



From the President

"Papa, I can't wait to get to the cabin!" . . . the sentiments of one of my grandkids and I'm sure, shared by all as we look forward to a new season at ECC!

Welcome back to ECC in this our 101st year. And, a very special welcome to new members. We look forward to meeting you and getting you involved.

By all accounts, we are off to a great start! The course faired well over the winter and is now open. Casey and the superb team that takes care of our crown jewel are back. We also say hello to Darlene, our new Pro Shop manager, and her crew.

Kiko and key members of his kitchen staff are ready to kick things off with the traditional Mother's Day brunch.

Jada and her attentive waitstaff will make us feel welcome for everything from an informal lunch to a special evening dining out.

We are all looking forward to a great season of fun and special activities. There are way too many people to thank—board members, staff, volunteers, Men's Club, Women's Club, Tennis Club and so many more! The best way to thank them is by joining, enjoying and volunteering.

Take a look at the calendar. Make plans and join us. Whatever your game—golf, tennis, cards, relaxing, swimming—have a great summer at ECC!

Again, welcome family and friends to the 101st summer at ECC!

John Hovanec
President, ECC Board of Directors

ECC...a diamond in the woods



This 2014 photograph was taken at the popular tennis clinic offered at ECC. Two years – and two winters have damaged the courts to an even greater extent.

Jim Balducci

Eshquaguma is a one of a kind country club. We have a first class golf course, first class dining, and *long ago* our tennis courts were first class, too! Unfortunately, the years have taken a toll on the surface and have left significant cracks, peeling off top coat/lines, and slippery mold. Frankly, the dangerous conditions of the courts are a liability for ECC every time a member or guest steps foot on them. Now is the time to resurface the courts so we can safely enjoy them for years to come.

We have had a successful tennis program every summer which teaches our young children and grandchildren this great lifetime sport. Additionally, teens and adults have benefitted from weekly advanced clinics taught by a local tennis pro. Initial research has indicated the ap-

proximate cost to bring our courts back to code will be in the \$13,000-15,000 range. Once the snow has completely melted, site surveys will be done by companies who have worked in our area before and a specific bid will be selected.

In the meantime, we are seeking donations from all of our members regardless if you play tennis or not. We need the support of all of you to some degree. Our goal is to fundraise \$7,000 or more dollars and we hope to reach this important milestone by the end of May. Please help us out by donating as much as you possibly can. Every dollar is appreciated and will certainly be well spent by keeping up the grounds of our beautiful Eshquaguma Country Club. Please make your check out to the

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Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday May 8th • 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Treat Mom at the Club!

Full Brunch menu for \$15.00 (Plus gratuity)

All members, families, guests are invited to honor our mothers in a delightful way! This event has developed into a wonderful tradition and a great way to celebrate spring. **Reservations: call 865-4263**



May Events

- May 5** CINCO DE MAYO Margarita Special - Bring a snack to share
- May 7** KENTUCKY DERBY DAY Pot Luck – Bar opens at 2:00
- May 8** MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
- May 10** ERA and LADIES' TWILIGHT GOLF OPENERS
- May 19** BRIDGE LUNCHEON
- May 26** LADIES' ONLY COCKTAIL PARTY (see below)
- May 28** ANNUAL 5K WALK/RUN/BIKE 8:30 check in/9:00 start
- May 30** MEMORIAL DAY – Rest. closed

Ladies' Day Golfers

The 2016 season is fast approaching! Ladies Day Golf will start on Wednesday, May 11th, with games and prizes starting on Spring Meeting Day which is June 1st. Dues are \$50 this year; please try to get your check to Pat Tamminen by that day.

Everyone is welcome! Ladies, this is a great fellowship opportunity! If you are at all able to join us, even for only an occasional Wednesday, please do! Our lunches after golf are fabulous and we would love to see some new faces. If you're still not sure, come to the Ladies Cocktail Party on Thursday, May 26th and we'll tell you all about the fun we have.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Spring Spruce Up

As of this date, we have had no one step up to lead our **Annual Spring Spruce Up** which has usually been held the Sunday before Memorial Day. This is an opportunity to get the beach raked, tennis court cleaned up, touch up painting done, etc. If you would be willing to take the lead on getting this going, please let Sheri know at 651-247-1579 or at: sherilynharms@gmail.com

Eshquaguma Country Club

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News from the ECC Restaurant

The board is happy to report that Manager Jada Strumbell is back and is anxious to get going on the ECC season. As of this writing, the service staff has been selected as follows: returning are Sami Harms, Andrea Ersbo, Amy Licari and Lexi Brascugli. We will be welcoming Abby Whiting and others to be announced.

The restaurant will officially open at Noon on May 7th, with the traditional Kentucky Derby Party. Don't forget our famous Mother's Day Brunch on May 8th.

Kiko and staff are returning this year to once again provide us with their wonderful culinary experience.

See you soon!

“For Sale” Signs on ECC Property

ECC is like family for so many of us. The decision to sell any property is stressful. Doubly so when leaving the history, community and legacy of ECC. We are sorry to see you go, but also need to remind our membership about the provisions as outlined in our General Club Rules.

Rule 11: No sign may be erected on Club property without the prior written consent of the Board of Directors.

The Board will review each request on a case-by-case basis, quickly and expeditiously. Signs should be tasteful, appropriate and keeping within the standards of the community.

Property owners must make the request to the ECC Board before signs are posted. The sign must be removed immediately after a sale is completed, when the listing expires, or after 90 days – whichever comes first. Upon expiration, a new request must be made to the Board. This applies to both Realty company signs, as well as FSBO signs.

A vibrant club is the responsibility

ECC Tennis Court Fund

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Eshquaguma Tennis Court Fund.

You can either drop your check off in the Pro Shop or mail it to: **1st Nat'l Bank of Gilbert, P.O. Box 1000, Gilbert, MN 55741.** Please help by donating today!!!

*With Sincere Thanks,
The Tennis Court Resurfacing Committee*

of every member. We value you and your time spent with us and wish you well in the future. This measure is not meant to be punitive, but rather comes as a desire to be fair to all.

*Thank you,
ECC Board of Directors*

Ladies' Opening Cocktail Party

Join us for a night of fun on May 26th starting at 5:30.

There will be a raffle, wonderful hors d'oeuvres and signature cocktails. Spread the word – bring your friends!

The ProShop will have “Pick-a-tee” discounts on apparel from 4-7 p.m. including some new merchandise.

Cost: \$21++

Please sign up by **May 17th** so that the committee can plan a night filled with fun!



PLEASE RSVP TO THE CLUBHOUSE: 865-4263

News from the ECC Pro Shop

Stop in and say “hello” to Darlene Simonson (below), our new Pro Shop Manager. The Pro Shop’s email address is eccgolfproshop@gmail.com. The phone is 865-4706.

Reminders from the Pro Shop

1. The change in the pro shop hours beginning May 8th
2. There will be no redemption of expired gift certificates.



I look forward to meeting and working with our members and guests. I have a great love for the game of golf. I'm excited for the 2016 ECC golf season!

Darlene

ECC Membership

I'm Denny Reagan, a board member, and my task is membership. It looks like spring is finally here and the weather is going to cooperate. By the time this reaches you the course should be open. In our most recent board meeting, we decided to hire 150 sales people to work on membership. Although there is no pay for these positions the good news is that you are all hired. That, by the way, is without a physical or a background check. So let's get started. As most of you know

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New arrivals in the pro shop . . .

PLEASE REPAIR BALL MARKS! Only YOU can prevent ball mark damage!

RIGHT!

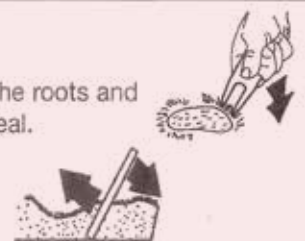
- 1) Close the gap/hole with putter by patting down the ball mark.
- 2) Insert *Green-Save* tool on the high side behind ball mark and push the back toward the center.
- 3) Do not pull up, twist or lift with the tool.
- 4) Push both sides of the ball mark into the center.
- 5) Gently tap the surface down with putter.
- 6) Never use loosened turf for repair.



WRONG!

Pulling up or lifting on the center or the sides will tear the roots and result in brown spots taking weeks for the surface to heal.

Do not pull up or twist with tool. This will only bring sand to the surface and tear the root system



RIGHT!

Insert tool and push back and sides forward to center. No damage to root system. Healing starts immediately.



6th Annual ECC 5K set for May 28

Membership

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Eshquaguma's 6th annual **5K Walk/Run/Bike** is scheduled for Saturday, May 28th. This fun family event is open to all ECC members, their family and guests. It is open to all ages.

All participants are encouraged to check in at 8:30 and then "kick up their heels" for the start at 9:00. The race begins and ends at the Clubhouse.

After the last participant crosses the finish line, an awards ceremony with

prizes and breakfast will follow.

All racers are encouraged to **sign up by May 16th** to guarantee a participant T-shirt. All kids entered will receive a medal.

Cost of the event is \$25 for adults 18 and over, and \$10 for children 6-17.

Sponsorships are still available for \$50. For more information or to sign up, contact: Megan.Uhan@yahoo.com or at 218-248-3910

memberships are down nationwide. We've lost a few and gained a few. In all we are down about 12 members. I don't have to tell you that our club is mainly supported by our dues. The cost of upkeep of the club will never go away and so therefore the more members that we have to share the load the better off we all are. We need new members. And, as a special incentive to new members, ECC will waive the \$500 initiation fee this year!

I would hope that our members would be our best salespeople and our best ambassadors. I look forward to working with all of you and you can call me anytime with your thoughts or prospective new members. Thanks for taking the time to read this and I look forward to seeing you this summer.

Denny Reagan
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May 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 Cinco De Mayo Margarita Special (Bring a snack to share)	6	7 ECC Kentucky Derby Day Pot Luck Bar opens at 2:00
8 Mother's Day Brunch	9 Restaurant Closed	10 ERA Opener 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf	11 Ladies' Day Men's Night	12	13 ERA	14
Bar Open – Light fare only						
15 Sunday Brunch	16 Restaurant Closed	17 ERA 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf	18 Ladies' Day Men's Night	19 Bridge Luncheon	20 ERA	21
22 Sunday Brunch	23 Restaurant Closed	24 ERA 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf	25 Ladies' Day Men's Night	26 Ladies' Only Cocktail Party 5:30 p.m.	27 ERA	28 5K Walk/Run/Bike 8:30 a.m. Check in/9:00 start
29 Sunday Brunch	30 MEMORIAL DAY Restaurant Closed	31 ERA 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf Buddy Golf Matches				 Fish Fry Every Friday



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 _____

