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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear ECC Members,

Time is passing too quickly, with the 4th of July almost here! We've had great weather, but unfortunately not enough rain for our course. July will be a busy month so keep an eye on the Club's calendar in the directory, *Echo*, and "Week at a Glance" and watch for sign-up sheets in the Clubhouse.

Stop into the ProShop to see our beautiful merchandise and take advantage of 20% off on most everything from July 1-4. Also, our Tuesday night golf events are a great time for players of all levels, so please sign-up and join us. And it is a good time for a mid-season lesson from Club Pro Jason.

The fundraising effort is going well, but we still hope to sell many more tickets. If you wish to buy tickets (\$100 each), please email Nate Lehmann at NLehmann@caduluth.com. As an added incentive, for every future raffle ticket sold, you will get 30% off on one item in the ProShop. Raffle prizes will be awarded on July 4th at the Clubhouse, and the silent auction will be ending that day as well. If you have any items to donate for the silent auction or raffle, notify Nate or drop them off in the ProShop.

ECC is having a great year, with 25 new members. Thank you our employees and volunteers who continue to make ECC a special place.

Please join us for the Grand Opening of the Grill Room and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Clubhouse on Sunday, July 2nd. We hope you all have a wonderful summer at the Club!

Best wishes,

Tim Virant, President ECC Board of Directors

Eshquaguma Country Club

4th of July WILD WEST Weekend!

Interested in playing in the ECC July 4th Band? Music is easy, no rehearsals, young and old – and you'll have fun! Contact Matt Uhan (matt@gilbertbank.com) ASAP. Thanks for considering and helping out!

Friday, June 30th

3 – 5 p.m. Happy Hour and Special Appetizers

Saturday, July 1st

All Day - Raffle Ticket Sale

11 a.m. – **2** p.m. Fundraising Events - Yeti cooler and split the pot! (Bring cash!)

2 p.m. Silent Auction Opens

Sunday, July 2nd

All Day - Raffle Ticket Sale

9 a.m. - Noon Breakfast available

Noon – 4 p.m. Lite fare available

11 a.m.- **2** p.m. Fundraising Events - Place your bids on the AWESOME Silent Auction items and your chance to win a Yeti cooler and split the pot!

4 p.m. Ribbon Cutting Grand Opening of the Grill Room

Monday, July 3rd

All Day - Raffle Ticket Sale

10 a.m. – **2** p.m. Putting Contest begins. (Putting Contest Shootout is on July 4th)

- Your chance to win a Yeti cooler, and split the pot!

10 a.m. – 2 p.m Fundraising Event

- Place your bids on all the AWESOME Silent Auction items and join us for the

Putting Contest, your chance to win a Yeti cooler, and split the pot!

Noon – 5 p.m. Lite fare available 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. Dinner Menu

Tuesday, July 4

7:00 a.m. Set your alarms, 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 in the gazebo and in the Grill Room

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

11 a.m. Parade begins with Grand Marshal Brian Maki. Flag Pole ceremony and National Anthem immediately following the parade

Noon Lunch and socializing following the National Anthem

12:30 – 2 p.m. Putting Contest Shootout 12:30 p.m. Money pile, races & games begin

2 p.m. Silent Auction items Awarded

2 p.m. Raffle Ticket Drawing (Immediately following the Putting Contest) - Cross your fingers and hope you win the Grand Prize \$1,500 CASH

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

Item	# of Tickets
Burger/Hotdog	7
Beer 16 Oz	5
Water	,
Corn Dog	<u>,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,</u>
Tap Beer	4
Pop	3
Eggroll	1
Cocktails	6
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Salads and chips are included with the purchase of a burger/hotdog. Tickets are to be used **outside of the Clubhouse only**.

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Eshquaguma Country Club Fundraiser

(\$100 tickets)

DRAWING TO BE HELD:

Tuesday, July 4th at 2:00 p.m. (Beginning immediately after the Putting Contest)

PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS CLUBHOUSE RENOVATIONS

Raffle Prizes

Your \$100 ticket could get you:

- · GRAND PRIZE: \$1,500 CASH
- RUNNER-UP: \$750 cash
- 10 \$250 CASH WINNERS
- Multiple Golf Rounds
- ECC Golf Rounds
- ProShop Gift Certificates
- Gas Cards
- Plus many more items

50/50 Split the Pot Raffle

Cost is \$20 per ticket(Winner splits total purse with ECC)

Yeti Cooler Raffle

Cost is \$20 per ticket

Silent Auction Items (+ more) Blackstone Grill & Fire Ring; 1 Year ECC Family Membership; MN Gopher Football Tickets; Set of 4 Tires up to \$1,000; Rural Apache Junction, Arizona Vacation Stay Package; Twin Ports Dermatology-Facial Rejuvenation Package: Vortex Viper HD Binoculars; ECC Mini Fridge Full of Beer, Lovevery Block Set; Affinity Hearing Package; Ridgeview Country Club Golf Package: John Mayasich - MN Gopher Jersey; Vortex Spotting Scope & Tri-Pod: Davis Love III Cart Bag; MN Wild Tickets; Lawson Products - Titanium Drill Bit Set; Senior or Family Photo Session Gift Card; Boudoir Photo Session; Golf Course Memorabilia; 1 Day Rental of Kubota BX23; Napier Pickup Truck Bed Tent; Team USA Curling Package: ECC Centennial Prints: Sun City West, Arizona Vacation Stay Package; Kids Package

Prizes for Parade Participation:

Theme this year: "Wild West"

Prizes for top performers: But ALL will receive a silver dollar for participation.

	1st	2nd	3rd
Carts	\$40	\$20	\$10
Bikers	\$20	\$10	\$5
Walkers	\$20	\$10	\$5

NOTE: No boat parade this year.

NOTE: The Egg toss game will be going back to its 'roots' this year and be a true 'toss'. Those that 'roll' eggs will be eliminated – so practice up on your tossing!

ProShop Discount: Everything except golf balls & coasters will be discounted at 20% on **July 1, 2, 3 & 4**.

Grill Room/Decks: Will be open on the 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 starting Saturday, June 24th. 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 will be set up outside the front entrance.
- All food & drink items outside the Clubhouse require TICKETS ONLY.
- Tickets cannot be used for drinks inside the Grill Room, you must charge your account, use a credit card, or pay cash.

Frequently asked questions

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 nlehmann@caduluth.com or 218-940-8422 to reserve your ticket today!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4 Independence Day Celebration, see page 1-2 for schedule

July 13 Ladies' Glitz & Glam, 5 p.m. Social, 6 p.m. Dinner

July 15 Annual Flotilla, 1 p.m.

July 15 Seafood Buffet, 5 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. seatings. Call for reservations

July 18 Book Club Meeting, 6 p.m.

July 20 Northern Lights Music Festival Fundraiser, 4 p.m. Golf, 6 p.m. Dinner

July 22 Karaoke with King of the Road Entertainment, 7:30 p.m.

July 26 Ladies Golf Hanicap Tourney, A.M.

July 28 Family Scavenger Hunt, 6 p.m.

July 29 Family Bean Bag Tourney, 11 p.m.

July 30 Family Golf Outing, 9 a.m.

From the ECC Restaurant

Please call for reservations! ECC Dining Room call 218-866-4263, or email restaurant@eshquaguma.com

Thank you for making reservations. It always helps plan for food, staffing and making sure that you are greeted, seated and waited on appropriately.

Certainly, we understand the last-minute decisions – and we welcome that.

We have several dinners planned for the future . . . Seafood, Italian and another Mexican Event all on the ECC calendar.

A "surprise event" which is in the planning stages by the culinary staff will be announced soon. Stay tuned!

Thank you all for your support of the restaurant. Hope to see you soon! *Terri Nelson, Restaurant Liaison*



And the winners are...

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Bar Stool Auction. We raised a total of **\$8905.14**, which will be put toward on going improvements to the clubhouse.

The actual names on the stools will be determined by the Bidder. Thank you for your support!!!

The top bidders were . . . in alphabetical order

Brian Cepek

Jason Foosness

Glenn and Marcel Gajownik

Michael Hedrix

Duane Holm

Tom and Cathy Lisenby

Rob Nessa

Edward Pajunen - a gift from his

Daughters

Luke Soderling

Julie Staver- in honor of Bill Pepelnjak

Matt Uhan Family Tim Virant

ECC Opening Party '23

We served 115 at the Opening Party. The Buffet was a huge hit with Filet Mignon and Chilean Sea Bass. A huge thanks to Chef Alex and his crew for doing an outstanding job! Thank You!



What is the dress code at ECC? As printed in our Directory, the ECC Dress Code Policy for all members, guests, and staff is:

Gentlemen Golf shirts with sleeves and collars. No tank tops. Bermuda shorts or pants. Shorts must be mid-thigh or longer. No gym shorts, tennis courts, cutoffs, bathing suits, or sweat pants.

Ladies Bermuda length shorts and skirts or pants. Shorts and skirts to mid-thigh or longer. No gym shorts, cutoffs, bathing suits, or halter tops.

Youth Golf shirts or golf T-shirts, bermuda length shorts or pants. No bathing suits, gym shorts, cutoffs, or tank tops.

Shoes Spikeless golf shoes or tennis shoes.

Members are expected to ensure observance of this policy by their guests and children. In addition, for the respect of our Clubhouse traditions and our members and guests who are dining, please **REMOVE YOUR HATS** while in the upper level of the Clubhouse.

*Our staff has been asked to strictly enforce the dress code

From the ProShop

Golf season is well under way for 2023. We welcome all our new members and encourage them to play in the Women's, Men's or Couples Golf Leagues. Jason will be happy to pair you up with other players. Information is updated and available on our Weekat-a-Glance. Be sure to check it out.

Pickleball for all skills meets on Mondays & Thursdays at 10 a.m. Attendance has been great and we invite members to come out and play.

The **ProShop** is stocked full of apparel for everyone. Take advantage

of the good prices on men's and women's golf shirts, shorts, skorts, outerwear and accessories.
We have brands like FootJoy, Travis Mathews, Greg Norman, Sofia Bella

Mathews, Greg Norman, Sofia Bella and Storm Creek just to mention a few. We'll be offering a **20% discount on 4th of July Weekend**. Check the ProShop for details.

Just a friendly reminder to **fix your divots!**



Cart Barn Reminder

It never hurts to remind each other that we always need to be vigilant about locking the cart barn doors and taking extra care in storing our equipment.

ECC is not responsible for your golf carts, equipment or personal items stored on the premises. Of course, we want to be welcoming to our guests, but please let someone know if you see suspicious activity. And, please . . . let's lock those darn cart barn doors at the end of each day!







Exceptionally delicious frozen favorites.

(Now available in the ECC ProShop!)







Northern Lights Music Festival Golf Scramble

The Tom Gillach & Denny Reagan Northern Lights Music Festival Memorial Golf Scramble is set for July 20. Contact Erik Erie to signup, sponsor a hole, or to get more information please call 218-750-4564 or email Erik at erikerie825@gmail.com.

Registration will also be available in the ECC ProShop. Please RSVP by July 14, 2023.

- 9 hole scramble
- 4 p.m. shotgun start
- 6 p.m. dinner and prizes
- · 4 or 5 person teams

The Northern Lights Music Festival is a three week classical music performance

program and music school which is held each summer on the Minnesota Iron

Range. Founded 20 years ago by concert pianist and Aurora native Veda Zuponcic, Northern Lights Music Festival brings together



Micki Day's ECC Glitz & Glam lives on with cocktails and dinner on June 8th.

award-winning students and internationally known performers and teachers in a unique program that includes daily lessons, chamber music coachings, masterclasses and numer- ous performance

opportunities.
With the addition 10 years ago
of the Northern
Lights Festival Op-

era, the festival now includes fully staged professional operas featuring international opera stars and a roster of rising young performers.

Welcome NEW MEMBERS

CORPORATE (NR)

Chris and Deirdre Babcock

SOCIAL

Dan and Nancy Harp

STUDENT

Alec Troutwine

Save the date! 3rd Annual Denny Reagan Chili Cook Off :Sunday, September 10 at 5 p.m. grill room.



10th Annual ECC Spring dumpster Juice Golf Tourney - another great day with a fun bunch!















'23 Youth golf & tennis clinics

Once again, the youth golf and tennis weeks at ECC were enjoyed by all. We had 40 golfers and 11 tennis players. Plus, there were even some adults learning the rules of pickleball. We can't thank the volunteers enough for helping to make this event a success. As part of the week's activities, we had many at the picnic enjoying the hot dogs, chips, beverages and some swimming.

Thanks to Luke Soderling for offering his fun Pontoon boat after our last day of camp! Nothing better than going swimming after a hot week at camp!





It's time for the "Name a Chair" Fundraiser

A few years ago, ECC members purchased a name plate for a chair in the Grill Room. With the new addition to the Grill Room, we purchased an additional 20 chairs. We will once again sell a name plate for these chairs. The money generated from this, will be used for the continued renovation of the Clubhouse.

Chair name plates are being sold at \$200 each. We have 20 chairs for this fundraiser. First come first served. Please complete the form below. For questions, you may contact the ECC Ladies Decorating Committee: Terri Nelson 218-398-3021, Barb Richards 218-290-7578, or Becky Reagan 612-720-9856

ECC "Name a Chair" Fundraiser

Your Name	
Contact Phone Email	
Name Plate	
Name Plate	
(No more than 15 characters o	on the name plate)
Charge Member Account	Check enclosed
You can charge direct to your account o	

to: Terri Nelson, 6519 White Pine Lane Gilbert, MN 55741

Outside Alcohol on ECC Golf Course

Our liquor license requires that all alcohol consumed in the clubhouse and on the golf course must be purchased from ECC. Violations to this policy can result in loss of our license.

We will be having specials on beer/alcoholic drinks and will continue the 15% special on coolers bought in the Pro Shop. When buying beer/drinks for consumption on the golf course, we are offering "Buy 3, get 1 free" in the clubhouse and from the beverage cart. We will also be placing a sign at the 1st tee box stating, "No Outside Beverages Allowed". General Club Rule #2 on page 25 states "No Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on Club common grounds (Clubhouse area and Course) unless beverages were purchased from the Club".

We appreciate your cooperation!

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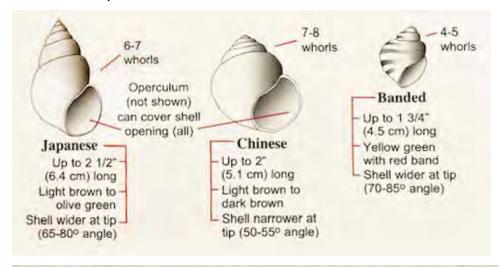
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						Private Party Lakeside/Fireside 3 p.m6 p.m.
Breakfast 9 a.m Noon Lunch Noon-4 p.m.	Restaurant/Bar Open	INDEPENDENCE DAY 4 Independence Day Celebration ECC Fundraiser/ Raffle and Silent Auction	Ladies' Golf a.m. Men's Golf 1:15	Restaurant/Bar 6 Closed Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.	ERA - a.m. 7	8
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Piano Music 10 a.m Noon Sunday Brunch 9 a.m 1 p.m. Lunch Noon - 4 p.m.	17 Restaurant/Bar Closed	ERA - a.m. 18 Book Club Meeting 6:00 p.m.	Ladies' Golf a.m. Men's Golf 1:15	Northern Lights 20 Music Festival Fundraiser - 4 p.m. Golf/6 p.m. Dinner Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.	ERA - a.m. 21	Private Party 22 11 a.m 1 p.m. Lakeside Rm. Karaoke: King of the Road Ent. 7:30 p.m.
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Chinese, Japanese and Banded Mystery Snails

Chinese, Japanese, and banded mystery 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 (BMS) prey on fish embryos. Shells often litter shorelines and clog screens of water intakes.

Native to Asia, Chinese (CMS) and Japanese mystery snails (JMS) were shihpped to California in the late 1800s for Asian seafood markets. CMS were likely released into the Niagra River in the 1930s. JMS were stocked in Lake Erie as food for channel catfish in the 1940s. BMS were released into the Hudson River in 1867. Historically, they spread due to release by aquarists and consumers who purchased them from live markets. Some speculate, without evedence, that young may spread by bait buckets and boat bilges. They can survive out of water for days by closing their shells.

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





Congratulations to Bowen Anderson!

Bowen Anderson - age 12, just caught this 34" northern off the family dock on Lake Eshquaguma. Bowen is the son of Melissa & Rob Anderson.

The Great Medallion Hunt of '23 Welcome to another season and the hunt for the ECC Medallion! For 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. As always, be sure to take a picture of the winning hunters! Good luck!

CLUE #1: Welcome again to another 4th of July at Eshquaguma and the famed medallion hunt sponsored by the ECC Men's Club. As we celebrate America and this year's Wild West theme, let's not forget Washington is not a place to live in. The rents are high, the food is bad, the dust is disgusting and the morals are deplorable. Go West, young man, go West and grow up with the country.

Sponsored by the ECC Men's Club

The ECC Ladies Cultural Committee is proud to present...

Join us for fine dining & an evening of song, stories and great fun

A Virginia, Minnesota native, **Paul Metsa** is a legendary musician, songwriter, author, social activist & dog lover. *Huffington Post* called him "the other great folksinger from Minnesota's Mesabi Iron Range". He has released 12 original recording projects, played more than 5,000 professional gigs and has won seven Minnesota Music Awards. Folks say "he is as likeable a narrator as ever graced a barstool". He lives in Duluth with his faithful rescue dog, Blue.

Alphabet Jazz is a collection of songs, poetry and stories that Metsa wrote between 1984 and 2022. Metsa describes it as "a

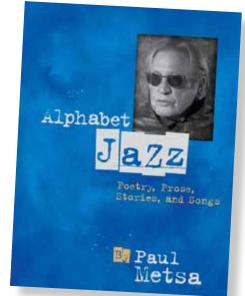
personal diary of sorts – midnight blasts of inspiration, personal tributes to musicians and friends, true stories and songs I have written along the way that I still perform".

Thursday, July 27th in the Fireside Room

Dinner 6:00 (chef choice entrees) around \$37, tax and tip included

Show from 7:00-8:30 - \$25

For dinner reservations, call 865-4263. Show tickets can be pre-purchased from the Committee or at the door. Jean Enloe (651)308-8635/ Joanna Johnson (908)451-5194



Safety Reminder

This coming weekend more than ever – we remind everyone about cart safety! 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's the members' responsibility to educate their children & guests on proper etiquette and behavior at ECC.

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 & 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! No airsoft guns are allowed on Country Club property.

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

Mark Your Calendar for the

ECC Ladies' Invitational Golf Tournament

Thursday, August 24, 2023

18 hole, 2-Person Team Event Registration & fee information will be available in the ProShop soon.

Eshquaguma Country Club Men's Guest Day July 26, 2023

FORMAT: 18 HOLE – SCRAMBLE/SHAMBLE HYBRID

9 Hole Team scramble (4 man)

9 Hole 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

On course games

Optional cash skins game and horse race

An amazing couple of Days!

The annual ECC Father's Day Golf Scramble was held on June 17th and featured 12 teams and 24 total golfers. This years winners of the were a couple of Days – Dwight Day and his daughter Lauren with a net score of 30.

Runners up were Troy and Jack Hughes with a 33, and third place went to Rob and Jamie Hill, who also carded a 33.

Longest drive on Hole #1 was Brad Kern. Longest putt on #8 was by Dwight Day and Closest to the Pin on #9 was Rick Polus.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this fun event.







There were 28 attendees at our 2nd Annual ECC Mother/Daughter/Grand-mother Luncheon. We had a delicious meal. Piano music provided by Bryn and Libby.

Last Call ECC Raffle Ticket Sale



Help support Club renovations this 4th of July with a ticket purchase

- For every future raffle ticket sold up to July 4, 2023, will receive a 30% Off voucher for one item in the ProShop! Tickets will be available in the ProShop and the Raffle Ticket Booth set up outside of the Clubhouse July 1-4 until sold out.
- Additionally, for every ticket you Purchase, you will get ONE FREE PUTT to qualify into the 4th of July Putting Contest!

Tickets are on sale now in the ECC ProShop

Pickleball

Pickleball continues on Monday and Thursday at 10 a.m. for anyone interested in just playing or learning the game. Look for the week at a glance for any changes to this schedule. Anyone interested in instructions contact Pat Tamminen.