

Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, Feb. 15, 2013

POA Meetings and Events:

- **Dock Captains, 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, POA Office**
- **POA Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, Yacht Club**
- **Architectural Control Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, POA Office**
- **Long Range Planning, 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, POA Office**

By Nancy McDaniel

The USGA, PGA and professional staff at Tellico Village hope that, if you are not already familiar with the Tee It Forward Initiative, you soon will be.

In a nutshell, the Tee It Forward Initiative is a program promoting the idea that all golfers choose to play the teeing ground that best suits their game based on driving distances.

Barney Adams, the founder of Adams Golf provided that concept; “amateur golfers have the chance to play the course at the same relative distance as touring professionals by taking the opportunity to play from the distances that are properly aligned with their abilities.”

Two things happen automatically when a golfer plays a shorter course; there is a greater increase in the enjoyment of the game and pace of play improves. It stands to reason that if, after a tee shot, a golfer is hitting a six or seven iron to the green instead of a five wood or hybrid club, two more things will happen: they are more likely to hit the green in regulation and possibly two putt for par (what a concept!) and in an 18 hole round, this golfer will take fewer shots!!! More fun in less time!!!

Let’s look at a specific hole on one of our Tellico Village courses. Hole #2 at the Kahite course is a good example. Golfers playing from the white teeing ground are looking at a 380-yard hole with an uphill tee shot. It is going to take a 230-yard tee shot to make the vicinity of the 150-yard marker. How many men or women are hitting a perfect 230-yard tee shot regularly?

However, if you look at the orange teeing ground, the 321-yard hole requires a shot of less than 200 yards to reach the 150 yard marker. With a few extra yards of downhill roll on that tee shot, how good does it feel to have less than a 100 yards to the hole location? Again, hit the green in regulation and two putt for par. Who said this game is hard?

This example also applies to the golfers who play the black teeing grounds at the Kahite course. Hole #2 goes from a 321-yard hole to a 233-yard hole. Your author is now playing the black tees and I cannot tell you how much more I am enjoying golf since I decided to Tee It Forward. Hitting fewer shots is great.

The other question that most golfers have regarding the forward teeing grounds is “Will my Handicap Index be portable from a forward tee?” When posting a score from a more forward set of tees, the ratings will be in accordance with a shorter total yardage. Again, using the Kahite course as an example; the white set of tees has a rating of 69.1 and a 123 slope. The orange is 66.2, slope 117. The player’s total score usually will go down on a shorter course, but the ratings are lower also to compensate for the difference. Thus, the Handicap Index and Handicap Differential produced from each round played should be about the same and keep a Handicap Index portable from course to course. This applies for men and women.

The USGA Handicap System is almost miraculous. When understood and used properly, it makes the wonderful game of golf even more wonderful!! Each golfer can play at their level with and against golfers of all abilities, men and women. I encourage all Tellico golfers to visit the USGA website often. Not only the Handicap System but the Rules of Golf are explained for all to learn; printed articles and videos showing examples make the complicated system easy to understand.

And the Beat Goes On in Tellico Village for the ETJS

By Steve Geoffrey

Back in 1994, Bob Heintz moved from Connecticut to Maryville, TN. Bob had been active in marketing in New York and was an avid music fan and supporter. He hosted jazz concerts and got to know many of the NY jazz musicians and their families. It was a natural that, upon arriving in Tennessee, he and his wife, Nancy, along with Geoff Matthews, created the East Tennessee Jazz Society (ETJS) and sponsored an opportunity for local musicians to play at various local venues for more than 10 years.

The ETJS loved to showcase new talent and gave many of the current Knoxville musicians their first public appearance. The concerts began at the now defunct Ivories and closed at the Royal Oaks Golf Club in Maryville. Having many music contacts, Bob also was instrumental in having Ed Polcer and his band from New York City and Ken Peplowskistop for concerts in Knoxville on their cross country tours. Ed Polcer was the manager of Eddie Condon's, a prominent 42nd Street New York Jazz Club that is now closed. The walls in Bob's "hobby room" in his Maryville home were loaded with more than a hundred photos of prominent musicians from Count Basie to Oscar Peterson.

In 1998, my wife, Mary Ann, and I invaded the south from Michigan. Having played with my brothers and a Big Band for 20 years, I initially went into music withdrawal. Six months later we discovered the East Tennessee Jazz Society and the University of Tennessee Music Department which were saving events. I would pass along ETJS notices from Bob to a few folks in Tellico Village who enjoyed music and which became ETJS members.

When Bob Heintz passed on to his maker more than two years ago, many Villagers turned to me asking what was going to happen to the ETJS.

Having a deep interest in music, the Tellico Jazz & Music lovers (TJML) organization was formed to carry on Bob's initiative and the ETJS. The new group now holds events at the Tellico Village Yacht Club as an extension of the Sunday Brunch.

Local performers have included the UT jazz faculty, namely Keith Brown, Mark Boling and Rusty Holloway; Kelli Jolle and Will Boyd with Emily Mathis and Taylor Coker, Ben Dockery with Martin Whittaker, Bill Slack and Dave Peebles, Dr. Bill Swann, Emily Amadian and Will Yager, Katy Free with Wendell Werner, all local musicians and Mark Meyer, the ragtime king from Sevierville.

So the beat goes on for the ETJS now known as the TJML. We are looking forward to more concerts in 2013. Inquiries can be directed to me at smageo@charter.net.

Free PGA Professional Golf Demonstration and Clinic Feb. 16

Join the golf pro staff 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at Toqua Golf Course. This clinic's topic is "Bunker Play." Come and learn how the correct technique can take the fear out of these shots. Please come out, join us, and bring a friend!

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

TV Ladies 9 Hole League Welcome Coffee Feb. 19

The Tellico Village Ladies 9 Hole League is hosting a welcome coffee 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, in the Yacht Club, for new and returning members. Signups for the Opening Day Scramble on March 26, order league shirts, and signups for other activities at the coffee.

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Application forms for the 2013 season will be available at the coffee, your \$44 dues must be paid by check.

Art Guild Meets Feb. 21

The Art Guild of Tellico Village's monthly meeting will be on Thursday, February 21, 2013, at 9:30 AM on the upper floor of Tellico Village Yacht Club. Guild members and guests are encouraged to attend. Proceedings include a meet-and-greet and brief business meeting prior to the featured presentation by professional artist and art educator, Sandra Paynter Washburn (www.paynterwashburn.com).

Rummikub Club Meets Feb. 21

The Rummikub Club will meet 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, in Chota Rec Center. The club meets every third Thursday. The Rummikub Club has men and women and is a game played with tiles equivalent to two decks of cards, and, as in gin rummy, players make sets and runs.

Winter Golf Classic Feb. 23

The Winter Golf Classic is scheduled for a 10 a.m. shotgun start Saturday, Feb. 23, at Tanasi. The cost is \$15 per person—excluding green fee and cart.

- Eligibility: Men and Women with a current USGA handicap
- Sign-Up in any pro shop (individually or make your own team)

Women's Club Meets Feb. 25

The Tellico Village Women's Club will meet 3 p.m. social/3:30 p.m. business Monday, Feb. 25, in Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (Highway 72). Guests are welcome. Come learn more about the club's activities. This month's meeting will include presentations from each community service chair (art, education, conservation, public issues, home life, and international). Also, learn more about the fall home tour plans and how to get involved.

Hike John Muir and Benton MacKaye Trails Feb. 27

The Tellico Village Hiking Club will depart 8 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, from Chota Center to hike:

- John Muir and Benton MacKaye Trails
- Distance: 8 miles (car shuttle)
- Elevation Gain: 700 feet
- Rating: Moderate with some difficult sections
- Driving time: 1+ hours
- Parking Fee: \$3
- Leader: Jim Marotta 865-657-9987 dianeandjim71@hotmail.com

Hiking boots and hiking sticks are recommended. Driving directions will be provided the morning of the hike. Bring water and a trail lunch. Carpooling is recommended, passengers are asked to contribute \$6 to the driver to help cover gas, etc. For more information, go to www.TVHikers.com.

This hike covers a section of the trail traveled by John Muir in 1857 as he made his way from Indiana to the Gulf of Mexico and then a section of trail named for Benton MacKaye. The first part of the hike follows a trail sandwiched between the Hiwassee River and some impressive rock formations, which are much more visible now than they are in the summer. Then we will climb the bluffs overlooking the Hiwassee River for some impressive views of the river. We will stop along the trail for lunch.

Warnings: We may have to do a stream crossing (6-8 inches deep) so water shoes and a towel are strongly recommended. Also the Benton MacKaye trail is not well maintained so we will have to climb over and under a number of trees.

HOA General Meeting Feb. 28—Date and Location Change

The HomeOwners Association has announced the next General Meeting will be 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, in the Tellico Village Community Church. You'll not want to miss this important opportunity to hear about the progress of the roll-out of the Tellico Village Marketing Plan and its many facets; website, videos featuring Villagers, ads, billboards, etc., all targeting potential new and soon to be retirees. It's an exciting program to attract visitors and potential buyers to Tellico Village. Public Works Director Jeff Gagley's update on the POA's 2013 Capital Project to develop a Master Site Plan for land use at the Wellness Center.

Lady Linksters Info and Registration Meeting March 5

An informational and registration meeting will be held 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, in the Yacht Club. To join the league, bring your POA number and a check for \$15 payable to Lady Linksters. The Lady Linksters golf league is open to all Village women golfers regardless of skill level. The group plays nine holes (or four if you would prefer) every Tuesday morning April 2 through Oct. 22, with shotgun starts and rotating among the three Village courses. A handicap is not necessary. The Linksters take their golf game seriously but emphasis is placed on having fun and making new friends. For more information on Lady Linksters, contact Lynn Broyles, 865-408-0326 or twobroyles@hotmail.com.

Submitted by Lynn Broyles

Solar Power Workshop March 8

The Long Range Planning Advisory Committee is sponsoring a “Solar Power for Your Home” Workshop 10 a.m. Friday, March 8, Chota Recreation Center, presented by ARiES Energy. Learn how to lower your energy bill, improve the environment, and increase the value and marketability of your home. Topics include the fundamentals of solar power, installation, warranties, maintenance, and economics. To register, call Chota Rec Center, 865-458-6779, or www.ARiESEnergy.com/TellicoVillage.

HOA Presents “Managing Lifestyle Changes – Aging by Design, Not by Default” March 14

This is a Tellico Village community event open to all Villagers. The HOA is sponsoring this event for the benefit of our entire Tellico Village community.

Mark your calendars for 1-3 p.m. Thursday, March 14, for the first-of-its-kind forum on aging in place in Tellico Village presented by the Tellico Village HOA. Nationally and locally recognized authority on aging in place, Edward Harper, Senior Services Coordinator at Blount Memorial Hospital, will present an engaging and informative talk on how we age in the third and fourth chapters of our lives and the importance of consciously aging by design. The afternoon also includes a panel discussion of individuals representing local resources that Villagers can tap and a panel of Villagers who have faced lifestyle challenges and changes while continuing to live in Tellico Village. Watch your mailbox, Channel 3 and e-mail for more details in the coming weeks.

The HOA is asking Village residents to take a survey to ensure the forum addresses issues of importance to you. Go to: <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e72210i5hd58zk48/a011xhd6b7ec6/greeting>

DOG Meets March 26

The annual members meeting of DOG (Dog Owners Group) will be held 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, in Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church on Highway 72. The event will be a potluck dinner; members are asked to bring a dish to share—everything else will be provided. RSVP to Gretchen Kitchen, walchen@charter.net.