

# ECHO

Eshquaguma Country Club

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## From the President

Dear Members,

ECC is off to a fine start this year! And, special thanks to all that made it happen!

It is a bit of a task waking up a building from a winter snooze — think water, heat, spring cleaning, leaks — and other issues deftly handled by the volunteers among us.

The first thing you'll likely notice when you drive up is a new coat of paint has given ECC a real facelift. You'll also see a new deck — even a little bigger — for those nice days when it is too beautiful to go inside.

We have several new members to welcome this year so please go out of your way to introduce yourself to new friends as you meet them at ECC.

Kiko has a new crew. They served 200 guests at the traditional Mother's Day Brunch. Folks were effusive about the great food...and the great service provided by Jada and her staff.

Check out the terrific new "lite fare" menu that will get us going for the next couple of weeks. The chefs also promise some elegant surprises in the new 2016 ECC menu available after Memorial Day.

The course wintered well and Casey and crew have it looking fantastic. Darlene and the Pro Shop crew are here to welcome you and your guests and get you out to play.

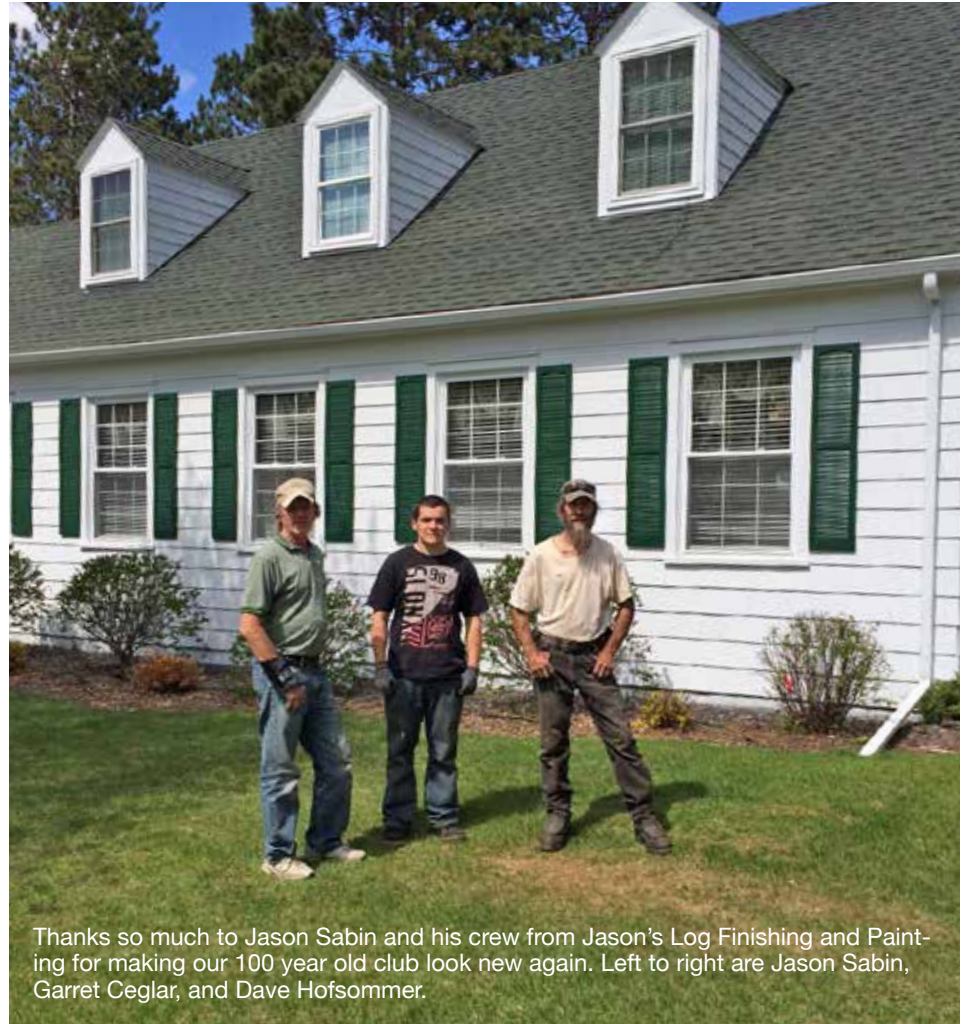
Volunteer opportunities abound! Don't be shy...we need everyone's help!

ECC is off to a good start....and now we need You, your family and guests to make it great!

Have a fabulous summer!

John Hovanec  
President, ECC Board of Directors

## It's just like new again!



Thanks so much to Jason Sabin and his crew from Jason's Log Finishing and Painting for making our 100 year old club look new again. Left to right are Jason Sabin, Garret Cegljar, and Dave Hofsommer.

## Opening Party

*"Cheers to the next 100 years"*

### Dinner Choices

- Red Snapper
- Garlic Basil Chicken
- Prime Rib

### 5 p.m. Cocktails

6 p.m. Dinner  
Hors D'oeuvres  
served during Cocktail Hour

Champagne toast included

Music by Cowboy Angel Blue - 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Call 865-4263 to make reservations and entree choice by May 31st

June 4, 2016 • \$50/pp



## Upcoming Events

**May 28 ANNUAL 5K WALK/RUN/BIKE** 8:30 check in/9:00 start

**May 30 MEMORIAL DAY** – Rest. closed

**June 1 LADIES' DAY SPRING BUSINESS MEETING** Starts at noon

**June 4 OPENING PARTY**  
Bar opens at 2:00

**June 9 MONTHLY BRIDGE LUNCHEON**

**June 9 2-PERSON GOLF SCRAMBLE**

**June 13 YOUTH GOLF AND YOUTH TENNIS CLINICS BEGIN** Runs thru the week (See p 5)

**June 19 FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH**

**June 23 ADULT INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED TENNIS DRILLS BEGIN** 4-5:30, Thursdays thru July

## New tennis court surfaces in August!

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the tennis group, more than \$7,000 has been raised and has assured the resurface project for this summer. Both ECC courts are on the August schedule for, when weather is perfect for this type of project.

Meanwhile...courts are open, but beware and extra careful of the deteriorating surface. As always, you are using the facilities at your own risk. Those problem areas will be scrapped away in the resurface process and the courts will look like new.

The courts will be green on green – true Eshquaguma colors. New courts equals new enthusiasm for tennis and a chance to give your game a new bounce!

A huge “thank you” to all the members who have donated to this tennis court resurfacing project.

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# Welcome new ECC Members!

We are thrilled that you're joining our fun. Don't hesitate to introduce yourself and your friends . . . we all are anxious to get to know you. Please consider this a partial list.

We look forward to welcoming new members throughout the season and if we've inadvertently missed as new members, please let us know. We want you to feel welcome and get properly introduced!

Susan Hartley - Social Member  
Duane & Carla Holm - Corporate (NR)  
Bruce & Christine Burgstahler - Corporate (R)  
Steve & Edie Carr - Corporate (NR)  
Leland & Betty Russell - Corporate (NR)  
Gregg & Janis Allen - Corporate (NR)  
Tim Reagan - Out of Area  
Mark & MaryAnn McGinnis - Corporate (NR)  
Fr. Fredrick Method - Clergy  
Gage Robertson - Junior Member  
Eric and Kris Erie - Social Member  
Jim and Elizabeth Koehler - Corporate (NR)

## Annual Meeting set for Sunday, August 21st

The date has changed . . . so original calendars are incorrect. **New date is Sunday, August 21** at 2 p.m. for the ECC Annual Meeting – not the 14th!

This is your chance to get involved in governance for your club – at least for this one day each year. You'll hear about our current financial state and have reports from each board member to bring you up to date on the condition of ECC.

Hopefully, many of you will choose to run for one of the board vacancies that occur each year. If interested in serving as a board member, just let any current board member know of your interest.

		Closed
Sunday Brunch 14	15	Restaurant Closed
Men's Championship Finals 1:00 Annual Meeting 2 p.m.		
Sunday Brunch 21 Annual Meeting 2 p.m.	22	Restaurant Closed
	28	Restaurant 29



This year's Kentucky Derby Party Winners were, left to right: Katie Rose Murray (\$100), Sheri Harms (\$400), and Mary Louise Meredith (\$200).



# 2016 ECC Men's Club News

Now that the weather has warmed up it's time to get out on the links! Note that in 2016 the Men's and Women's tournaments will be held together this summer in August. More information will follow in future ECHO newsletters.

Get involved with the ECC Men's Club now and help make 2016 a successful season that will get more golfers on the course and establish a better camaraderie among our golfing brethren.

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Dates for this years Men's events:

- 1) Time for 9 league (June 15-Aug. 1)
- 2) Men's Guest Day – July 20
- 3) Men's tournament – August 11-14
- 4) Founders Cup – No date set yet
- 5) 4th of July – Drum roll please . . . and the theme is "Summer Olympics – Rio de Eshquaguma!"



## Beware!

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!

## The 2016 directories are in!



The 2016 ECC Directories are hot off the press and can be picked up at the Pro Shop. **Note one copy per member!** There will be a few additional booklets available for \$8 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.

## June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Fish Fry Every Friday			Ladies' Day 1 Spring Business Meeting Noon (Prizes Start) Men's Night	2	 ERA 3	4 Opening Party
5 Sunday Brunch	6 Restaurant Closed	7 ERA 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf Buddy Golf Matches	8 Ladies' Day Team Event Men's Night	9 Bridge Luncheon Two Person Golf Scramble	10  ERA	11
12 Sunday Brunch	13 Restaurant Closed Youth Golf a.m. Youth Tennis p.m.	14 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf Youth Golf a.m. Youth Tennis p.m.	15 Ladies' Day Team Event Men's Night Youth Tennis p.m.	16 Youth Golf a.m. Youth Tennis p.m.	17  Youth Golf a.m. Youth Pizza Party at Noon	18
19 Father's Day Brunch	20 Restaurant Closed	21 ERA Buddy Golf Matches 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf	22 Ladies' Day Men's Night	23 TENNIS DRILLS: Youth 3:00 - 4:00 Adults/Advanced 4:00 - 5:30	24  ERA	25
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# From the Eshquaguma CC Pro Shop

If you haven't done so, stop by and check out our Pro Shop.

We have a great selection of Men's and Women's apparel, shirts, jackets, shorts and hats. We also have a few clearance items

– **Maxx Sunglasses**, Regular \$20 & \$25 now just \$12, **Cleveland Golf** Hats just \$12.00, **Zero Friction** Glove for \$7.00 (Just a few left!!), **ECC** Crew Neck Sweatshirts are now only \$16.00.

We also have **Titleist Velocity** golf balls at \$24/dozen, and the **Srixon Q Star** at \$20/dozen.

865-4706 Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday thru Sunday  
9:00 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Mondays  
Darlene Simonson, Manager



## Two Person, Par 3 Scramble

Thursday, June 9th at 5:00 p.m. We will be playing the course with all tee boxes set within the Par 3 yardage distances. This is a two person scramble. Prizes will be given for longest putt on Hole 2, and closest to the pin on Hole 9. Entry fee for this event is \$5. Stop at the Pro Shop and sign up, or email: [eccgolfproshop@gmail.com](mailto:eccgolfproshop@gmail.com). So "Drive for Show".....(not so much), "Putt for Dough" . . . Oh Yeah!

## USGA Rule Changes

Please stop by and take a minute to look at the 2016 USGA Rules of Golf Book. There are a few changes to the rules. The most talked about is **Anchoring the Club**. A new Rule is introduced to prohibit anchoring the club, either "directly" or by use of an "anchor point" during the making of a stroke. There is a poster in the Pro Shop that helps explain "anchoring".

## Posting your Handicap

When posting your score for GHIN handicap, your round must be witnessed. Taken from the USGA website - "As long as someone accompanies the player during the round (e.g., fellow competitor, opponent, caddie, marker for a tournament, friend riding along in a cart) the player is not playing alone."

How many holes can a player play alone to post the score? The player must be accompanied for at least seven holes for a nine-hole score or 13 holes for 18-hole score. This is consistent with Section 5-1 and the minimum number of holes played under the Rules of Golf.

## Take Note . . .

A few things to remember while you are enjoying your play here at ECC:

After leaving the cart path we ask that you scatter. Keep motorized golf carts off the fairways as much as possible, use the rough for cart travel and remember that ECC does ask that you use the 90° rule to cross the fairways,

Please adhere to the rule of one motorized cart per two players; foursomes are not to use more than two carts.

## Did you know . . .

In 1618 the feather golf ball or 'Featherie' was introduced. This was a handcrafted ball made with goose feathers tightly packed into a horse or cow hide sphere. The feathers and leather were fashioned into a ball while wet. As the assembly dried out the leather shrank and the feathers expanded to create a hardened ball. The ball was then finished off by painting it and punched with the ball-makers mark. Quality varied according to the skill of the craftsman. Unfortunately, the handcrafted nature of the balls meant that they were priced beyond the pockets of the masses, sometimes more expensive than a club.

## Women's Golf Day

"Women's Golf Day" is scheduled for June 7 from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. here at ECC. This is a free event to celebrate girls and women playing golf and learning skills that last a lifetime. Carver Richards will be giving lessons from 4 - 6. For those who are not taking lessons, feel free to enjoy a round of golf, or play a scramble! Please sign in at the Pro Shop.

Following your lesson or round of golf, everyone is invited to join us in the Fireside Room. Nancy Henderson-Korpi will be showing us a few pre-golf stretches that can help prepare you for a day on the course. These golf stretches may help promote a fluid, full golf swing, which can improve your performance. Dr. Mitchell will join us to talk about a few Women's Health issues. If you are interested in staying for dinner, please call the restaurant to make reservations, 865-4236. Visit [www.womensgolfday.com](http://www.womensgolfday.com).

Invite your friends to join us for a great time. Call 865-4706 to register.

I'm putting together a list of members willing to lend out their carts when ECC has charity events.

Stop in and let me know or email me at [eccgolfproshop@gmail.com](mailto:eccgolfproshop@gmail.com)

Darlene





## Youth Tennis Registration

**June 13, 14, 15, 16, 2016 • 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Ages 8-12 or 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Ages 13 and up**

Enclose \$50.00 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Intermediate & advanced tennis to be offered again this summer

Eshquaguma's annual Youth Tennis Clinic will once again take place in June as it has for many years. Retired VHS tennis coach Dave Gunderson will be offering instruction once again for groups of 8 to 12-year-olds (new to the game) and 13 to 18-year-olds (intermediate and

advanced).

ECC is excited to once again offer additional programs throughout the summer with a six-week session of drills for intermediate and advanced tennis players. Juniors 18 and under will drill from 3-4 p.m. every Thursday from June 23

to July 28. Cost of the six week session is \$60 in advance. Adult intermediate and advanced players will drill from 4-5:30 p.m. on those same dates. Cost of the six week session is \$70 in advance. Sign-ups for all clinics and drills are in the Pro Shop.

## Youth Golf Registration

**June 13, 14, 16, 17, 2016 • 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

