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From the President

Dear ECC Members,

Wow, what a great summer! Great food/service in the restaurant, fun social events, golf course in beautiful condition, a successful fundraiser, great ProShop sales . . . the list goes on and on.

Many more events are planned, and I encourage you to attend them. We have Men's and Ladies' Club Championships coming up, more Thursday golf events, and many social events including live music.

We raised almost \$40,000 – after expenses – in our July fundraiser. A big thank you goes to our fundraising lead Nate Lehmann and the whole committee. Proceeds will be going to Grill Room and Kitchen renovations. Thank you for your support!

Our ECC Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 5 in the Clubhouse. This is your chance to get a review of the past and future, as well as to get more involved.

Let's enjoy the Club and make it a year to remember!

Best wishes,

Tim Virant
President
ECC Board of Directors

Attention: ECC Board of Directors Candidates

The Annual Meeting for 2021 is September 5th. At this time, three Board terms will expire. If you are a Corporate Member and are interested in serving a three-year term on the Eshquaguma Country Club Board of Directors, you are encouraged to file as a candidate.

The filing deadline to be included on the ballot is August 15th.

If you are interested in being a candidate or would like more infor-

mation, please contact the nominating committee: Dwight Day @ 218-750-6680 or dwight@tuftco.us - Kym Drain at 218-749-0500 or buhlwatercompany@yahoo.com - John Hovanec at 612-382-5701 or johnjhovanec@yahoo.com.

Board service is enjoyable as you join a cohort of others who want just what you want - to make ECC the best it can be!

Thanks for your consideration.

Meet *the* medallion hunters!

Congrats to the Severson and Boentje families!

The medallion was tucked in a bible – folded up in the New testament – according to Matthew. This year's clues were set to direct the hunters to the Club library. Here is the report from Jennifer Severson:

"We thought it was close to the ProShop because of the first clue being that you had to register to play. When we saw the alarm in there, we realized that was the ringing golfers didn't like. We were looking for an Indiana Jones or Angels & Demons book in the bookcase due to the clues about the chalice and Holy Grail. I was pulling out books to look behind them when I saw the paper folded up in the Bible!"

The winners are shown above from left to right: Jennifer Severson, Abby Boentje, Lily Boentje, Emma Boentje, Millie Severson and Darcy



Boentje. See page 6 for more exciting details about this year's medallion hunt!

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Upcoming Events

July 30 Family Scavenger Hunt - 6 p.m.
Space is filling up fast – Call to sign up by July 29.

July 31 Family BBQ & Bean Bags -
11 a.m. Call to sign up right away so we know how much food to prepare!

August 1 Family Golf Outing -
Shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Aug. 2-3 Ladies Golf Clinic 5:30 p.m.
Cost is \$15 per night – Sign up for one night or both at the ProShop.

August 2 "Paint & Wine Evening"
presented by the ECC Ladies Club.
5 p.m. To register, call Terri Nelson at (218)398-3021 or text Joanna Johnson at (908)451-5194

August 4 Men's Golf Guest Day -
1:15 p.m.

August 8 Sunday Brunch, 10 to 2

August 11-15 Ladies' Club Golf
Tournament - see calendar, page 4

August 17 Glitz & Glam - 6 p.m.

August 18-22 Men's Club Golf
Tournament - see calendar, page 4

August 20 Music by "Everybody's
Uncle" - Dance from 7:30 - 10:30
p.m. in Fireside Room. No cover.

August 26 Ladies' Invitational Golf
Tournament - Course closed 'til 2 p.m.



From the ECC Board

Membership/Fundraising

The 2021 ECC Capital Improvement Raffle was a great success! We raised an impressive amount of \$40,446 that will go towards our clubhouse renovation. We'd like to sincerely thank everyone who donated items, purchased a raffle ticket or silent auction item, and those who offered their time to help make the event a success!

We'd also like to thank Jason Teragawa and Bryan Quintana and their staff for all their help and support!

We look forward to an even greater event next year! *Nate Lehmann*

ECC ProShop

Thank you for supporting our ProShop. Sales have far exceeded our expectations and we have been continually reordering. Terri, Jane and I appreciate your feedback and suggestions on new products or things you would like to see.

Thanks to all of you who support the Thursday night golf events. These events are lots of fun and have been well attended. We hope to start a tradition encouraging fun and fellowship on our

golf course. Thanks to all of you golfers for signing in before you golf. We are trying to keep track of the rounds played each year. As we continue to grow and look to the future we need to keep track of the traffic on our beautiful course.

August is a busy month of golf at ECC. We have the championships, the Women's Invitational, and many other events. The ProShop looks forward to seeing you and clothing you some great ECC sportswear! *Catherine Lisenby*

Restaurant/Bar:

Thank you to all members and guests for supporting the Restaurant/Bar this season. We have had a phenomenal year thus far. Bryan, our manager, and our head chef, Alex with his culinary staff have provided truly a season to remember. In July we welcomed Robert to our wait staff.

July was highlighted with 12 private events. In August there will be more such special events, we will keep you posted on those dates. These events are contributing significantly to ECC's financial health.

July also featured the return to a traditional 4th of July celebration and a wonderful Steak and Lobster dinner with tremendous attendance of 102 members. Music by "The Divas" followed and everyone had so much fun. The July 18th Sunday brunch featured Shannon Gunderson's fabulous voice and piano playing for member enjoyment. Watch for the announcement of a spectacular Mexican Buffet, more dining events and music coming in August.

September will feature a huge event on Labor Day weekend with music and the Closing Party on September 18th. More information will be provided on those events. *Terri Nelson*



The "Steak and Lobster" event in July was a wonderful event. There were 102 guests who enjoyed the food and danced to music by "The Divas".



**ECC Fundraiser for the
Lakeland Fire
Department
and First
Responders**

**Golf • Food • Prizes
“Split-the-pot”**

Give to those who give to our community. Additional cash donations for the cause are appreciated!

**Thursday
September 2nd**

3 or 4 Person 9 Hole Scramble \$65 per person

Registration @ 3 p.m.

4 p.m. Shotgun Start

7:00 p.m. Dinner

- Sign up as a team or a single (we'll add you to a team) - 18 teams max.
- Includes golf, food, prizes, and your donation to the cause.
 - Dinner only?? \$30.00
- Monetary donations accepted.

~ **Open to the Public** ~

**Call ECC Pro-Shop
865-4706 to sign-up**

From the ECC Pro Shop



**PRO
SHOP SALE**

Thursday, Aug. 26th
20% off apparel, accessories,
and select golf balls

**THURSDAY NIGHT
GOLF EVENTS**

August 5th & 12th, 5:30 pm

All golfing members welcome!
These events have been well at-
tended and everyone is having
fun and enjoying a bite to eat
after golf.

Glitz and Glam . . . and in demand!



Back by popular demand, the popular “Glitz and Glam” event was added for July 27th. The event included a wonderful dinner for the 15 attendees. If you missed this one you are in luck – another one is coming up on August 17th at 6 p.m. Contact the restaurant for more details and reservations.



2021 Men's Tournament Schedule of Events

August 19-22, 2021

GROUP PLAY FOR 2021

The format for the 2021 Men's Tournament will be the same as 2020 and will again include the modified qualifying for seeding purposes. For Championship flight, you have the option to qualify and use the lesser of your NET score for seeding purposes or use your most current handicap index. 18-hole qualifying should be attested by another registered member of the event and played before August 19th. Those wishing to play in Championship Flight will still play 18-hole match play matches. For other groups, golfers with similar golf personalities and abilities are grouped together to play round robin matches. This provides for good camaraderie and some even better golf! As usual, in an effort to get as many golfers as possible, we try to accommodate all schedules so if you have a conflict, don't worry – we can schedule around it!

THURSDAY – AUGUST 19

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 p.m.

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

FRIDAY – AUGUST 20

Championship Flight

- First and second round matches played the same day starting at 9 a.m. Second match will be scheduled for the afternoon after the

first match completed.

- Tee times and pairings will be established by the ProShop Manager. See or call ProShop for starting times and pairings.

Other Flights

- First round matches start Friday afternoon.
- 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.

SATURDAY – August 21 (Morning tee times)

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 22

Championship and Other Flights

- Tee times and pairings will be established by the ProShop Manager. (beginning with Championship Flight at 9 a.m.)
- Men's final pairing to start at 1 p.m.
- 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)

Please contact the ProShop 865-4706 or: matt@gilbertbank.com for further details

Eshquaguma Men's Guest Day

August 4th • 3 p.m. Shotgun

FORMAT: 18 HOLE – SHAMBLE
Team score will be low two best balls per team.

SCHEDULE: 3 p.m. shotgun start
Dinner and prizes upstairs following the round

ENTRY FEE: \$30 - ECC members
\$50 – Guests

PRIZES: ProShop prize vouchers for:

- Team payouts for low two best ball score
- Individual best shamble score
- On-course games
- Optional cash Skins Game and Horse Race

FORMAT AND ENTRY FEE

The format is a SHAMBLE. In a "Shamble," each golfer tees off and

the best shot is selected, but from that point, each golfer plays his or her own ball until it is holed out - **except for the par 3s where you'll play your own ball tee to green.** What's fun about a Shamble format is that each person gets the benefit of the best drive, so they typically start out with a nice advantage (assuming there's a big hitter in the group)! In either case, the format is intended to be fun and relaxing for all golfers, whether high or low handicappers. To determine your team score, it'll be a team low two best ball score. So of the four balls holed out individually, the team will take the two lowest. Double bogey maximum per hole and automatic two putt rule in force.

Entry fee is \$30 for ECC members and \$50 for non-members. All fees will

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ECC Men's Guest Day

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get charged to your member account. If your guest wants to pay, they must pay you directly.

Practice balls are available to all event participants.

Ties will be broken using a scorecard tie-breaker beginning with the team score on the back nine. If still tied, the cumulative team score on the front nine will be used. If still tied, the ties will be broken using a scorecard tiebreaker beginning with the hardest handicap hole (and so on until tie broken) as indexed from the blue tees. If ties cannot be broken, prizes will be shared.

TEE MARKERS

Each player will use the tee markers that correlate to their USGA GHIN handicap as follows; 0-10 blue tees; 10.1-20 white tees; 20.1 and up red tees.

LOCAL RULES

USGA rules govern all play except as modified by published local rules. The attached local rules supersede any local rules published on the back of the scorecard.

PRIZES

Random prizes will be awarded based on total participation and total purse. ECC Proshop gift certificates will be issued to all winners. Remember that custom golf merchandise orders are available. Contact the ECC proshop to order.

There are on course games for every hole for either long putt, closest to the pin or closest second shot. Optional cash skins game \$10 per guy and \$10 blind team Calcutta.

DINNER

Dinner is NOT included in your registration fee. There will be the typical Wednesday men's night specials from which to choose. Please treat your guest

to an enjoyable and amiable experience at the 19th hole!

THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING!

Sponsored by the ECC Men's Club


ECC Ladies' Golf Invitational

The ECC Ladies' Golf Invitational is set for Thursday, August 26, 2021. This is an 18 hole, Two-Person Team Scramble.

- \$59.00 entry fee per person (sign up as a Team)
- Includes greens fees, range balls, prizes and gourmet lunch
- Add \$10.00 per person for a cart
- Registration at 8 a.m., Shotgun Start at 9 a.m. (Register by Aug. 19)

Open to women with a USGA handicap – but need not be a member of ECC. Entry forms are in the ProShop.

August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Family Golf Outing Shotgun Start 9 a.m.	2	3	4 Ladies' Golf a.m. Men's Golf Guest Day 1:15 p.m.	5 Thursday Night Golf Event 5:00	6  ERA - a.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.	7
8 Sunday Brunch 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.	9	10 ERA - a.m.	11 Men's Golf 1:15 p.m.	12 Thursday Night Golf Event 5 p.m.	13 ERA - a.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.	14 Ladies' Club Championship Finals 1 p.m.
15 Ladies' Golf Shootout	16	17 ERA - a.m. Glitz & Glam 6:00 p.m.	18 Ladies' Golf a.m. Men's Club Tournament Begins 1:15 p.m.	19 Men's Shootout 4 p.m. Men's Club Past Champions Reception & Paramutual	20 Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Music/Dancing 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.	21
22 Men's Club Tournament Finals 1 p.m.	23	24 ERA - a.m.	25 Ladies' Golf a.m. Men's Golf 1:15 p.m.	26 Ladies' Invitational Tournament Course Closed Until 2 p.m.	27  ERA - a.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.	28 Restaurant and Bar closed for private event
29	30	31				 Friday Fish Fry

Eshquaguma's 4th of July 2021



Thanks to Erin Pepljack for all the great photos on this page.



Photos from the top: kid's flying in the potato sack race; Parade Grand Marshalls Jim Fritz and Courtney Stone; families enjoying the parade; one of the many decorated golf carts; the annual flag ceremony, and; Kraig Bodie and Steve Harms, winners of the egg toss. No pictures of the boat parade, but the winners were Dick & Barbara Shank with their "train" pontoon. Second place went to the Mayasich Family with their "Serenade the Judges" pontoon.

The **ECC Medallion** was again hidden for the 2021 4th of July Festivities. Below is a summary and a sneak peak into the brainpower that goes into writing the clues and setting it for all to find. Congratulations to the Boentje/Severson families (see page 1) for piecing together the clues and locating this year's medallion in the Club Library – tucked in the Holy Bible – new testament according to Matthew, of course. For their efforts, they were awarded a \$100 gift certificate to the ECC ProShop sponsored by the ECC Men's Club.

Welcome again to another 4th of July at Eshquaguma and the famed medallion hunt sponsored by the ECC Men's Club. Except for this first tease – all the clues will be via e-blast as we LET FREEDOM RING in 2021! Just remember golfers don't like ringing! *Nobody likes ringing in the library!*

The blue sky, the white stars, the red stripes - Old Glory never shines so bright as in the dawn's early light. *"Blue Sky, White Stars" is a children's book.*

The COVID-19 outdoor boom is real – bringing new golfers and members from all walks of life. As a courtesy to fellow golfers and the game let's remember Rule 1; different than mom and dad's Rule 1. *This clue can be examined a couple ways; first Rule #1 is found in a book – the golf rulebook. Second, Rule #1 of golf introduces the basic principles of the game; similar to the Bible for mankind.*

The starry, starry skies hold this year's holy grail; adorned in masters' loving art it lies, the blade and chalice guarding her gate. *More hints to the Bible and also author Dan Brown; whose book is on the shelf - adjacent to the Holy Bible.*

A familiar tradition with unfamiliar names will certainly be a chapter well rooted in ECC lore! *Chapter is the key word here. Chapters are found in a book!*

The remaining, unreleased clues for 2021 will forever only be known to the author and may go into the stovepipe, just like the College of Cardinals, white smoke, black smoke. The summer of 2021 will be remarked by smoke and just may lead into the clues for 2022. Everybody enjoy the rest of the summer and until the next Medallion Hunt- everybody have fun!

ECC Ladies' Golf League Handicap Tournament Results



The ECC Ladies' Golf League held their annual Handicap Tournament on Wednesday, July 28th.

There were 17 participants spread out over three flights. Gross score, minus handicap, equals the net score for determining the following winners.

Overall Champion with a net score of 34 was Jane Stunkard, shown at left.

Championship Flight

- First - Andrea Polus
- Second - Kris Polus
- Third - Sheri Harms

First Flight

- First - Carolyn Woodle
- Second - Jean Enloe
- Third - Shelly Rask

Second Flight

- First - Cathy Lisenby
- Second - Sondra MacNally
- Third - Donah Sten

Welcome New Members

Brian & Jayne Vito
Social Membership

Upcoming Music at ECC



Everybody's Uncle

Friday, August 20 • Dance from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Music by *Everybody's Uncle* in the Fireside Room. No Cover!
Make Dinner Reservation and enjoy dancing

Saturday, July 31st AND Saturday, September 4

Dance from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Music by *Jammin Joe* in the Fireside Room
Everyone is welcome. No cover charge
Make Dinner Reservations and enjoy dancing

Saturday, September 18th • Closing Party

5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Drinks & Appetizers

6 p.m. Dinner (Make dinner reservations)

Music By Jane will provide entertainment for the evening

More information to follow