



From the President

Dear Members,

Wow! This summer is going way too quickly! This a sentiment shared by all.

We had a terrific 4th of July, thanks in large part to the Men's Club and their well-organized machine making it fun and stress-free for the rest of us. And thanks to our kitchen and wait-staff for handling the picnic duties. The day is one we all enjoy and already I've had kids ask..."what's the theme for next year?" as they look forward to our most cherished, annual tradition.

Summer activities continue with the Pro Shop organizing fun and whacky events. The recent dance was a big success, too; and another is planned for August. Thursday Trivia is a must for many with room for more. Again, all these enjoyable events simply take somebody to lead and organize. And, to those volunteers/organizers...a big thanks from all of us.

There are several private events scheduled in coming weeks. Sometimes we might feel a little inconvenienced to have the club taken over if it interferes with our own plans, but please remember how important these events are to our financial health. We have a continuing need for the loan of your golf carts to make these events possible. Please help our Pro Shop give our customers the ECC experience they deserve. Please let the Pro Shop know your cart is available... thanks for your generosity it really helps!

Our Annual Meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 21. This is your chance to get snapshot of how we are doing as a club. You'll hear reports from each Board Member summarizing results and actions of their committees and discussing plans for the future.

As always – too many people to thank, but know your support of ECC is appreciated.

See you at the Annual Meeting!

John Hovanec
President, ECC Board of Directors

Beautiful New Tennis Courts

If you haven't noticed, our two tennis courts were re-surfaced the week before 4th of July! They are now perfect and a joy to play on. Please make sure that you have proper "court" shoes which are non-marking. We hope to make the courts last another 20-some years!!

Thanks to all of you who donated money to make this much needed project happen.

We received 47 donations: Pat & Sue Carey, Cepek, Bonkosky, Campbell, Crolick, Deluca, Dwight & Georgia Day, Drain, Dzubnar, Ekern/Nelson, Ev-

ington, Fritz, Freeman, Giblin/Nelson, Joy Giblin memorial Fund, K. Giblin, John Hovanec, Harms, Hilmer, Hughes, Koehler, Lazella, Licari, Lofquist, Dave & Polly Mitchell, Cathy Mitchell, Erika & Chuck McNeil, McBride/Peterson, Mccurdy, Olsen, Osmundson, Stege, Bill Pephnjak & Julie, Polus, Pajunen, Pearsall, Denny Reagan, Kevin/Becky Reagan, Russ, Strohmaier, Strudwick, Stunkard, Tamminen, Tritec, Troutwine, Uhan, Virant.

Thank You, Thank You,
The tennis court re-surfacing committee



Jane Stunkard and Audrey Licari on one of the beautiful, newly surfaced tennis

Annual Meeting is Sunday, August 21st!

Here is your chance to get involved in governance for your Club – at least for this one day each year. You'll hear about our current financial state and have reports from each board member to bring you up to date on the condition of ECC.

For information about this year's board candidates, see page 2.



August Events

August 3 MEN'S CLUB MEETING
Following Men's Night golf

August 10 MEN'S AND LADIES'
GOLF TOURNAMENTS BEGIN

August 11 MEN'S SHOOTOUT
at 4:00 p.m.; PAST CHAMPION'S
RECEPTION at 6:00 p.m.

August 13 LADIES' CLUB GOLF
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS 1:00 p.m.

August 13 CHEF'S SURPRISE
NIGHT in Dining Room

August 14 MEN'S CLUB GOLF
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS 1:00 p.m.

August 21 ECC ANNUAL
MEETING 2:00 p.m.

August 25 LADIES' INVITATIONAL
GOLF Course closed until 2:00 p.m.

August 26 DULUTH/RANGE BAR
ASSN. GOLF OUTING - All day

August 29 BUDDY PARTY 5:30 p.m.

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ECC Women's Invitational



Thursday, August 25, 2016
18 hole, 2 Person Team Event

(sign up as a Team)

\$57.00 entry fee per person

Includes greens fees, range balls, prizes
and gourmet lunch

Add \$10.00 per person for a cart
Registration at 8:00 a.m. Shotgun
Start at 9:00 a.m.

Entries to Kris Coombe, 4390 Lilac
Road, Gilbert, MN 55741, or call
(H)218-865-4455 or (W)218-741-8488 or
(C)218-780-6463

Not able to golf this year? Then we
sure could use your volunteer help! We
need two at the Registration Table from
7:45 to 9:00, and two at the Ninth Hole
Raffle contest for either the 9:00 to 10:45
shift, the 10:45 to 12:15 shift or the
12:15 to the 1:45 shift.

Call the Pro Shop and join in the fun!
Free lunch to all volunteers!

From the ECC Men's Club

4TH of July Recap

The ECC Men's Club would like
to thank all of the volunteers, staff,
members, guests, ECC Centennial
Committee and most importantly,
mother nature for another successful
4th of July celebration! The next 100
years is in good hands!

Medallion Recap

Congratulations to Lucy Virant
for finding this year's ECC Medallion

located under the 100 yard marker on
#6! She successfully pieced together
the puzzle and clues related to the
Olympics, golf, the magical number
100 and ECC history to find the prize.
For her efforts, she was awarded a \$50
Proshop gift certificate. And so the
medallion hangs for another year...it
just won't hang here though.

MEN'S CLUB UPDATE Men's Guest Day

Men's guest day was held on July 20
with eleven teams participating in the
best ball event. Each four person team
was treated to a wonderful afternoon
of golf with chances to win prizes on
every hole, skins and a great reception
at the 19th hole! Congratulations to
Team Devich and Team Drobnick for
sharing first place honors with a 66.
Sharing third place was Team Stunkard
and Team Harms with scores of 69.
Men's guest day has become the men's
club featured event with over 40 players
participating in this year's event. As a
result, \$900 in Proshop gift certificates
were awarded, \$135 in on course
prizes, \$360 in skins and nearly \$900
in meal orders. Not to mention a few

Want to show your support?

Who hasn't noticed the attractive tee
monument plaques which began appear-
ing a little over three years ago – thanks
to the efforts of Steve Harms?

Perhaps you have loved ones you
would like to honor, or maybe your
business would like to show corporate
support for our great Club.

Five tee monuments remain open -
holes #10, 11, 12, 15 and 17. Plaques
will be designed to your specifications.

The fee of \$500 for a three year
term, or \$2,500 for "forever" can either
be billed to your member account or
billed separately to your company.

Contact Laura 750-2033 or Joanna
at 865-4381 to get the ball rolling.



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Men's Club Update

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extras purchased in the grill room to help wash everything down! Thanks to all for playing, the Proshop manager for the registrations and scorekeeping and the staff upstairs.

Men's Club Annual Meeting to be held August 3rd

The ECC Men's Club will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, August 3, in the Grill Room at the Club. The

meeting is open to past, present and future members. The meeting typically lasts an hour. Remember the primary focus of the ECC Men's Club is to promote golf events throughout the year at ECC. Come with ideas on how to grow the game!

Club Championship

The club championship week is quickly approaching. (See below

for details). The annual event will be contested August 11-14. A detailed schedule of events will be posted in the Proshop and Clubhouse. Remember to post your scores and maintain an accurate GHIN handicap index. The format will continue to be 18-hole match play matches. The week is highlighted with the past champions' reception on Thursday, August 11 and new this year will be the hosting of the event concurrently with the Ladies Championship. There'll be plenty of action on the grounds in a few weeks! Contact the Proshop to register.

2016 Men's Tournament Schedule of Events

August 11-14, 2016

FLIGHT FORMAT FOR 2016

The players having the lowest 16 handicap indexes effective on the July 31, 2016 revision date will be eligible for championship flight. The #1 overall seed will be awarded to the previous year's champion; seeds #2 through #12 will be seeded by handicap index; seeds #13 through #16 will be drawn randomly to complete the field of 16. All other flights will be seeded by handicap index, including first flight. Similar to 2015, 2016 will provide the option to sign up for first flight if you prefer not to play a first round match in championship flight. (Note: First round losers will still fall into 1st flight)

Players are required to post **all** scores throughout the 2016 golf season. Posting accuracy and frequency will be monitored by the Proshop. If you have an insufficient number of rounds entered and/or your postings are deemed inaccurate, your entry could be subject to change. You must register before the Proshop closes on Saturday, August 6. Championship flight uses blue tees; other flights use white tees; seniors use red tees.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 –

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

Championship Flight First Round Matches

- Players will determine pairings and play dates and should notify the Proshop Manager prior to starting
- All Championship flight matches must be completed by 6:00 pm on Thursday, August 11.

THURSDAY – AUGUST 11

Men's Shootout (9 holes) – 4:00 pm

\$10 cash entry fee and is open to all men and space in the shootout is unlimited. This year's shootout will be a two-man alternate shot format. Pairings will be made by the Proshop. See separate sign-up.

Past Champions' Reception and

Parimutuel - 6:00 pm

- Place your bets on the tournament favorites and dark horses while enjoying an evening of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres sponsored by the ECC Past Champions

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 & 13 (Saturday morning/Sunday morning)

Championship and Other Flights

- Tee times and pairings will be established by the Proshop Manager. See or call Proshop

for starting times and pairings.

- The course will be closed until all matches are completed.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

“GLORY'S LAST SHOT”

Championship and Other Flights

- Tee times and pairings will be established by the Proshop Manager. (beginning with Championship Flight at 9:00am)
- Men's final pairing to start at 1:00 pm
- Awards ceremony to follow the completion of the final match. Cocktails and food buffet to be available after the final match. (Awards equal among all flights)

USGA Rules govern all men's events, except where modified by published local rules. See Proshop for published local rules.

CALL OR STOP BY THE PROSHOP TO SIGN UP TODAY!!!

Please contact the Proshop 865-4706 or eccgolfproshop@gmail.com for further details

This year's Medallion has been found!



Congratulations to **Lucy Virant!!**
Lucy located the medallion under the 100 yard marker on hole #6.

Thanks to everyone who searched for this year's medallion . . . better luck next year!

Here is a recap of all the clues. Answers to clues in red.

1) This year's theme for the 4th of July is "Summer Olympics – Rio de Eshquaguma" – we'll have our own celebration of these games, it just won't be here though!
#1 Means it's on the golf course

2) For the first time in over a century, golf is returning to the Olympics. One of the athletes is certain to come across this during the competition. Don't get the Zika virus though looking for your ball. **#2 Means an Olympic golfer will certainly come across a distance marker while playing.**






3) As runners dash for gold in the Olympics, so too do runners in the ECC 5k. Some might stop for a drink along the route. **#3 Reference to the area near the old hand pump on #6**

4) As ECC begins to add another century to its lore, let us first look back and reflect on its first– sometimes easier done from afar. **#4 References the 100 yard distance**

5) Olympic medals will be handed out. World records may fall. But will lightning strike again? **#5 Usain Bolt runs the 100 and his nickname is lightning bolt.**

6) Lying in the shadows of an ol' pine that only Mother Nature dare take down, you'll find the medallion in the middle for all to see. **#6 References the old pine tree that fell on #6 right over the 100 yard disc.**

August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Restaurant Closed	ERA 2 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf	Ladies' Day 3 Men's Night Men's Club Meeting	4	 5 ERA	6
Sunday Brunch 7	8 Restaurant Closed	ERA 9 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf	10 Men's and Ladies' Tournaments	Men's 11 Shootout 4 p.m. Past Champions Reception 6 p.m.	 12 Lundgren/Gilbertson Private Party	Chef's 13 Surprise Night Ladies' Club Championship Finals at 1:00
Sunday Brunch 14 Men's Championship Finals 1:00	15 Restaurant Closed	ERA 16 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf	17 Ladies' Day Men's Night	Bridge 18 Luncheon	 19 ERA	20
Sunday Brunch 21 Annual Meeting 2 p.m.	22 Restaurant Closed	ERA 23 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf	Ladies' Day 24 Men's Night	Ladies' 25 Invitational Course closed until 2 pm	 26 Duluth/Range Bar Assn. Golf Outing All Day	27
Sunday Brunch 28	Restaurant 29 Closed Buddy Party 5:30 p.m.	ERA 30 9-hole Ladies' Twilight Golf	Ladies' Day 31 Games End Men's Night			 Fish Fry Every Friday

What in the heck is the MMIICGT?

Dear ECC Members

Thank you for allowing me, once again, to invade your ECHO pages.

By way of introduction, my parents named me Robert Magnuson, but I am more commonly referred to as The Golfmeister at the ECC.

The title all has to do with a golf event that occurs at your facility on the Thursday thru Saturday following Labor Day. This is the deal wherein, over the years, more than 100 golfers of marginal ability have come from 39 of the 50 states, as well as Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore to participate in “The Mary Jane Memorial International Invitational Charity Golf Tournament” (MMI-ICGT). We are described on your Event Calendar as “The Hovanec Party. We have a website “themaryjane.com”

As a bit of background: Your former member Mary Jane Westerlund invited John Hovanec (her son-in-law), myself, and a fellow named Denny Nightin-



gale to the club so that we could get on with our then current project of “Learning How To Play Golf” in the privacy of Northern Minnesota after Labor Day. It was essentially a witness protection plan for three hackers. The year was 1990. It is now 2016 and we have been practicing for 27 years.

Mary Jane passed on in 1993, and in 1994 we adopted our official tournament name.

Our singular mission was to show bad golfers that they could still have fun trying. (The guy who comes from Singapore uses borrowed clubs. His game stinks, but he has fun trying).

In 1990 we added the charity component to our name and established a policy whereby our prior champions elect a Range Charity that has no overhead budgeted and gave them a donation that



might actually help achieve a goal.

To date we have made \$50,522 in donations, with Volunteers in Education being the recipient of \$5,980 in 2015.

It is our intention to plug on so long as we keep increasing the amount of the annual donation.

Over the years we have been appreciative of your welcoming nature for what could be seen as an imposition and we have also been witness to what has

been an ever improving golf course. The ECC is, in fact, a jewel hidden away “up dere on da range”.

Thanks for reading,

The Golfmeister

P.S. if any of you know someone from Nebraska, Montana, Idaho, or Arkansas who wants to tee them up with us, please let us know. We allow unlimited handicaps.

Annual Egg Toss event draws big crowd



Peggy Cepek and Scott Schueller squared off against Josh Terrio and Kyle Pidde in this year's ECC Egg Toss championship . . . which ended in a tie!

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
Darlene Simonson, Manager

New! New! New!

Ladies ECC Golf Hats, Sunglasses and Tervis Wine Tumblers!!



Perfect for golfing or daily wear – Epoch sport eyewear **\$19.95**

Uhan scores Hole in One

On June 29, Matt Uhan hit a Hole in One on Hole 9, our 147 yard Par 3 using a pitching wedge. The Hole in One was witnessed by Kym Drain, Chuck McNeil, and Nick Devich. Congrats!



Family Golf Outing on July 2nd also had a Hole in One!

Dwight Day hit a Hole in One on Hole 14. Dwight used his 4 iron to sink the 217 yard Par 3. Dwight's shot was witnessed by his wife Georgia and his children Stephen, Jon and Lauren. Nice Shot Dwight.



Did someone say "TIMBER!"

Duffers Golf Outing

Too much fun at Eshquaguma Country Club! What a great night! 38 golfers

played in our Duffers Golf outing. We played 3 holes of Best Ball, 3 holes of a Scramble and 3 holes of Alternate Shots. Gary Drobnick and Gary Hultman won the Best Ball with a score of 12, Jane and Tom Stunkard won the Scramble with a 10 and Sheri and Steve Harms won the Alternate Shots with an 11. Contests on the course:

- Longest Drive Women – Sheri Harms
- Longest Drive Men – Tom Stunkard
- Longest Putt – Gary Drobnick
- Closest to the Pin – Barb Hecomovich

Sheri and Steve had the lowest score overall! Congratulations to all!!

Thanks to everyone who joined us for another Thursday night.

Mark your calendar - July 28th - for another event. Watch your email - details will follow.

Think Pink – July 27th

Golf Fore Life" Cancer Awareness Day!

Wear Pink and come out and support this event. If you are not able to golf, join the ladies for lunch. Please call ahead to make reservations for lunch.



4 Person Best Ball (with a Shake Up!)

On June 23rd we held another fun

Thursday Night Event. It was the "4 person Best Ball With a Shake Up". Each team played their own ball, but at the end of each hole the team rolled the die to see who's score to use. If the team rolled a 1, they had to use the score of the 1st person listed on the card, if a 2 was rolled they used the second and so on...but if they rolled a 5 they used the worst score and a 6 they used the best! It was a great night. Donna Sten won Closest to the Hoola Hoop! The team with the least putts was Gary Drobnick, Gary Hultman, Rick Smith and Paul Sadar with only 12 putts. Shooting a 38 to win was Jane Stunkard, Tom Stunkard, Brain Plesha and Boz. Low Gross with a 33 went to Tom Stunkard!

Regripping

If you need new grips on your clubs, the Pro Shop can put them on for you. We have grips in stock, we can special order them for you (Cost +15% - plus shipping) or you can provide them.



Whack – N – Hack Tournament

Thursday July 28th

5:30 pm

It is going to be another crazy, mixed up night of fun on the course at ECC. We know we could just have a normal night of golf, but what fun would that be? You would perhaps think that we are losing our minds – and it's only mid-season!

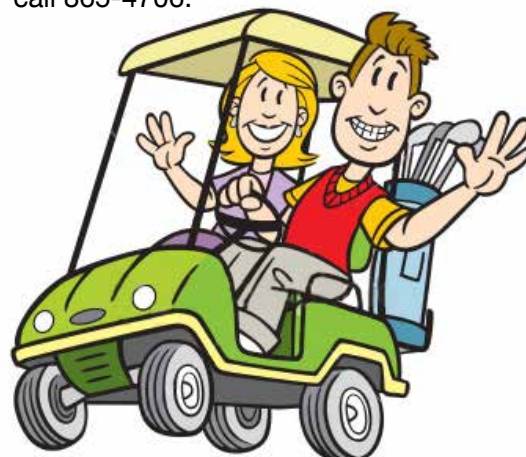
So sign up your two person (men or women) team! We will draw to see what other 2 person team you will be playing with. Those two combined will be your 4 person team.

Rules for Whack-n-Hack

The four team members each play their own ball for four individual scores. Two of those scores are combined to make up the team score on each hole. The two scores that are used are the low ball and the high ball. So if the four players score 4, 5, 6 and 7, respectively, the team score is 11 (4 + 7).

Entry fee is \$5 per person. There will be prizes . . . Hidden \$ Golf Balls . . . Drink Tees . . . and FUN!

Stop in the Pro Shop To Register or call 865-4706.



2016 Ladies' Handicap Tournament

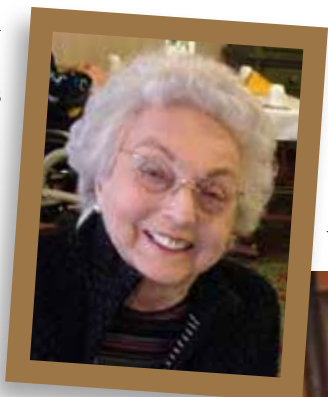
The 24th Annual ECC Ladies' Handicap Tournament was held on July 13th in honor of Ruth Virant.

Ruth was born March 1, 1930 and was raised in Crosby, MN. She and her husband Don of Aurora, were married for 65 years and joined ECC in the summer of 1970! They lived across the lake from the Club and also wintered in Sun Lakes, AZ.

Ruth enjoyed golfing with her sister Marge Reagan and her good friends Kathryn Johnson, Kathleen Fagen, Micki Day, and Donah Sten. Ruth died last June and is survived by five children and five grandchildren.

The Ladies' Club was thrilled to have 20 golfers play in her honor. We had an additional 10 guests join us for our Oriental Lunch Buffet.

The overall winner of the tournament, with a net score of 31 was



Ruth Virant

Kathy Nelson. Ruth's daughter Carol, along with daughter-in-law Kjerstin, and two of her grandchildren, Lucy and CeCe were on hand to present Kathy with a beautiful wooden bowl with sterling handles as the top

prize. Carol shared that this particular type of serving bowl was a favorite of Ruth's – making the day even more sentimental.

Other flight winners were Jane Stunkard (34), Loretta Russ (35), and Pat Tamminen (33).



ECC'S THURSDAY NIGHT

TRIVIA

July Trivia Results:

The month of July featured two trivia nights.

JULY 7th RESULTS

Team Ced-Esh & Team Home Schoolers were tied until the bonus round, where Team Ced-Esh bet the ranch and won! This knocked Home Schoolers again into 2nd place!

1st Place: **Team Ced-Esh High** - Mike & Julie Smolich and Robert & Audrey Licari

2nd Place: **Team Home Schoolers** - Boz, Louie Hipolt, Kym Drain, and Teri

& Mike Husak

3rd Place: **Team Winners** - Troy & Laura Hughes, Nikki Kwiatkowski, Lauri Osmondson and Bob Bratulich.

The winner's donated their \$115 winnings into the "Trivia Party Fund!"

JULY 21st RESULTS

Team Home Schoolers were in 1st Place going into the Bonus Round, with Team Winners just 1 point behind them. Team Cloud was in last place, so they had to bet all their marbles to put them in the running, and boy did they

ever – taking 1st Place!

1st Place: **Team Cloud** - Joanna Johnson, Tom Miller, Barry & Carolyn Woodle, and Larry & Teresa Lehtinen

2nd Place Team: **Team Home Schoolers** - Boz & Barb Boz, Louie Hippolt and Kym Drain

3rd Place: **Team Winners** - Laura Hughes, Lee Anne Lundgren, Bryan Brown and Father Flynn

The winners donated their \$110 winnings to the "Ladies' Club Flower Fund".

Think Safety!

When pontooning, please do not allow anyone to sit in the front between the pontoons. Serious injury or death could occur if one were to flip into the water.