



## From the President

Dear ECC Members,

Hard to believe that this summer is nearly over! It has been incredibly fun, but I think I'm getting worn out. We saw some great competitive golf at the Ladies' and Men's tournaments, and many of us are already thinking about how we can improve our games!

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 5, at 2:00 PM in the clubhouse. This is your chance to get a review of the year, 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 Candidates

The Annual Meeting for 2021 is September 5<sup>th</sup>. Currently, three Board terms will expire. These are the three candidates who are seeking re-election:

### Kris Coombe

I have fulfilled one term as a Board of Director and I am seeking reelection for another term. I have been the Board Secretary for three years, and I handle all communications to the membership. I was elected on the platform of keeping costs down, improving the golf course, and representing the membership as fairly and responsibly as I can. I still stand by these goals. When I'm not golfing, I manage Schmitt Music in downtown Virginia and I am a member of the Mesabi Symphony Orchestra and the 5 Seasoned Brass quintet.

### Scott Strudwick

I'm currently the Buildings & Grounds Liaison. I have been on the board for 2.5 years to fill a vacancy. I have seen first hand what it takes to open, close & maintain the club throughout the season and would like to continue serving our members. I am extremely proud of our current board and what it is doing and would like to continue to be a part of the next phase of our Club.

Thanks for your consideration.

### Tim Virant

I am running for the ECC Board of Directors. I have been on the Board since May of 2020, when I was asked to take over a vacated board seat. I have been the President of the Board since August of 2020.

For background information, I have two engineering degrees from the University of Minnesota, and an MBA from the University of St. Thomas. I spent 35 years working in the Gas and Electric Utility sector, retiring in May of 2020 from Xcel Energy in St. Paul.

Beginning at 10 years old, I've grown up at ECC and worked in the Caddyshack as an attendant, as well as a caddie. I also worked on the golf course maintenance crew. This experience was valuable in terms of gaining respect for the prior generation of members, in addition to observing their friendships and enjoyment that they had.

ECC is an exceptional place, and I am committed to maintaining its character and traditions, yet improving the overall experience for all members.

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## ANNUAL MEETING

September 5<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm

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 3** Irish Road Bowling - 6 p.m.

**September 4** Labor Day Dance Party  
- Music by Jammin' Joe from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover, but make dinner reservations if eating.

**September 6** Labor Day - Restaurant is open for lite fare.

**September 8** Ladies' Business Meeting - Noon.

**September 9-11** Hovanec Golf Tourney - Course is open.

**September 18** ECC Closing Party - "Music by Jane" - 6 p.m.



## From the ECC Board

### Restaurant News Italian Buffet

Saturday, September 4  
Dinner and Dance  
Cocktails 5:00 - Dinner 6:00  
**MAKE RESERVATIONS!**  
Dance to "Jammin' Joe" at 7:30 pm

Thank you to Head Chef Alex and his culinary staff. Also a big shout out to our wonderful wait staff and ProShop staff, thank you. We have had the best year and appreciate all

the fabulous meals. Alex and staff will be leaving on September 19<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing them again in the spring of 2022.

The Restaurant/Bar will remain open until October 3<sup>rd</sup> this year. Bryan will stay on as our manager and will provide a light fare menu. Watch for more details to come.

### Closing Party

Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>  
Entertainment: "Music by Jane"  
More details to follow in the "Week at a Glance"

### Golf Course Update

A big thank you to Rachel, Doug, and Rick for their hard work and dedication in keeping up the course this year. This has been an unusually difficult year in terms of weather and the daily watering, fertilizing, and attention to detail has proved successful yet again. We continue to have maintenance issues and piping failures on the irrigation system which can be expected but the quick response by the crew and contractor have kept the course green. Great job Grounds Crew!

*Brian Maki*

### Membership/Fundraising

The fundraising committee would like to once again thank you for being part of our successful Capital Improvement Fundraiser. *Nate Lehmann*



The years final "Glitz and Glam" on August 17th. The event included a wonderful dinner for all of the attendees. Hope to see you next year!



Information on this years' ECC Holiday Party will be coming in the next couple of months. Plan to join the fun!

# Ladies' Invitational Golf Tournament

The Eshquaguma Country Club Ladies' Invitational Golf Tournament was held on August 26<sup>th</sup>. There were 54 golfers participating. Golfers from Ladies' Leagues are invited from courses all over northern Minnesota.

Of the 54 golfers, 40 were guests from other local courses. This is a great event to highlight our Club and our course. A dinner followed the golfing.

Here are the ECC member winners:

**Blue Flight** - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Trish Olsen and her partner

**Yellow Flight** - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Sheri Harms & Julie Smolich

**Green Flight** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Kathy Nelson & Terri Nelson

**Red Flight** - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Jane Stunkard and her partner

**Purple Flight** - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Kris Coombe & Edie Carr

The committee would like to thank all those members who allowed their carts to be used for our guests. We couldn't have this tournament if it weren't for you.



Impressive prize table for the raffle drawing and contest prizes. Participants could purchase as many raffle tickets as they wanted, or there is a contest on holes 9 & 18 where the golfer can buy tickets and double the number of tickets if they can hit their drive to stay on the green.

## Welcome New Members

Michael & Teresa Kern  
*Resident Corporate*

Robert & Shannon Hill  
*Corporate Non-Resident*

David & Mary Matson  
*Social*

Jay & Andrea Huber  
*Social*

John & Andrea Berger  
*Social*

Tony Mosey  
*Junior*

## From the ECC Pro Shop

### LABOR DAY SALE

25% off apparel, accessories, and Bridgestone golf balls. Watch for many more sales in the ProShop this fall. Details in the "Week at a Glance."

### LADIES GOLF CLINIC

Last of the season! Chipping and Putting Clinic will be Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. Private lessons with Jason are still available.

### DOCK REMOVAL SERVICE AVAILABLE

Call or sign up in the Pro-Shop to be put on the list for scheduling. \$150 per dock. Dates for dock removal are September 25 and 26 from J&E Dock Service.

### MESSAGE FROM JASON

"I just want to thank all the Eshquaguma members for the great year it's been so far. It's been a pleasure and I've really enjoyed getting to know all of you! The people of the Iron Range and Northern Minnesota mean a lot to me. I feel as though I've found a 2<sup>nd</sup> family at ECC and I hope to have many more fun years ahead. We still have some great weather ahead of us. Come out this fall and play some golf!" Jason Taragawa



The Championship was well attended with the traditional cart gallery on hole #4



## 2021 ECC Men's Tournament



Left: Champion Beau Mitchell and Runner-Up Tom Stunkard. Middle: First Flight Champion - Nick Devich, Consolation - Ken Olsen, Runner-up - Tim Virant, and Consolation finalist Troy Hughes. Right: Shootout Champions – Ken Olsen and Tico Leoni



Shootout - first hole



# ECC Ladies' Club Tournament

The Ladies Club Tournament was held the second week of August. We had a total of 16 participants. Championship Flight played 18 holes on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in a “pool play” format for total points. Saturday, the two with the highest points played for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the other two played for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Flights 1 through 3 played 9 hole match-play rounds on Wednesday and on Friday. Presentation of awards were presented after the Saturday Championship round, with many of us joining for dinner on Saturday evening. We would like to thank the many fans who followed the Championship round on Saturday. It’s always good to see the support.

## Flight results

- Championship: 1<sup>st</sup> - Trish Olsen  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Maggie Hillmer  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sheri Harms
- First Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> - Kris Polus  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jane Stunkard  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jean Enloe
- Second Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> - Carlyne Woodle  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Becky Reagan  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - Loretta Russ
- Third Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> - Joanna Johnson  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Pat Tamminen  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - Donna Sten

The Ladies’ Shoot-Out was held on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>. We had 14 participants for a great time. First Place was the team of Trish Olsen and Cathy Lisenby, Second Place went to Kris Coombe and Kathy Nelson.



Clockwise from top: Championship Flight – Maggie Hillmer, Champion Trish Olsen and Sheri Harms; Second Flight - Carlyne Woodle, Becky Reagan and Jean Enloe; Third Flight - Pat Tamminen, Joanna Johnson and Donna Sten; First Flight winner - Kris Polus.



Bryan at this years Mexican night desert table.

August 27, 2021

I humbly write to the membership with a great sense of satisfaction and joy. I would like to express my profound gratitude for the opportunity to allow me to work this season at Eshquaguma Country Club - northern Minnesota's hidden gem. Everyone here has been a mentor, teacher, and guide. I'm eternally thankful for the lessons learned and the relationships forged within the membership. I couldn't have imagined how friendly and welcoming this community is. Your support has helped me succeed in taking leadership of the club house while trying to meet the expectations and setting the bar a bit higher for the years to come.

I hope to keep coming back to ECC as long as you will have me. This place has grown on me, and I cherish every moment I'm working here. I've been told that after this year, membership at ECC is highly sought and much treasured. I will work hard this winter to make the next season one to remember. I can assure you, 2022 will be even better.

Sincerely,  
Bryan Quintanar, Club Manager

~ Open to the Public ~



**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

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

**Monetary donations are  
accepted and appreciated.**

**Call or text Bridget @  
218-391-2912 to donate.**



# 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Irish Road Bowling Event

Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Charles Flynn will Bless the Balls at 2:00 p.m. Come out to cheer-on your favorite bowler and place your bets. Enjoy a wonderful Irish meal afterwards—RSVP please. So spread the word - bring your friends - it's a LOT of fun to watch! A portion of the proceeds help benefit the Northern Lights Music Festival.



July 31st Bean Bag Tourney. L to R: Tanner Reagan, Noah Reagan, Tom Stunkard, Rick Polus

Scavenger Hunt from July 30th.

## September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Ladies' Golf Guest Day Men's Golf 1:15 p.m.	2	3 ERA - a.m. Irish Road Bowling 2 p.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.	4 Labor Day Dance Party with Band 6 p.m.
5	6 LABOR DAY Restaurant/Bar Open for Lite Fare	7 ERA - a.m. Restaurant/Bar Closed	8 Ladies' Golf a.m. Business Meeting at Noon Men's Golf 1:15 p.m.	9 Thursday Night Golf Event 5:00 ● — Hovanec Golf Tourney - Course Open — ●	10 ERA - a.m. Happy Hour 4-6	11
12	13	14 ERA - a.m.	15	16	17 ERA - a.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.	18 Closing Party/ Karaoke 6 p.m.
19	20	21	22	23	24 Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.	25
26	27	28	29	30		