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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Our new grill room is looking fantastic, and we are fully staffed for the season. We're very excited about our new grill room and decks and are already thinking about other projects!

The Mother's Day Brunch had a great turnout (over 200), and members have been enjoying our new bar. We have a lot of upcoming activities, so keep an eye on the calendar in the directory and the ECHO. We had a successful club clean-up day thanks to many volunteers, and a big thank you to volunteers that helped on two occasions with cleaning and organizing the clubhouse.

Please join us for the Opening Party on Saturday, June 3. If you are not signed up yet, please contact the restaurant as soon as possible for reservations as it is filling fast. There will be great food with live music.

The annual fundraising effort is underway, and we are aiming higher than last year. See the details in the article to the right. Please support this effort!

Have a great summer and see you at the Opening Party!

Best wishes,



Tim Virant, President
ECC Board of Directors

Eshquaguma Country Club ECHO

2023 Capital Improvement Fundraising Event

We're excited to announce the date of our 3rd Annual Capital Improvement Fundraising Event for ECC on July 4th, 2023! This past winter, our clubhouse has undergone a significant renovation thanks to our membership donations and the annual fundraiser. To continue improvements at our club, fundraising is a vital component to making that happen, and it mitigates the need for potential assessments and allows us to tap into resources outside our membership.

Please take a moment to consider participating in the raffle by purchasing raffle tickets. There will be 400 tickets available at \$100 per ticket. Your raffle tickets will put you into a drawing for Cash Prizes and another 50 or so raffle items.

We'll also be holding a Silent Auction that will have multiple attractive items. The raffle will once again be held at the clubhouse on July 4th, but you do not need to be present to win.

If you're interested in purchasing a ticket or have questions regarding

the event, please email Nate Lehmann at nlehmann@caduluth.com. We'll email you a copy of your ticket and will have hard copies of your ticket available the day of the event. **You can also purchase tickets in the ProShop.** We prefer to have all ticket sales charged to member accounts. We highly suggest you try and sell tickets to your friends and family as well, so if cash or check is the only option, we'll accept it.

In addition, we're looking for donations for raffle items from membership, surrounding businesses, friends & family, etc. Some raffle ideas for example are car washes, restaurant/bar gift cards, apparel/swag from local businesses, local bank donations, resort/hotel stays, medical services, etc. Also, any items that you would like to contribute for the silent auction to occur in the clubhouse on July 2-4 would be appreciated, for example kayaks, boat rides, cabin stays, artwork, happy hours, golf clubs/treasures, etc. Every little bit will help us put on a great event for all.

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, June 18th

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Seating times available: 10 a.m. • 12 noon • 2 p.m.

All ECC members, families and guests are invited to honor their fathers with a delicious brunch at the Club! Call the restaurant for reservations 865-4263 or email Bryan Q. at: restaurant@eshquaguma.com. For Golf Scramble details see page 3.

9-hole Dad/child golf scramble starts at 1 p.m.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 3** Club Opening Party, 5 p.m. Social, 6 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Band. See p. 6
- June 6** Restaurant open with Full Menu
- June 6** Tuesday Night Golf Event - 5:30 p.m.
- June 7** Ladies' Golf Guest Day
- June 8** Ladies Glitz and Glam - Social 5 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m.
- June 13** Trivia Night - 6:30 p.m.
- June 15** Book Club - 6 p.m.
- June 16-17** ECC Family/Group Photo Days See page 4
- June 17** Mexican Night Buffet - 5:00, 5:30 and 6:00 seatings
- June 17** *Jammin' Joe* 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.
- June 18** Father's Day Brunch and Golf - See bottom of page 1
- June 19-23** ECC Youth Golf and Tennis Clinics - See page 10
- June 24** Mother/Daughter/Granddaughter Luncheon - 1:00 p.m.
- June 28** Ladies Golf Team Event
- June 28** Bingo Night - 6 p.m.

Welcome NEW MEMBERS

OUT OF AREA

James and Roberta Rippberger

SOCIAL

Bruce and Nancy Gerlach
Jeffrey and Ashleigh Burgess
Cliff and Karin Haavisto
Roger and Brenda Suihkonen
Dale and Shannon Gunderson
Paul Gregersen and Emily Werschay

JUNIOR

Katrina Leoni and Dan Robel

STUDENT

Sam Troutwine



Restaurant/Bar Please correspond with Bryan Quintanar, Restaurant Manager at least 2 weeks in advance of restaurant events. If you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to let me know Terri Nelson, Restaurant/Bar Liaison.

Dinner Menus Our full dinner menu will begin on June 6th. Please enjoy our dinner menu which will be available Tuesday through Saturday effective June 6st. A weekly special will be provided as well. The lady golfers will continue to have lunch specials on Wednesday's. On Tuesday's we may enjoy a dinner special after a round of golf. Please be aware that when the dinner menu begins at 5:00 p.m., the Lite Fare menu is no longer available that day.

The Kitchen As we continue to update the kitchen, the following new items have been added including two waffle machines, prep table, freezer, new ceiling tiles, new ventilation, two new tables with heat lamps/ticket machine, miscellaneous items, shelving units, wall mounted shelf rack and bar mats. Now that Head Chef, Alex is here we will continue to research and decide on new dinnerware.

ECC Opening Party ECC Open Party 2023, we hope everyone will enjoy a delightful buffet on June 3rd at 5 p.m. followed by music to **Cowboy Angel Blue** at 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Mother's Day Brunch Mother's Day 2023 was a huge success. Chef Alex and his culinary staff provided a wonderful selection,

erving 202 members and guests. This is a Mother's Day ECC record. Everyone continues to be surprised and impressed with the renovation to the Grill Room. We have a great wait staff this year, please welcome them.

Happy Hour Effective June 6th, there will be a change to Happy Hour. The new Happy Hour "day" will now be Thursdays It will include special appetizers from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Landscaping This committee with help from many members has been sprucing up all areas. More flowers and shrubs will be planted soon.

House Decorating Committee A huge thank you to the House Decorating Committee for their countless hours in recommending items for the new Grill Room, while working from Florida, Arizona, Mexico and St. Paul with help from ECC Board Members. Working with Interior Decorator Sherry Simmons, the results are amazing. Please come and enjoy the renovated Grill Room and both new decks. Our committee is still working on the "Name the Chair" fundraiser, more information will be provided soon.

Dumpsters Three separate dumpsters were delivered on May 4th for garbage, cardboard, and glass. The dumpsters are for Restaurant/ProShop/Grounds use only. New signage will be placed at the site.

Pets Pets are not allowed inside the ECC Clubhouse, on the decks or in the ProShop.

From the ECC ProShop

Golf Leagues

ERA League Tuesday's/Fridays – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday Night Fun Golf - 5:30 p.m.

Ladies League Wednesday – 9:30 a.m.

Men's League Wednesday – 1:15 p.m.

Ladies Golf Guest Day

-June 7th – 9:30 a.m.

-Guest's play golf for free, bring a friend Ladies!

-Member-Guest Scramble Format

-ProShop Prizes and ProShop Winnings!

Thursday Night Golf is now TUESDAY NIGHT GOLF!

Looking for an evening out at the Club? Look no further than Tuesday Night Golf. Everyone is welcome!

-June 6 & 20th

-9 holes at 5:30 p.m.

-2-person Scramble Format

-Sign up as an individual or a team

-Beat the Pro

-Fun, competitive, and social all together. This has grown into one of

the favorite weekday nights amongst our members. After golf, our wonderful staff would be happy to serve you dinner and drinks. Come on out!

Father's Day Golf Scramble

-Father/Child – June 18th

-9 Holes – 1 p.m. Shotgun Start

-2-person Scramble Format

-USGA Handicap preferred

-\$30 Members, \$40 Non-Members

-Hole Prizes & ProShop Winnings

-Dads & Fathers do a lot for us. Return the favor this Father's Day and bring them out for a fun afternoon of golf!

Youth Golf and Tennis

-the annual ECC Youth Golf and Tennis Camp is back!

-June 19-23rd

-Sign up in the ProShop or with Jessica Reelfs

-\$30 Golf/\$35 Tennis

Father's Day Weekend Sale!

20% off Apparel June 17, 18

(excludes Footjoy, Travis Mathew, and accessories)



Jason Teragawa

ECC Head Golf Pro

proshop@eshquaguma.com

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ECC ProShop Hours

Hours: May 8 - Sept. 17

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Wednesday 7:30-7:30

Saturday & Sunday 7:00-7:30

ECC Ladies' Golf

The Eshquaguma Ladies' 2023 Inaugural Golf Outing received a cool reception from Mother Nature this year.

Thirteen hardy golfers braved temperatures ranging between 50-55 degrees. Reports were that some weren't wearing golf gloves – but golf mittens!



SCHWAN'S

We're becoming Yelloh

YELLOH!

Exceptionally delicious frozen favorites.

(Now available in the ECC ProShop!)



2023 Spring Spruce Up

The 2023 Spruce-Up Day at Eshquaguma was a huge success. There were 25 volunteers who helped complete many tasks – and then enjoyed a light lunch afterwards. Golf balls were picked, the pontoon area cleaned, doors were

painted, garden beds weeded, and new mulch applied, new garden beds developed, lake shore brush removed, beach area raked, and more. Thank you to everyone who volunteered. Thanks to all of you – the areas look GREAT.



Eshquaguma Family Photo Day!

Aaron and Elizabeth Vovk are members of ECC. They own Noah's Ark Photography and have offered to take photos of members. You could use this photo for placement in the 2024 ECC Directory.

Book time on June 16th or 17th for a 10-minute **Family Session**. You will receive one digital file and an option to purchase prints or more digitals.

The ECC **Group Session** is on June 17th at 4:30 p.m.

A scheduling link for members to book their preferred time slot is: www.noahsarkphotography.com/ECC-family-photos. Once members schedule their session, they will receive an email with helpful tips to ensure their family photo session is a success. This way everyone is well-prepared for their session, and we believe these tips will be helpful. Aaron and Elizabeth are looking forward to seeing all our members and their families at the photo session. If you have any questions or concerns please let them know: Aaron @ 612-221-2654 or Elizabeth @ 612-889-8385

Bob the Bug Guy

If you would like your yard sprayed you can sign up in the ECC ProShop. Bob and his crew serve the ECC area all summer long.



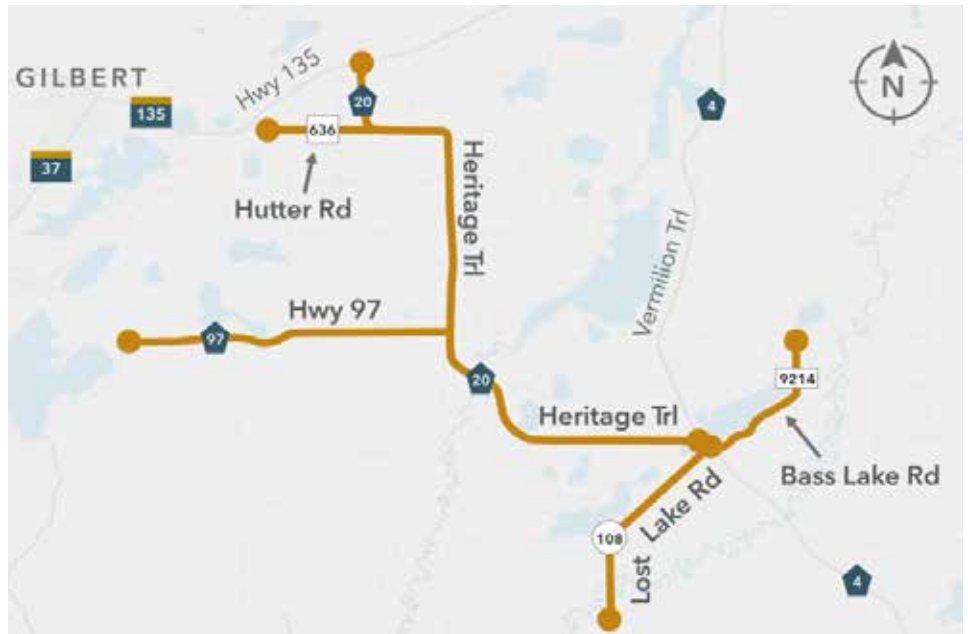
Area Summer Road Construction

Schedule May 30 - Sept. 22

Location Heritage Trail between CSAH 4 and Trunk Highway 135

This summer our primary roads will be under construction. Use caution as you approach road construction workers and equipment.

This rehabilitation project will include bituminous pavement reclamation, base stabilization, bituminous paving, aggregate shouldering, and pavement markings of a segment of County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 20. There will be no detour and all work will be completed under traffic. It certainly will be nice when this project is complete! Please show patience while we undergo these roadway improvements.



Boating Regulations

Personal watercraft (PWC) are also known as Jet Skis or Wave Runners. All personal watercraft are considered motorboats and therefore, any regulations that govern other motorboats (such as fishing boats, cabin cruisers, etc.), also govern watercraft.

In summary, personal watercraft laws require that:

- Anyone operating or riding on a PWC must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved wearable life jacket that is compatible with that activity (check the label).
- PWC must travel at slow no-wake speed (5 mph or less) within 150 feet of non motorized boats, shore (unless launching or landing skiers directly to or from open water), docks, swim rafts, swimmers, or any moored or anchored boat.
- Operation of PWC is allowed only from 9:30 a.m. to one hour before sunset.
- If you tow a person on water skis or any other device, there must be an additional person on board the PWC to act as an observer.

United Way's "Flavor of the North"



ECC participated in the "Flavor of the North" which is a fundraiser that the United Way of NE MN sponsors and proceeds go to the Buddy Backpacks. Terri Nelson and Scott and Bridget Strudwick represented ECC at the event.

Currently, Buddy Backpacks is helping to fight weekend hunger by providing these food kits to more than 1,000 children between the Iron Range and in Koochiching County each Friday or holiday break from school. The program provides nourishment for food-insecure children so that they can come back to school on Monday mornings ready to learn, grow and thrive.



of Northeastern Minnesota

BUDDY BACKPACKS



Anyone for Tennis?



Introduction to Pickleball

Just a shoutout to all who have participated in the Intro to Pickleball and our team of Jane Stunkard and Jean Enloe who are awesome teachers - and the Kerns. We will continue pickleball sessions on Friday June 2nd and Monday June 5th at 10 a.m. for anyone interested in open Pickleball and for those who want a night please let me know what time and night. Watch for updates in the upcoming Week-at-a-Glance for future scheduled sessions. Times will be posted weekly for anyone who wants to join us to learn more about the game and possible league play. This year Pat Tamminen has high hopes of developing a little more structure around our ECC Pickleball League play. *Pat Tamminen - Pickleball Coordinator*

We welcome any former high school and/or college tennis players to our ECC tennis community where both ladies' doubles and mixed doubles are played! Fun, recreational match play generally takes place on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m., Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. (or Sunday if rained out).

Please contact Audrey Erving at audreyserving@gmail.com or 218-343-1103 with any questions about our ECC tennis and if you want to be included in the monthly email broadcast of our tennis schedule. Thank you!

Tennis players above are: L to R: Audrey, Cathy, Jane & Marcel.

Eshquaguma Opening Party Celebrate Good Times - Saturday, June 3

Come celebrate the opening of our new Grill Room! The night begins with a surprise cocktail at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Dance to the music of **Cowboy Angel Blue** from 7:30 to 10:30

Dinner Buffet Entrees:

Filet Mignon Carving Station
Chilean Sea Bass
Chef Alex's Baked Mushroom Chicken

Please RSVP by May 30 to 865-4263 or restaurant@eshquaguma.com

Cancellations after May 31 will be charged to your account





Prize winners included, L to R: Sarah Keskitalo, Carol Peterson, Julie Smolich, and Donah Sten



This years Ladies' Cocktail Party was a huge success with approximately 45 turning out for the event. Ladies Cocktail Party Committee Members include Teresa Lehtinen, Jane George, Shirley Leoni, shown above.



ECC LADIES' COCKTAIL PARTY

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.	2 ERA 9:30 a.m. Fish Fry	3 Opening Night Party 5:00 Social 6:00 Dinner 7:30 Band
June 6th - Restaurant open for FULL MENU thru Closing Party on September 16th						
4 Breakfast 9 a.m. - Noon Lunch Noon-4 p.m.	5 Restaurant/Bar Closed	6 ERA - 9:30 a.m. Private Party Lakeside 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Tues. Night Golf 5:30	7 Ladies' Golf Guest Day 9:30 a.m. Men's Golf 1:15	8 Happy Hour 4-6 Ladies' Glitz & Glam Social 5 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m.	9 ERA 9:30 a.m. Fish Fry	10
11 Breakfast 9 a.m. - Noon Lunch Noon-4 p.m.	12 Restaurant/Bar Closed	13 ERA - 9:30 a.m. Trivia Night 6:30 p.m.	14 Ladies' Golf 9:30 a.m. Men's Golf 1:15	15 Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Book Club Meeting 6 p.m.	16 ERA - 9:30 a.m.ECC Family Photo Day Fish Fry	17 Family/Group Photo Day 4:30 Mex. Buffet: 5, 5:30 & 6 p.m. seatings <i>Jammin Joe</i> 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.
18 FATHER'S DAY Brunch 10 - 2 Lunch 2 - 4 p.m. Father/Child 9 hole Scramble 1 p.m. shotgun start	19 Restaurant/ Bar Closed Youth Golf a.m. Youth Tennis p.m.	20 No ERA Youth Golf a.m. Youth Tennis p.m. Tuesday Night Golf 5:30	21 Ladies' Golf 9:30 a.m. Men's Golf 1:15 Youth Tennis p.m.	22 Youth Golf a.m. Youth Tennis p.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Bonfire for Youth 6:30 p.m.	23 No ERA Youth Golf a.m. Fish Fry	24 Mother/Daughter/ Granddaughter Luncheon 1 p.m.
25 Breakfast 9 a.m. - Noon Lunch Noon-4 p.m.	26	27	28 Ladies Golf Team Event 9:30 a.m. Men's Golf 1:15	29 Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Bingo Night 6 p.m. Membership/ Fundraising	30 ERA - 9:30 a.m. Fish Fry	

The 12th Annual ECC 5K Run/Walk/Bike

The 12th Annual ECC 5K Run/Walk/Bike was held on Saturday May 27th and mother nature provided us with blue skies and sunshine! We had a total of 83 participants ranging from 2 to 82. Congratulations to our winners:

Men's

Walter Skahl – 19:44
Jesse Williams – 21:38

Women's

Erin Pepelnjak – 25:45
Corey Erickson – 29:05

Junior Boys

Connor Olsen – 23:57
Noah Finseth – 24:15

Junior Girls

Keira Dahlquist – 25:12
Tessa Dahlquist – 25:30

A special thank you to our sponsors: Taconite Tire, First National Bank of Gilbert, Uhan Professional Services, Devich Chiropractic, Approve Plumbing, Lundgren Motors, Miners National Bank, Tufco, Tom & Linda Deluca, and Brian & Cathy Hiti. Sponsorships allow us to give every child a medal as well as a prize. Thank you to Bryan and staff for a great breakfast buffet and thank you to all who came out to participate in the event.



No sweat - Men's winner Walter Skahl



Mom of the year candidate Shannon Drobnick carrying her son Isaac



Our first-ever dog participant . . . carried by Kjerstin Virant



Matt Uhan - "Come on already - someone give me mouth-to-mouth!"



Connor Olsen, Junior boy winner



Is this the year to immortalize your family at ECC? Or maybe it's a special birthday, anniversary or Christmas gift? No matter what the occasion, the purchase of a Eshquaguma tee box monument is a great way to honor a family or that special person – and support the Club at the same time. The cost is \$600 for three years or \$3,000 for lifetime.

At this time, holes 1, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 17 are open, and several other holes will open up after this year. For more information on

availability and procedure, contact Mike Kern at (218) 421-9034 or Matt Uhan at (218) 248-9543.

There are currently seven holes with lifetime monuments:

- #5 - Frances & Clarice Ryan
- #6 - Tufco on track
- #7 - The Lundgren Family
- #8 - John & Carol Mayasich family
- #14 - Pennies & Russel Ryan
- #16 - In Memory of Denny Reagan
- #18 - Will Day & George Ewens

"Name on a barstool" Auction

We are auctioning off **naming rights for the 12 new bar stools** in our beautiful Grill Room. Just respond to this email address: info@eshquaguma.com with your bid. Minimum bid is \$500.

The 12 highest bidders will get their name on a bar stool. You will get only one opportunity to bid, so bid high to ensure that you win. We will notify the winning bidders, and then will charge your bid amount to your account. The final date for bids is June 15. Also, in your response, please include the name that you would like on the stool – up to 21 characters.

Funds for this event received will be used for ongoing improvements to our clubhouse. Thanks for your support and good luck!



NEW CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES



ESHQUAGUMA COUNTRY CLUB *Fundraiser*



JULY 4th, 2023 | 12:00PM – DRAWING TO BE HELD AT 5:00PM

Prizes

GRAND PRIZE: \$1,500 Cash

SECOND GRAND PRIZE: \$750 Cash

10 – \$250 Cash Winners

Multiple Golf Rounds w/carts

Pro Shop Gift Certificates

Plus many more items!

Silent Auction

Blackstone Grill Package

Minnesota Wild Tickets

Vortex Optics - Spotting Scope w/tripod & Rifle Scopes

1 Year Family Membership – *New Member Only*

More items yet to come!

Putting Contest

50/50 Cash Pot & Yeti Cooler

Winner Splits total purse with ECC & wins Yeti Cooler

2023 Youth Golf Registration

Monday, June 19 • Tuesday, June 20 • Thursday, June 22 • Friday, June 23

Ages 5 & 6: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Ages 7 and up: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



The registration fee is \$30.00. Make check payable to "ECC Clinics". Price includes golf lessons, daily treats, pizza, beverage and prizes. Mail this form and registration fee to: Terri Nelson, 6519 White Pine Lane, Gilbert, MN 55741. **We would appreciate this registration form & check be returned to the ProShop or received in the mail by June 11th.** You may option to charge your membership account and provide this form.

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Please supply your child with tees and ball markers. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Reelfs at: fargolite@yahoo.com or (651)336-8990.

I would like to volunteer to help _____ Phone _____

2023 Youth Tennis Registration

Monday, June 19 • Tuesday, June 20 • Wednesday, June 21 • Thursday, June 22

Group A - Ages 8-12: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. • Group B -Ages 13 and up: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.



The registration fee is \$35.00. Make check payable to "ECC Clinics". If there is inclement weather, we may need drivers to transport kids to indoor courts in Virginia. Mail this form and registration fee to: Terri Nelson, 6519 White Pine Lane, Gilbert, MN 55741. **We would appreciate this registration form & check be returned to the ProShop or received in the mail by June 11th.** You may option to charge your membership account and provide this form.

Child's Name _____ Age _____

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Child's Name _____ Age _____

Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Please supply your child(ren) with a tennis racquet, non-marking shoes, sunscreen and drinking water. If you have any questions, please contact the ProShop at (218) 865-4706.

I would like to volunteer to help _____ Phone _____