



## From the President

Dear Members,

What a long, long winter, but spring is finally here. Our course appears to have come through the winter well and it is finally time to get out and play!

Our club is strong with membership growing. We are fortunate to have a very committed, dedicated Board that wants to improve our club, and is in the process of developing a 10-year capital improvement plan. This plan will include improvements to our clubhouse, golf course, tennis courts and grounds, and will help ensure that we are financially strong for the long term.

We are also fortunate to be well managed by Jason Teragawa in the Pro Shop and Bryan Quintanar in the restaurant. In addition, the efforts by committees and volunteers are essential to our success, and we appreciate your involvement at the club.

The fundraising effort is kicking off shortly and we will be selling raffle tickets with many prizes to be awarded around the 4th of July. Proceeds will be going to Grill Room renovations in our clubhouse that will begin this fall. Please support this effort!

Our bar opens Tuesday May 3, and please join us on Saturday, May 8 for the Kentucky Derby Party, and on Sunday, May 9 for Mother's Day Brunch.

We are all anticipating a great year at ECC, and I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

Best wishes,

Tim Virant  
President, ECC Board of Directors



## 12th Annual 5K Returns!

Eshquaguma's popular 5K Run/Walk or Bike returns on Saturday May 28th.

Participants should check-in 8:30 at the Clubhouse for the 9:00 start. Awards, prizes, and a breakfast buffet will immediately follow the finish.

All children receive a medal and a prize and all participants receive a ticket for the breakfast buffet. Breakfast tickets will be available for sale for spectators.

Cost for this event is adults 18+: \$30, children 7-17: \$20; and children 6 and under are free!

Email or call Meg Uhan to register – [megan@gilbertbank.com](mailto:megan@gilbertbank.com) or 218-248-3910. Sponsorships are available for \$50. Contact Meg for more information.

Register by Tuesday, May 18th to guarantee a t-shirt. Please include your name, t-shirt size, and age when registering.

## Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 8 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Seating times available - 10 a.m. • 12 noon • 2 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. For reservations: Email our Manager, Bryan Quintanar at [bryan.ecc2021@gmail.com](mailto:bryan.ecc2021@gmail.com)

Please indicate which seating time you would prefer. Bryan will be available starting May 1st. Any other questions: Terri Nelson, Restaurant Liaison is available at 218-398-3021.

**Adults: \$24.00 Children (7-12): \$15.00 6 & Under: Dine Free**

Perfect gift for Mother's Day? ProShop will be open with 20% off on all apparel

## Eshquaguma Country Club

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### Upcoming Events

- May 2** ProShop opens
- May 3** Bar Open 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Pizza available
- May 7** Kentucky Derby Day Pot Luck 2:00 p.m.
- May 8** Mother's day Brunch 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- May 10** Restaurant open for lite fare through June 6
- May 12** Ladies Book Club 6:00 p.m.
- May 22** Annual Spring Spruce Up - 8:30 a.m. More info to follow
- May 27** Meet & Greet New Members 5:30 p.m. Numerous Appetizers!
- May 28** 5K Walk/Run/Bike 9:00 a.m.
- May 29** Celebration of Bill Pepelnjak 2:30 - 5:00 p.m.
- May 30** Morning Golf Event & Lunch Event 10:00 a.m.



## News from the ECC Restaurant

The Eshquaguma Country Club Board is happy to report that Manager, Bryan Quintanar is returning for the 2nd year and is anxious for the season to begin. We are very happy that the following restaurant staff are returning: Dolce Everson, Gabby Everson, Addison Johnson, Daniel Rudolph, Abby Sickle and Bailey Sickel. In the ProShop and Restaurant we will be welcoming: Eli Devich, Lucy Virant, Bella Thomas, Chesney Bernard, Maija Hill, Aaliyah Sahr, Chloe Salas and others to be announced.

The Bar will be opening on May 3rd through May 5 from 3 to 7 pm with pizza available. On Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7 the bar will be open from 2 to 8 pm. Our traditional Kentucky Derby Party is May 7th and will begin at 2:00 pm and don't forget our famous Mother's Day Brunch on May 8th .

Head Chef Alex and crew will be returning to ECC to provide us once again with their wonderful culinary experience. This is Alex's 3rd season as head chef and 7th year at ECC. See you soon!

### Spring is Here

Spring is a little late this year! There will soon be signs of spring popping up all around us. The front gate pots and other planting areas will be planted as weather permits.

Several areas need plantings after last year's harsh winter. Help our committee keep our flowers and scrubs looking beautiful throughout the summer. Any suggestions or ideas to enhance our grounds, just let us know. The Landscape Committee – Kathy Nelson, Cathy Lisenby, Christine Burgstahler, Terri Nelson, Susie Pearsall.



Terri Nelson took this photo in what you can only call an "unplayable lie." Look closely and you'll see her pink golf ball. "We couldn't find my ball anywhere until we finally saw it just short of the water!" For those of you who are worrying – this wasn't at ECC – but recently at Babcock National Golf Course in Punta Gorda, Florida!

## Welcome

### NEW MEMBERS

#### RESIDENT CORPORATE

Jerry and Judy Arnold  
Patrick and Jennifer Bergquist  
David and Nanci Jorgenson  
Jim and Debbie Yelle

#### NON-RESIDENT CORPORATE

Cale and Angela Finseth  
Perry and Sarah Keskitalo  
Bruce Perander  
Ryan and Amy Turner  
Aaron and Kathy Undeland

#### OUT OF AREA

Phill and Shannon Drobnick  
Hank and Millie See

#### SOCIAL

John and Andrea Berger  
Mike and Lisa Buckman  
David Ketterer  
Robert and Nancy Leroux  
Robert and renae Pecchia  
Mike and Debbie Servaty  
Russ and Jane George

## From the ProShop Liaison

Hello ECC members. This winter has been one for the record books. But Spring is coming and the golf season will be here soon.

The ProShop is getting shipments daily and we have many new vendors you are going to want to check out. The racks are going to be full, so come in and by a hat, sunglasses or a shirt. We had a great year in sales last year and we want to thank all of you for your support.

Jason has returned for his second season and is looking forward to seeing all of you. We have many golf events planned this season and are anxious to get things started. We will keep you informed in the Week at a Glance.

The ProShop is here to serve you. Let us know if you have suggestions or recommendations. *Cathy Lisenby, Liaison*

## From the ECC Pro Shop

Dear ECC Members,

Spring is upon us, I'm happy to be back and look forward to seeing you all again very soon. Some things for the month of May:

**Golf Course Conditions** First and foremost is the safety of our golf course. May can be a challenging month at times and the golf course might not always be playable. Frost Delays may occur and it's important that we are off the grass during those times. Rachel and myself will do our best to keep you informed. Please feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns on course conditions. Patience is key, and is also a valuable skill that can help you play better golf. Let's do everything we can to give our golf course the best chance for a successful summer.

**Now is the time for Club Repair** The grip is your one and only connection to the golf club. Please call the ProShop to inquire about a new set of grips, or any other club repair.

**Coaching** I am helping coach the Rock Ridge Junior High/Varsity Golf teams again this year. If I happen to be out of the office, please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

**Memorial Day Golf Event** May 30th. Monday. 4 Person scramble. 10:00 Shotgun Start. Hole Prizes. Proshop Credit. Burger Basket & Fries included after golf. \$45 Members, \$55 Non-Members

**Thursday Night Golf** Starts June 2nd 5:30 PM. I'm looking forward to playing golf with all of you.

**Ladies and Men's Day** Starts Wednesday May 25.

**Meet & Greet New Members** Friday, May 27, 5:30. I look forward to meeting all our new members. Welcome to Eshquaguma!

**Pro Shop Opening May 2nd.** Thank you all for supporting the ProShop. Come on in and get your latest Eshquaguma Clothing.

- 218-865-4706
- eccgolfproshop@gmail.com



Jason Teragawa

*The ProShop is one of the important pieces of the ECC experience because it's usually the first-place members and guests go for information, and it's often the first place to WELCOME our friends and family. The ProShop is offering a wonderful selection of apparel again this year. The Buying Committee, comprised of Cathy Lisenby, Jane Stunkard, Terri Nelson and Jason Teragawa, have ordered a variety of items from many vendors. A big thanks again this year to Maggie Hilmer for all her help supporting the ProShop – she is the magic behind the scenes.*

# Eshquaguma Opening Party

Join your friends at this year's Eshquaguma Country Club Opening Party on Saturday, June 4.

Cocktail hour starts at 5 p.m. and dinner follows starting at 6 p.m.

Music will once again be provided by 4 Blue Teardrops from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

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



## Golf Punch Cards

Corporate members who paid their dues in full by February 28th will receive a punch card for **4 free rounds of golf** for the 2022 season! The punch cards are available now and will be kept in the ProShop so members don't have to keep track of them.



*More live music coming up*

## Cowboy Angel Blue

Saturday, June 18 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.  
in the Fireside Room

# 148th Kentucky Derby

*The most exciting 2½ minutes in sports*



Derby Party '21

**Saturday  
May 7**

**Clubhouse  
opens at 2 pm**

**Races start at  
5:57 p.m.  
central time**

**Bring an hors  
d'oeuvre to  
share**

- Mint Juleps
- Best Hat Awards
- Pari-mutuel Wagering

## ECC Ladies' Cocktail Party



Bring a friend and join us for a fun-filled evening on Thursday, May 19th at 6:00 p.m.

The party includes tasty hors d'oeuvres, drawings for prizes, and signature cocktails.

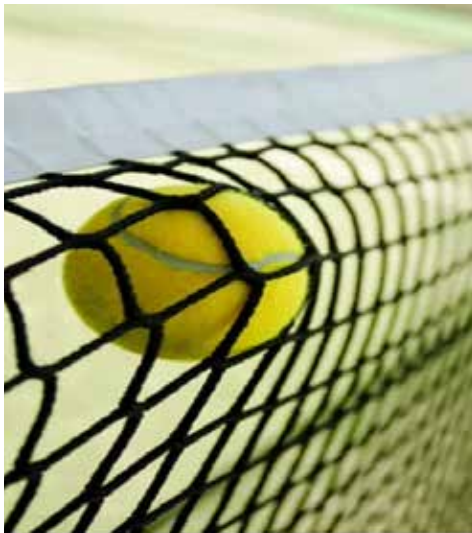
The ProShop will be featuring discounts on apparel from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. just for you!

Sign up in the ProShop or by calling 865-4706. The cost of this event is \$20 per person.

# '22 Fundraising: Tennis/Pickleball Court Resurfacing

Maintaining the quality of our facilities for our members is critical to our success.

The tennis courts were resurfaced in 2016 and need a fresh surface. A contract has been signed to have this work completed in the summer of 2022.



This year the tennis courts will incorporate a court for Pickleball. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. The resurfacing will include the work needed to make this sport available to those wanting to play.

The Board budgeted funding along with the money from the 2016 fundraising efforts will help pay for some of the needed work. In addition, we will need to raise \$3,380. Going forward, the Board has committed to budgeting money for resurfacing these courts without the need for special funding solicitations.

Any amount you could donate would be very much appreciated. If you would like to send a check, please make out to "ECC Court Resurfacing" and mail to Gilbert Bank at P.O. Box 518 Gilbert, MN 55741.

If you have any questions, contact Audrey Erving at (218) 343-1103

(audreyserving@gmail.com) or Jane Stunkard at (608) 575-1115.

## Bill Pepelnjak

It is with great sadness we share that we have lost another lifelong member of ECC. Bill Pepelnjak passed away on February 6, 2022. His obituary says perfectly just how special he was. Billy Pep's signature smile and genuine kindness will never be forgotten. ECC sends its heartfelt condolences to Julie and all of Bill's family and friends.

There will be a memorial celebration of Bill's life at ECC on May 29, from 2:30-5 p.m.

Bill's obituary can be read at: [www.mesabitribune.com/obituaries/john-bill-pepelnjak-jr/](http://www.mesabitribune.com/obituaries/john-bill-pepelnjak-jr/)



## May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Bar Open 3-7 p.m. Pizza available	4 Bar Open 3-7 p.m. Pizza available	5 Bar Open 3-7 p.m. Pizza available	6 Bar Open 2-8 p.m. Pizza available	7 ECC Kentucky Derby Day Pot Luck 2:00 p.m.
8 MOTHER'S DAY Mother's Day Brunch 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	9 Restaurant/Bar Closed	10 Restaurant open for lite fare through June 6	11	12 Ladies' Book Club 6:00 p.m.	13 Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.	14
15 Breakfast 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	16 Restaurant/Bar Closed	17 ERA games begin	18	19 Ladies' Cocktail Party 6:00 p.m.	20 ERA - a.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.	21
22 Spring Spruce Up 8:30 a.m. Breakfast 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	23 Restaurant/Bar Closed	24 ERA - a.m. Private Event Lakeside 5:00 p.m.	25 Ladies' Golf games begin Men's Golf 1:15	26	27 ERA - a.m. Happy Hour 4-6 Meet & Greet New Members 5:30 p.m.	28 5K Walk/Run/ Bike & Brunch 9:00 a.m. Club BBQ 6 p.m.
29 Breakfast 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Celebration of Bill Pepelnjak 2:30-5:00 p.m.	30 MEMORIAL DAY Morning Golf Event & Lunch 10 a.m. Private Event Lakeside 2-4 p.m.	31 ERA - a.m. Restaurant/Bar Closed				

# '22 ECC Men's Club Preview

The ECC Men's Club was busy again this offseason trying to develop a better golfing and social atmosphere for men at ECC. Despite over 100 members that have a set of.... golf clubs, only about 20-30 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, let the ECC Men's Club be your outlet. The Men's Club was established thirteen 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

Be on the e-mail lookout for special Wednesday events with a dedicated theme or format for play. The Wednesday Men's day has historically fallen victim to the same ol' same ol' golf groupings and it's hurt the Wednesday atmosphere. Proshop manager Jason will aim to spruce this golfing day up with the help of Tim Virant, Troy Hughes and Steve V Harms as his trusted advisors. If you are a previous Wednesday afternoon regular, perhaps you'll consider playing with a different group in an effort to grow the men's game at ECC!

## Special Golf Events

The Men's Club will again host a structured Men's Guest Day on Wednesday, August 3 and all men playing that day will be required to participate and bring a guest in this shotgun start event. Guests will enjoy 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 2022 ECC men's club season (August 18-21) 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 tee boxes 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 2022, 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 announcements advertising these events.

## Dues and Handicaps

During 2022, 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.

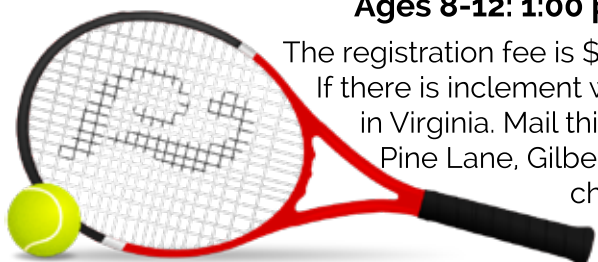
Dues have not been billed for several years due to billing limitations at the club. There will be an early season mailer to every member outlining the need for dues and their overall purpose. The previously established bank account is nearly dry and without 2022 dues, the enhanced payouts for the events 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 2022 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 equity because everybody is a winner when the men play more golf!

Get involved with the ECC men's club now and help make 2022 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](mailto:matt@gilbertbank.com). Play golf Eshquaguma!

# 2022 Youth Tennis Registration

Monday, June 20 • Tuesday, June 21 • Wednesday, June 22 • Thursday, June 23

**Ages 8-12: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Ages 13 and up: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**



The registration fee is \$35.00. Make check payable to "ECC Clinics" (no charging or cash). If there is inclement weather, we may need drivers to transport kids to indoor courts in Virginia. Mail this form and registration fee to: ECC - Youth Golf, 6469 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 1st.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

# 2022 Youth Golf Registration

Monday, June 20 • Tuesday, June 21 • Thursday, June 23 • Friday, June 24

**Ages 5 - 6: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Ages 7 - 15+: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**



The registration fee is \$30.00. Make check payable to "ECC Clinics" (no charging or cash). Price includes golf lessons, treats, pizza, beverage and prizes. Mail this form and registration fee to: ECC - Youth Golf, 6469 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 1st.

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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