

From the President

Dear Members,

This first edition of The ECHO is the official start of summer in my book!

What are you looking forward to most? Quiet times on the porch . . . with the breeze blowing through the pines mesmerizing you to relax or nap? Pontoon boat rides? Or, maybe jumping off the pontoon – or, better yet, pushing somebody else into the drink! Fires on the beach? The list could go on and on.

We are lucky people . . . and we look forward to welcoming each other back to The Lake.

The Golf Course weathered the winter well and will only get better and better with spring rains and warm sunshine.

The ProShop, typically the first ECC stop for many, has several new staffers and great, new merchandise.

The Restaurant has many new faces and some familiar ones, too as the season gets a big start with Kentucky Derby Party and then the Mother's Day Brunch we all look forward to.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of many – staff, contractors and volunteers. We thank all of you.

Oh, those volunteers! Too many to name . . . but you know who they are. We thank you profusely for your unending dedication to ECC.

Let me end with a special welcome to new members. We look forward to meeting you in person and welcoming you to the endless possibilities for enjoyment at ECC.

It's summer! Time to work on that list of favorite things – golf? Dinner at The Club? Tennis? Fishing? Harassing grandkids?

See you "at" – or maybe "in" The Lake!



John Hovanec
President, ECC Board of Directors

Let the golf season begin!



First golfers out for the season were Gary Drobnick and Mark "Sid" Karpen.

Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday
May 14, 2017

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Full Brunch menu 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**

2017 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 eight years ago to bring golfers of all skill together to enjoy time on the golf course and then on the 19th hole where no one has ever missed a shot! Here's what's on tap for this year's schedule.

Upcoming Events

May 6 KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

May 13 CLUB OPENS

May 14 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

May 18 LADIES COCKTAIL PARTY
See page 3

May 27 5K WALK/RUN/BIKE
Sign in at 8:30, starts at 9:00

May 31 1ST LADIES' DAY GOLF
GAMES

June 3 OPENING PARTY 6 p.m.

June 7 LADIES BUSINESS MEETING
- 12:00 Noon

June 12, 13, 15, 16 YOUTH GOLF
CLINIC - Mornings

June 12, 13, 14, 15 YOUTH TENNIS
CLINIC - Afternoons

June 15 LAKESIDE TRIVIA - 7 p.m.

June 16 YMCA - PAT ROCHE GOLF
TOURNEY

June 23 PUTTS FOR MUTTS - 3 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Events

Starting Wednesday, June 7, there will be a regular Men's night event starting at 5:30pm. Each week will have a different 9-hole event format and will accommodate golfers of all skill level. These events will shotgun start promptly at 5:30 and the entry fee will be \$10 per week. New Proshop Manager Jon Slupe will run the events.

If you're 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. E-mail the Proshop (eccgolfproshop@gmail.com) or Matt Uhan (matt@gilbertbank.com) to express your interest in the league.

Special Golf Events

The Men's Club will again host a structured Men's Guest Day on Wednesday, July 26 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 2017 ECC men's club season will be the annual match play championship in August. Last year's format proved to be very 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 2017, the Men's Club is

Drum roll please

It's that time of year again to cash in your wares! We must have a lot of eager beavers out there this Spring, as there have been lots of requests about when **kbay** is firing up!

Please email (to buhlwatercompany@yahoo.com) the item(s) you would like to sell. A list will be put together by the end of the month for the 1st publication to go out the 1st week of May!

Remember "one man's trash, is another man's treasure!!"



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 2017, 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.

The 2017 ECC men's club dues are \$35 and will be billed accordingly. Dues have not been billed for several years due to billing limitations at the club. Membership into the men's club is optional however if you play in a sponsored event, you will be required to pay 2017 dues.

Get involved with the ECC men's club now and help make 2017 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 Eshquaguma!

SAVE THE DATE

for the ECC Opening Party at 6 p.m.
June 3rd. It will be a fun evening of

MOJITOS and **MASTERMINDS**

More information to follow



Mark your calendars for the 7th Annual ECC 5K Run/Walk/Bike



Join us on Saturday May 27th for ECC's 7th Annual 5K Run/Walk/Ride! Check-in starts at 8:30 a.m. and the race starts at 9:00 a.m. The race begins and ends at the Clubhouse. All kids receive a medal for participating.

Adults 18+: \$25 Kids 6-17: \$10
Children 5 and under free
Awards, Prizes & Breakfast to follow
Sponsorships available for \$50
Email: Megan@gilbertbank.com to sign up
More details coming via email soon...

Lakeside Trivia is back for year 2!

The first night of ECC's Lakeside Trivia is June 15th at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person, with a teams as small as one person up to five. If you have any questions call Kym at 749-0500 or email buhlwatercompany@yahoo.com



McNeil's bid a gracious adieu!

Note: This is a portion of a letter from Charles and Lyn McNeil to ECC. Charles McNeil's family were some of the first members of ECC. The McNeils have sold their Eshquaguma home and are moving to South Carolina.

... I certainly agree that ECC is a one of a kind Club, a true gem. I probably have appreciated its wonderful uniqueness more than most members. I only came to realize this after leaving the club in 1961 to take a sales position headquartered in Denver, then to Dallas and to Rhode Island. I searched each of those areas for a club that I could join. There was absolutely no club anything like ECC, with the closest being a country club in Rhode Island on the shores of Narragansett Bay. Annual dues were at least six times ECC which I believe were \$600. And that was a very inexpensive Club and it was

closed to new members. It is too bad that so few ECC members seem to appreciate what they have. I have been extremely fortunate to enjoy ECC for the better part of my life, and will certainly miss it.

We are hoping that Eshquaguma members will stop by to pay a visit when we are settled here in Beaufort next year. Our welcome mat will always be there for our many ECC friends. Hope you will stop by in '18.

*Best regards,
Charles and Lyn*

LADIES' OPENING Cocktail Party

Join us for a night of fun on May 18th

Cocktails from 5:30 to 6 and then dinner from 6:00 to 7:30. Spread the word – bring your friends!

The ProShop will be offering a "Pick-a-tee" discount to be used between May 18th and 21st.

Call Carrie at 865-4263 by May 15th for reservations. Cancellations after May 16th will be billed to your account.



Welcome New Members

Michael & Jodi Knaus
 Rory & Diane Malner
 Jean Enloe
 Brian Maki
 David & Lisa Lislegard
 Mark & MaryAnn McGinnis
 Fr. Fredrick Method
 Daniel & Connie Miller
 Rob & Melissa Anderson
 John & Kayla Cochems
 Nate & Ashley Lehmann
 Jason & Heather DuVal
 Jeff & Melissa Gulan
 Daniel & Jennifer Heitzman
 Terry Hill & Jane Sullivan
 Erik Honkanen
 Gage Robertson
 Bob & Ruby Zallar

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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
 Jonathan Slupe, Pro Shop Manager

Hello my name is Jonathan Slupe, I will be joining Es-hquaguma Country Club as the Proshop Manager. I am an avid golfer and look forward to getting to know all of you. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns please contact me. I look forward to having a great 2017 season.



Jonathan Slupe

"Nothing straightens out a nasty slice quicker than a sharp dogleg to the right."



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.

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.



Stop in and check out the new ProShop items for 2017!

2017 Youth Golf Registration

June 12, 13, 15, 16, 2017 • 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 2nd

Child's Name _____ Age _____

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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 or (952) 270-3655







I would like to volunteer to help _____ Phone _____



May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	ECC Kentucky ⁶ Derby Day Pot Luck Bar opens at 2:00 Race at 4:25
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Club Opens
Bar Open – Light fare only						
14 Mother's Day Brunch 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	15 Restaurant Closed	16 ERA	17	18 Ladies' Cocktail Party 5:30 p.m.	19  ERA	20
21 Sunday Brunch	22 Restaurant Closed	23 ERA	24	25	26  ERA	27 5K Walk/Run/ Bike 8:30 a.m. Check in/9:00 start
28 Sunday Brunch	MEMORIAL DAY 29 Restaurant Closed	30 ERA	31 Ladies' Day Golf Games Begin			

June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2  ERA	3 Opening Party 6 p.m.
4 Sunday Brunch	5 Restaurant Closed	6 ERA	7 Ladies' Business Meeting at Noon	8 Bridge Luncheon Mixed Golf 5:30	9  ERA	10
11 Sunday Brunch	12 Youth Golf a.m. Youth Tennis p.m. Restaurant Closed	13 Youth Golf a.m. Youth Tennis p.m. Ladies' Social Golf Event 4 p.m.	14 Youth Tennis p.m.	15 Youth Golf a.m. Youth Tennis p.m. Trivia Lakeside 7 p.m.	16  Youth Golf a.m. & Pizza Party YMCA-Pat Roche Golf Tourney	17
18 Father's Day Brunch 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	19 Restaurant Closed	20 ERA	21 Ladies' Team Event	22 Mixed Golf 5:30	23  ERA Putts for Mutts 3 p.m.	24
25 Sunday Brunch	26 Restaurant Closed	27 ERA	28	29 Trivia Lakeside 7 p.m.	30  ERA	