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From the President

Dear Members,

Spring is finally here! Our course came through the winter very well and looks beautiful. Time to dust off the clubs and get out and play!

Jason Teragawa, our new club pro, has started and the ProShop is stocked with new merchandise. Stop into the to meet Jason and maybe pick up a new shirt. You can also see Jason for any club repairs, or an early season lesson to get started on the right track. Golf events are already starting! Watch for sign-ups in the ProShop.

A special thanks to Kathy and Terri Nelson who have gone above and beyond working on numerous projects in the clubhouse. While others have also helped and their efforts are appreciated, Kathy and Terri have worked daily on getting the clubhouse ready, including painting, raking, hauling and organizing, and they oversaw several repairs including replacing ceiling tiles in the Grill Room and Lakeside Room, replaced a few toilets, and a thorough cleaning of the clubhouse. We are excited for the restaurant to open on May 9 for Mother's Day.

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!

We look forward to your involvement at the Club, through participating in events and in volunteer opportunities to add to our enjoyment at the Club. We are anticipating a great year at ECC, and I look forward to seeing all of you.

Best wishes,

Tim Virant, President
ECC Board of Directors



Spring (finally) comes to ECC!

Signs of spring are popping up all around us! The perennial flowers and scrubs on holes 2, 8 and 9 look good. This year the fountain planter will have a few new additions added. The front gate pots and other planting area will be planted as weather permits. Help our

committee keep our flowers and scrubs looking beautiful this summer, like they did in these photos of past years. Any suggestions or ideas to enhance our grounds just let us know. *Kathy Nelson and the Landscape Committee*

Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday May 9 • 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Seating times available: 10 a.m., 11:30 p.m., 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 is a great way to celebrate spring. Call 865-4263 or reservations. A sign-up sheet is available at the front entrance on the glass table.

The Brunch will be COVID compliant.



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Events for May

- May 1** Kentucky Derby Day 2 p.m.
- May 5-8** Bar Open with pizza available: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- May 9** **Mother's Day** Brunch 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- May 20** Ladies' Cocktail Party - 6 p.m.
- May 21** First Fish Fry - 5:30 p.m.
- May 26** Ladies' Golf Games Begin 9:30 a.m.
- May 28** Meet & Greet new managers and new members - 5:30 p.m.
- May 29** 5K Walk/Bike/Run - 9 a.m.
- May 29** Club Barbeque - 6 p.m.
- May 31** **Memorial Day:** Golf & Lunch 10 a.m.

New Members

Corporate Resident

Michael & Renee Hendrix
Kurt & Peggy Larson

Corporate Non-resident

Bruce & Holly Lundgren
Mitch & Amanda Brunfelt
Bruce Williams
David & Erin Perrault

Out of the Area

Patrick & Trina Sjoberg
Andy & Amanda Sacchetti
James Barg

Social Member

Terry & Sherry Leoni
Gordy & Peggy Coldagelli
Mischa & Jackie Redmond
William & Donna Babich
Doug Gregor & Mary Mulari
Bryan & Stephanie Wynn



“Head Chef” Alex and a crew will be coming back to continue to impress us with their delicious talents! This is Alex’s second year as head chef and 6th year at ECC. This year Terri Nelson is the Restaurant/Bar liaison.

2021 Club Operations

All operations will be COVID compliant and all staff will be receiving training in restaurant operations and serving. They will also be trained in COVID regulations. **Masks are still mandatory.** All staff will be screened when they come to work and there will be special menus for in-club dining and take out service. Those living on site: Delivery service may be available as time permits.

New Restaurant Manager Bryan Quintanar

We are anxious for you to meet the new Restaurant/Bar Manager, Bryan Quintanar. He brings years of experience from Palm Desserts Marrakesh Country Club (a Chic country club as reported by the New York Times). He is schooled in hospitality, hotel management and business administration. Many of you will recognize him from last year.



Bryan is enthusiastic and looks forward to seeing all of you again.

New Golf Pro Jason Taragawa

A “Meet and Greet” event is being planned for May 28. Come to the Grill Room – enjoy a beverage and meet our new managers, new members and new staff.



Notes from the Club

KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY - Saturday May 1st - Starts at 2 p.m. at the Club House – Race starts at 5:50 p.m. Ladies fine tune your Derby Hats – Men bring your billfold! Due to COVID-19 concerns this year there will NOT be a pot luck. Pizzas will be ordered instead. (Thank you for your understanding. *Terri Nelson, Restaurant Liaison*)

Pre-Season Hours: The ECC Bar is opening on Saturday, May 1st from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Then it will be open Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Friday & Saturday 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Seasonal Hours Restaurant & Bar: Closed on Mondays, EXCEPT “Holiday Mondays” – May 31, July 5, September 7 – look for “Week At A Glance” for details. Tuesday through Thursday – Restaurant and Bar 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.. Friday & Saturday – Restaurant 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. – Bar 10 a.m. to midnight. Sunday – Restaurant and Bar 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mother's Day: Sunday, May 9th celebrate Mother's Day at the Club from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Reservations can be made starting May 1st by calling 218-865-4263. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Grill Room. Different seating times may be available.

From Scott Strudwick, our Buildings & Grounds Liaison: *If you have a golf cart in the cart barns, this is for you:* If you finish your round in the early evening, for security reasons, please close and lock the overhead door, turn off the lights, and close the side entrance door. If someone is still on the golf course, they can open up when they return to the cart barn. Call Scott if you have any questions or concerns – 218-391-2505.

Hello ECC members

We are looking forward to a great season at ECC. It finally feels like spring, and the golf course looks beautiful.

There are many changes in the Pro Shop. First we have a new Pro Shop Professional! Jason Taragawa is a wonderful addition to the team. Jason will assist with golf events and he will sometimes play in events as his schedule permits.

Secondly we have several new vendors and lots of new product for you to choose from.

So come into the Pro Shop, meet Jason, buy some great merchandise, sign up for a golf lesson...

We look forward to seeing you and having a great season!

Cathy Lisenby, Pro Shop Liaison



ECC Opening Party is set for June 5th

Join your friends at this year's ECC Opening Party on Saturday, June 5.

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 p.m. There will be live music with the rocking sounds of 4 Blue Teardrops starting at 7:00 p.m.

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

DATE: Saturday, June 5
COCTAILS: Begins at 5 p.m..
DINNER: Starts at 6 p.m.
Music: 4 Blue Teardrops 7 p.m.



LADIES FUN DAY

50 Shades Green

50 Shades Darker

50 Shades Teed Up

June 9th 2021

Nothing unusual about this wacky golf event! All ECC Ladies are invited – golfers and non-golfers. Zero golf skills required. Just wear something green and come play with us! More details will follow.

The graphic features a bright blue background with the text "LADIES FUN DAY" in large, white, bold letters. Below the text is an illustration of a green golf course with four white circular tees. Each tee has a flag on it. The flags are red and yellow, with the following text: "50 Shades Green", "50 Shades Darker", "50 Shades Teed Up", and "June 9th 2021". At the bottom of the graphic, there is a paragraph of text: "Nothing unusual about this wacky golf event! All ECC Ladies are invited – golfers and non-golfers. Zero golf skills required. Just wear something green and come play with us! More details will follow."

'21 ECC Directory is coming soon!

The 2021 Eshquaguma CC directory is being currently printed, and this year your copy will be sent directly to you by mail!

We hope you enjoy it and support and thank the advertisers who have once again made it possible.



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 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 twelve 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 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. New 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 struc-

tured Men's Guest Day on Wednesday, August 5 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 2021 ECC men's club season (August 19-23) 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 2021, 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 2021, 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 2021 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 2021 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 2021 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. Play golf Eshquagama!



June 21-25: ECC Youth Golf & Tennis Week

This special week focuses on our ECC members' kids and grandkids. Space in the golf camp is limited to the number of adult volunteers we have. If you are willing to help, sign up and be available for the mornings of Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please sign up by June 17th.

Group A 9:30 - 11:30 Ages 12-14
 Group B 10:00 - 11:00 Ages 9-11
 Group C 10:30 - 11:30 Ages 7 & 8
 Krafty Kids 10:30 - 11:30 Ages 5 & 6

Cost for the Golf Clinic is \$30.00. Cash or check please – do not charge to your account. Pre-register in the Pro Shop. All participants will be required to walk and carry or pull their clubs. No motorized carts are allowed. Krafty Kids will have fun working on several projects and creating their own art.

The Youth Tennis clinic runs from

Thursday, June 21 to Thursday, June 24.

Group A 1:00 to 2:00 Ages 8-12
 Group B 2:00 to 3:30 Ages 13 - up

Cost is \$35 – cash or check please

– do not charge to your Club account. Participants will need to bring their own tennis racket, non-marking court shoes, drinking water and sunscreen. Sign up in ProShop.



More detailed information will be posted in the Pro Shop, as well as in the ECC Echo or in an Eblast.

May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Friday Fish Fry						1 ECC Kentucky Derby Day (Pizzas available) 2:00 p.m.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 ● — Bar Open - Pizza available from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. — ●
MOTHER'S DAY 9 Mother's Day Brunch 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	10	11	12	13	14 Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.	15
16	17	18	19	20 Ladies' Cocktail Party 6:00 p.m.	21  Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.	22
23	24	25 ERA - a.m.	26 Ladies' Golf Games Begin 9:30 a.m. Men's Golf 1:15	27	28 ERA - a.m. Meet & Greet New Managers/New Members 5:30 p.m.	29 5K Walk/Run/Bike & Brunch 9:00 a.m. Club BBQ 6 p.m.
30	MEMORIAL DAY 31 Golf & Lunch 10 a.m.	← Restaurant/Bar open for lite fare				