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#### From the President

Wow! Summer went by way too fast!

This last ECHO of the season signals the end of our ECC season in many ways...even though the golf course will still be open until weather dictates otherwise. With the season end, we all want to thank the many who have helped make it a memorable year.

First, our collective thanks to our outgoing board members for their many contributions: Joanna Johnson, Dick Shank and Kym Drain will be missed and the efforts they've made on behalf of all of us hold us in good stead for the future.

We welcome our new board members: Cathy Lisenby, Kevin Reagan and Matt Uhan. We thank you for your commitment. Your board is in the process of being reorganized and we will strive to do more by committees in the coming year to spread the input and the decision making.

One key committee will be a group to be led by George Crolick to work with St. Louis County on their edict to have surveys of all individual ECC property parcels. And with this new committee, we promise to keep our membership more up to date and involved in the process.

Many other thank you's are obvious and also have too many names to thank individually...but let us add sincere thanks to all those who volunteered to handle the myriad of projects, events and activities that drive the club all year.

And, of course, our staff needs a huge thank you and vote of confidence for all they do....day in and day out! Their work will continue over the next several weeks as they close-out the year and begin preparing the club for 2020!

Even though this is the last ECHO of the year, you'll be hearing more by mass emails on activities that take place over the fall, winter and early spring.

Again, our sincere thanks to all who make ECC the wonderful place it is!

John Hovanec President, Board of Directors

### **Annual Meeting Update**

**Greetings Everyone!** 

Our Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, August 25th. Many thanks to our out-going Board Members who have given so many hours, talent, and commitment to this club: Kym Drain, Dick Shank, and Joanna Johnson.

New members elected to the Board are Cathy Lisenby, Kevin Reagan, and Matt Uhan. Congratulations to the three of them.

Your Board Officers for 2019-2020 are as follows: President: John Hovanec Vice President: Maggie Hillmer Secretary: Kris Coombe Treasurer: Matt Uhan New Board Liaisons are: Golf Course: Brian Maki/Kris Coombe Pro Shop: Maggie Hillmer Restaurant: Cathy Lisenby Membership: Kevin Reagan **Buildings/Grounds:** Terry Hill Communications: TBD We look forward to a good year. Thank you for supporting your Club. Remember that your restaurant minimums must be met by September 14th, which is the closing party. Whatever amount you have not spent towards your mini-

Thank you, Kris Coombe

mum, will be charged to your account.

## ECC Ladics Fun Day '19

#### Social begins at 9:15 Shotgun Start at 9:45

Get your GREEN & RED spirit on!

- Prizes awarded for best costume
- Team prizes awarded
- Even a reindeer photo op!

### Jingle-Jingle-Jingle Bells Golf Game

Sign up in the Proshop. Last day to sign up is Sept. 4th. Non ladies day golfers are invited for lunch but please call the restaurant to make a reservation.

ECC Ladies Fun Day September 11, 2019

IN SEPTEMBER

#### Eshquaguma Country Club

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#### September 3 ERA

September 4 LADIES' BUSINESS MEETING - Noon

**September 5** HOVANEC GOLF TOURNAMENT - Runs Thursday thru Saturday

September 6 ERA

September 8 FINAL SUNDAY BRUNCH 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

September 10 ERA

- September 11 LADIES' FUN DAY See page 1
- September 11 FINAL MEN'S NIGHT -Begins at 1:00

September 13 ERA

#### September 14 CLOSING PARTY

September 15 KITCHEN SALE - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Cannot be applied to restaurant minimum)

September 21 DUMPSTER JUICE TOURNEY



## ECC Ladies 2019 Golf Invitational Smashing Success



Maggie Hillmer, Mary Louise Meredith, Sheri Harms & Kris Coombe



Jane Stunkard, Karen Anderson, Terri Nelson & Kathy Nelson



On Thursday August 22, forty enthusiastic women golfers convened at the Eshquaguma Country Club for the ECC Annual Ladies Invitational. Many thanks to our sponsors, prize donors, volunteers, chefs, club manager and committee for making this fun filled event a perfect day on and off the course.

#### **Our Club winners:**

First Flight - Second place: Trish Olsen/Krystal Lawson Fourth Flight - First Place: Julie Smolich/Sue Hatcher Fifth Flight - First Place: Jane Stunkard/Karen Anderson Second Place: Pat Tamminen/ Donah Sten

This years committee members: Pat Tamminen, Kathy Nelson, Terri Nelson, Kris Coombe and Becky Reagan.

Plans for the 2020 Invitational are already in the works!

# 2019 Ladies' ECC Golf Tournament

The 2019 Ladies' Eshquaguma Tournament was held during the first week of August with 18 participants this year.

In the Championship Flight, round robin 18-hole match play for three days led to the final match on Saturday between Maggie Hillmer and Trish Olsen with Trish winning for her third year in a row. Of note is that there has only been these two names on the trophy since 2004! Third place was Sheri Harms.

The other flights held a traditional 9-hole match play on Wednesday and Friday. Results were:

	First Flight	Second Flight	Third Flight
Champion	Jane Stunkard	Loretta Russ	Cathy Hiti
2nd Place	Kris Polus	Donah Sten	Shelley Rask
3rd Place	Mary Louis Meredith	Terri Nelson	Pat Tamminen
Consolation	Andrea Polus		

We ended the week with sixteen ladies paired up in our cross-over type shootout. Playing only 6 holes, one team was eliminated on each of the first 5 holes with 3 teams going into hole 9. Maggie Hillmer and Courtney Stone beat out Teresa Lehtinen and Amber Finch in the end to claim the championship of this event.

Congratulations and thank you to all of our participants! Pictured are Maggie Hillmer and Trish Olsen (top right) with the Ladies Trophy. Shown (bottom right) are all of our flight winners: Trish, Jane, Loretta, and Cathy.







# ECC Men's Tournament Recap

This year's club championship featured a similar format as prior years and again provided the club

with some great golf action. Contested over three days, August 16-18, the tournament included 24 golfers in four different divisions – Championship,

First Place Second Place Third Place Consolation

Palmer, Nicklaus and 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 and we're looking to crack the 30 member mark! Thanks to all who helped grow this event!

Championship flight matches started Friday, August 16 and continued throughout the weekend with the final pairing teeing off at 1 p.m. Sunday. Friday's first round and quarterfinal matches proved quite competitive with some upsets and extra holes action. The Friday double header format for first round matches has proven successful and is here to stay. The Palmer flight saw six participants square off in a match play round robin format that culminated with the overall best record winning the group. The Nicklaus division also

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featured six men battling it out in a unique round robin flight format where points were earned based on number of holes won. The Senior division had four members and also played a round robin competition,

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Nick Devich, Matt Uhan, Beau Mitchell and Dave Mitchell

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### 2019 Men's Tournament

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respectively.

The tournament weekend kicked off Thursday afternoon, August 15, 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 accordingly until the final putt was holed out. The ten teams started on hole #9 and dropped two teams per hole on holes #9, #2, #12 and #16 until the final two teams arrived on #18 vving for the cash title. The team of Carver Richards and Dave Bozicevich were bested on the first attempt by the winning team of Tom Stunkard and Erik Erie. Congratulations to all! After the shootout, the annual Past Champions' Reception was held at



6pm. 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".



## Closing Party set for Saturday, September 14

Join us at the 2019 Eshquaguma Country Club Closing Party. The theme for this year's party is "Black and White".

Cocktails start at 6:00 p.m. Check your email for more information. Make your reservations in the restaurant.



## **Club beach improvement**





• The Hovanec Golf Tourney starts on Thursday and runs through Saturday, but the course and restaurant will remain open. Be sure to call for reservations as they will be busy.

• Sunday will be the final Breakfast/Brunch for 2019. Runs from 10:00 - 1:00. Call for reservations.

• September 9th & 10th the golf course will be closed due for aerating. Plan accordingly.

# September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
1 Sunday Brunch 10 a.m 1 p.m.	LABOR DAY 2	ERA - a.m. 3	Ladies' 4 Business Meeting Men's Night 1:00 p.m.	5 Hovanec Golf Tourney —	ERA - a.m. 6	7 en		
8 Final Sunday Brunch 10 a.m 1 p.m.	Bar Open Noon - 5:00	10 ERA - a.m.	11 Ladies' Fun Day Men's Night 1:00 p.m.	12	13 ERA - a.m.	14 Closing Party		
15 Kitchen Sale 11 a.m 1 p.m.	16	17	18	19	20	21 Dumpster		
(Note: Cannot be		Bar Open Through October - Pizza Available Juice Tourney						
applied to your minimum.)						a.m.		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
	Bar Open Through October - Pizza Available							
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