

Eshquaguma ECHO Country Club

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From the Club President

ECC is looking great! The course is in great shape; the restaurant is open and the take-out has been wonderfully successful. Thanks to all of you for your participation and patience during these unwieldy times.

As you'll see in this issue of The ECHO, plans are full speed ahead for a "FABULOUS FOURTH!!". And, it seems we're about the only game in town as so many nearby activities have been cancelled. It is always dangerous to specifically thank people, but a particular thanks to Peggy Cepek, Petra Noble-Schueler and Heidi Nessa for leading this year's festivities . . . and they are the first to tell you it is the effort of many – and we are grateful to all for volunteering so the rest of us can relax and have a good time!

We hope you, your family and friends will have a terrific 4th of July!

Sincerely,



John Hovanec
President,
Board of Directors

ECC's Fabulous Fourth

Come and join ECC's Fabulous Fourth!

- 10:30 Cocktail Party
- 11:00 Club Road Parade Line Up
- 11:30 Parade Start
- 12:00 Flag Pole Ceremony
- 12:15 Lunch & Socializing
- 1:00 Races/Competition
- 4:00 Boat Parade...New this year!!

Yes...things might look a little different this year. But, really it's still the same ol' celebration of our Nation's birth with your closest family and friends.

Please be patient as we try to balance the advice from multiple sources as we all practice social distancing, minimum personal interaction, masks if you want to wear them and still have a good time!

Cocktail Party

We will have an outside bar to serve beer and mixed drinks (like bloodies and screw drivers). They will be \$5 and will require a

ticket. Tickets are on sale now at the Pro Shop and in the Restaurant and we urge you to get them ahead of time.

Club Road Parade Line Up

OK, kids . . . just like always! We'll be looking for your creativity and showmanship to help us bring what will probably be the ONLY 4th of July parade on the Iron Range.

The theme is "FABULOUS FOURTH." Bring your bikes, wagons, trikes, and, of course, golf carts decorated with the holiday spirit. Decorate yourself!! March in the parade in costume if you choose. Get your whole family involved for a Fabulous Fourth of July parade. Decorated dogs? Costumed Nana? Let creative spirits spill over for the super celebration. Parade Start is 11:30 – please note change in time!

Get your folding chairs and golf carts situated. Be mindful of spreading out...thankfully, we have all of the outdoors to help make

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FAMILY GOLF OUTING

Sunday
July 5th

The field is limited to 16 teams. This will avoid two teams on the par 3 holes. Arrive early to pick up your *pre-purchased mulligans and other advantages for the day. **Cost is \$20 per person**, due at sign up. Fee includes prizes and a meal served outside under the tent. This is a great family activity for all ages and includes new games, challenges and extras for each hole. Prize for best dressed, so grab your vintage golf wear or dress in the 4th of July attire! Join us for a light-hearted end to your 4th of July weekend.

*Please pre-purchase in the ProShop:

- Mulligans (4 for \$10) – used on any hole,
- String (2 feet of string for \$5) – used on any green
- Darts(\$5 for 3 darts) used only on the "dart" hole
- Dice Rolls (\$5 for a roll) – used only on the dice hole.

Sign up now! Shotgun start is at 9:00 a.m. Sunday the 5th



Have questions??? Call Jennifer Severson at 612-226-2421

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Upcoming Events

(ALL EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE DUE TO COVID-19 REGULATIONS)

June 21, 22, 25, 26 Youth Golf - a.m.. See page 3 for more.

June 21-25 Youth Tennis - p.m. See page 3 for more.

June 26 Fish Fry - Evening reservations required

July 3 Tabata at the Flagpole! - 10 a.m. - See page 6 for details

July 4 Independence Day Celebration - See pages 1 and 7 for details

July 5 Family Golf Outing - 9 a.m. Shotgun start. See page 1

July 17 Weekend in New England - Beach bonfire - 7 p.m.

July 18 Weekend in New England - Floatilla - 1 p.m.

July 24 Fish Fry - Evening reservations required

July 29 Ladies' Handicap Golf Tournament - a.m.

July 31 Family Scavenger Hunt - 6 p.m.

New board member

The ECC Board is happy to announce that Brian Hiti has joined the board of directors to fulfill Kevin Reagan's remaining term.

We thank Kevin for his service and his leadership as membership liaison. Thankfully, Kevin says he'll be available to work with Brian in the transition of his duties.

Brian and his wife Cathy are year-long resident members on Ponderosa Drive. Brian recently retired in 2019 as the mining coordinator for the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources. Brian has served on various committees with local organizations and will be a



Eshquaguma Dam Update

Work was completed on the Eshquaguma Dam in January of 2020 by Gerit Hanson Contracting out of Blackduck, MN. At an approximate cost of \$50,000, the contractor used mini-barges/pontoon rafts with a lifting device to remove and replace all of the stoplogs, with the exception of a couple of bays near the shoreline where the stoplogs were below the river bottom sediment. The eight stoplog bays on each side of the river are set slightly higher than the four middle bays per an experimental change from

2006. The work was paid for with 2017 dam safety bonding funds.

New ECC Corporate Resident Members

Glenn & Marcel Gajownik
Robert & Tristi Zotti

Members who renewed after the directory printed

Corporate Non-Resident

Larry & PJ Minton
Scott & Gloria Love
Margie Koivonen
Joe Leoni
Bill & Sue Doran

Out of Area

Daniel & Marcy Eggen
Matt & Lisa Mahoney
Doug & Carol Talus

Social

William & Chris Culbert
Bill & Kay Ewens
Jim & Janice Lamma
Robert & Audrey Licari
Eric & Jen Krause

Clergy

Eamonn Boland
Ronald Gagne



Brian Hiti

great addition to the ECC Board. He will be the membership liaison for the board. Welcome Brian!

Youth Golf & Tennis Week

If you've driven on White Pine Lane this week, you've no doubt noticed that something's going on. You would be correct! Kids are learning how to golf and play tennis! This is "Youth Golf and Tennis Week"!

2020 Youth Golf

Approximately 25 kids are participating in this year's Golf Clinic. Ages range from 7 to 14 years old. They are grouped by age and have one to two instructors per group. This year, we've had a good number of chaperones helping out, and we thank them for that.

We have three "stations" that the kids rotate to: putting, chipping, and driving range. The kids also play one or two holes on the course most every day. On Fridays, everyone plays the golf course.

Kids receive a t-shirt, golf ball, and tees on the first day and then snacks each day after camp. They make friends and they definitely learn about the game of golf.

Thanks really go out to our club volunteers, who come each day and help with these kids. We couldn't do this without people who will take a couple of hours in the morning and teach these kids "how to do it". You know who you are – pat yourself on the back and know that you are extremely appreciated!

2020 Youth Tennis

This was the summer to take tennis lessons. We have two awesome instructors who both played tennis for the Virginia tennis team. Ethan Youso and Nate Fink know the game very well and are enthusiastic and know how to engage the kids and make it fun for them. The kids love playing all of the games that Ethan and Nate are teaching them. Hopefully we will get some tennis players from this year's tennis camp of 15 youth.



ECC's May Day's Parade

Twins sisters Maureen Day and Micki Day received a drive-by birthday parade/greeting/celebration from many Eshquaguma members in recognition of their 90th birthday on May 31st.

They wanted to thank everyone who made this "party" so special.



Thank you - each and every one of you, for your participation in the wonderful and amazing 90th Birthday Celebration! That parade, with your cards and lovely messages and gifts, has given us a beautiful and lasting memory! Thank you again so very much!

*Our Love,
Micki &
Maureen*



ECC Men's Club

Men's Golf

On Wednesday, July 1, there will be a Men's 9-hole Two-person Scramble with a shotgun start at 5:30 p.m. with a continuation of fun in the Grill Room afterwards. Please register with the ProShop to sign up for the event. You can register with a partner or as a single and get paired with another single. Entry fee is \$10 per person and there'll be on-course games and prizes for random payouts. All skill levels encouraged and welcome.

Be on the lookout for more scheduled men's events on Wednesday evenings as the golf season hits full stride.

August 5th ECC Men's Guest Day

SAVE THE DATE! More detailed information will follow in future issues of the *Echo*. Find a guest and plan for a shotgun start late afternoon with dinner and socializing afterward.

Lehtinen aces #14 at Eshquaguma

ECC member Larry Lehtinen scored the season's first hole-in-one on June 9th on hole 14 at ECC. He used a 9 iron from 142 yards. The shot was witnessed by Teresa Lehtinen.

This was Larry's first hole-in-

one, but he is quick to mention he had an albatross (double eagle) on the par 5 #16 at Eshquaguma with a 3 wood from 230 yards in 2009! (ed. - I've never even HEARD of an albatross!!)



June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FATHER'S DAY 21	22 Youth Golf a.m. Youth Tennis p.m.	23 Youth Golf a.m. Youth Tennis p.m.	24 Ladies' Golf a.m. Youth Tennis p.m. Men's Golf 1:15 p.m.	25 Youth Golf a.m. Youth Tennis p.m.	26 Youth Golf a.m. Adult Happy Hour 3-5:30 p.m. Fish Fry	27
28	29	30 ERA - a.m.				
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July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	All events are tentative due to Covid-19 regulations		1 Ladies' Golf Team Event Men's Golf 1:15 p.m.	2	3 ERA - a.m. Happy Hour 3-5:30 p.m.	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Independence Day Celebration
5 Family Golf Outing 9 a.m. Shotgun Start	6	7 ERA - a.m.	8 Ladies' Golf a.m. Men's Golf 1:15 p.m.	9	10 ERA - a.m. Happy Hour 3-5:30 p.m.	11
12	13	14 ERA - a.m.	15 Ladies' Golf a.m. Men's Golf 1:15 p.m.	16	17 ERA - a.m. Happy Hour 3-5:30 p.m. Weekend in N.E.-Beach Bonfire 7 p.m.	18 Weekend in New England Floatilla 1 p.m.
19	20	21 ERA - a.m.	22 Ladies' Golf a.m. Men's Golf 1:15 p.m.	23	24 ERA - a.m. Happy Hour 3-5:30 p.m. Fish Fry	25
26	27	28 ERA - a.m.	29 Ladies' Handicap Tournament a.m. Men's Golf 1:15 p.m.	30	31 ERA - a.m. Happy Hour 3-5:30 p.m. Family Scavenger Hunt 6 p.m.	



The **ECC BOARD** **NEEDS YOU!**

We need three board members, who will be elected to a 3-year term of service

The Nominating Committee is looking for candidates to serve a three-year term on the ECC Board of Directors. We encourage all Corporate Members to consider serving a term on the Board by filing as a candidate.

The filing deadline to be on the ballot at the August 30th Annual Meeting is August 17th. If you are interested in being a candidate or would like more information about Board membership, please contact: Kris Coombe at (218) 780-6463 or lostlakeshores@gmail.com, Dwight Day at (218) 750-6680 or dwight@tufco.us, Kym Drain at (218) 749-0500 or buhlwater-company@yahoo.com.

Board service is enjoyable as you join a cohort of others who want just what you want – to make ECC the best it can be!

Join us for Tabata at the ECC flag pole!

- Friday, July 3rd at 10 a.m.
- Please bring a beach towel and a water bottle

No need to be intimidated! **Tabata** is a form of high-intensity interval training. We will use body weight ex-

ercises done in short intervals to work the whole body. The class will run about 30 minutes with a short warm-up and cool-down.

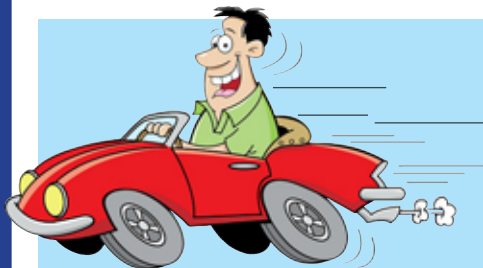
This class format allows for easy social distancing and all moves can be modified to each participant's fitness level. Darcy Boentje is a group fitness instructor with the YMCA of Eagan and will be running the class. Hope you see you there. Weather Permitting!



ECC Medallion Hunt Clue #1

Even though the ECC Men's Club officially retired from the 4th of July committee, the medallion hunt has remained and is in good hands. Just like Lady Liberty's hand – held high and proud for all to see.

Good luck to this year's medallion hunters. Winner once again gets a \$100 gift certificate to the ProShop sponsored by the ECC Men's Club. The defending champions are the Virant Family!



Hey Speedy... SLOW DOWN!

With golf carts, kids on bikes and longboards, folks out for a walk, moms/dads with strollers, daydreamers, birdwatchers . . . all good reasons to slow down around the Club! Not to mention, the **speed limit is 15 mph!**

Same goes for Eshquaguma Road...and Ponderosa Drive. Please slow down! Help us all be safe!

Fabulous Fourth

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our ECC event safe and enjoyable.

Flag Pole Ceremony

We'll salute our colors as we always do. Regretfully, we can't have our own ECC Band this year. (We're giving them the time off to practice and hope for a real rouser next year!)

Lunch

This year you'll choose your special boxed picnic lunch. All lunches include chips and water/pop.

- ECC Club Wrap - \$12 That's turkey, ham & bacon with lettuce and mayo.
- Vegan Wrap - \$12 A delightful mix of seasonal veggies.
- Hot Dog - \$10
- Beer and other drinks - \$5

With the many unknowns this year, we are also struggling a bit to guess who will be joining us? This is, after all, probably the most exciting day at ECC every year. But, how has your guest list changed? What are your plans? We want everybody to feel welcome and join us on this special day!

Tickets on sale now!

Please purchase your lunch and drink tickets well ahead of time to help our staff plan for the event. All tickets are on sale in the Pro Shop and in the Restaurant. You'll also eliminate another waiting line in your life and help preparation.

Races/Competition

Races will be for the kids only (up to age 18) this year. We'll be mindful of the current social mores but still have fun cheering on our progeny and watching their eyes light up with a prize or two!

Boat Parade

This is a new event! After all of the above you'll be for-sure relaxing in your beach chair or maybe you'll want to be at the helm of your craft for this new ECC extravaganza. There will be prizes



Flag ceremony in 2010

and bragging rights at stake.

Boats will assemble at very west end of the lake, near the mouth of the river at 3:45 and the Parade will proceed past the judges on the club docks, in a counterclockwise direction, past all ECC properties ending at the Richards home and then continue around the lake as you see fit.

