC Board

The boat ramp is complete! We removed 21 planks and installed 15 new wider planks and added two old ones during the construction. The ramp is actually a foot longer than the old one and is placed on railroad ballast which will allow for movement and should protect it for frost and ice heaving. Several of the old planks were saved and can be re-used in the future. They are stored at Lakehead's yard in Aurora should we need a spare. They need work but could be used in a pinch.

This fall we will need to block off the ramp for winter travel and mark a trail to the south of ramp for snowmobiles etc. This will keep the frost from being pushed into the ground and make the ramp last a bit longer. There is plenty of room for this.

Brian Maki, Golf Course Liaison

Membership Report

New Members in June 2021

CORPORATE NON-RESIDENT:

Stephen & Laurie Johnson

OUT OF AREA MEMBERS:

Joe & Jodi Cerar

James & Megan Barg

Ren & Sue Elstad

Greg & Barb Owens

SOCIAL:

James & Rosemary Perpich

Peter Lambert

Dody & Jen Evenson

MISSED THE DIRECTORY DEADLINE:

Susan Phillips & Anthony LoPinto - Social

Gary & Cindy Hultman - Corporate

Non Resident

Fundraising Report

Reminder that Saturday, July 3rd is our big fundraising event, and we hope to see a lot of people there. Please remember to BRING CASH for numerous "cash grab"

games and contests.

Thanks everyone who already bought a raffle ticket and donated to the upcoming event! See you on the 3rd!

*Nate Lehmann and Brian Hiti,
Fundraising/Membership Liaison*

Restaurant and ProShop

Summer is under way and ECC is hopping. We had a wonderful Father's Day weekend, with the Smear Tournament where Julie Smolich was the big winner. Saturday night we had the band "Cowboy Angel Blue". This was a great event. and the dinner and dancing was enjoyed by all. If you missed this weekend – not to worry, we have much more to come. Our next big weekend is the "Weekend in New England". Friday night, July 16, we will have a Bonfire on the ECC Beach. We will have Smores, Hot Dogs and the Bev Cart will be stocked. Saturday, July 17 is the ECC Floatilla at 1 p.m. The evening of the 17 is the Lobster Event, reservations required. Further details to come. After dinner at 7:30, we will be dancing to the "The Divas". Then on Sunday, July 18 is our full Sunday Brunch from 10 to 2.

We have several private parties scheduled for the month of July. We'll keep you posted and try to minimize any inconvenience.

The next big weekend will be the Family Weekend the end of July. July 30 is the Scavenger Hunt. Cathy Lisenby will be upping her game and this event is going to be tough, but fun. Details to come. The July 31 is the Bean Bags Tournament at 11 a.m. and the Family BBQ will be set up on the front lawn at 1 p.m. Then on Sunday, August 1st we have the Family Golf Event This event is one you don't want to miss.

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 Pro-



The boat ramp is complete!

Shop has been busy keeping inventory up. We have new Sofi Bella, Glove It, Greg Norman and Nike apparel arriving. Thank you for all your support. **All men's and women's apparel (not accessories) in the ProShop will be discounted 20% on July 2nd, 3rd and 4th.**

WELCOME NEW WAIT STAFF

Cooper, Addison, Emma, Abby, Bailey, Amanda, Kalab, Savannah, Hannah, Hailey, Bryleigh, Blaise, and Dan.

WELCOME PROSHOP STAFF

Colton, Brogan, Hannah and Aiden

FROM THE RESTAURANT/BAR

This year has been exceptional thus far from the Kitchen – thanks to the efforts of our wonderful culinary staff:

- Head Chef, Alex
- Soux Chef, Joel
- Prep Chef, Daniel
- Pre Chef, Caroline

NOTE THESE UPCOMING DATES:

July 5th - Restaurant will be open for lite fare from 11 am to 4 pm

July 6th - Restaurant closed.

July 9th - Lakeside and Fireside Rooms are unavailable due to an event.

*Cathy Lisenby and Terri Nelson
Pro Shop and Restaurant Liaisons*

Youth Golf & Tennis Week

It was a great week for golf and tennis for ECC kids. We had about 25 kids for golf and about the same for tennis. Although the weather wasn't completely cooperative, we made it work. Monday's rain had some of the kids in the grill room making golf "bead" counters. The rain delay lasted about an hour and then everyone was back at their golf stations. Each group has instructors that help them learn how to putt, chip, and use their irons and woods at the driving range. The older kids go out and play

a few holes on the course. By the time Thursday rolls around, all groups are out playing one or more holes. Friday is spent entirely on the golf course. This year, Jessica Reelfs led a group of "Crafting Kids". They made the bead counters, picture frames, and more.

A round of applause for our instructors who volunteer their time and energy with the kids - Cathy Hiti, Jessica Reelfs, Pat & Henry Tamminen, Jane & Tom Stunkard, Kris Polus, and an added bonus this year - our golf Pro Jason Teragawa.



Our good friend, and Youth Golf champion, **Barry Woodle**, passed away in 2020. Barry always volunteered to help with the Youth Golf and was well known for his putting games on the putting green. After his passing, Carolyn donated money to the Youth Golf in his memory. We purchased four sets of chipping nets, and a putting game. Many thanks to the Woodle family for keeping Barry in our thoughts every June. A good friend is never forgotten!



JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Friday Fish Fry				1 Thursday Night Golf Event 5:00	2 ERA - a.m. Special Happy Hour 3-6 p.m.	3 ECC Fundraiser/ Raffle
INDEPENDENCE DAY 4 Independence Day Celebration ECC Fundraiser/ Raffle	5 Restaurant/Bar Open for lite fare	6 ERA - a.m. Restaurant/Bar Closed	7 Ladies' Golf a.m. Men's Golf 1:15 p.m.	8	 9 ERA - a.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.	10
11	12	13 ERA - a.m.	14 Ladies' Golf a.m. Men's Golf 1:15 p.m.	15 Thursday Night Golf Event 5:00	16 ERA - a.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Beach Bonfire 7 p.m.	17 Floatilla 1 p.m. Lobster Dinner 6 p.m. Reservations Required
18 Sunday Brunch 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	19	20 ERA - a.m.	21 Ladies' Golf a.m. Men's Golf 1:15 p.m.	22	 23 ERA - a.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.	24
25	26	27 ERA - a.m.	28 Ladies Golf Handicap Tournament a.m. Men's Golf 1:15 p.m.	29 Thursday Night Golf Event 5:00	30 ERA - a.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Family Scavenger Hunt 6 p.m.	31 Family BBQ & Bean Bags 11 a.m.

More live music coming to ECC

Great music returns to Eshquaguma in July when *The Divas* perform in the Fireside Room on July 17th from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. This popular local musical trio features keyboard, guitar and percussion to enhance their three-part harmony.

There is no cover charge for their performance, but don't forget to make dinner reservations.

The following day, Sunday, July 18th, Shannon Gunderson of *The Divas* will play the piano during Sunday Brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

More music events planned are:

Jammin' Joe - Saturday, July 31

Jammin' Joe - Saturday, September 4

Music by Jane - Saturday, Sept 18



The Divas are Sharon Rowbottom, Shannon Gunderson and Rosie Gams.



The popular ECC 5K Run/Walk/Bike event was held on May 29th. Great weather and 73 participants. Veterans, first-timers, young and old made for another winning event! Results coming in the next Echo.

Event organizers Megan Uhan, Cathy Hiti and Jill Devich said that Bryan and team did a wonderful job with breakfast and lots of fun was had by all. They want to thank these sponsors:

Dan & Jen Heitzman
Cathy & Brian Hiti
Tufco
First National Bank of Gilbert
Uhan Professional Services
Tom & Linda Deluca
Devich Chiropractic
Taconite Tire
Buhl Water
Textiles Plus
Kathy Nelson

Golf Carts and Kids on the Golf Course

MINORS under age 16 are not to use motorized golf carts on Club Property unless accompanied by an adult. This is clearly stated on page 6 in the directory.

Members are reporting that kids are driving carts on the golf course in the evening. The golf course is not a playground. This has to stop, so PLEASE – parents & grandparents, don't allow this to happen.

The golfing membership is concerned and thanks you in advance, for putting a stop to this.



ECC Band needs you!

Dust off that instrument and be a part of the July 4th tradition.

Young and old - join us!

11:00 line-up off the 8th green.

Golf Cart Owners: Please sign up in the ProShop if you are willing to allow individuals to use your golf cart/carts for ECC golf events.