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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear ECC Members,

After last year's winter, it was nice to have a mild winter this year, and our course was able to open April 24. It came through the winter well and is in good condition. Also, our restaurant staff is able to return earlier, and the Clubhouse opened April 26 for limited hours. A year ago, we were not able to open until May 9 due to Clubhouse construction.

Our first event is the Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday, May 4, followed by Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 12. On Sunday, May 19, please join other volunteers for the Spring Spruce Up of our property. We also have a Meet & Greet of new members scheduled for Friday, May 24, so come and welcome them.

The capital improvement fundraising effort is kicking off shortly and we will be selling raffle tickets with many prizes to be awarded around the 4th of July. Please support this effort!

We've completed the installation of acoustic panels in the grill room, significantly reducing background noise, which will improve the overall experience in the room. We look forward to your involvement at the club through participating in events and in volunteering opportunities.

See you at the Club!

Best wishes,

Tim Virant, President
ECC Board of Directors

Eshquaguma Country Club ECHO

First rounds of 2024 golf



First round of the '24 ECC golf season belongs to Shawn Youso and Bruce Perander on April 24 – the earliest opening date in several years. Jane Stunkard, Barb Hecomovich, Sheri Harms, Andrea Polus and Kris Polus enjoyed the mostly sunny day, too!

Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 12, 2024

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Seating times available:
10 a.m., 12 noon, and 2 p.m.**

Full Brunch Menu

All ECC members, families and guests are invited to honor mothers in a wonderful way! A complimentary Mimosa will be served to all mom's this year. This event is a marvelous ECC tradition and what better way to celebrate the arrival of spring.

For Reservations

Email our Manager, Bryan Quintanar at restaurant@eshquaguma.com or call 218-865-4263. All reservations must be received by May 8th. Any cancellations after May 9th will be charged to your account.

Please indicate which seating time you would prefer.

Bryan will be available starting May 1st. For any other questions, contact Terri Nelson, Restaurant Liaison, at 218-398-3021.

Price

Adults:	\$24.00
Children (7-12):	\$10.00
6 & Under:	Dine Free

A Perfect Golf Gift for all Mom's

The ECC ProShop will be open with a 20% discount on all specific apparel/accessories. Come in and check out all of the new inventory!



ESHQUAGUMA COUNTRY CLUB

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UPCOMING *Events*

- May 4** Kentucky Derby Day Pot Luck, 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. (see page 7)
- May 9** Book Club Meeting, 6 p.m.
- May 12** Mother's Day Brunch, various seatings, Call for reservation. (see page 1)
- May 14** Restaurant Opens for Lite fare through June 4
- May 16** Ladies' Cocktail Party, 6 p.m.
- May 19** Spring Spruce Up, 8:30 a.m. (see page 6)
- May 21** AAUW Private Party, 5 p.m.
- May 22** Men's and Ladies' Golf begins
- May 24** Meet & Greet New Members 4:30 Board Members, 5:30 All Members
- May 25** 5K Walk/Run/Bike, 9 a.m. (see page 5)
- May 27** Memorial Day Golf & Lunch Event, 10 a.m.
- May 29** Ladies' Business Meeting, Noon

Lite Fare Menu May 14 – June 3

- Tuesday – Thursday** 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday – Saturday 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
10 a.m. – Midnight (Bar Only)
Sunday Restaurant 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Bar 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Meet & Greet New Members/Staff

Friday, May 24 - 5:30 p.m.

Come join us in the Grill Room and enjoy a beverage, numerous appetizers and meet our new members and new staff.

From the ECC Restaurant

Please call for reservations!
ECC Dining Room: call 218-865-4263, or email: restaurant@eshquaguma.com

The California culinary crew have arrived for the 2024 season. Manager, Bryan Quintanar returned on April 29 for the 4th year and is anxious for the season to begin. "Head Chef" Alex and Crew will be returning to ECC to once again provide us with their wonderful culinary experience. This is Alex's 5th season as the head chef and 9th year working at ECC. We are very happy that the following restaurant staff are returning: Dolce Everson, Ruby Keskitalo, Lucy Virant, Ayla Oltmanns and Ellie Bjorge. Many new employees have been hired, please welcome them.

The bar opened a bit early this year and was enjoyed. A limited food menu will be available on May 1 after Bryan and staff get settled in. Join ECC friends for a drink/playing card games/shaking dice, as we begin our 2024 ECC Season. Come out and enjoy our famous Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 12.

Watch for your ECC Directory which includes monthly calendar of events.

There will be some menu changes to the Lite Fare menu and a new dessert menu available. See you soon in our newly renovated Grill Room!

News from the House Decorating Committee

- A new deep fryer & char-broiler were purchased
- Received stainless-steel kitchen table
- The purchase of Steelite dinnerware which was approved by the Board at a cost of \$8,981.86. The House Decorating Committee had researched the purchase of dinnerware for nearly six months and with the recommendation of Hugh Duffy from California, we decided on Steelite dinnerware. Our current dinnerware is more than 25 years old. They don't retain heat properly, and are stained and chipped. The

cost of dinnerware will be somewhat offset by revenue anticipated on special occasions. Presented at the Board Meeting on April 17:

Why we need new dishes:

1. Current - especially coffee cups - are stained.
2. Dishes are at least 25 years old (no one knows for sure the age)
3. Chipped, spider-webbed.
4. Dinner Plates don't retain heat.
5. We have just 26 salad plates, so can't have sit down dinners with salad because we don't have enough plates.
6. Limited number of bowls for large salads and pasta dishes. Several different patterns that don't look good when setting a dinner table.
7. Bread and dessert plates don't match.
8. Hard to have weddings when we don't have adequate dinnerware.
9. The cost of dinnerware will be somewhat offset by revenue anticipated on special occasions.

We decided on Steelite Dinnerware

1. Recommendation from Hugh Duffy and what he has in California including the size dishes he recommended.
2. Ben Thoen has recommended these dishes as well.
3. Lifetime Chipping Warranty on all the dinnerware including handles.
4. Longevity.
5. We will look through old dishes and decide what to keep. We may have weddings over 120. Each year, we will buy a few more dozen so we have all new.

\$8,981.86 - Quote

- 120 Dinner plates
- 120 Salad plates
- 72 Dessert, soup and bread plates
- 72 Coffee cups and saucers
- 54 Soup bowls
- 54 Pasta bowls
- 12 Platters

Terri Nelson, Restaurant Liaison



From the ECC Golf Liaison

Welcome members and guests to the 2024 golf season at ECC. With the changing of the season comes renewed enthusiasm and the opportunity to create lasting memories on the course. Hopefully all our bad golf habits are a thing of the past.

This year we welcome back Jason Teragawa for his 4th year as our Golf Pro. Assisting Jason this season will be Rose Dall, CeCe Virant, Jayden Hines, and Sawyer Williams. We encourage everyone to stop in the ProShop and say hi to Jason and his staff. Lessons, club regripping and range ball passes are also available.

Our staff has been busy in the Pro Shop painting, organizing, stocking new merchandise and getting ready for the season. This year we have several new lines of merchandise and are anxious to show it off to you. From golf shirts to ball markers we've got it and if we don't just ask and I'm sure Jason can find it for you.

Thanks to all members in 2023 who purchased ProShop items making it a very successful year. Also, thanks again this year to Maggie Hillmer for her help supporting the ProShop and Restaurant with the POS Systems.

We look forward to serving you. If you have any questions/comments we're always happy to hear them. See you on the links. *Tom Lisenby, Pro Shop Liaison*

From the ProShop

An early spring, finally! First, I'd like to thank all the volunteers who helped out at the Club with the various projects and fundraisers in '23. It's that fantastic communal and group effort that leads Eshquaguma to have continued success year after year. ECC is a special place and definitely the place you want to be at during the summer! I'm excited to be back and look forward to seeing you all again very soon. Let's play some golf!

Club Repair: Now is the time for club repair or to inquire about getting new golf clubs. The grip is only connection we have to the golf club. It's important that we periodically rotate fresh grips onto our clubs. Call the ProShop to inquire about grips, repairs, loft/lie adjustments, or any other equipment information.

Golf Lessons: Tee shots, iron play, short game, putting, course management, mental game? Golf lessons are a great way to help improve your game and get you having more fun. We're here to help! Call the ProShop for more information.

ProShop: Look good, play good! Stop into the ProShop to check out our new clothes and merchandise. Early bird gets the worm on your favorite clothes!

Meet & Greet: May 24th - I look forward to meeting all our new members. Welcome to ECC! We're happy to have you!

ERA League
- Starts May 14th 10 a.m.

Women's League - Starts May 22nd 9:30 a.m.

Men's League - Starts May 22nd 1:15 p.m.

Tuesday Night Golf - Starts June 4th 5:30 p.m.

ECC ProShop Hours

Early Season until May 5th
Monday to Sunday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Regular Season thru Sept 15th
Monday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Tuesday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday 7 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday/Sunday 7 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.



Jason Teragawa

ECC Head Golf Pro

proshop@eshquaguma.com

218-865-4706

Exceptionally delicious frozen favorites.

Available in the ECC ProShop starting May 24



2024 ECC Men's Club Preview

The ECC Men's Club was busy again this offseason trying to develop a better golfing and social atmosphere for men at ECC. The good news! The efforts are paying off as the 2023 men's guest day had record numbers and the year-end men's tournament participation has increased over the last number of years. However – there is always room for more golf!

The Men's Club was established 15 years ago to bring golfers of all skill together to enjoy time on the golf course and then on the 19th hole where nobody has ever missed a shot! Here's what's on tap for this year's schedule.

Wednesday Evening Events

Be on the e-mail lookout for special Wednesday events with a dedicated theme or format for play. The Wednesday Men's day has historically fallen victim to the same ol' same ol' golf groupings and it's hurt the Wednesday atmosphere. Proshop manager Jason will aim to spruce this golfing day up with the help of Tim Virant, Rick Polus, Troy Hughes and Steve V Harms as his trusted advisors. If you are a previous Wednesday afternoon regular, perhaps you'll consider playing with a different group in an effort to grow the men's game at ECC!

Special Golf Events

The Men's Club will again host a structured Men's Guest Day on Wednesday, July 31. Start planning your guest(s) now for a fun afternoon showcasing ECC!

The final scheduled event of the 2024 ECC men's club season (August 15-18) will be the annual match play championship in August.

New for 2024 – ECC Men's Invitational scheduled for June 28-29. This event will feature ECC members inviting one guest to participate in a handicap format event starting Friday afternoon

and wrapping up Saturday afternoon. The goal is to get 24 teams of two that will get divided into similar divisions to play in a net match play format. Please contact the Proshop to find out more about this new event!

Social Events

Most of the golfing community can attest that the best shots hit during the day are on the 19th hole. In 2024, the Men's Club is going to schedule a few social type events in an effort to connect active golfers with non-golfing members. Be on the lookout for e-mail blasts or Echo announcements advertising these events.

Dues and Handicaps

During 2024, there will be significant emphasis on members establishing and maintaining a current handicap index. Handicaps enable golfers of all skill levels to compete on an equitable basis. Golfers must post all scores and regular posting will be monitored by



the ProShop. Not posting scores regularly or accurately could preclude members from participation in certain men's club events.

Get involved with the ECC Men's Club now and help make 2024 a successful season that will get more golfers on the course and establish a better camaraderie among our golfing brethren. For more information on the ECC Men's Club or if you have a suggestion, please e-mail the men's club at matt@gilbertbank.com. Play golf Eshquaguma!

First Boat on the water!



Jerry Arnold demonstrates his commitment to his rowing skills on April 15, 2024! Looks kind of cold!

14th Annual ECC 5K Run/Walk/Bike

Saturday May 25th

Check-in 8:30 at the Clubhouse

9:00 Start

Awards, Prizes, Breakfast
buffet immediately following
Adults 18+: \$30/Kids 7-17: \$20
Children 6 and under are free

Register by Wednesday May 15th to guarantee a t-shirt. Please include your name, t-shirt size, and age when registering. All participants receive a ticket for the breakfast buffet. All children receive a medal and a prize

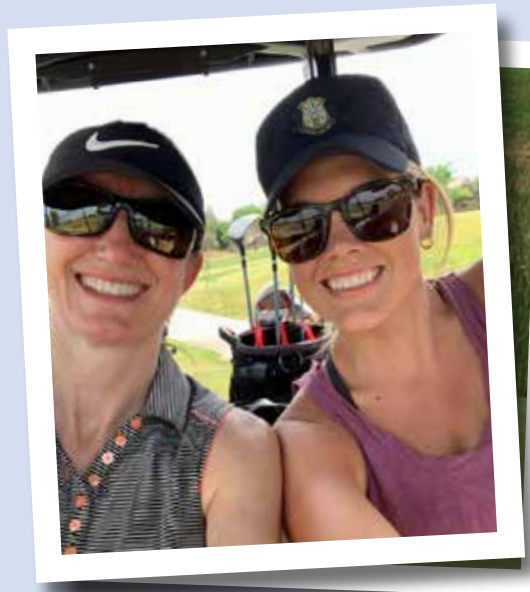
Breakfast tickets will also be available for sale for spectators. \$100 Sponsorships are available. If interested, please contact Meg Uhan. Email or call Meg to register – megan@gilbertbank.com or 218-248-3910



'24 Fishing opener

The Minnesota Fishing Opener is right around the corner. This year it opens on May 11th! Good luck to all of you getting your lines wet!

Ladies Golf Guest Day Scramble



**Wednesday
June 5, 2024**

Purpose of our "Guest Day" event is to recruit future members.

Includes 9 holes of golf. Lunch for guest is either paid by guest or treated by member who invited the guest.

**Please RSVP to the
ProShop by May 30**



Spring is Here

Almost everyone has heard the old saying, "April showers bring May flowers." It's a popular saying used often during the typically rainy month of April.

The saying itself originates from the United Kingdom. The phrase is also believed to come from an early poem with a line that goes, "Sweet April showers, do spring May flowers."

Recent rain showers have sparked the beginning of flowers and plants to really start blooming. The front gate pots and other areas will be planted as weather permits.

The Landscape Committee is always looking for volunteers. Any suggestions or ideas to enhance our grounds, please let us know. The Landscape Committee – Kathy Nelson, Cathy Lisenby, Christine Burgstahler, Terri Nelson, Terri Kern.

'24 Spring Spruce Up

Sunday, May 19th at 8:30 a.m. is this year's Spring Spruce Up. Please come and help "spruce up" the area in and around the Clubhouse. We need as many volunteers as possible.

Bring any tools for gardening that you might have: gloves, rakes, blowers, paint brushes, pruning shears, trimmers,

shovels, chainsaws and anything else you think we will need. A light lunch will be served to all volunteers after the cleanup. Hope to see you there!

ECC Book Club

The ECC book clubs May selection is "The Women" by Kristin Hannah, which tells the story of nurses who fought to save our soldiers in Vietnam and the challenges they faced when coming home. Please call or text Cathy Hiti to RSVP at 218-780-1385 meeting May 9th 6:00 at the clubhouse. The June selection is "The Trust" by Ronald Balson. All ECC Ladies are welcome.

Welcome
NEW MEMBERS

CORPORATE (R)
 Peter Thelen & Lynne Gibeau

CORPORATE (NR)
 Lyn and Jackie Nelson

SOCIAL

Robert and Renee Pearson
 James and Janice Florey
 Dave Lind
 Sandra and Ron Shoden
 Megan and Joshua Lundberg

BUSINESS
 Mark and Tara Skorjanec

OUT OF AREA
 John and Patricia McCarthy

Ladies Cocktail Party

Thursday, May 16th
 5 p.m. Social / 6 p.m. Dinner

- Signature Cocktail
- Drawings
- Guessing Game in Honor of Jean Guy

Please RSVP by May 7th. Call Bryan at 865-4263. Cancellations after May 8th will be billed to your account

Pick a marker for a discount at the Welcome Table

– Guests are Welcome –

ECC OPENING PARTY

AMERICANS IN *Paris*

Date: June 1st

Social 5 - 6 p.m. • Dinner: 6 p.m.

Music: Jimmy & Eric Show 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.

More Details to Follow



2024 Ladies' ECC Golf

Ladies' Golf League games begin on Wednesday, May 22 and continues throughout the season. Games are set for each week with 9 hole golfers teeing off at 9:30am and 18 hole golfers teeing off at 8:15am. League Dues are \$50 and allow you to participate in the Team Event, Handicap Tournament, Fun Day and Ladies' ECC Club Tournament.

Wednesday mornings are a wonderful time to golf with your friends and make new friends. If you are a golfing member please consider joining the Ladies' Golf League. I would like to strongly encourage you to, if you plan to golf on Wednesday to please call the ProShop and sign up! This allows the ProShop time so that we can have the games and scorecards ready to go. This also goes the other way - if you have signed up but need to cancel, please

call the ProShop by 5 p.m. on Tuesday and let them know so that adjustments can be made! I would like to welcome all of our ECC Lady Golfers! If you any

questions or concerns, please contact me either by email rsrsk74@outlook.com or my cell 218-969-8003.

Shelley Rask, Ladies Club President



"Flavor of the North" is an event sponsored by the United Way of Northeastern Minnesota. All proceeds benefit the United Way of NE MN's Buddy Backpack Program. On April 25th ECC attended the event. We offered two signature ECC drinks and donated an ECC Social Membership. We look forward to meeting the new Social Member.



The most exciting 2½ minutes in sports!

the 150th KENTUCKY DERBY Run for the Roses

- Limited menu available
- Mint Juleps
- Best Hat Awards (Men & Women)
- Pari-mutuel wagering



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Saturday, May 4th • Clubhouse Opens at 2 p.m. • Races start at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Pickleball

The tennis and Pickleball courts are in good shape. Open Pickleball will be on Monday and Thursdays starting May 20th at 10am. It's open for all ages and beginners are welcome. Come out and enjoy! You can also sign up for an open schedule in the ProShop.

Chairs & Bar Stools

A big thank you to all who purchased a name plate for a chair and/or bar stool. All name plates will be on your chair when we open. Find your chair!!!



Bands
Karaoke
Piano Music

- June 1** Jimmy & Eric Show
- June 20** Karaoke for Kids
- June 21** Jammin' Joe
- July 6** Blue Teardrops
- July 14** Brunch - Shannon Gunderson
- July 20** Karaoke at ECC
- August 11** Brunch - Shannon Gunderson
- August 31** Solo Trio
- Sept 14** Cowboy Angel Blue

ECC Website & email addresses

Eshquaguma website: www.eshquaguma.com

Questions regarding Eshquaguma Country Club: info@eshquaguma.com

Questions regarding the ProShop/golf course: proshop@eshquaguma.com

Questions regarding billing/club treasurer/accountant: billing@eshquaguma.com

Questions regarding membership/club info requests: contact@eshquaguma.com

Questions regarding the restaurant: restaurant@eshquaguma.com

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Bar Open 3-7 p.m. Limited Menu	2 Bar Open 3-7 p.m. Limited Menu	3 Bar Open 2-8 p.m. Limited Menu	4 ECC Kentucky Derby Day Pot Luck 2 - 8 p.m.
5	6 Restaurant/Bar Closed	7 Bar Open 3-7 p.m. Limited Menu	8 Bar Open 3-7 p.m. Limited Menu	9 Bar Open 3-7 p.m. Limited Menu Book Club Meeting 6 p.m.	10 Bar Open 2-8 p.m. Select Menu Happy Hour 4-6	11 Bar Open 2-8 p.m. Select Menu
MOTHER'S DAY 12 Mother's Day Brunch Various Seatings Lunch 2 p.m.-4 p.m.	13 Restaurant/Bar Closed	14 ERA 9:30 a.m. Games Begin Restaurant open for lite fare through June 4	15	16 Ladies' Cocktail Party 6:00 p.m.	17 ERA 9:30 a.m. Happy Hour 4-6	18
19 Spring Spruce Up 8:30 - Lunch for all helpers! Breakfast 9 a.m. - Noon Lunch Noon-4 p.m.	20 Restaurant/Bar Closed Pickleball 10 a.m.	21 ERA 9:30 a.m. AAUW Private Party - Lakeside 5 p.m.	22 Ladies' Golf Games Begin a.m. Men's Golf 1:15	23 Pickleball 10 a.m.	24 ERA - 9:30 a.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Meet & Greet New Members - 4:30 p.m. Board Members 5:30 - All Members	25 5K Walk/Run/ Bike 9:00 a.m. Brunch After
26 Breakfast 9:30 a.m. - Noon Lunch Noon-4 p.m.	MEMORIAL DAY 27 Pickleball 10 a.m. Golf & Lunch Event Golf 10 a.m.	28 ERA 9:30 a.m. Restaurant/Bar Closed	29 Ladies' Golf a.m. Business Meeting - Noon Men's Golf 1:15	30 Pickleball 10 a.m.	31 ERA 9:30 a.m. Happy Hour 4-6	



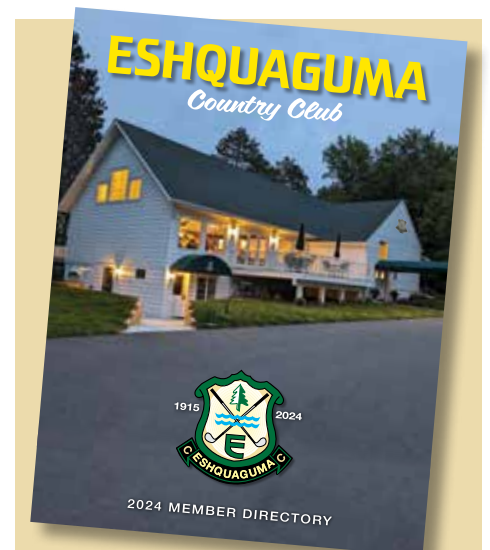
ECC Ramp Repair

The lack of snow this year caused a major frost heave to the boat launch ramp. A Big thank you to Nick Maki and Lyle Hardy pictured in the process of repairing the ramp. Also shown is a before and after photos of the ramp. ECC is very appreciative of Brian Maki and Lakehead Constructors coming to our aid once again!

'24 Golf Punch Cards

Corporate members who paid their dues in full by February 15th will receive a punch card for 4 free rounds of golf for the 2024 season!

The punch cards are available now and will be kept in the ProShop so members don't have to keep track of them.



42 in '24!

We will receive the **42nd** edition of the ECC Membership Directory later this week. Members will be able to pick up their directory at the Clubhouse on **Friday May 3rd between 2-5 p.m. or Saturday May 4th between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** in the ECC Grill Room. The remaining directories will be mailed the following week to those who haven't already picked them up.

2024 Youth Golf Registration

Monday, June 17 • Tuesday, June 18 • Thursday, June 20 • Friday, June 21 • Ages 5 & up: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

The registration fee is \$30.00. Make check payable to "ECC Clinics". Price includes golf lessons, daily treats, pizza, beverage and prizes. Mail this form and registration fee to: Terri Nelson, 6519 White Pine Lane, Gilbert, MN 55741. We would appreciate this registration form & check be returned to the ProShop or received in the mail to Terri by June 10th. You may option to charge your membership account and provide this form.

Campers should meet at the Clubhouse 15 minutes prior to the start of camp on the first day to check in, get their t-shirt, and receive group placement. Please have the campers wear their t-shirts on Thursday, June 20th for a group photo. There has been a YOUTH KARAOKE event scheduled for Thursday, June 20 in the Fireside Room with the time to be announced for all ECC youth to attend.

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Please supply your child with tees and ball markers. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Reelfs at: fargolite@yahoo.com or (651)336-8990.

I would like to volunteer to help _____ Phone _____

2024 Youth/Adult Tennis/Pickleball Registration

Monday, June 17 • Tuesday, June 18 • Wednesday, June 19 • Thursday, June 20

Group A - Ages 8-12: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. • Group B -Ages 13+ and Adults: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The registration fee is \$35.00. Make check payable to "ECC Clinics". If there is inclement weather, we may need drivers to transport participants to the indoor courts in Virginia. Mail this form and registration fee to: Terri Nelson 6519 White Pine Lane Gilbert, MN 55741. We would appreciate this registration form & check be returned to the ProShop or received in the mail by

June 10. You have the option to charge your membership account, but we need this form filled out too.

There has been a YOUTH KARAOKE event scheduled for Thursday, June 20 in the Fireside Room with the time to be announced for all ECC youth to attend.

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Please supply child with a tennis /pickleball racquet, non-marking shoes, sunscreen and a water bottle. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Stunkard 608-575-1115 or Terri Nelson 218-398-3021.

I would like to volunteer to help _____ Phone _____