

Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, Nov. 1, 2013

POA Meetings and Events:

- **CANCELED: POA Board Workshop, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, POA Office**
- **Architectural Control Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, POA Office**
- **Golf Advisory Committee, 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, POA Office**
- **Finance Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15, POA Office**

Golf Budget for 2014

By Len Willis, Golf Advisory Committee

“Rain, rain, go away; come again another day.” This is the song we have been singing all year. The first six months of this year it seemed that it rained every day. As a result, the number of golfing days were reduced which adversely affected the golf revenue this year when compared to the budgeted amount. However, because of the effort by Jim West, Director of Golf, and his staff, the golf expenses for the same time period were less than budgeted. The net result is that the net income from golf as of the end of September is better than planned. The weather has improved and it is hoped that the number of golf rounds played for the remainder of the year will be better than budget.

It is now time for the annual budget for all POA departments to be submitted to the Finance Advisory Committee for review prior to the presentation to the POA Board of Directors for approval. At the last Golf Advisory Committee (GAC) meeting held on Oct. 10, the 2014 golf budget was discussed and some of the major needs were identified for 2014 and would be recommended to the Finance Committee.

- Golf carts at each course are budgeted to last up to 6-7 years. The plan is to replace the batteries after 3 and a half years. In 2014, the golf carts at Toqua are scheduled for battery replacement. This is projected to cost \$50,000.
- The golf carts at Kahite are in their sixth years of operation and will need to be replaced in 2014. The net trade-in cost for the fleet of carts is \$200,000.
- There is a need to repair the drainage on hole #1 at Toqua. The 2014 budget will include this expense item. The TV Public Works department will assist in this repair. The estimated cost is \$17,000.
- There is a lot of work needed to repair the cart paths at Kahite. A request for \$50,000 is being made to begin these repairs.
- The Toqua golf course needs more fans for their greens than the other two because of the topography, concentrated foot-traffic patterns and the number of surrounding trees. \$25,000 is being requested for purchase of these fans.
- Bunker repair at Toqua is needed. The committee is suggesting to spread this work over a three-year period. \$60,000 is being requested to begin this repair. Some of this expense may also include removal of some bunkers.
- The 2014 golf budget also includes the Toqua pavilion / parking lot expansion. This item has been under discussion for several years and is needed for the Toqua course to provide ample space for tournaments, dining room, and meeting space. The request also includes additional parking at Toqua. The total request is \$350,000.

Other items discussed and will be included in the golf budget includes:

- The bridge replacement on No. 3 at Kahite,
- Equipment needs (Replacement Trim Mowers, Spray Rig),

- Work needed on the Toqua clubhouse, and
- Replacement of a work truck at Kahite.

The GAC is making a recommendation to increase the member's cart fee by \$1 and the guest cart fee by \$2. The driving range cost would also be increased. The driving range has not had an increase in rates since 2003. The proposed base for unlimited golf rates would be increase to 115 rounds for individual and 170 rounds for a family. This is an increase from 100 and 150. The daily green fee rates for both members and guests will remain the same.

Again, this budget recommendation is being made by Jim West, Director of Golf, and the GAC. It must be presented to the Finance Committee and approved by the POA Board of Directors.

Special Recognition

Tellico Village resident, Jim Brown, traveled to Winston-Salem Oct. 1-3 to compete in the 54-hole World Super-Senior Championship at Tanglewood Park in nearby Clemmons, NC. Robert Trent Jones, Sr., built the course that has hosted the 1974 PGA Championship, the 1986 USGA Public Links Championship, and the Vantage Championship of the Senior PGA Tour multiple times in the 1990s. The field was comprised of golfers all 70 years of age or older from more than a dozen states and Canada. Jim came from 2 behind the third day to beat the field by two shots. CONGRATULATIONS!

Charitable Events and Fundraisers

Women's Club Home Tour Nov. 3

Only one day left to purchase tickets for \$12. On Sunday, November 3, tickets will be \$15 at the door. Remember four impressive English Tudor style homes will be featured in the Home Tour at WindRiver. Each unique home is elegantly decorated in a fall, Thanksgiving or Christmas motif. Tickets (\$12) are still available from any club member or at these Tellico Village outlets during business hours: United Community Bank, More Than Mail and The Village Salon.

On your way out of the WindRiver community don't forget to stop at the Hospitality Suite at the Overlook Manor House, located at the entrance of the WindRiver community. The hours are 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and will include entertainment, homemade refreshments and a boutique. The club's boutique will feature a "Tour of Culinary Delights", an opportunity to attain a ticket(s) to win a package of dining certificates from 12 local restaurants. Certificates are valued at \$700. Additionally, the club's 2013 cookbook of soups, salads and breads, titled, "Love With Three Sides" will be available for purchase for \$10.

Tellico Village United Way Campaign Ongoing

The annual United Way campaign in Tellico Village has now reached 77 percent of the goal of \$85,000.00, with \$65,651.52 being contributed from 437 contributors. The campaign is a significant portion of the Loudon County United Way, which supports 34 charitable agencies. United Way is probably the most efficient way in which you can contribute to needy local charities, with 99 percent of contributions staying within Loudon County, with only 1 percent going to national.

Part of your contribution supports needs within the village, such as equipment for our Fire Department, locator bracelets for Neighborhood Alzheimer's patients in the Project Lifesaver program, and the Computer Club's TAP program which provides recycled computers for school children.

The percentage of Village households contributing to the campaign has been steadily dropping, from 55 percent in the early years to 20 percent recently. Contributions have slowed this year. We need your help. Please send your contribution to the Village UW treasurer at the address below:

Bob Mugge
118 Oostanali Way
Loudon, TN 37774

Online Survey Results Continue to Roll In

Approximately 500 Villagers have already ventured online to participate in the POA survey. The survey information and login were sent with the quarterly newsletter a little more than a week ago. It was that bright green sheet of paper included with the light brown colored newsletter.

Some Villagers have emailed or called with questions or clarifications on the survey. If you haven't completed your survey yet, maybe these answers will help you.

Q: I got a message at the end of the survey that it didn't record my data. How can I be sure my input is counted and recorded?

A: Sometimes at the end of the survey, the website gives you the screen that may indicate your data was not recorded. However, it may be a bit of a false reading due to the way the survey skips some questions based on your response. If you want to know for sure, give us a call.

Q: Can I use my username and password to take the survey a second time?

A: The usernames and passwords are one time use and are unique. If you think your input was not recorded, contact us.

Any problems or questions at all, don't hesitate to call Patty Robichaud, 865-458-5408 ext. 4115; or John Cherry, 865-458-5408 ext. 4105.

To go directly to the survey (some Villagers are having trouble entering the website into their URL bar), click on www.TellicoSurvey.com.

Waste Connections Rate Change

Effective Nov. 1, 2013, the rate for residential trash and recycle pick-up will increase by 1.75% - or go from \$14.31 to \$14.56 per month, or \$43.68 per quarter. This contract between Waste Connections and TVPOA will expire Oct. 1, 2014.

2014 Budget Meeting Schedule for 2013-2014

- Nov. 7, Board review of final draft 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Yacht Club top floor
- Nov. 13, Board second review of final draft, if needed, 10 a.m. to noon, Yacht Club downstairs
- Nov. 20, Board approval of 2014 Budget, regular monthly Board meeting
- Dec. 2, mail assessment coupon books to property owners
- Jan. 15, 2014, true up beginning cash balances for actual yearend; adjust cash flow statements and review at regular monthly Board meeting
- Jan. 30, 2014, distribute printed copies of 2014 Budget and Five-Year Plan

HOA Gala Information

The HOA Social VP wanted to be sure that folks who have signed up for the HOA Gala on Sunday, Dec. 1, or Monday, Dec. 2, realize that Thanksgiving this year is on Thursday, Nov 28, which is only a few days before the Gala. If you did not realize this, and will be out of town and not back in time, we need to know ASAP so we can cancel your reservation. The lower level is sold out at this point and if you have to cancel it will free up space. Also on the flyer when it says first and third floors, that actually translates to the Great Room (first floor) where the HOA

Socials are held and the Dining Room (third floor) where dinners are served. This scheduling snafu will not happen in 2014 - we have already booked Sunday and Monday, Dec. 7 and 8, for next year's Gala, as Thanksgiving will be Thursday Nov. 27, 2014. If you have to cancel please contact Sam McQueeney either at samnskip@charter.net or call 865-657-9020 and we will rip up your check – thanks!

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

Pickleball Schedule

- Monday, Nov. 4, 6-8 p.m., New Player Class
- Thursday, Nov. 7, 5-7 p.m., Drills
- Thursday, Nov. 14, 5-7 p.m., Evaluations
- Saturday, Nov. 16, 5-7 p.m., Evaluations
- Thursday, Nov. 21, 5-7 p.m., Drills

Mah Jongg - Open Play

- Nov. 7 and 21, first and third Thursday of each month, 1-4 p.m., Chota Rec Center, Room D
- Nov. 12 and 26, second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 1-4 p.m., Chota Rec Center, Room B
- Nov. 25, fourth Monday of each month, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Chota Rec Center, Room D

Please wear your name tag!

If you have any questions, please call Carolyn Neely, 865-458-1323, carolynneely@charter.net.

Computer Users Club Meets Nov. 5

The Tellico Village Computer Users Club will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, top floor of the Yacht Club. Important proposed Club Bylaws will be discussed. See you there. Visit www.TVCUC.org for more information.

WATeR's Annual Meeting Nov. 7

Friends of WATeR (Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir) and the public are invited to WATeR's Annual Meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, in the Community Church at Tellico Village's Christian Life Center. Dr. Mark Squillace will discuss the potential hazards we face to keep our lake water clean.

The evening's activities begin at 6:30 p.m. with an opportunity to meet Dr. Squillace and view table top exhibits provided by a variety of organizations. Dr. Squillace presentation begins at 7 p.m. Attendees will be provided an opportunity to ask questions. The presentation will be followed by a brief business meeting and refreshments.

WATeR (the Water Association of the Tellico Reservoir) is an all-volunteer, nonprofit corporation dedicated to protecting and improving the environment in the Tellico Watershed. For more information visit the Association's website: www.tellicowater.org.

Garden Club Meets Nov. 7

The Tellico Village Garden Club will meet on Thursday, November 7, at the Yacht Club. Come at 12:30 p.m. for a social time. "Ask the Gardener," begins at 12:45, when our knowledgeable gardeners will be available to address questions. The program this month: "Planting Techniques and Controlling New Invasive Insects," presented by Neal Denton, UT Extension Director. Visitors are welcome. For more information, contact Linda Schuessler, 865-657-9228, or see www.tellicoclubs.com/garden.

Hike Twentymile Loop Trail Nov. 8

The Tellico Village Hiking Club will leave 8 a.m. Friday, Nov. 8, from Chota Center to hike:

- **Twentymile Loop Trail**
- Distance: 7.5 miles
- Rating: Moderate
- Driving Time: 1-1/2 hrs.
- Elevation gain: 1,300 feet
- Leader: Curt Sheldon, 865-458-8510 or curtssheldon@gmail.com

This is a loop hike connecting three GSMNP trails. The first three miles ascend the Twentymile Trail to the junction with Twentymile Loop Trail. Twentymile Creek parallels the route most of the way, and there are many opportunities for water photography including Twentymile Cascade. Most of the elevation gain is in the first three miles, and there are some steep sections. The hike then follows the Twentymile Loop Trail to the descent on Wolf Ridge Trail.

Note: This hike requires driving the Tail of the Dragon, US Hwy. 129, and some hikers have developed motion sickness on this road.

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.

Hike Abrams Falls Nov. 11

The Muddy Boots Hiking Club will leave 8 a.m. Monday, Nov. 11 (rain date Nov. 18), from Chota Center to hike:

- Abrams Falls Hike in the Smoky Mountains
- Rating: MODERATE
- Distance: 5 miles
- Elevation Gain: 340 ft.
- Leader: Phil and Donna Olson, e-mail: olsnphil48@gmail.com

Abrams Falls trail travels through pine and oak forests and along ridges with spruce and hemlocks that border Abrams Creek. While Abrams Falls is only 20 feet high, that is more than made up for by the large volume of water cascading over the falls. The falls are part of Abrams Creek which is the longest stream entirely within the boundaries of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Hiking boots and hiking stick(s) are recommended. Bring ample water and a trail lunch to eat at the Falls. Carpooling is recommended and will be set up the morning of the hike. Driving time is approximately 90 minutes from Chota Center. Passengers are asked to contribute \$5 to the driver to help cover gas.

Tellico Top Notes Rehearsal Schedule

The Tellico Top Notes hold practice/rehearsal 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays (Nov. 12 and 26) each month in the Yacht Club. Nick Azelborn, 865-408-0256.

Tellico Cruising Club Meets Nov. 13

The Tellico Cruising Club meets the second Wednesday of each month in the lower level of the

Yacht Club. We start with a social hour at 5 p.m. The club meeting will start at 6 p.m. Only two meetings left to retain your membership. All boaters are welcome. For more information, call Commander Errol Keith, 865-458-4277.

Ladies Book Club Meets Nov. 14

The Tellico Village Ladies Book Club will have lunch 11:30 a.m. followed by a book discussion at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, in the Tanasi Clubhouse. This month's book is the fiction *The Magician's Assistant*, by Ann Patchett. The discussion leader is Connie Eichenauer.

Hike Rich Mountain Loop Nov. 20

The Tellico Village Hiking Club will leave 8 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, from Chota Center to hike:

- **RICH MOUNTAIN LOOP**
- Distance: 8.5 Miles
- Rating: Moderate
- Elevation Gain: 1.750 feet
- Driving time: 1.5 hours

Recent Events and Bragging Rights

The Social Side of Pickleball

Pickleball players do more than just play and compete. Much more! Tellico Village's pickleball club has almost 350 members and its frequent social events provide opportunities for players from different levels to get to know one another.

Under the leadership of the social chairperson, Judy Jutze, the pickleball club recently catered an Oktoberfest, featuring brats and all the fixings. Her husband, Gary Jutze, manned the grill and participants provided the wonderful side dishes and desserts.

Find Us on Facebook

Tellico Village can now be found on Facebook. Follow this link or search and "like" our page: www.facebook.com/pages/Tellico-Village/107440545979485. Tellico Village is just 10 likes away from being the leader in planned community Facebook pages.

Are you interested in Rec? Send a Friend Request to TVPOA Recreation to keep up to date on Rec happenings.

Other Tellico Village groups on Facebook:

New Villagers: <https://www.facebook.com/NewVillagerstv>

Tanasi Café: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tanasi-Cafe/390112447742369>

Tellico Community Players: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tellico-Community-Players/230251060331062>

Tellico Village LGA 18: <https://www.facebook.com/tvlga18.org>

The Public Library at Tellico Village: <https://www.facebook.com/ThePublicLibraryAtTellicoVillage>

Toqua Grill: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Toqua-Grille/461007803959586>