



From the Club President

Dear ECC Members,

For all of us, this has been a rather confusing summer. You're never quite sure of exactly what you should do... or shouldn't do amidst the current pandemic.

One thing for sure, our members have rallied and have supported ECC and are enjoying the summer in spite of limitations.

We thank our staff for all they do to keep ECC rolling along by adapting to changes and making us feel quite at home through it all to keep us safe and healthy.

We're also thankful for all the volunteers that drive activities that give us something special to do and put a smile on our faces.

There is still a lot going on as this ECHO will highlight. Please get involved as participants or spectators in our annual Men's and Women's Golf Championships and the other special activities planned for the next couple of months.

Our EEC Annual Meeting is also scheduled for late August. The date is a little later this year to accommodate other club activities. But it is your chance to get a review of the past and also your chance to get more involved – maybe even as a candidate for the Board of Directors.

Again, thank you for your patience and loyalty through this interesting time.

Sincerely,
John Hovanec
President,
Board of Directors



Fabulous Fourth

The Fourth of July is a sacred holiday on the Iron Range and ECC indeed celebrated the Fabulous Fourth 2020 ... maintaining the reverence by having a flag raising ceremony that made all remember why we honor our flag. The parade was lead by regal flag bearers and our beloved Grand Marshals waved a welcome to all.

The joy of the day was obvious in the children's festively decorated carts, bikes, and other wheeled vehicles. Costumes were clever and colorful and the candy flew in the face of the pandemic – all wrapped and quickly retrieved by the audience along the route.

There were cocktails available for the adults and games for the children. The sand pile full of coins was missed – as was our band playing its familiar songs. Our parade ended traditionally with the fire trucks that serve us all

during the year. No rides – but the line up for the wrapped grilled hot dogs reminded one of the ride lines of the past. The new sandwich wraps were a delicious departure in the menu

and they were refreshing and BIG.

The canopy and shade trees sheltered the lunch crowd from the sun – which blessedly reigned on the well planned and well received celebration! There were seats aplenty and the hum of happy members and family buzzed continually above the crowd.



Brian Cepek with the flag raising ceremony

Eshquaguma knows how to celebrate our nation's birthday with honor and friendly conviviality. The organization was successfully created by many volunteers led by Peggy Cepek and Petra Noble. We thank them for honoring our Fabulous Fourth with a different but ever so successful and glorious "shindig" – Iron Range style!

(More on pages 3 and 4)

Annual Membership Meeting Sunday, August 30, 2 p.m. at ECC

- Annual review of ECC business
- Election of new board members
- Filing for Board of Director candidacy must be done by August 17

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Upcoming Events

(ALL EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE DUE TO COVID-19 REGULATIONS)

August 8 Family Scavenger Hunt
6 p.m.

August 9 Bean Bag Tournament
11 a.m.

August 12-16 Ladies Club
Tournament

August 15 Ladies Club Tournament
Championship - 1 p.m.

August 16 Ladies Club
Tournament Shoot Out - Noon

August 16 Men's Tournament
Week Begins

August 18 Glitz & Glam - 6 p.m.

August 19-23 Men's Tournament

August 20 Men's Shootout - 4 p.m.,
Past Champions Reception &
Paramutual 6 p.m.

August 30 ECC Annual Meeting -
2 p.m.

Welcome New ECC Members

Corporate Non-Resident
Ryan & Dawn Thompson

Out of Area
Chris & Susan Kingsley
Jim & Katie Spreitzer
Dan & Sandy Grandmaison

Junior
Frank Cerar

High School
Andrew Wedge

State Mask Mandate

It is all new to us! But, thank you for following the State's mask mandate. All are required to wear masks when in the ECC club house...until you sit down at your table and are eating and drinking. If you have to move around the building, please wear your face

mask. We are all just trying to do our part.

Please don't be short with the wait staff or even those that may refuse to wear masks all together. it is a good time to be civil and kind to all.



MASK UP!

Department of Health visits ECC



The Minnesota Department of Health made an unexpected visit to ECC, and when... we passed with flying colors!

The MNDH made a visit to ECC to check on our activities and compliance with their regulations. They went through our kitchen, bar and liquor room. The inspector wanted to see our Employee Temperature Logs (temperatures are taken before shift begins), Employee Illness Log,

Employees Handbook Action Plan, our Reservations Book – which is key to tracking should some present with illness. The inspector said our staff was doing a fantastic job.

For most of us who simply enjoy the club...there sure is a lot more going on behind the scene than one might expect. Congrats and thanks to Jen, the staff, and all our members who are all doing their part during these COVID-times!

Reservations are imperative

With the confusing times in which we live, reservations are all the more important. When planning to dine at ECC we'd love to have your reservation as far in advance as possible. Reservations helps us staff and procure food items. Of course, we recognize that last minute desires and changes happen, and we will still welcome you as we are able. A quick phone call often helps pave the way. Thanks for your understanding.



With golf carts, kids on bikes and longboards, folks out for a walk, moms/dads with strollers, day-dreamers, birdwatchers... all good reasons to slow down around the Club! Not to mention, the **speed limit is 15 mph!**

Same goes for Eshquaguma Road... and Ponderosa Drive. Please slow down! Help us all be safe!



It was one Fabulous

A Flag Team led the annual parade.



The Pontoon Parade was a big hit with about 20 crafts joining in the fun.



Fireworks were seen all over the lake on the evening of the 4th . . . and some other nights, too!



Even with the COVID restrictions, the 2020 parade was great!



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Young parade participant.



Winners of the Family Golf Outing – the "Harms Team #2".

Four of the "Fab 5" Grand Marshals were in attendance – Loretta Russ, Micki Day, Donah Sten, and MaryLouise Meredith. They were led by three young ladies carrying their banner – Elly Cepek, Polly Cepek and Izzy Dzubnar.



Boat Parade

The new (re?)introduction was the pontoon parade which was well attended with almost 20 boats participating. Highlights from the parade were

- Summary/Lundgren: Flags Galore (below middle)

- Carey – Youngest participants
- Leoni: Water Works – aka: squirt the judges
- Evingson – FREEDOM
- Harms – Triple delight: Boat, Rainbow Float, and the Canoe

The winner of the grand prize was the lean, mean green pontoon boat (below left) in a complete disguise as the Steamboat. Thanks to the Shanks!

The day was capped off with an unofficial fireworks display along the lake's shore. Thank you to the families that share the fireworks with everyone. Also a special thanks to Erin Peplnjak who was the unofficial photographer of the day and Team Stunkard who helped organize the parade. Next year we'll be introducing some new activities. Please feel free to provide your feedback and ideas for next years festivities.



Family Golf Outing

The weekend was capped off by the Family Golf Outing on Sunday the 5th. This wonderful family outing – an extraordinary ECC tradition – welcomed 64 golfers across 13 family teams and this year's edition was one for the ages!

In addition to score-lowering Scramble format favorites like string for putts and mulligans, the tournament featured challenges, games and contests on each hole. The game holes featured a balloon dart toss, golf pong, and dice roll which gave teams the opportunity to gain stroke advantages through luck and skill! The challenge holes required extra talent to play with a short putter, tee off with an opposite-handed driver and play an entire hole with the same club (drawn from a deck of cards). Also included were "guess how many tees", Golf Bingo, and a Photo Booth featuring Uncle Sam!

The tournament featured (un)

traditional contests including longest drive, longest putt, closest to the pin, and longest marshmallow drive in men's, women's and kids under 13 divisions!

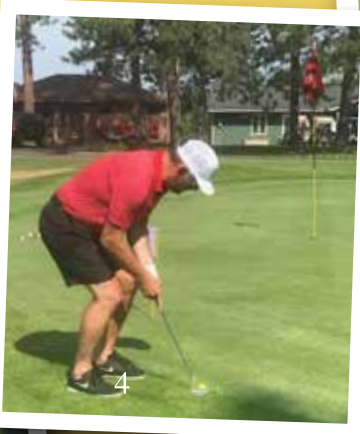
The temps were nearly as hot as the competition and the forecasted rain held off until the groups were under the tents (below right) and enjoying box lunches provided by the Club! Congratulations to the Harms "Team 2", who finished with the lowest team score and took home the Grand Prize – 4 rounds of golf compliments of our friends at Giants Ridge. The highest score went to the Boentje family foursome, who narrowly outdueled the Gillitzer family for this "honor"!

A selection of contest winners include Dave Reelfs for Best Dressed; Erin Hughes & Beckett Reelfs, winners in the U13 categories; and Max Piepkorn for

longest marshmallow drive!

Congratulations to all of our winners! A great time was had by all and the tournament again provided a fun and low-pressure introduction to golf for the next generation of ECC members and golfers!

A sincere thanks goes out to the Darcy & John Boentje and Jennifer & Jon Severson families for organizing and hosting this fun event. A special thanks goes out to Bryant Graphics of Saint Louis Park for the printing, signage, and custom wooden medals that made this year's edition memorable!



ATTENTION LADIES!

The ECC Ladies Club Championship will soon be upon us!

Our first matches will be on Ladies Day, August 12th with the finals on Saturday the 15th. Championship match will be at 1:00 p.m. As usual, Championship flight will play 18-hole matches and other flights can determine amongst themselves as to whether they want 18-hole or 9-hole matches. Depending on how many golfers sign up, we will either use a point system to determine the final pairings or a bracket system.

Our \$50 Ladies League dues cover the cost of this tournament. Even if you are not a member of the league,



Remember, our shoot out at noon. be determined by your handicap, and a \$10 buy-in is required. This is a FUN event and we encourage all ladies to come out and play. If there is one lucky thing for us that during this pandemic, golf can still be played while maintaining our social distancing protocols. A sign-up sheet will be in the ProShop soon for both events.

If you have any questions, please call Sheri at 651-247-1579.

you CAN STILL PARTICIPATE! However, we do ask for a \$30 entry fee.

Our fun doesn't end on Saturday, though! we like to have -out on Sunday Partners will be determined by your handicap,

Let's encourage our kids to Golf!

Never has there been a better time to be a golfer! Outside. Safe. Properly distanced ... and still enjoying your pals! ECC is a unique place where kids can be themselves and learn the etiquette and skills demanded in the game of golf. Let's all encourage our next wave of golfers.



August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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All events are tentative due to Covid-19 regulations						
2	3	4 ERA - a.m.	5 Ladies' Golf a.m. Men's Golf 1:15 p.m.	6	7 ERA - a.m. Happy Hour 3-5:30 p.m.	8 Family Scavenger Hunt 6 p.m.
9 Bean Bag Tournament 11 a.m.	10	11 ERA - a.m.	12 Ladies' Club Tournament Men's Golf 1:15 p.m.	13 Ladies' Club Tournament	14 Ladies' Club Tournament Happy Hour 3-5:30 p.m.	15 Ladies' Club Championship 1:00 Award Banquet 6 p.m.
16 Ladies' Shootout Noon Men's Tourney Matches/Pairings	17	18 ERA - a.m. Glitz & Glam 6:00 p.m.	19 Ladies' Golf a.m. Men's Golf 1:15 p.m.	20 Men's Shootout 4 p.m. Past Champions Reception & Paramutual 6 p.m.	21 Men's Club Tournament Happy Hour 3-5:30 p.m. Fish Fry	22 Men's Club Tournament
23 Men's Champ. Finals 1:00	24	25 ERA - a.m.	26 Ladies' Golf a.m. Men's Golf 1:15 p.m.	27	28 ERA - a.m. Happy Hour 3-5:30 p.m.	29
30 Annual Meeting 2 p.m.	31					

ECC Men's Club

2020 MEN'S TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August 20-23, 2020

GROUP PLAY FOR 2020 – REINTRODUCTION OF QUALIFYING

The format for the 2020 Men's Tournament will be the same as 2019 with the exception of 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. 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 20

Men's Shootout (9 holes) – 4:00 p.m.
\$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 tourney favorites and dark horses while enjoying an evening of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres sponsored by the ECC Past Champions

FRIDAY - AUGUST 21

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 is completed.
- Tee times & 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 - Aug. 22 (a.m. 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 23

Championship and Other Flights

- Tee times and pairings will be established by the Proshop Manager. (beginning with Championship Flight at 9:00 a.m.)
- Men's final pairing to start at 1:00 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)

Contact the ProShop at 865-4706 or matt@gilbertbank.com for further details

ECC Men's Guest Day August 5, 2020 – 3p.m. SHOTGUN

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. 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 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 publishes local rules. The attached local rules supersede any local rules published on the back of the scorecard.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for first, second, fifth and sixth place team awards. 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 four on course games; 2/11 – closest second shot; 5/14 – closest to the pin; 6/15 – long putt; 9/18 – closest to the pin.

DINNER

Dinner is NOT included in your registration fee. There will be the typical

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Medallion Hunt Corrections & Clues

First off – the directory has the 4th of July committee wrong – our apologies. Kudos, thanks, and BRAVO go to Petra and Scott Noble-Schuller, Brian & Peggy Cepek, and Tom & Heidi Nessa. When you see these people – tell them “thanks” and give them a socially acceptable pat on the back. They did a GREAT job!!!

Secondly – Matt Uhan, our ECC Medallion Mastermind, gives his “Medallion Recap” below. Many thanks to Matt for the time, energy, and work he has put into this every year.

Here's what Matt had to say:

Congratulations to the team of Jack Barrett, John Dzubnar, David Cepek, Joe Cepek and Doca Pepelnjak (right). They successfully pieced together ALL of the clues to find this year's medallion tucked behind a wooden post in cart barn #4, stall #7!



For the record, the medallion was in a shape of a miniature golf cart with the words “ECC Medallion” and “\$100” written on it. Congratulations boys – for your efforts you'll receive a \$100 gift certificate to the Proshop sponsored by the ECC Men's Club.

Here is the customary recap of the clues and a peek into my brain. Good luck with that!

0) And so the medallion hunt calms for the rest of 2019 – until it's hidden again and this time, even the Founders would have a tough time finding it. This clue was issued in the 2019 July Echo summarizing the 2019 festivities. *The ECC Founders would have a tough time finding because this cart barn wasn't there when ECC was founded.*

1) Even though the ECC Men's Club officially retired from the 4th of July committee, the medallion hunt has remained and is in good hands. Just like Lady Liberty's hand, held high and proud for all to see. *The Medallion was hidden up higher in the cart barn.*



2) 2020 has been a year to remember so far – or maybe to forget. Lest we forget the year of our founding, the freedoms within or the opportunities abound. Dominion over palm and pine – Lord God of Hosts be with us yet – lest we forget. *This clue contained a lot of “noise”. The Medallion was “within” the cart barn.*

3) Over 100 years of ECC lore – members old, members new, golfing traditions remain but a few. This clue starts the point about golf carts. Not many folks walk these days while golfing – one of the true traditions of the game.

4) COVID-19 has forever changed our lives and tested our limits. Its place in time is unlike any other. Just like ECC holds traditions unlike any other. Limits is the key term here. *Golf carts, gas or electric, will only go so far before they die.*

5) As we celebrate a Fabulous 4th, we'll line White Pine and salute America as we've done from time to time. *The parade route each 4th of July is lined with golf carts and spectators.*

6) The 4th of July will look different this year – no more races for young and old, and certainly not this race from legends untold. *I'm too young to experience this but at one time I believe there was a golf cart race during the 4th of July.*

7) In golf, numbers matter, a number for par and a number for double bogey will help you in this year's quest for the ECC Medallion. *This to me was the giveaway clue – a par (4) and a double bogey (7). Cart barn #4, stall #7.*

8) The Rouser, Notre Dame Victory March – God Bless America, then the Banner. All different sounds – different cadence, different rhythm, some make sounds and some have the sound of silence but all end on the same beat. *All carts sound differently, gas, electric, doesn't matter, at the end of the day, they are all quiet and in the cart barns.*

9) As America turns another year older, we'll look to 2021 and circle the same date. Numbers for double bogey and par!! Then we'll make sure we're charged and gassed up!! Then we'll line White Pine and celebrate a tradition unlike any other!! *The bonus clue – summarized with additional hints. We'll circle the same date – 7/4/XX. Charged and gassed. More direction to the cart barns.*

ECC Men's Guest Day

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Wednesday men's night specials from which to choose. Please treat your guest to an enjoyable and amiable experience at the 19th hole!

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

Sponsored by the ECC Men's Club