



Two flags over Eshquaguma



As part of this year's Centennial Celebration, the club received two flags – a 5' by 8' cotton flag for the pole near the putting green, 9th green and 1st tee – and an 8' by 12' flag for the large pole on the lake side of the Clubhouse.

The certificate that accompanied the flags stated: "This is to certify that the accompanying flags were flown over the United States Capitol on July 2, 2015.

At the request of the Honorable Richard M. Nolan, Member of

Congress, this flag was flown to commemorate the Eshquaguma Country Club Centennial. Founded in 1915 Eshquaguma Country Club celebrates its centennial in 2015. The oldest golf course north of Duluth continues to celebrate promoting and contributing to the strength, vitality and stability of the Iron Range."

They would have a very short life expectancy if they were used every day. The plan is to fly the flags only on special occasions such as July 4, Labor Day and Memorial Day.

ECC Stock Certificates

In 1915 when Eshquaguma Club Inc. was incorporated, shares of stock were issued to investors to establish ownership. Now 100 years later, during this centennial year, we thought it might be fun to treat corporate members with a share. The certificate has been redesigned and one share will be issued to each corporate member. Although

these shares have no monetary value they do represent membership in the club and allow one vote at the annual meeting. Each corporate membership is supported by payment of annual corporate dues. The certificates may be thought of as a keepsake during this centennial year.



There are no plans to issue shares for any new corporate member after 2015, This is a one time event and when saved can support the memories of our centennial year.

Shares with a cover letter will be mailed to all corporate members within the next few weeks.

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Upcoming Events

September 4 IRISH ROAD BOWLING - Begins at 2:00

September 7 Labor Day

September 10 HOVANEC GOLF OUTING - Club and course open

September 15 ERA BANQUET

September 16 LADIES' FUN DAY

September 16 3-4 Person 9 Hole Lakeland Fire Dept. Golf Scramble Fundraiser. \$50 pp; Shotgun start at 4, Dinner at 7. (Dinner only is \$20. Any questions contact Cathy Hiti.)

September 19 CLOSING PARTY

September 20 KITCHEN SALE 10 a.m.

December ECC CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY - Details will be sent in an email when they are set.

Ladies Club Tournament Wrap-Up



Maggie Hilmer holds her championship trophy. Show with her are l to r, Barb Manney, Trish Olsen, and Kris Coombe.

A successful Club Tournament was held this year at ECC. The 18 hole Championship Flight qualified on Wednesday, August 12th, with Maggie Hillmer shooting an 81 for Medalist honors. 18 holes of match play on Thursday, Friday and Saturday produced the following winners. Champion: Maggie Hillmer; Second Place: Trish Olsen, Third Place: Barb Manney, Consolation Winner: Kris Coombe.

Our 9 hole Tournament players produced three flights, which in turn played match play on Wednesday and Friday. First Flight produced the following winners: First Place: Carolyn Woodle, Second Place: Donah Sten, Third Place: Sharon Patton.

Second Flight winners: First Place: Teresa Lehtinen, Second Place: Cathy Hiti, Third Place: Loretta Russ.

Third Flight winners: First Place: Jean Guy, Second Place: Joanna Johnson, Third Place: Micki Day.

The Ladies Shoot-Out was held on Sunday, August 16th. A good turnout and great time was had by everyone. Big thank you to Ken Olsen, Tom Stunkard, Larry Salo, and Nick Olsen for taking charge and running it. Good job guys!! In the money was the First Place team of Sheri Harms and Teresa Lehtinen. Second place team was Kris Coombe and Cathy Hiti.

Duluth's Kitchi Gammi Club

ECC's reciprocal agreement with the Kitchi Gammi club is now a year-round deal! And, new overnight guest rooms available, too!

The Kitchi Gammi Club of Duluth has extended and increased its commitment to ECC and our reciprocal agreement. The Kitch will be available to ECC members in good standing on a year-round basis.

Further, The Kitchi Gammi Club is now offering rooms for rent. They have completely remodeled and refreshed four one-bedroom suites and expect to have six additional guest rooms available by this time next year.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are available from the Kitch's well known

kitchen.

ECC members who want to use this privilege need a letter of introduction from ECC about a week in advance. Request your letter from John Hovanec, Mick Giblin or Denny Reagon by email. Cash or credit card are accepted at the Kitchi Gami club.

The Kitchi Gammi club is a true Duluth landmark, having been established in 1914 (a year ahead of ECC!) and its architecture is nationally known and admired. You'll enjoy being in the heart of Duluth. Steve Watson, the General Manager of Kitchi Gammi welcomes all to ". . . make the Kitchi Gammi Club your home away from home!"

For letters of introduction suggest and email to:

John Hovanec: johnjhovanec@yahoo.com

Mick Giblin: gma@cpinternet.com

Denny Reagan: kirbyanddan@gmail.com

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ECC CENTENNIAL

Manya Takk, Grazie, Merci, Obrigado, Gracias, and Thank You!

How many languages can we say thank you in to those who have been so generous with their time, talents, memorabilia, and items donated to the Centennial Committee over the past four years? All of the above and MORE!

In 2012, when I reminded the Board of Directors it was not too early to start planning for the 2015 centennial year, I sincerely thought we had plenty of time!

In the summer of 2012, when members far and near donated of their time, talents and goods to our Silent Auction, we were amazed, and grateful. **Gracias** for the cakes, paintings, sailing lessons, pies, progressive cocktail parties in historic cabins, carpentry, gourmet dinner, water, golf games with champs, etc., you donated and bought! **Merci** for suggesting logos for the tees and polos!

Mangya Takk to the many members who agreed to be interviewed (interrogated!) by me in 2012-13, for your memories of early days and events and funny stuff that happened at our club. With your help and that of previous history writers Doris Staver & Millie Shank, property 'lister' Don Johnson and others, and my greatest historian, Bill Ewens, and interviews with Bill Fagan, John Staver, Muriel Lofquist, Ellen Erickson, Charles and Lyn McNeil, and others, an updated history with personal stories and memories has been compiled and will be available to read. **Grazie** for completing your cabin surveys and family trees for our use in data collection for the history. A copy will be included in the time capsule as well, so our children and grandchildren will know what we were about in "the olden days"!

Obrigado to all who have shared pictures of events and people at ECC, doing fun things, crazy things, and volunteering to keep ECC beautiful and alive for us all to enjoy! Many of these pictures will be included in the time capsule as well.

Thank you for buying logo polos, tees, golf towels, the new centennial tote bags (BTW more are available in the pro-shop!). Thank you to the Virants and the Evingsons for the bits of memorabilia you shared with club members at our history walk through last summer. **Asante** to Kim Adams-Plehal for the articles she collected to share with us, that newspapers printed over the years about happenings and members at ECC. **Tack** to Laurel March and Joanna Johnson for the information/book/articles you found about early days



Burial of the ECC Centennial time capsule will be held in front of the clubhouse at 2 p.m. on **Sunday, September 6**. Everyone is invited to see the items included in the time capsule at the club Sunday for about an hour ahead of the burial. Families with children are especially invited to attend because the children who live here now will be the ones opening the time capsule in 2065.

Any questions? Contact Sandy Douglass at 865-6240

in Biwabik and at ECC for the history!

I wish I knew how to say **Thank you in Irish** to Father Flynn for the "Blessing of the Fleet" this summer. Many boats, canoes, and watercraft of all ilk came out to be blessed. **Thank God** the water wasn't higher on the dock, or we may have lost Father Flynn! By the way, we'll do it again next year (not lose him)!

Undying gratitude to the committee for the Gala Opening Party, the Crolick's, McNeil's, Virant's, and Laurel March. What an event, a great start to our centennial year!

Dankie to the Hejda family for donating a receipt for dues in 1917 for \$10 to

ECC, and the original booklet of Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation for ECC, in which we discovered the listing of the original incorporators. The committee had these articles framed and they are displayed in the hallway between the grill room and the fireplace room for your viewing. **Thanks** to Lee Lundgren for locating this great treasure for ECC! From this written list, we were able to contact several living relatives of our founders and had a "Founding Father's Day" breakfast with some of them. Greetings were sent to us from others. Many were also present on July 4, 2015. Thanks to the men's club for another great 4th!

Shukran to Mick and Kathy Giblin and Mesabi Sign for the centennial banner at our gates, welcoming all to enjoy the summer of fun here at ECC. This banner will stay there as long as it lasts to remind us our founders wanted the club to be FUN.

Kamsa Hamnida to Dan Janisch for taking the "100" picture of us all on the course on July 4, we will make these available to all members very soon.

Thank you so much to TriTec for making us a time capsule to stand the ravages of time so our children and grandchildren will be able to share in our memories of our time here at ECC when they open it in 2065. **Spasibo** to Bill Bauman of Bauman Funeral Homes for donating the concrete vault the time capsule will be buried in.

I beg forgiveness if I have forgotten anyone who helped. The committee of George Crolick, Kim Adams-Plehal, Bill Ewens, Linda Jarmer, Mick and Kathy Giblin, and myself thank the Board of Directors for your support of our efforts. And the membership of ECC for your help, pictures, ideas, and generosity in making this the best centennial ever!

Sandy Douglass
Co-chair ECC CC (2012-2015)

ECC might be 100...but we have our own Facebook page!



"Like" us: Facebook.com/
Eshquaguma.Country.Club.

ECC CENTENNIAL

ECC Centennial Recap

The ECC Centennial Committee thanks everyone involved in making our 100th year special for all members. George Crolick and Sandy Douglass, co-chairs, Kim Adams-Plehal whose talents with computer and social media have been so valuable, Bill Ewens, whose memories of ECC were very important to completing the history, Jim Balfour, for his wonderful creativity and talent with the ECHO, pictures, certificates, etc., and Linda Jarmer, Mick Giblin and Kathy Nelson for their time and contributions, we are grateful.

Some of this article will be a repeat of what you will read in the thank you piece in this same ECHO. So many members and non-members have been instrumental in making this project successful!

Let us start with the Silent Auction fund-raiser in 2012, which raised money for the other events and fund-raisers we have done over the past 4 years. We felt it was important to raise funds rather than ask the Board for monies for our projects. We believe it also was a kick-off to solidifying relationships between members, helping us to get to know each other better, and to focus ECC members' efforts toward the common goal of making ECC's 100th year and many years in the future brighter, more fun, and memorable for future members and our children and grandchildren.

The fun centennial logo Maria LaSala drew in 2012 for the tees, polos, and golf towels earned her a certificate and some Centennial merchandise for her family. Thanks again, Maria! Many ECC golfers, children and grandchildren will continue to admire your logo for years to come.

In 2013, the many members who agreed to be interviewed regaled me with tales of their early memories of the club, some of which will NOT be published but were funny nonetheless. Much of this information is included in the history compiled with previous histories for inclusion in the time capsule. It will also be available for members to read at the clubhouse.

In 2014 we displayed many items, pictures, and treasures donated by mem-

bers at our History Walk-through in the Sunroom at the clubhouse. From a mid-50's ECC sweatshirt and pictures from the Evingson's to copper artifacts found on their building site shown by the Virant's, to newspaper articles about style shows held at ECC, these were fun things to see and remember for many members. Thank you to all who attended and noted who was who in the donated pictures there that day. Many of these pictures will be placed in the time capsule as well.

George arranged to obtain flags flown over the Capitol Building in July in Washington, DC, for ECC to fly on special occasions, and a commendation for ECC's centennial from Governor Dayton which was read at the flag ceremony on the 4th. In addition, our own Connie Evingson lent us her beautiful voice that day to sing the anthem.

The ECC Centennial Committee purchased with some of the funds raised, the canopy used on July 4th this year to house the tote bag sale, the generation-button sale, the time-capsule display. George and his family can put up a canopy in less time than it took me to unpack it from the box! This canopy will be bequeathed to club staff so they can enjoy shade at future 4th's to sell their drinks and meal tickets.

Thanks so much to Bill Pepelnjak and to Casey our course superintendent for marking where the 1-0-0 lines should be to be most appropriate for the drone to take our picture on July 4.

As well, the bull horn used to line up the boats at the "Blessing of the Fleet" in May, and to line up people in the 1-0-0 shape on the course on the 4th, purchased with centennial funds raised over the years, will be given to the men's club for their 4th of July activities. We again thank Dan Janisch for his expertise in making the pictures of the 1-0-0 possible!

\$1000 was raised for the benefit of the kitchen from the Gala wine wall at the wonderful opening party of 2015. Thank you to the staff, and the chefs, and to the awesome committee who made this event

one to remember!

TriTec made us a wonderful time capsule to assure that our descendants will be able to enjoy memorabilia from ECC's first 100 years when they open it in 2065. Bill Bauman of Bauman Family Funeral Homes will be supervising the burial of the vault he donated to ECC CC with the time capsule inside at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 6, Labor Day weekend in front of the clubhouse. Please bring your children and grandchildren to this event as they hopefully will be the ones opening it up in 50 years!

The time capsule will be filled with items members suggested and other important items, pictures from members of events over the past years, pictures of the staff this year, this year's ECHO's, a golf flag from our course, current postage stamps (will there still be postage stamps in 2065?), a mint set of coins from 2015, a Minnesota quarter from the states series, a local newspaper, the financial pages of the Wall Street Journal in January, 2015, from David Adams, the property listing current to July 4, 2015, from Don and Kathryn Johnson, and a copy of the newly compiled history of ECC 1915-2015. The guest book all have signed at one of the above events will be included. A letter from the Centennial Committee will be placed in the time capsule to let the capsule openers know about these items and why we included them.

Commemorative Stock Certificates will be issued to all corporate members of ECC this fall and copies of the 1-0-0 picture will be available. We plan to have one large print of this picture for display at the clubhouse soon.

One of the Centennial Committee's goals was to build community and recognize volunteerism. Thank you to all members and their families and friends for your interest, support, encouragement, and participation in our centennial!

*George Crolick and Sandy Douglass
ECC CC co-chairs*

Phyllis Kukar

Phyllis Ann Kukar, 94, of Gilbert, died Friday, Aug. 14, 2015, at Essentia Health-Virginia peacefully surrounded by her family. Phyllis was the oldest ECC member living in an original cabin.

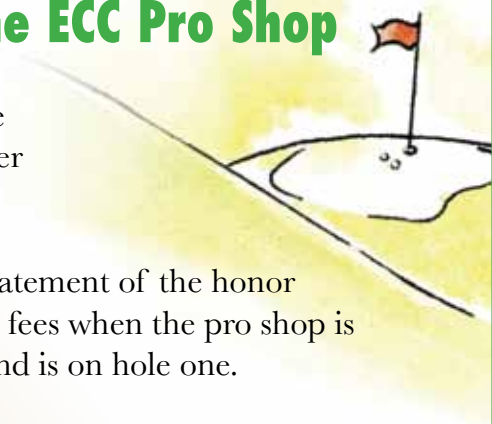


Phyllis was born on July 20, 1921, to Anton and Pauline (Chernoff) Lopp in Gilbert. She attended Gilbert High School, Class of 1939 where she lettered in swimming. Following high school, she attended St. John's School of Nursing in Springfield, Ill. Phyllis served in the Army Nurse Corps during WWII in Carentan, France and Bayreuth, Germany. Phyllis was united in marriage to Anton "Tony" Kukar on Dec. 26, 1955. She was the first woman to join the Gilbert American Legion Post #138 and later the Gilbert VFW. Phyllis enjoyed traveling, including trips to Fatima, Lourdes, and the Holy Land. She traveled to New Zealand and Australia with her three daughters and

Reminders from the ECC Pro Shop

- No credit card payments are accepted in the pro shop after September 30, 2015.
- New this season is the reinstatement of the honor ticket system for guest green fees when the pro shop is closed. The honor ticket stand is on hole one.
- The last day the pro shop is open this fall is October 11th.

Watch for End of the Season Specials in the Pro Shop!



Europe several times. She enjoyed her grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews visiting during the summers at her cottage on Lake Eshquagama.

She was an active member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Gilbert, the Gilbert Sr. Citizen's Club, the Slovenian Women's Union of America in which she was honored as 2001 "Mother of the Year", the Polka Group and volunteered as a Girl Scout leader.

Phyllis will be remembered as being

proud of her Catholic faith and Slovenian heritage and will be dearly missed.

She is survived by three daughters: Margaret (Tim) Stratton of Lodi, Wis.; Paula (Tim Maes) Kukar of Arvada, Colo.; and Dee Dee (Marty) Fautch of Gilbert; six grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Anton; two brothers: Cyril and Gene "Chee Chee" Lopp; and her parents.

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Fish Fry Every Friday		1	2	3	 ERA Road Bowling at 2:00	5
6 Sunday Brunch	LABOR DAY 7	ERA 8 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf	9 Ladies' Day Men's Night	10 Bridge Luncheon	 ERA	12
Hovanec Golf Outing - Club and Course Open						
13 Sunday Brunch	14	ERA 15 ERA Banquet	16 Ladies' Fun Day Men's Night	17	18	19 Closing Party
20 Kitchen Sale 10:00 a.m.	21	22	23	24	25	26

2015 Men's Club News Update

ECC Men's Tournament Recap

This year's club championship was again in its traditional mid-August (16-23) spot on the calendar. The tournament included 16 golfers in championship and first flights, respectively. Championship flight players were seeded according to USGA/MGA handicaps. Participants registering for Championship Flight were seeded according to handicap and those in first flight were seeded 1 through 8 according to handicap.

Championship flight matches started Sunday, August 16, and were played until Wednesday, August 19. The eight winners continued to the championship flight quarterfinals. The remaining participants formed first flight and entertained the galleries with stellar play. Championship Flight resumed with 18-hole quarterfinals on Friday, semifinals on Saturday and the championship match Sunday afternoon.

The tournament weekend kicked off Wednesday afternoon, August 19, with the men's shootout. This year's shootout was a two-man alternate shot format and provided for some interesting strategy and teamwork. The six two-person teams decided who was going to put the first shot into play and alternated shots accordingly until the final putt was holed out. Mother Nature offered some challenges with wind and some rain but after some early round knockouts and chip offs, the shootout came down to Tim Virant/Marc Kwiatkowski and Tom Stunkard/Bob Manney. After the big white gobbled Tom's tee shot, Tim and Marc claimed the title. Congrats Tim and Marc! After the shootout, the annual Men's Past Champions' Reception was

held at 6pm. This event, sponsored by various past men's tournament champions, invites all members and their guest to come out for an evening of socializing and an opportunity to bet on tournament favorites and dark horses.

Congratulations to all winners and thank you to everyone for playing and making this another fantastic rendition of "Glory's Last Shot".

	<u>CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT</u>	<u>FIRST FLIGHT</u>
First Place	Beau Mitchell	Tim Virant
Second Place	Tom Stunkard	Ken Olsen
Third Place	Nick Devich	Carver Richards
Consolation	Matt Uhan	Troy Hughes

Final Men's Club Update

The ECC Men's Club held its annual meeting on Wednesday, August 5, in the Grill Room at the Club. Matt Uhan was reelected to the Men's Club board as President and Mark Kwiatkowski as Vice-President. In addition to the officer election, the group also discussed potential new events to the calendar, including a junior tournament for area juniors. Thank you to all who attended and continue to support the ECC Men's Club.

2015 Men's Club dues will be billed this month directly to members. These dues are used to supplement men's events, men's day prizes and other special events and occasions. If you have any questions or comments regarding the Eshquaguma Country Club Men's Club, please contact Matt Uhan at 741-7844 or matt@gilbertbank.com

News and Notes

Ladies Guest Day Winners

Barb Manney
Micki Day
Fern Swanson
Cathy Hiti
Kathy Nelson
Terri Nelson
Cammy Newman
Diane Malner
Kris Polus
Sheri Harms

Christmas Holiday Party

Don't forget about the annual ECC Christmas Holiday Party this December. Details have not yet been confirmed – but we'll let you know!

Eshquaguma

Eshquaguma is stunning in the autumn, a place on earth where the season's awesome. The leaves are turning and the bonfires burning, the bitter cold of winter soon returning. The summer comes and goes so soon, the lonely, wistful crying of the loon. The sunlight changing daily so slightly. The cool air preying upon us nightly? A glorious and lovely time of year. The ominous dead of winter drawing near. It's sad to see the summer ending. To think about us all now spending, our time waiting for the winter season to descend upon us with the only reason to slow down, rest, rejuvenate for at Eshquaguma it is summer we await. *Carver Richards, 2014*

