



## From the President

Dear ECC Members,

Sadly, we are close to wrapping up another summer at ECC. The weather was as good as I can remember, with many great events and social gatherings. Still some fun events coming up, including Irish Road Bowling on Sept. 2, the DJ Tourney on the 10th, the Denny Reagan Memorial Chili Cook-Off on the 11th, and the Closing Party on the 17th.

A big thank you to Bryan and his staff in the restaurant for the great food and service, to Jason and his staff for the clothing sales and golf lessons/club repair, and to Rachel and her staff for providing us with a beautiful golf course.

The annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 4, at 1:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. This is your chance to get a review of the year, vote on board directors, hear about our plans, and get more involved.

Hope to see you at the annual meeting!

Best wishes,

Tim Virant, President  
ECC Board of Directors

# ECC Board Election

Dear Members,

To be informed of ECC's activities, plans, and to elect three Directors, all members are encouraged to attend the annual meeting on Sunday, Sept. 4th at 1:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend this year, the ECC Board has made it possible for the Election of Directors to be done by absentee voting.

To vote absentee, an email request for an absentee ballot was due on August 30th at [buhlwatercompany@yahoo.com](mailto:buhlwatercompany@yahoo.com). ABSENTEE VOTING CLOSSES AT 9 a.m. Saturday, September 3.

You will receive an email link from [secure.electionbuddy.com](https://secure.electionbuddy.com). You will receive a list of those running, plus a blank spot for a write in candidate. You are allowed to vote for a maximum of 3

candidates (remember a "write in" counts as one of your three votes)

After you finish choosing your candidates, click submit in the lower right hand corner. If you accidentally click on the wrong candidate, click edit in the lower left hand corner. You may then re-do your choices



and hit the submit button. After your final submit, you will receive a confirmation email from the 100% anonymous election program.

There is only ONE vote per membership. If you requested to vote absentee, your membership will NOT be allowed to vote in person at the annual meeting via paper ballot.

## 2022 Board Candidate Bios are:

Hello, my name is **Shelley Rask** and I have submitted my name as a candidate for the ECC Board of Directors. I have been a member of ECC for over 30 years, and although this is the first time I have considered running for a director position on the board, it is not my first time of being involved at ECC.

Over the years I have been on several committees and at times was the chair-

person. I have always felt I did good work and accomplished what needed to get done. I am currently the Vice President of the ECC Ladies Golf League and will be moving into the President position of the league for the 2023, 2024 golf seasons. What I believe I can bring to the board, is my organizational skills and my hands on work – "git er done" style, and

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## ANNUAL MEETING Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 1 p.m.

Attendance is an opportunity for members to find out how the club is doing, plans for the future, input from members, and voting for the Board of Directors.

## Upcoming Events

- September 2** 14th Annual Irish Road Bowling, 2 p.m. Music by *Bittersweet* at 7 p.m.
- September 3** Prime Rib Buffet, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- September 4** Annual Meeting, 1 p.m.
- September 5** Labor Day – Restaurant and bar are open
- September 7** Ladies’ Business Meeting, starts at Noon.
- September 9** Private Wedding – Restaurant closed.
- September 10** Dumpster Juice Golf Invitational
- September 11** 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff, 3 p.m.
- September 12** Buddy Match Party, at Jean Enloe’s, 5 p.m.
- September 12** Cart Shed Cleaning
- September 13** Ladies’ Book Club, 6 p.m.
- September 17** Closing Party, Social starts at 5 p.m., Dinner at 6 p.m. and Karaoke at 7:30 p.m.
- September 18** Kitchen Sale, 9 - Noon. Restaurant closed for the season.
- October 1** Lumberjack Day
- October 14** ProShop closes for the season. Golf Course closing date is weather dependent.



Head Chef, Alex at Work!!!

### To the Chefs and kitchen staff who have been providing our delicious meals:

A big thank you to our culinary crew, Alex, Joel, and Carol – with help from Bryan – who have been providing us with a wonderful dining experience again this year.

Thank you to all who enjoyed dining at ECC this season. Our chefs from California have once again done a fabulous job providing us with excellent meals. And once again, to our Restaurant/Bar Manager, Bryan Quintana, who continues to provide us with superb, seamless leadership.

### What is Irish Road Bowling?

Road bowling is an ancient Irish sport played annually on White Pine Lane at ECC on Labor Day weekend. Charles Flynn will Bless the Balls at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 2nd. Come on out to cheer on your favorite bowler & place your bets!



Enjoy a wonderful Irish meal after the event - RSVP to 865-4263 please. Spread the Word - Bring your Friends – it's a Lot of Fun to watch!!

A portion of the proceeds help ben-

efit the Northern Lights Music Festival.

### *IrishRoadBowling.org describes the sport as follows:*

Part golf, part bocce, part bowling . . . the rules are simple - hurl a small 28 oz. cannonball along a two mile “country road.” Players must throw underhanded. Scoring is similar to golf - the least amount of throws needed to complete the course wins. Teams of four will compete against other teams to see who can cross the finish line in the fewest number of throws.

Here are a few bowling terms to get you started . . .

- Bowl or Bullet - the 28 oz. small cannonball
- Butt - the throwing mark on the road. To step over, or across the mark before releasing the bowl is to “break butt.”
- Faugh a Ballach! or Faugh a Ballagh! - Clear the Way! A traditional Irish battle cry.
- Kitter-Paw - a left-handed thrower.
- Stylish Bowler - a bowler with a smooth well-coordinated delivery.
- Craic - fun or good time



# 2022 ECC Board of Directors Election (from page 1)

can do the job for both the ECC Board, and the Ladies League.

I am also involved in other organizations, such as Soroptimists (women's service group), Eveleth Ladies Golf League member, and the Hibbing Muni Ladies Golf Club member.

My husband Roger and I have lived on Lake Eshquaguma full time since 2016, and before that had a cabin on the lake since 1986. We have always enjoyed the Club, being members, and the lake. We have two grown daughters, a son-in-law and two grandsons.

**Cathy Lisenby** - I have been a practicing physician in this community for the past seven years. I have also served on

the ECC board for the past three years. I've been the ProShop liaison for the past two years and I feel like we've made some positive changes.

Over the past two years the board has focused on a major remodel of the Club. Currently our focus is on Grill Room which will begin soon. I love this Club and enjoy serving its members. I would appreciate your support so I can continue this important work.

**Matt Uhan** - I'm the current Club treasurer and a resident corporate member living full time on Ponderosa Drive with my wife, Megan, and three young children. During the day, I'm the President of the First National Bank of Gilbert.

I'm running for re-election to continue the momentum we've gained the last three years. The Club is in a very strong financial position and I credit that to our active board striving to achieve common goals and overall Club success. We've been able to become financially stronger with excellent reserves all while continuing to invest in Club improvements with no assessments.

My earliest memories of the Club are from the late 80s so they are approaching 35 years already. I believe the Club has come full circle from that time and I'm thankful for the members, dedicated staff and volunteers that have contributed to our success and look forward to continuing that for another three-year board term. Thanks for your consideration.

## From the ECC Pro Shop

Message from Jason,

Thank you ECC Family for another great year. One of my favorite highlights from this year was the putting contest during the 4th of July. The crowd was great - hassling absolutely everyone who stepped up to putt. What fun that was. We brought back some friendly competition to ERA, Men's, and Ladies Day. Thanks to all who are helping push that in the right direction. There are still a few sandbaggers out there who need to update their handicaps, but in good time we'll get them too. Watching the Men's & Ladies Club Tournaments are always a fun, with some great matches this year.

Finally, to all our members I'd like to say that I know we may not get to chat all the time as most of us know, Eshquaguma can become a busy place at times. However, I really do appreciate those moments when we do get to visit and chat. We talk about golf, food, the weather, different places, family, and just life in general. I enjoy our conversations. There's a great



**Jason Teragawa**  
Golf Pro &  
Pro Shop Manager

sense of care for one another here at ECC that is really special. I don't take it for granted. There's plenty of good weather still ahead of us. I hope to see you all out here this Fall. Let's play some golf!

### Email sent from Golf Course Board Liason Brian Maki:

Golf Course: Decommissioning of irrigation system and blow out October 10th, we will be sending the large 40 hp pump to GPM in Duluth to be overhauled during the Winter. The work Horse tractor needs attention and we will send that out as well. Aeration of greens and fairways in late September early October. Late Fall fertilizing in October.

## Golf Course/Pro Shop info for September

- ERA League - September 6, 9, 13, 16
- Ladies League/Men's League - Sept. 7
- Thursday Night Golf - September 1 and 15 - call ProShop to sign up
- Dumpster Juice Tourney - September 10 - call ProShop to sign up
- Ladies Invitational Recap held on **August 25th**. Was a great success with 68 Ladies from all over Northern Minnesota.
- Labor Day Weekend Sale - 25% off apparel & accessories in the ProShop. Friday through Monday.
- J&E Dock Removal Service - call or sign up in the ProShop to be put on a list for scheduling. \$150 per dock. Dates are September 24th and 25th.

### A message from DeAnne Elo:

"Hi! We live at 6462 Cypress Lane, next to Jean Guy's home. A blue paddle boat drifted into our beach sometime over the last week when we were camping. We also have someone's section of dock that we found on our beach in May. Could you alert your members about both the paddle boat and dock section? We'd appreciate it!"

# 2022 Ladies' Golf Invitational



The Ladies Club pulled off another hugely enjoyable Ladies Invitational Golf Event on Thursday, August 25th. They had a total of 68 attendees, only 18 of whom were members. Our course and Club were on beautiful display for 50 visiting golfers from throughout the Arrowhead and beyond.

The golfers enjoyed a breakfast of home baked goodies, sub sandwiches at

the turn and, before the winners were announced, a five-star sit down dinner. All the golfers received snack bags for their journey around the course and lovely favors at dinner. More than 32 donated raffle prizes completed the merriment.

Many thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors who made our annual showcase event a great success.



Our third and final Glitz & Glam of 2022 was held on August 16. Thanks to the committee for their help in organizing this fun get together.



**Our Season Has Come to an End**

**Join us at the 2022 Eshquagama Country Club Closing Party**

Cocktails at 5 p.m.  
Dinner at 6 p.m.  
Chef's Choice Dinner Buffet  
**\$40.00 Per Person**  
Karaoke "King of the Road Entertainment"  
7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

**Reservations are a Must**  
**Make reservations by Sept. 13th**



John Mayasich shows off a nice Lake Eshquagama walleye.



# 2022 ECC Ladies Annual Golf Tournament

Sixteen ladies competed in the 2022 Ladies' Championship Tournament. A gallery in about 20 golf carts watched the final match with Maggie Hillmer winning the Championship trophy over Trish Olsen this year.

Winners of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd flights were Laura Hughes, Terri Nelson, and Cathy Hiti, respectively. Two groups of 8 ladies started the match play. The top group split into Championship and First Flights, while the bottom group split into Second and Third Flights depending on win/loss of their first match. This was to ensure that all players would have at least three matches in which to compete. After the final match on Saturday, we had more than 20 golfers and families enjoy a celebratory dinner at the Club!

Our shootout was a 2-person alternate shot format which was also followed by a gallery of golf carts. Trish Olsen and Courtney Stone won after playing Hole #9 THREE times against Sheri Harms and Shelley Rask. Although this event only brought out 12 golfers this year, it is

always a fun time and will continue to be a part of our 4-day championship week.

Pictured below is Maggie Hillmer, our 2022 Champ with her trophy and Maggie and Trish after Maggie's win.

## ECC Ladies' Club Championship Results

### Championship Flight

- 1st Place – Maggie Hillmer
- 2nd Place – Trish Olsen
- 3rd Place – Sheri Harms
- 4th Place – Kris Coombe

### 1st Flight "Eshquaguma"

- 1st Place – Laura Hughes
- 2nd Place – Andrea Polus
- 3rd Place – Jean Enloe
- 4th Place – Kris Polus

### 2nd Flight "White Pine"

- 1st Place – Terri Nelson
- 2nd Place – Kathy Nelson
- 3rd Place – Becky Reagan
- 4th Place – Donah Sten

### 3rd Flight "Ponderosa"

- 1st Place – Cathy Hiti
- 2nd Place – Loretta Russ
- 3rd Place – Pat Tamminen
- 4th Place – Shelley Rask



Cathy Hiti, 1st Place; Pat Tamminen, 3rd Place; and Loretta Russ, 2nd Place in the Ponderosa Flight.



Terri Nelson, 1st place; and Kathy Nelson, 2nd place in White Pine Flight.



Maggie Hillmer  
2022 Ladies' Champion





# ECC Men's Tourney 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 18-21, the tournament included 36 golfers in four different divisions – Championship, First Flight, White Pine, Ponderosa 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 40 member mark in 2023! Thanks to all who helped grow this event!

Championship flight matches started Friday, August 18 and continued throughout the weekend with the final pairing teeing off at 1pm Sunday. Friday's first round and quarterfinal matches proved quite competitive with some upsets and stellar golf. The featured match Friday afternoon saw Matt Uhan defeat Nick Devich in 20 holes. The Friday double header format for first round matches has proven successful and is here to stay. Those succumbing to defeat in the first match of Championship flight formed First flight for a fresh start. Due to popular demand, the White Pine and Ponderosa divisions have grown to eight person flights and contested in traditional 18-hole match play format.

The tournament weekend kicked off Thursday afternoon, August 17, 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 sixteen 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 sixteen teams started on hole #9 and eliminated teams on

## ECC Men's Club Championship Results

### Championship Flight

- 1st Place – Beau Mitchell
- 2nd Place – Tyler Harvey
- 3rd Place – Tom Stunkard
- 4th Place – Matt Uhan
- Consolation Champ – Troy Hughes

### 1st Flight "Eshquaguma"

- 1st Place – Frank Cerar
- 2nd Place – Dave Mitchell
- 3rd Place – Tony Mosey
- 4th Place – Steve Harms
- Consolation Champ – Ken Olsen

### 2nd Flight "White Pine"

- 1st Place – Carver Richards
- 2nd Place – Dave Bozicievich
- 3rd Place – Rob Anderson
- 4th Place – Tico Leoni
- Consolation Champ – Rob Hill

### 3rd Flight "Ponderosa"

- 1st Place – Gary Drobnick
- 2nd Place – Scott Schueller
- 3rd Place – Luke Soderling
- 4th Place – Buster Venne
- Consolation Champ – Tom Lisenby

### Senior Club Championship

- 1st Place – Mark Karpen Sr
- 2nd Place – Ron Bonkosky
- 3rd Place – Mike Smolich
- 4th Place – Mike Kern

holes #9, #2, #12 and #16 until the final two teams arrived on #18 vying for the cash title. Back by popular demand was the progressive buyback allowing early losers to spend their way back into the



Championship Flight: Graeme, Rees, and Tyler Harvey (2nd place), Beau (Champion), David, Matthew, and Liam Mitchell

competition, growing the cash purse over \$800! The team of Dave Perrault and Carver Richards defeated the defending champion team of Tico Leoni and Ken Olsen. Congratulations to all!

After the shootout, the annual Past Champions' Reception was held at 6pm in the Grill Room. 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. And thanks to all the supporters and staff during a crazy 2022!

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

## ECC Men's Guest Night Recap

The annual ECC Men's guest night was held Wednesday, July 27 with over 55 members and guests competing in the "Shamble" Format. In a shamble, all players tee off and then play their own ball in from the best tee shot recording

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# 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off

**..IN MEMORY OF DENNY REAGAN..**

**09/11/2022**

**3PM, ECC GRILL ROOM**

**EACH CHEF PROVIDES 1 POT OF CHILI, ENTREE FEE IS \$10.00 CASH ONLY!**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE KITCHEN STAFF.

**ALL TASTERS WELCOME!!!**

RESERVATIONS ARE MANDATORY FOR EVERYONE TASTING THE CHILI.

PLEASE CALL THE CLUB AT 218-865-4263

**FIRST 8 "CHILI COOKS" TO CONTACT JEAN ENLOE BY PHONE OR TEXT WILL BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE.**

**\$15 PER TASTER**

**IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND BUT WOULD LIKE TO DONATE PLEASE GET YOUR CASH DONATION TO JEAN .**

CHEFS CONTACT JEAN ENLOE DIRECTLY AT 651-308-8635



The team of Dave Perrault and Carver Richards defeated the defending champion team of Tico Leoni and Ken Olsen in the Men's Shootout.

## Men's Golf Recap

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gross scores. For the par 3s, everybody plays their own ball tee to the green. Congratulations to the winning team of Pat Sjoberg, Tyler Harvey, Pete Aman-rah and Jared Zezel! Runners up were Steve Johnson, Phill Drobnick, Gian Mariucci and Jason Foonsness. Third place honors went to the honorable Steve Harms, Marco Kwiatkowski, Tom DeLuca and Matt "Chip" Sjoberg. During the event, there were on course games on every hole, a blind Horse Race and a cash Skins Game. Thanks to all who participated and showcased ECC to the guests! This has been a great event to showcase ECC and attract new, active members.

Congratulations and THANK YOU to all golfers and participants who helped make August a huge golfing success.

## News & Notes

- Last Call to remove and/or identify items on the Driving Range. The Police Department is assisting us with identifying unclaimed items, which will be removed if not claimed by October 1.
- The Lakeland Fire Department will be hosing down the cart sheds on September 12. All carts and items on the floor and ledges (charging units) must be removed by September 10th so we can complete this momentous task as quickly as possible. If you're not able to be there - please label your items and leave your key in the cart so it can be removed by volunteers. All tires

and miscellaneous (non-golf) items also need to be permanently removed or they will be discarded. Volunteers should contact the ProShop for instruction.

- ECC Holiday Party is Scheduled for Dec. 8 - watch for details via eblast
- Welcome New (returning) members Charles Jr. and Erika McNeil - out of area.
- Complimentary tickets to performances by the Mesabi Symphony Orchestra are available in the ProShop. The 2022-23 Concert Season features music from countries around the world including Italy, France, Germany, Austria, and the United States.



Tom Lisenby

Ron Bonkosky recently celebrated his 94th birthday! Ron looks great and can still shoot his age or better in 18 holes!

# Duluth/Range Bar Picnic held at ECC

Another enjoyable event held at Eshquaguma was the Duluth/Range Bar Picnic – a semi-annual event.

Thanks to Roberto and Andre for the fabulous table decorating this season. They make the entire room look lovely.



## "Lumberjack Day" set for October 1st

Much like the Spring Spruce-Up, Lumberjack Day is just one day in the fall when members pitch in to clean up the club grounds in preparation for winter. There are always trees to be cut and brush to be trimmed and hauled away. Members and friends of all ages come out for a fun afternoon. Many

hands make light work, as they say! The day will wrap up with a cold beer or soft drink and a big bonfire at the burn pile. The Lakeland Fire Department is on site to keep an eye on things. Mark your calendars and join us!



**LIVE MUSIC** Thanks to everyone who were instrumental in planning the live music events chaired by Cathy Lisenby this year. We have two more dances scheduled in the Fireside Room on Friday, September 2nd and Saturday, September 17th, which will be Karaoke. Next year we will be providing live music in our newly renovated Grill Room.



Live music by *Bittersweet*  
Friday, Sept 2, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
Fireside Room



We served 122 people for Italian Night and 136 for Mexican Night.



Thanks to all!



# September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Thursday Night Golf Event 5:30 p.m.	2 ERA - a.m. Irish Road Bowling & Lunch - 2 p.m. "Bittersweet" 7 p.m.	3
4 Breakfast 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	5 <b>LABOR DAY</b> Restaurant/Bar Open	6 ERA - a.m. Restaurant/Bar Closed	7 Ladies' Golf a.m. Business Meeting at Noon Men's Golf 1:15 p.m.	8	9 ERA - a.m. Private Wedding (Restaurant closed)	10 Dumpster Juice Golf Invitational Happy Hour 4 p.m.-6 p.m.
11 Breakfast 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Chili Cookoff 3 p.m.	12 Restaurant/Bar Closed Buddy Match Party 5 p.m. Cart Shed Cleaning	13 ERA - a.m.	14	15 Thursday Night Golf Event 5:30 p.m.	16 ERA - a.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.	17 Closing Party 5 p.m. Social 6 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m. Karaoke
18 Kitchen Sale 9 a.m. - Noon	19 Restaurant/Bar Closed for the season	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
October 14 - ProShop closes for the season. Golf Course Closing date is weather dependent						