



# Eshquaguma Country Club

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## From the President

Greetings from ECC,

It feels like summer went way too fast!

Already, we are staring the change of seasons in the face! Some of us are dreading winter. Some look forward to it. We had another great year at ECC with memories and events that have us looking forward to more in 2018!

As we close the year, there are a couple of new board members to welcome in Gary Drobnick and Maggie Hillmer and, again, our sincere thanks to Bill Pepelenjak and Teresa Lehtinen as their three year terms expires.

Congratulations our club champions Beau Mitchell and Trish Olsen and all those who participate to make these such great events. It doesn't matter if you're spectator or participant you add to the fun of these activities.

There are so many staff, volunteers and friends of ECC that it is impossible to mention them all. But please know how much your efforts over the course of the year are appreciated.

But, don't let me get ahead of myself! We still have some great golf ahead! There is still time to enjoy the club with family and friends. We hope we'll see you at the Closing Party and there is likely a Holiday Party or two in the planning to keep the ECC family together.

Thank you all for your support of ECC!



John Hovanec  
President, ECC Board of Directors

## The winning number is "6"

For the sixth year in a row, Beau Mitchell won the Eshquaguma Country Club Men's Golf Tournament. On the Women's side, Trish Olsen also repeated as champion – her sixth win

in the past ten years.

Both tournaments experienced good participation with 46 total golfers and lots of tight play.

For complete results and more photos of each tournament, see the Men's Recap on page 3 and Women's Update on page 4.



Men's Champion Beau Mitchell (left) is shown with runner up Nick Devich. Women's Champion Trish Olsen shows off her winning trophy.

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### END OF THE SEASON

## Apparel Sale

End of the Season Apparel Sale starts August 30th. Get a 25% discount on all apparel including socks but excluding hats. Clearance Rack priced as marked. Reminder that all gift certificates awarded for Club events expire on October 16, 2017.

## Upcoming Events

**September 1** IRISH ROAD BOWLING  
- 2 p.m.

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7-10 p.m. Fireside. Irish Bowling menu

**September 4** LABOR DAY - Restaurant  
is closed

**September 6** LADIES' BUSINESS  
MEETING - ? p.m.

**September 7-9** HOVANEC GOLF  
OUTING - Golf course will be open

**September 14** LAKESIDE TRIVIA -  
Season finale! 7 p.m.

**September 16** CLOSING PARTY -  
Featuring the music of "Cowboy  
Angel Blue". Watch for eblasts for  
more information

**September 16** DUMPSTER JUICE  
TOURNEY - Registration at 8:30 a.m.,  
golf starts at 9:30

**December** ECC CHRISTMAS PARTY -  
Watch for eblasts for more  
information

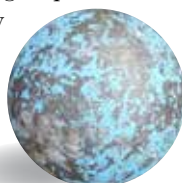
## Irish Road Bowling is here!

This years Irish Road Bowling event  
is coming up on Friday, September 1st  
starting at 2:00 p.m.

This annual event should once again  
attract ECC's most competitive athletes.

All interested participants should be  
at the Club by 1:00 for sign up and the  
"blessing of the balls" by  
Father Flynn.

Friday will also fea-  
ture an "Irish" menu in  
the dining room.







## Take care of our fairways

The Pro Shop wants to remind the membership to care  
for our fairways by having a divot container on every cart.

To help everyone out, divot containers are available  
for purchase in the Pro Shop at COST to encourage our  
members to take care of OUR fairways.



# September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Fish Fry Every Friday					 1 ERA Road Bowling at 2:00	2
3 Sunday Brunch	LABOR DAY 4 Restaurant Closed	5 ERA	Ladies' Business Meeting 6	Mixed Golf 7 5:30 (Final night)	 8 ERA	9
10 Sunday Brunch	11 Restaurant Closed	12 ERA	13 End of Ladies' Golf Games	14 Trivia Lakeside 7 p.m. (Final night)	 15 ERA	16 Closing Party
17	18	19 ERA	20	21	22 ERA	23 Dumpster Juice Tourney
24	25	26 ERA	27	28	29 ERA	30



# Men's Club and Men's Golf Update

## Men's Tournament Recap

This year's club championship featured the same format as in 2016 and again provided the club with some great golf action. The event was coupled with the Ladies Club Tournament and contested August 10-13.

The tournament included 28 golfers in five different divisions – Championship, Palmer, Nicklaus, Player and Hogan (Senior).

Championship flight players were seeded according to USGA/MGA handicaps with the defending champion earning #1 seed honors. The other divisions were filled based on golfing ability and personalities which provided a jovial round of golf and some close competition.

The Men's tournament continues to be on the rise after a 50% growth in participation in 2016 and another

17% growth in 2017! Thanks to all who helped grow this event and thanks to Jon and his Pro Shop staff for the efficient management of the event!

division battling it out in a unique round robin flight format where points were earned based on number of holes won. The Hogan Senior division had four

	Championship	Palmer	Player	Nicklaus	Hogan (Senior)
First Place	Beau Mitchell	Ken Olsen	Brian Cepek	Eric Nori	Tom LaZella
Second Place	Nick Devich	John Cochems	Joe Cramer	Larry Minton	Roger Hensen
Third Place	Matt Uhan	Steve Harms	Gary Drobnick	Scott Schueller	Ron Bonkosky
Consolation	Troy Hughes				

Championship flight matches started Thursday and Friday, August 10-11 and continued throughout the weekend with the final pairing teeing off at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Friday's quarterfinal matches proved quite competitive with some upsets and "extra holes" action. The Palmer flight saw four participants square off in a match play round robin format that culminated with a sudden death playoff win. The Nicklaus and Player divisions featured six men per

members and also played a round robin competition, respectively.

The tournament weekend kicked off Thursday afternoon, August 10, 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 ten two-person teams decided who was going to put the first shot into play and alternated shots

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Above, players from the Palmer Division follow a tee shot. Top right, Carver Richards and Dave Boz were the "Shoot-out" Champs for the second year in a row. They are shown with John Cochems and Tim Virant.



Bottom, Player Division group Joe Cramer, Scott Strudwick, Gary Drobnick, Brian Cepek and Carver Richards. Not pictured Jim Fritz..

# From the Ladies' Tees

Lots of great things happened in August, here are just a few examples.

Club Tournament - The ladies had 18 participants in the Club Tournament this year. That is the same as last year, so at least we're not dwindling.

The Ladies' Shoot-Out started out our tournament. So much fun with all levels of players. Due to lightening, thunder, monsoons, and snow (no, not really) – our Shoot-Out ended in a tie between Team Harms & Carey and Team Coombe & Johnson.

## Tournament Results

In the Championship Flight, Trish Olsen and Kris Coombe played in the finals with Trish taking home the hardware. Sheri Harms placed 3rd. Other Championship Flight participants were Maggie Hillmer, Jane Stunkard, and Kris Polus.

In the 9-Hole Club Tournament, results were: First Flight: 1st Place Teresa Lehtinen, 2nd Place Donah Sten, 3rd Place Carolyn Woodle, 4th Place Mary Louise Merideth.

Second Flight: 1st Place Gerry Carey, 2nd Place Cathy Hiti, 3rd Place Loretta Russ.

Third Flight: 1st Place Terri Nelson, 2nd Place Pat Tamminen, 3rd Place Joanna Johnson, 4th Place Kathy Nelson.

Every year the ladies host an Invitational Tournament for women from golf clubs around the area. Format is 'Best Ball' on the front nine and 'Alternate Shot' on the back nine.

Sometimes our ECC Ladies make a great showing and this was one of those

years. Carolyn Woodle won Low Gross Score in the 3rd Flight on the front nine. Placing in the flights – First Flight First Place: Kris Coombe & Barb Manney with a 76. Second Flight Third Place: Kris Polus & Teresa Lehtinen with an 89. Third Flight First Place: Carolyn Woodle & Barb Hecomovich with an 89, Second Place: Jane Stunkard & Karen Anderson with a 94. Fourth Flight First Place: Loretta Russ & Gerry Carey with a 93.

Congratulations to the winners and a huge THANK YOU to our Chairperson Joanna Johnson and all the club members who made this tournament happen by volunteering in one way or another. This wouldn't be possible without them!

## Men's Club and Men's Golf Update

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accordingly until the final putt was holed out. The nine teams started on hole #9 and dropped two teams per hole on holes #9, #2, and #12 and one team on #16 until the final two teams arrived on #18 vying for the cash title.

The teams of Tim Virant/John Cochems were bested on the second attempt by the winning team and defending champion of Carver Richards/Dave Boz. Congratulations to all!

After the shootout, the annual Past Champions' Reception was held at 6 p.m. This event, sponsored by various past men's and women'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. Thank you past champs for your gracious donations.

Congratulations to all winners and

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

The ECC Men's Club held its annual meeting on Wednesday, August 9, in the Grill Room at the Club. The group discussed potential new events to the calendar, including an evening men's event on Wednesdays and a junior tournament for area juniors. Thank you to all who attended and continue to support the ECC Men's Club.

Be on the lookout for a direct mailing for 2017 Men's Club dues. In the mailing you'll see a breakdown of our funds and contributions to the club. 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



First Flight winner Teresa Lehtinen