

Building Tomorrow's Leaders, Today

Do you know a youth looking to develop their leadership skills? Encourage them to apply for the ACCA Youth Leadership Program.

EQUS believes in supporting its members and in the importance of involving youth in the co-operative model.

Annually, EQUS sponsors four individuals (two males and two females) from its membership to attend the Alberta Community and Co-operative Association's (ACCA) Co-operative Youth Leadership Program. EQUS covers the full cost of attending the program for the chosen individuals. The Co-operative Youth Leadership Program provides an opportunity for youth, ages 11 to 18, to develop their communication, leadership and teamwork skills. These week-long programs take place at Goldeye Centre, located near Nordegg, Alberta. The setting provides the perfect environment to build friendships, discover hidden talents, learn new skills and contribute to their futures.



Photo above: Alberta Community and Co-operative Association's (ACCA) Co-operative Youth Leadership Program participants learn about the power of the co-operative spirit.

For more information about the program, and to start your application form, visit www.acca.coop/youth/registration, or contact Valdene Callin at 403.227.7541. Deadline for sponsorship applications is Wednesday, May 10, 2017.



Application Deadline May 10
Youth Leadership Program

Join Us and... Tee off for Charity!

The 11th Annual EQUS Charity Golf Tournament has been sold out the last three years, so do not delay, register today.

The 11th Annual EQUS Charity Golf Tournament is getting set to tee off!

We would like to invite you to enjoy a round of golf and help raise funds for our charity-of-choice.

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

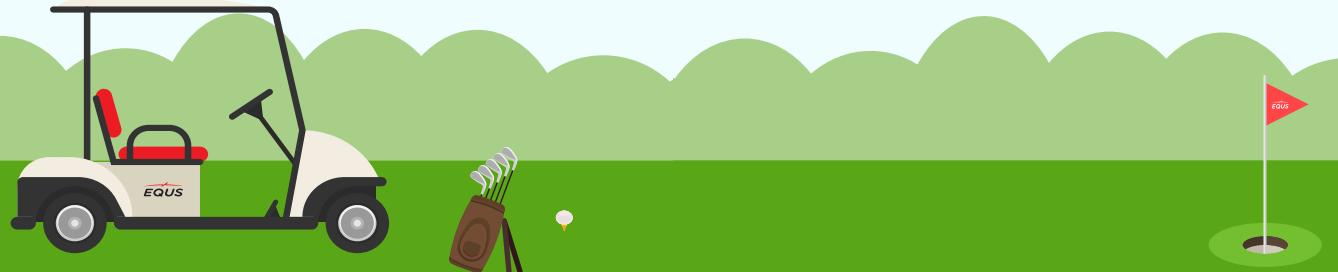
Gleniffer Lake Resort and Country Club

Cost: \$90 per player or \$350 per foursome

All funds raised from the EQUS Charity Golf Tournament will go to food banks within the EQUS Service Area.

Enjoy nine holes of golf, team prizes, a steak lunch and the opportunity to socialize and network with colleagues and friends.

For more information on how to register, please contact Valdene Callin at vcallin@equus.ca or 403.227.7541.



SAFETY TIPS

Reduced Clearance Caused by Larger Farm Equipment

Are you planning on buying new farm equipment this spring? With the advancement of technology comes bigger machinery while power lines stay the same height.

Remember to think about this hazard when purchasing new farm equipment such as seeders or irrigation pipe.

When using equipment for the first time, be aware of the height of power lines when driving into your field or yard.

For more warm weather safety tips, visit www.equs.ca/services/sustainability/energy-saving-tips/



Trend Research Quality Assurance

Trend Research is conducting research this month to ensure we are delivering quality service to our members.

This month, Trend Research is conducting a survey to gauge member satisfaction with the quality of service EQUS provides. In addition to gathering important input from EQUS members, this survey also produces data for EQUS to be considered compliant with the Alberta Utilities Commission's Rule 002.

Respondents are chosen at random from a list of members and all information is held confidential and reported as a collective, so no specific person is associated with any comments.

Member input is invaluable for EQUS to continue to maintain, and improve, our member satisfaction levels and we encourage you to take a few minutes and respond if contacted.

For more information about AUC rule compliance, visit www.auc.ab.ca/acts-regulations-and-auc-rules/rules/Documents/Rule002.pdf.

Government Solar Incentives

Interested in becoming a micro-generator? With incentives from both EQUS and the Government of Alberta, now is the time!

On February 27, 2017, the Government of Alberta announced a \$36M rebate program that will reduce solar installation costs by up to 30 per cent for homes and 25 per cent for businesses. Rebates may be available as early as the summer of 2017.

Please visit www.solaralberta.ca for more information.



An EQUS History Moment

John Nesom has been a co-op supporter since the day he was born. John's father was a community-minded individual who was heavily involved in the Bowden REA in the late 1940s, back when Rural Electrification Associations were first being incorporated. When John's father needed to power his rural property, he had the support of the community behind him. At 12 years of age, John helped his father and the community in clearing trees to make room for power poles. John says due to his age, he was mainly responsible for clearing brush as the others did the heavy lifting.

John's involvement in co-ops did not stop there. As an adult, he managed the Foothills Natural Gas Co-op in the 1970s, helping the co-op grow into the successful organization it is today.

Preserving Wildlife on Milk River Ranch

EQUS Board of Director John Ross was recently featured in Alberta Farmer Express for his conservation efforts on his ranch in rural Alberta.

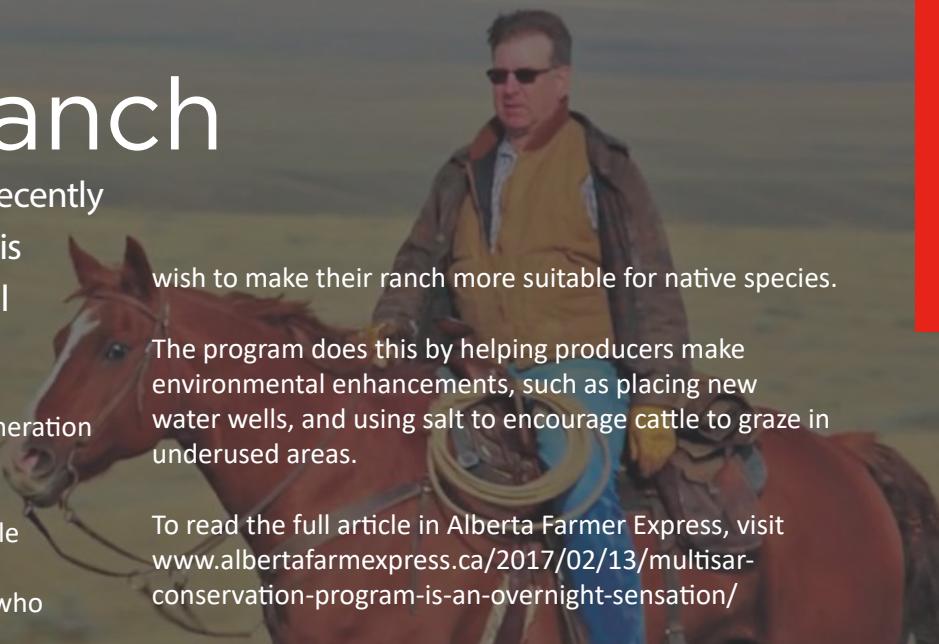
EQUS Board of Director John Ross is a fourth-generation rancher with a passion for conservation.

Ross was the first rancher to sign on to the Multiple Species at Risk (MULTISAR) program 15 years ago. Currently, the program has a waiting list of those who

wish to make their ranch more suitable for native species.

The program does this by helping producers make environmental enhancements, such as placing new water wells, and using salt to encourage cattle to graze in underused areas.

To read the full article in Alberta Farmer Express, visit www.albertafarmexpress.ca/2017/02/13/multisar-conservation-program-is-an-overnight-sensation/

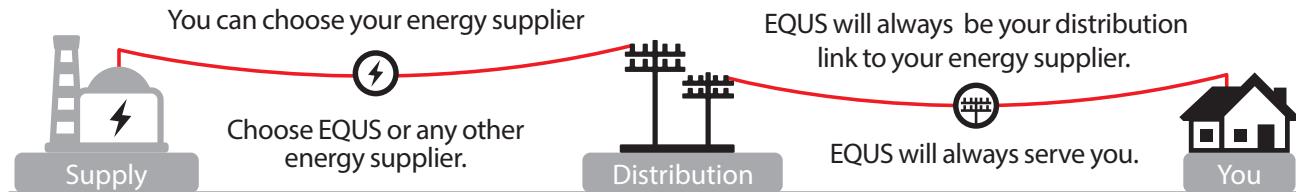


Door-to-Door Energy Sales

Door-to-door energy sales are prohibited by the Government of Alberta.

In order to protect consumers from unfair business practices, the Government of Alberta has banned door-to-door energy sales starting January 1, 2017. This ban includes the unsolicited sales of furnaces, natural gas and electricity contracts, water heaters, windows, air conditioners and energy audits.

Companies that wish to sell energy directly to Albertans are still able to do so when consumers invite salespeople to their homes, and through telephone and online sales, kiosks and advertising. For more information on this ban, including how to report aggressive, high-pressure door-to-door sales tactics, visit www.alberta.ca/door-to-door-sales-ban.aspx.



All members are free to purchase electricity services through EQUS' regulated rate tariff or from a retailer of their choice. The delivery of electricity to you is not affected by your choice. If you change who you purchase electricity services from, you will continue receiving electricity from EQUS. For a current list of retailers you may choose from, visit www.ucahelps.alberta.ca or call 310.4822 (toll free in Alberta).

Power Out?

To report a power outage in your area, or for other services such as construction or vegetation management, please call your local Area Office.

North Area Office
1.888.627.4011

Central Area Office
1.877.527.4011

South Area Office
1.888.565.5445

Main Office
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