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From the President

Dear Members,

The centennial season is off to a great start! I would like to thank the many volunteers who helped to get ECC ready for this special season. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to communicate some of the business before us.

On the financial front, the Club made the final payment on two of our three equipment loans, which is great news because capital investment decisions must be made in the near future. Those investments include: 1) the exterior of the Clubhouse is in need of some maintenance and there is a persistent leak to solve; 2) the greens mower will need to be replaced by next year; 3) the Pro Shop spring flooding problem must be addressed; and 4) resurfacing of our tennis courts should be considered. In all cases, information is being gathered and a plan will be presented.

Other business before the Board: 1) the ECC website will be getting a make-over; 2) the Board approved a special request for the use of a "For Sale" sign at the Cargill's cabin on White Pine Lane. We recognize the benefit of occupied dwellings on the Club property. Requests for sign usage will be taken on a case-by-case basis and any sign erected on Club property must have consent from the Board of Directors; and 3) we would like to clean up the driving range by removing items that have accumulated over the years.

Take pride in being a member of the Eshquaguma Country Club. Enjoy this special centennial season!

Dwight Day, President



CENTENNIAL UPDATE

ECC Centennial "Time Capsule"

Last year, the centennial committee asked for and received some great ideas for items to be placed in the time capsule which will be buried the Sunday before Labor Day here at ECC. But we need more suggestions! Remember, items must be able to fit inside the capsule (a 23-inch cube), need to be pertinent to ECC, the ECC Centennial, or the children alive now who will open the capsule in 50 years (2065).

A colorful "suggestion sheet" will be displayed in the clubhouse near the lobby for members to record their ideas, or they may email Sandy at: tscottdouglas@msn.com, or call 865-6240, anytime before the burial in September.



New Centennial Membership Campaign is on a roll!

This is the perfect time to join ECC! A new corporate non-resident member will receive a waiver of the \$500 initiation fee, a \$500 discount on the 2015 corporate dues, and a \$250 discount on the 2016 corporate dues. The Sponsoring corporate member will receive a \$500 credit on your 2015 dues for each referral that joins ECC. All non-corporate members who refer a new corporate non-resident member will receive a \$100 restaurant voucher. Any questions? Contact the Membership Committee Chair, Lee Anne Lundgren: lalundgren@mchsi.com or 744-3866.

LADIES OPENING

Cocktail Party & Fashion Show

Thursday May 21 • Starting at 5:30 p.m.

- Fun & prizes
- Appetizers provided
- Pro Shop deals
- Guests welcome

Cocktails are available for purchase

PLEASE RSVP TO THE CLUBHOUSE: 865-4263



Upcoming Events

May 21 LADIES ONLY COCKTAIL PARTY Starts at 5:30 p.m. (See page 1)

May 23 5K WALK/RUN/BIKE See page 3

May 24 BLESSING OF THE FLEET 2 P.M. Clubhouse dock (See page 3)

May 31 SPRING SPRUCE UP

June 3 LADIES' DAY SPRING BUSINESS MEETING Begins at Noon

June 5 NORTHERN LIGHTS GOLF FUNDRAISER

June 6 CENTENNIAL GALA OPENING PARTY See right

June 14 FOUNDING FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH (See page 5)

June 15 YOUTH GOLF AND YOUTH TENNIS CLINICS BEGIN Runs thru the week (See p 4)

June 20 ITALIAN CHEF NIGHT

June 23 ADULT INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED TENNIS DRILLS BEGIN E4-5:30, every Tuesday thru the end of July

June 27 FAMILY GOLF OUTING Shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Centennial GALA Opening Party

Mark your calendars now for **June 6th at 6:00!** This is the party of the century – the biggest party of the season – THE ONE you do not want to miss!! Plans are well under way to start our Centennial Summer off with a smashing dinner dance for the Centennial Gala/Opening Party.

Remembering Days Gone By...

When social parties were more formal, live bands and dancing were routine and dinners were plated and served at table...

The menu will be a wonderful “days gone by” concoction prepared by our Chef Kiko and his new kitchen staff.

This is a “dress up” adult party with a dress theme of Black and White (ala Puttin' on the Ritz). Period attire is welcome but not required. Our famous local **Renowns** are back and they will be playing all the old (and new) favorites. The dance floor should be rocking!

A Wall of Wine will be featured so we ask that each guest bring a bottle of wine (minimum \$10.00) to donate to the wall. For each bottle of wine donated, a raffle ticket will be given to the donor. Additional raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the Gala (\$5.00/ticket) so bring your checkbook or cash. A drawing will determine the winner(s).

New Members: We hope you will attend the Gala - we would like to welcome you and introduce you to the other members, old and new. Reserve your spot early as seating is limited. Reservations will be taken after the club opening.

Centennial Gala/Opening Party Committee: Lyn McNeil, Chair, Peggy Crolick, Laurel March and Kjerstin Virant



SPRING SPRUCE UP 2015

Please come and help spruce up the areas around the club house. We need as many volunteers as possible. Many hands make light work!

Bring any tools for gardening that you might have: gloves, rakes, blowers, paint brushes, pruning shears, trimmers, hammers, scrapers, lawn bags, shovels, and anything else you think we will need. A light meal will be served to all volunteers after the clean up. Hope to see you there!!!



Sunday, May 31
starting at noon.
Meet at the club house.
Contact Tom or Jane
Stunkard with any
questions.

CAN'T SHOW? WHY NOT SEND SOME DOUGH?
Any money received will go towards plants and flowers

– DON'T FORGET –

Blessing of the Fleet

ECC's annual “Blessing of the Fleet” will be Sunday, May 24, at 2:00 p.m. Decorate (or not) your pontoon boat, kayak, sailboat, fishing boat, canoe, any seaworthy watercraft, and parade in front of the docks at the clubhouse at 2:00 p.m. for Father Flynn to bless the ECC “fleet.” The event will be held rain, snow, or shine! Spectators are welcome. Don't have a boat or just want to watch – then gather at the club docks.

5th ANNUAL ECC 5K

WALK • BIKE • RUN



Eshquaguma's 5th annual 5K Walk/Run/Bike is on! This fun family event is open to all ECC members, their family and guests. It is open to all ages. It's too late to be guaranteed a T-shirt, but not too late to come, join us and have fun!

Check in: 8:30 a.m.

Race starts at : 9:00 a.m.

The race begins and ends at the Club. Awards and prizes follow the race. There is also a breakfast for all after the race. Breakfast tickets for observers also available the day of the race. Cost of the event is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 18 years of age and younger. For more information: Meg Uhan 218-248-3910 or Cathy Hiti 218-741-7844

News from the Pro Shop

The Pro Shop is updating their cart storage records. A sign will be posted for each cart or pull cart stall.

Please report to the Pro Shop if:

- The name on the sign doesn't match the owner of the cart/pull cart parked in the stall.
- There is a cart/pull cart parked in a stall with no sign or an open (stall) sign.

The Pro Shop will order divot seed containers for members. The Pro Shop sells the divot seed containers at our cost plus tax to encourage members to take care of our fairways.

PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH STAFF NEW TO ESHQUAGUMA!

Irish Road Bowling set for September 4th

Photo courtesy of Larry Milton



The 7th Annual "Irish Road Bowling" event will be held on **Friday, September 4th** – not Friday, August 28th as shown in the ECC directory. This will be the start of a great Labor Day Holiday!

For the uninitiated, "Road Bowling" is an ancient Irish sport still played in the rural areas of Ireland--mainly West Cork and County Donegal. The competitors throw/roll a steel ball down

a narrow road as far as possible. When the ball leaves the roadway, it is maked at that spot and the contestant throws his next ball from that spot. Just as in golf, the contestant that reaches the finish line with the least number of throws is the winner. In Ireland the course is often the road between two pubs.

A special part of the event at ECC is that annually the contest starts with a "blessing of the balls" by Father Flynn. It is a fun afternoon for spectators as well as contestants.

"FOR SALE" sign approved

The ECC board approved the special request for use of a "For Sale" sign on the property of Lance and Janice Cargill, at 6589 White Pine Lane.

The board, relaxing the traditional view for no signs on club property, recognizes the current need to be more responsive to market demands and may allow cabin owners to post a sign where other members and guests will see it. ECC also reserves the right, as outlined in the bylaws, to control signage on ECC property. The board will review these requests on a case-by-case basis and monitor signs that are used to ensure they are tasteful and appropriate.



Restaurant will be open on Memorial Day

Give Dad a break from grill duties and keep Mom out of the kitchen! Enjoy your holiday with lunch or dinner at the Club.

The restaurant will be open on Memorial Day – Monday, May 25th. This is the only Monday it will be open this year! As usual, reservations are suggested: 218-865-4263



Youth Golf Registration

June 15, 16, 18, 19, 2015 • 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ages 6-7 or 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. • Ages 8 and up

Enclose \$20.00 registration fee. Make check payable to: ECC Clinics. Price includes golf lessons, treats, pizza, pop and prizes. Mail form and registration fee to: ECC - Youth Golf, 6469 White Pine Lane, Gilbert, MN 55741. We would appreciate the registration returned to the Pro Shop or mailed in by June 7th

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Please mark clubs by placing return address labels below the grip on all clubs and covering them with Scotch tape. This insures that when they're left behind (and they always are) ECC will know who to contact. Please supply child with tees & ball markers. Thanks!

I would like to volunteer to help _____ Phone _____

Youth Tennis Registration

June 15, 16, 17, 18, 2015 • 1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m. Ages 8-12 or 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Ages 13 and up

Enclose \$20.00 registration fee. Make check payable to: ECC Clinics. If there is inclement weather, we may need drivers to transport kids to indoor courts in Virginia. Mail form and registration fee to: ECC - Youth Tennis, 6469 White Pine Lane, Gilbert, MN 55741.

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Supplies needed: Tennis Racquet, non-marking court shoes, sun screen and drinking water. Thanks!

I would like to volunteer to help _____ Phone _____



by Kim Adams-Plehal
ECC Centennial Committee

Before Eshquaguma Country Club, there was Colvin & Robb, and there was logging . . .

From the Mississippi Valley Lumberman
17 November 1903

LOGS AND DRIVES

Logging in The North.

DULUTH, Minn., Nov. 17.—In the vicinity of Skibo and Biwabik, on the Duluth & Iron Range road, a great deal of logging is under way. Just north of Biwabik on Wine lake, J. W. Kerr is getting started for the Northern Lumber Company in this operation. He will cut about 5,000,000, all of which goes to the water on the same watercourse north of Eshquaguma lake. N. Shank is logging for about 2,000,000 feet. Twohy & Killen are operating between Biwabik and the Stephens mine. They have 200 men. The new townsite near the Stephens mine are to be cleared of timber this winter. Colvin & Robb are the largest operators on contract in the district. They are cutting pulpwood, cedar and pine, have three large camps, and are cutting some pine for Alger, Smith & Co. on contract. N. Kari has four camps, one near Theviot lake and the rest on the line of the D. & I. Railroad and is taking out pine, spruce, tamarack, cedar and cord wood. Close to the mill of Nolan Bros. & Laird, in 86-88-13, they are logging extensively.

Founding Father's Day Brunch

We are inviting descendants of the Eshquaguma Country Club founders to be present at the June 14th Sunday Brunch. We will have name tags, pictures of early days at the Club with decendants and their families. We hope to highlight their ancestors' contributions to what ECC is today. Stop in and check it out. Even more fun is planned!

“Adopt a Hole” returns to ECC



Just a reminder that we are bringing back “Adopt a Hole.” If you

would like to be responsible for one of the nicest features of our golf course, this is your chance.

The flower beds on holes 2, 8 and 9 need to be planted, watered and cared for throughout the season. If you are willing to take on the satisfying job of creating a beautiful addition to the course please sign up for a hole of your choice in the Pro Shop.

If you would like to add a new hole to adopt, suggest any location to the Committee that will be watered when the sprinkler system runs and does not interfere with the flight of golf balls.

Laurel March, Landscaping Committee

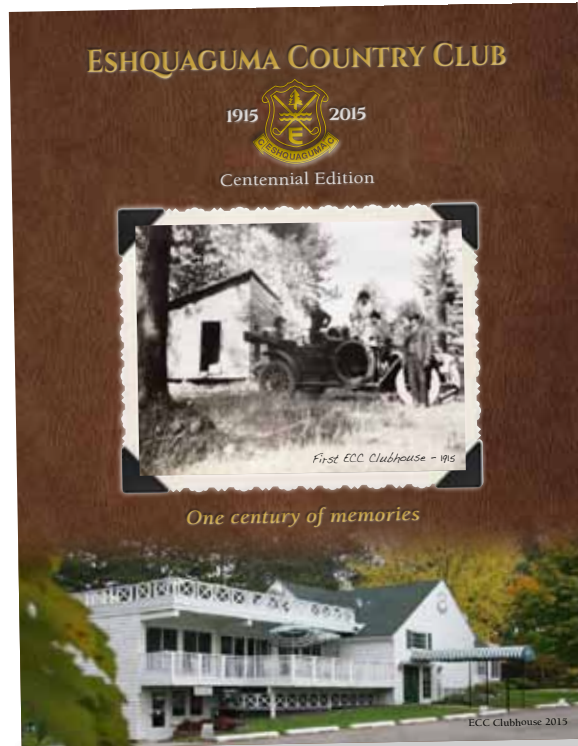
ECC Annual Meeting set for Sunday, August 9

The ECC Annual Meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 9. This traditional Monday-event was changed to Sunday, August 9 in hopes many more people will be able to attend. This is your chance to run for the ECC Board; vote for new leadership; voice your opinions; and hear more about how your club is functioning.

Don't miss it! Mark your calendars now and please plan to be there.

Eshquaguma Pro Shop staff for 2015

Larry Salo, Manager
Ruth Carlson
Domonik Cramer
Isabelle Kalb
Senja Smith



THE 2015 DIRECTORIES ARE IN!

The 2015 ECC Directory is hot off the press and can be picked up at the Pro Shop. Note one copy per member! This year there will be a few additional booklets available for \$7 each – just in case you want more than your one copy. We hope you enjoy this year's directory and be sure to let us know if you see any changes, corrections or have an idea for future editions.

WANTED

This is a list of people Carver Richards recalls living in the Eshquaguma area when he was a kid growing up. If you know the whereabouts of these former residents please invite them to this years Centennial festivities!

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| Tom, Jim and Marsha Ford | David, Chauncey and Rick Colvin |
| Denny and John Sears | The O'Connor brothers |
| George Hegland | Jim Ryan |
| Carl & Sonja's kids | Larry, Jack, Ann, Joe & Mike Barrett |
| Jack Pasternacki | Jerry Galbraith |
| Chuck & Jan Evingson's kids | Colin Campbell |
| Chris Brandt | Ann, Bill Stege |
| Perpich kids | Rodney Smith |
| Kathy MacNeil | Francel kids |
| Mary Ketola | Lopps |
| Jimmy Bartlett | Rob Campbell |
| Pat and Mike Fagan | Sheila and Sharon Kotchevar |
| Stuart and Barbara Wahlstein | Chad & Jerry Way |
| Mike Boyle | Kathy Rowell Hahne |
| Jon and Bev Oltmanns | Bill Colvin |
| Lee Brown | Gail & Kyle Staver |
| Bill and Don Sipola | Bill & Judy Crandall family |
| Dennis Mitchell | Bob & Marlene Stephenson |
| John, Judy, Jim and Jerry Scott | Tim Riordan |
| Susan Carey | George & Betty Celusta kids |

PLEASE HELP US

If you can have questions contact Sandy Douglass at 865-6240 or via email at: sandydouglass66@yahoo.com

May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
17 Sunday Brunch	18	19 ERA	20 Ladies' Day Men's Night	21 Bridge Luncheon Ladies' Only Cocktail Party 5:30 p.m.	22 ERA	23 5K Walk/Run/ Bike 8:30 a.m. Check in/9:00 start
Blessing of the Fleet - 2 p.m. Sunday Brunch	24 MEMORIAL DAY Restaurant Open	26 ERA Buddy Golf Matches	27 Ladies' Day Men's Night	28	29 ERA	30
Sun. Brunch Spring Spruce Up - Starts at noon						

June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Fish Fry Every Friday	1	2 ERA Breakfast 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf Buddy Golf Matches	3 Ladies' Day Spring Business Meeting 12:00 pm Men's Night	4	5 ERA Northern Lights Golf Fundraiser	6 Centennial GALA Opening Party (see below)
7 Sunday Brunch	8	9 ERA 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf Buddy Golf Matches	10 Ladies' Day Team Event Men's Night	11 Bridge Luncheon Special Wine Tasting Night	12 ERA	13
14 Founding Father's Day Brunch	15 Youth Golf a.m. Youth Tennis p.m.	16 Youth Golf a.m. Youth Tennis p.m. 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf Buddy Golf Matches	17 Ladies' Day Youth Tennis p.m. Men's Night	18 Youth Golf a.m. Youth Tennis p.m.	19 Youth Golf a.m. Youth Pizza Party at Noon	20 Italian Chef Night
21 Sunday Brunch	22	23 ERA Buddy Golf Matches Adult Intermediate/ Advanced Tennis Drills 4:00 - 5:30 Ladies' T.L. Golf	24 Ladies' Day Men's Night	25	26 ERA	27 Family Golf Outing 9 a.m. Shotgun Start
28 Sunday Brunch Northern Lights Music Event 5:00 p.m.	29	30 ERA Buddy Golf Matches Adult Intermediate/ Advanced Tennis Drills 4:00 - 5:30 Ladies' T.L. Golf				Fish Fry Every Friday

Centennial News & Notes

• **Centennial Shirts** – The Club will again be selling kid's tee shirts for \$10 each this summer, and will take pre-orders of the adults' polos again if members want more of those, \$45 for regular sizes, \$50 for XXL. Contact Sandy Douglass at 865-6240 or via email at: sandydouglass66@yahoo.com

• One hundred years of fun! How long has your family been at Eshquaguma? **Eshquaguma Generation Buttons** are coming! Wear yours for the Centennial year, and let everyone know how long you've been around! Your kids/grandkids aren't actually members, but will be here for the Centennial festivities? Get a "My Dad's a" or "My Grandma's a" button!



Order details coming soon!

2015 Men's Club Preview/Update

Who are you? That'll again be the focus of this year's ECC Men's Club. Are you a member that plays only on the weekend? Or perhaps just as the sun is setting or ahead of the morning greensmower? Maybe only on Wednesday afternoons or gasp....you don't play at all?! The Men's Club was established six years ago to grow the golfing community at ECC and as well as offering new members an outlet to play in various events and meet existing members. We can all sit upstairs after a round and talk about what the club used to be and how there were score sheets lined down the windows from start to finish but in today's technology driven, fast-paced world, people say they are just too busy to play golf. Huh?! What's changed? Guys still have wives, jobs, kids and grandkids, cabins, and honey do's... blah blah blah the list goes on. Golf is a lifetime game and a game everyone can enjoy no matter the event, skill level or participants involved. Let's set the excuses aside and put a tee in the ground. Let's play!

NEW IN 2015 – TIME FOR 9 MEN'S LEAGUE

The response to our new league has been very successful! We've signed up 18 two-man teams and the 9-hole matches will provide a fun round of golf with familiar and new faces alike.

The format is match play, best ball, net scoring. One point will be awarded for winning a hole and a half point if a hole is halved with a bonus point to the team that wins the match outright – 10 points total. Players will play from their regular teeboxes and upon completion of the round, will turn their scorecard in to the Proshop. Handicaps will be maintained and calculated after each round. The 18 teams were formed into the following three divisions and will follow the schedule listed below. After the round robin portion of the schedule is completed, each division winner plus the team amongst all 18 teams with the next best record will compete for the league championship. (So four team playoff)

The standings will be based on wins/losses and the tiebreaker will be total points earned in the round robin. Time for

9 league dues will be \$20.

Group A

1A John Uhan	Paul Sadar
2A Mitch Robertson	Joe Leoni
3A Brian Plesha	Brian Hiti
4A Carver Richards	Dave Boz
5A Gary Drobnick	Mark Mikulich
6A Tico Leoni	Kurt Jacka

Group B

1B Matt Uhan	Tom DeLuca
2B Tim Virant	Troy Hughes
3B Dave Ekern	Mick Giblin
4B Partner 1	Roger Hensen
5B Brian Vito	Billy Pep
6B Beau Mitchell	David Mitchell

Group C

1C Nick Devich	Joe Cramer
2C Marc Kwiatkowski	Nick Preiner
3C Tom Stunkard	Ken Olsen
4C Steve Harms	Scott Strudwick
5C Michael Husak	Paul Brown III
6C Tom Carey	Ron Bonkosky

Match Schedule

1	Played by June 1	1vs6	2vs5	3vs4
2	Played by June 15	1vs5	4vs6	2vs3
3	Played by July 1	1vs4	3vs5	2vs6
4	Played by July 15	1vs3	2vs4	5vs6
5	Played by Aug. 1	1vs2	3vs6	4vs5
6	Played by Aug. 15	1vsW1		2vs3
7	Played by Sep. 1	WvsW		

Golf Events

The featured event of the ECC men's club, the Founders Cup, will be played Sunday, July 5th. This event was originally designed to coincide with the Club's annual opening party however since that date is never concrete, the men's club board decided to move the event to the Sunday following the 4th of July. This should allow members traveling from out of town a better opportunity to play so we can continue to provide a good field for the stroke play event complementing the club championship match play event in August. The Founders Cup is competed under the Callaway handicap system; providing all participants a chance to win in Championship and Presidential flights. You do not need an established GHIN/USGA handicap to enter.

The Men's Club will again host a structured Men's Guest Day on Wednesday, July 29 and all men playing that day

will be required to participate and bring a guest. 2014 was poised to be a record year until a summer storm closed the course. Despite being postponed, the event drew 30 participants and generated over \$1,000 for the Pro Shop 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.

The final scheduled event of the '15 ECC men's club season will be the annual match play championship in August. Final details are still being considered regarding qualifying criteria and number of days necessary to crown a champion.

Social Events

Most of the golfing community can attest that the best shots hit during the day are on the 19th hole. In 2015, the Men's Club is going to schedule a few social type events in an effort to connect active golfers with non-golfing members. Be on the lookout for e-mail blasts or Echo announcements advertising these events.

Dues and Handicaps

During 2015, there will be significant emphasis on members establishing and maintaining a current handicap index. Handicaps enable golfers of all skill levels to compete on an equitable basis. Golfers must post all scores and regular posting will be monitored by the Pro Shop. Not posting scores regularly or accurately could preclude members from participation in certain men's club events.

2015 ECC men's club dues are \$35 and will be billed accordingly. Membership into the men's club is optional however if you play in a sponsored event, you will be required to pay 2015 dues.

Get involved with the ECC men's club now and help make 2015 a successful season that will get more golfers on the course and establish a better camaraderie among our golfing brethren. For more information on the ECC men's Club or if you have a suggestion, e-mail the men's club at ECCMensClub@hotmail.com