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## *From the President*

Welcome to this new 2018 ECC season!

The club will gradually open as weather permits...and as we've all witnessed THAT is a bit of a moving target! Now, it is time to get down to the business of having fun with friends and family.

With this first issue of The ECHO I want to do several things—welcome everybody...especially new members; thank and encourage volunteerism; enlist your help in introducing new, prospective members to ECC; and welcome the many new faces on our staff this year.

Casey, Doug and Rachael are back and ready to groom our jewel of a golf course...all they need is a little sunshine and warm weather to help.

Our Kitchen team will be new, headed by Juan, and staffed with his cohorts from Palm Desert. We look forward to enjoying their surprises and expertise.

Many of you will remember Melanie who was part of the waitstaff last year. She has been selected to manage our Restaurant with the help of several returning and new waitstaff. The best way to greet them is to make sure you make reservations so Melanie and the team can better anticipate your needs.

Jen is our new ProShop Manager. She and her staff will have regular hours running the pro shop and greeting our guests as it is usually the first place they stop when arriving at ECC.

You should also know that we have a number of membership promotions in place this year that have been enthusiastically received by the public. As you see new folks, please go out of your way to greet and welcome these prospective members as they give ECC a try.

We love to see all the new and returning members and their families...the kids who've grown another foot taller and another year in age; the new members and their family and friends; and we expect to help each other create many new, memorable moments this year.

The new directory is out and if you're like me it is always fun to page through and refresh my memory on the many faces, the events, and rules and regulations that exist to support our common pursuit—enjoyment!

Most importantly, as we start this season, remember... this is your home! Have a great time!

John Hovanec, President, ECC Board of Directors

## 8th Annual ECC 5K Run/Walk/Bike

The popular ECC 5K event is back. Here's your chance to join a growing group of elite athletes – now in it's 8th year!

Last year nearly 100 participants ran, walked or peddled the 3.1 miles in great weather – on the ECC grounds.\*

This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, May 26th, with check-in beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the race starting at 9:00.

There will be prizes awarded and a breakfast buffet immediately following the race. All children receive a medal and a prize. Cost of the event is \$30 for adults and \$20 for kids. Children 5 and under are free. All runners also get a t-shirt.

You can register by contacting Megan Uhan at: Megan@gilbertbank.com or 218-248-3910. Register early to guarantee your t-shirt size!

\*The biking part of the event begins and ends at the Club-house, the route does include riding on highways 525, 4 and 20.



## *Mother's Day Brunch*

**Sunday May 13, 2018  
From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Full Brunch menu** All ECC members, families and guests are invited to honor mothers in a delightful way! This event has developed into a great ECC tradition and it's a great way to celebrate spring.

**Reservations: call 865-4263**

## Upcoming Events

- May 5 KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY** - Pot luck, Bar opens at - 2 p.m. Race is at 4:25.
- May 13 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- May 17 LADIES' COCKTAIL PARTY** - Starts at 5:30
- May 18 FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY** Season "kick off"
- May 26 5K RUN/WALK/RIDE** Check-in 8:30 a.m., Race starts at 9
- May 28 MEMORIAL DAY** Restaurant closed.
- May 29 FIRESIDE CULTURAL SERIES** "ABOVE THE RANGE" 6 p.m.
- May 30 LADIES' DAY GOLF BEGINS** Time?

# Opening Party set for June 2nd

Join your friends at this year's Es-hquagama Country Club Opening Party on Saturday, June 2.

Enjoy our "Kickoff to Summer" theme with a classic and "classy" ECC night of great friends, great food and fantastic entertainment. Cocktails begin at 5:00 p.m. and dinner starts at 6:00. There will be live music with the rocking sounds of 4 Blue Teardrops starting at 7:00.

There will be emails sent out with further information about this event as it gets closer. So keep your eyes open for them and hope to see you there!



**Date: Saturday, June 2**  
**Cocktails: Begins at 5 p.m.**  
**Dinner: Starts at 6 p.m.**  
**Music: 4 Blue Teardrops 7 p.m.**

## North St. Louis County SWCD Tree Sale



Would you like to order trees this spring? This year the North St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District is featuring 20 choices of trees and shrubs plus two brands of animal repellent to protect your trees. If you're not sure what to buy, District Forester Beth Kleinke will be teaching several classes about northern Minnesota native trees through District 2142 Community Education.

Go to [nslswcd.org](http://nslswcd.org) for order form and more information. Order deadline is Friday, May 4.

**Species available:** Paper birch, Pin cherry, Chokecherry, Red Splendor Crabapple, American Cranberrybush, Juneberry, Red maple, Sugar maple, Red oak, Bur oak, American plum, Rugosa Roses, Sandbar willow, White cedar, Jack pine, Norway (red) pine, White pine, Black spruce, White spruce, Redosier dogwood, Balsam fir, Tamarack

**Pickup Dates:** Friday, May 18 & Friday, May 25 (9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.)

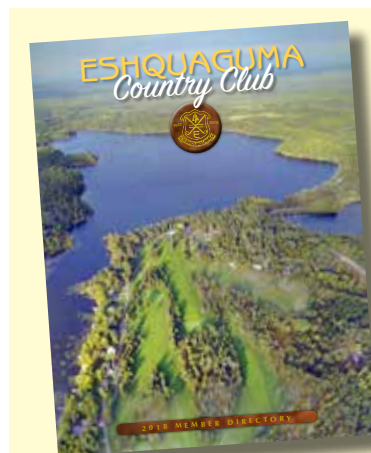
**Pickup Location:** DNR Loading Dock at 7979 Hwy 37, Eveleth

They will happily take your order over the phone with a credit card, you

may mail in your order with a check or come in to the office to place your order. All orders must be paid in full when ordering. Orders are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. All proceeds are used for conservation efforts in the northern part of St. Louis County.

Because of the perishable nature of trees and shrubs, the SWCD is not responsible for their condition after being picked up by customers or if picked up after scheduled dates.

**North St. Louis County SWCD**  
**307 1st Street So., Suite 114**  
**Virginia, MN 55792**  
**218-749-2000**



## The 2018 Directory is hot off the press!

The 2018 ECC Directory is hot off the press and can be picked up at the Pro Shop starting on **May 10**. This means ALL members, not just Corporate Residents. Note: one copy per member!

We hope you enjoy the new look of this year's directory and be sure to let us know if you see any changes, corrections or have an idea for future editions.

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 Bookkeeper: 218-750-2033  
[www.eshquagama.com](http://www.eshquagama.com)

# 2018 ECC Men's Club Preview

The ECC Men's Club was busy again this offseason trying to develop a better golfing atmosphere for men at ECC. Despite over 100 male members that have a set of . . . golf clubs, only about 20-30 of them regularly play in any golf events at ECC. This includes ERA, Wednesday Men's Day, mixed events or the men's tournament.

If you are in the majority that doesn't play, what's your excuse? No time, family in town, I'm not good enough, wife won't let me play, I don't know anybody, too much time at the office? If you find yourself in this position, let the ECC Men's Club help you get you on the golf course. The Men's Club was established nine years ago to bring golfers of all skill together to enjoy time on the golf course and then on the 19th hole where nobody has ever missed a shot! Here's what's on tap for this year's schedule.

## Wednesday Evening Events

Starting Wednesday, May 23, there will be a regular Men's night event starting at 5:30 pm. Each week will have a different 9-hole event format and will accommodate golfers of all skill level. These events will shotgun start at 5:30 and the entry fee will be \$10/week.

New Proshop Manager Jen Thiel will run the events. If you are a previous Wednesday afternoon regular, perhaps you'd consider joining the evening bunch and if you hope to play 18, play the first 9 starting at 3:30 so you can join the action at 5:30.

Don't think you can play every Wednesday evening? No sweat. Each week is a separate event and there's no requirement to play every week. Please e-mail the Proshop (eccgolfproshop@gmail.com) or Matt Uhan (matt@gilbertbank.com) to express your interest.

## Special Golf Events

The Men's Club will again host a structured Men's Guest Day on Wednesday, July 25 and all men playing that day will be required to participate and bring a guest. 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.

The final scheduled event of the 2018 ECC men's club season will be the annual match play championship in August. Last year's format proved to be extremely successful with various group play and round robin action. The format which was played from all teeboxes received strong reviews from the players.

The pay is the same across all groups so it's a good chance to help clean out the Proshop with some end of the season winnings!

## Social Events

Most of the golfing community can attest that the best shots hit during the day are on the 19th hole. In 2018, 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 announcing these events.

## Dues and Handicaps

During 2018, 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 Proshop. Not posting scores regularly or accurately could preclude members from participation in certain men's club events.

Dues have not been billed for several years due to billing limitations at the club. There will be an early season mailer to every member outlining the need for dues and their overall purpose. The previously established bank account is nearly dry and without '18 dues, the enhanced payouts for the events will be gone.

Membership into the men's club is

optional however if you play in a sponsored event, you will be required to pay 2017 dues. This is a great way to support golf at ECC and the ECC Proshop.

And remember, payouts are equal among golfing skill levels. Even better is when you win a gift certificate, you can buy some ladies apparel and gain more golfing time because everybody is a winner when the men play more golf!

Get involved with the Eshquaguma Men's Club now and help make 2018 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, please e-mail the men's club at matt@gilbertbank.com. Let's play golf Eshquaguma!

## SAVE THESE DATES

### *Fireside Cultural Series*

*Tuesday, May 29*

**Above the Range: Drone Photography/Floyd Luomanen**

*Tuesday, June 26*

**"Do You Remember?"/A Tribute to Buddy Holly**

*Tuesday, July 24*

**A History of the "Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railroad"/Jon Severson**

*Tuesday, August 28*

**Comedy Tonight - A One Man Show/John DeBoer**

All dinners at 6:00 pm, with show to follow at 7:15 p.m. Cash bar.

Advance ticket sales available from the Ladies Golf Club

# From the ECC Pro Shop

865-4706 Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday thru Sunday  
 9:00 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Mondays  
 Jen Thiel, Pro Shop Manager

Hi, my name is Jen Thiel. I am excited to be working at Eshquaguma Country Club as your new Pro Shop Manager. I bring 20 years experience to ECC running businesses. I strive for excellence and customer satisfaction and want to make sure everything is the best it can be. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone and a successful 2018.



Jen Thiel

Members that were in the USGA/MGA GHIN handicap system last year but don't want to continue this year must notify the Pro Shop before **May 15th** or you will be charged a handicap fee and there will be no refunds. Most golf events at ECC require a USGA handicap.




## Check out the new ProShop items for 2018!



## Attention Golfers

Please try to avoid driving on the edges of the golf course. Members and member-hired workers have been using the grass area along the road to park and drive on. There are noticeable "paths" being formed in these areas. Sometimes it is necessary to pull over when meeting another car, but there are also wide spots and paved parking areas which can be pulled into instead of always driving on the grass. Our golf course crew has done an excellent job getting the grounds into great shape after another winter. Let's help them out by not ruining the rough along the course.

# May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Fish Fry Every Friday		1	2	3	4	ECC Kentucky Derby Day Pot Luck Bar opens at 2:00 Race at 4:25
6 Sunday Brunch	7	8	9	10	11	12
MOTHER'S DAY Mother's Day Brunch 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Official Club Opening	14 Restaurant Closed	15	16	17 Ladies' Cocktail Party 5:30 p.m.	 18	19
20 Sunday Brunch	21 Restaurant Closed	22	23	24	 25	26 5K Walk/Run/Bike 8:30 a.m. Check in/9:00 start
27 Sunday Brunch	MEMORIAL DAY Restaurant Closed	28	29 Fireside Cultural Series 6 p.m. "Above the Range"	30 Ladies' Day Golf Games Begin	31	

# ECC Promotions

In an effort to keep ECC growing and vital, there are several promotions going on at the current time to raise Club awareness.

To try to get new members who golf, there is now a program available that allows non-members to golf four rounds at ECC for a modest price. By purchasing a \$100 "punch card" prospects are allowed 18-hole rounds to experience the greatness of our wonderful golf course.

Prospects are then invited to try out the great food that awaits them just a short distance away in our Club-house.

If you know anyone who might be interested in trying this limited time

promotion, contact Laura Hughes at 218-750-2033.

ECC is also offering the use of our beautiful Country Club setting and amenities for any event that needs to be special. From wedding receptions to retirement parties, ECC will truly make it an event to remember.

This opportunity is available to the general public – not just ECC members. Whether it's for our fabulous food, excellent staff or beautiful lakeside setting, Eshquaguma can turn heads!

If you know anyone who might be interested in trying this promotion, contact Dick Shank at 612-859-7268.

## Welcome New Members

Cassie & Lucas Hill  
 Karen & Corey Husu  
 Ian & Lindsay Carey  
 Nick & Danielle Carey  
 Gayl Staver  
 Bob Hicks  
 Rob and Renae Pecchia

**Golf Trial Punch Card**  
 We're so sure you will love Eshquaguma Country Club that we are offering a Trial Membership with the purchase of a Punch Card.  
 For \$100, you can enjoy four 18-hole rounds of golf. After golf, we invite you to enjoy our restaurant!  
 • Limit of 1 punch card per person.  
 • Must pre-register at 865-4706.  
 • Members not eligible.

**Make your event special!**  
 For more than a century, Eshquaguma Country Club has been the perfect setting for special events.  
 • Weddings and receptions • Memorial gatherings  
 • Retirement parties • Golf tournaments  
 • Graduation parties • Charity and fundraising events  
 • Reunions • Business luncheons  
 • Bridal showers • Much, much more!  
 • Baby showers  
 Contact the Restaurant Manager at 865-4263 or the Pro Shop Manager at 865-4706 to reserve your date!

**18-HOLE INTRODUCTORY TRIAL\***  
 Authorized by \_\_\_\_\_

## 2018 Youth Golf Registration

June 18, 19, 21, 22, 2018 • 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 \$25.00 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 1st

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!

If you have questions please contact Maggie Hillmer email: [mihillmer@gmail.com](mailto:mihillmer@gmail.com) or (952) 270-3655

I would like to volunteer to help \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

