

## Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, Dec. 10, 2013

### **POA Meetings and Events:**

- **Communications & Marketing Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, POA Office**
- **Golf Advisory Committee, 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, POA Office**
- **Finance Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, POA Office**
- **Dock Captains, 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, POA Office**

## **Winter Golf in Tellico Village**

**By Mick Gardner, Golf Advisory Committee member**

Some golfers have decided that they will not play below a certain pre-determined temperature. It may be 40, 45, or 50 degrees. Here's hoping we all get to play a lot!

Just some things to think about before we tee it up (no matter what temperature we choose):

Please be sure to dress appropriately. Have your multi layers on. Some of the new high-tech clothing is not only warm, but lightweight and available in our pro shops.

Be sure to have something with you to keep your hands warm. There are gloves available that can be used while playing and others to keep you warm between shots.

Something to keep in mind when playing during the months when our Bermuda fairways are dormant: The divots you make will not grow back until the spring! It's even more important to fill these in with the sand provided on your cart. After all, there's nothing more upsetting than having to play out of someone else's divot!

Yes, the bent grass greens have not gone dormant; but remember the grass is not growing as fast during cold weather as during either spring or summer, so it's even more important to repair that ball mark.

Playing those shots that may be a chip in the spring or summer can now become a "Texas Wedge" on dormant Bermuda. Given the fact that we don't record, for handicap purposes, our scores in January and February, now is the time to attempt some of those shots we're been thinking about. Work on the half wedge, the low trajectory, the new stance. We can make the best use of the "off season." And don't forget to attend the free clinics that our great pro staff members are giving during the winter season.

On another note, the 2014 POA budget includes funding for a pavilion and additional paved parking at Toqua as well as money for much-needed improvements to some of the bunkers.

Have fun, stay warm and hit 'em straight!

## **Only 10 Days Left to Tell 'em You're Happy**

*By Joe Bogardus, Resident Volunteer for the Marketing/Communications Program*

Tellico Village is a finalist for the 2014 Bliss Award given by Real Estate Scorecard.com (RES), and community residents can influence the outcome. RES has issued a challenge to the contenders and asked residents to vote for their communities online at RealEstateScorecard.com. Resident votes, in conjunction with the community analysis done by RES representatives, will determine the final award winners.

Real Estate Scorecard is an industry leader in online real estate reviews, providing in depth information about the most popular master planned communities in Florida, Georgia, North Caro-

lina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Bliss Award winners benefit from an extensive national public relations campaign reaching print, electronic and online media outlets.

The 2013 award provided a valuable addition to the newly launched Tellico Village marketing/communications program and resulted in numerous leads and visits from prospective residents. Villagers can play a major role in helping the 2014 campaign with their Bliss Award vote.

Below is information on how and where you can vote for Tellico Village as the best place to live. As part of the process, you will be asked to enter your email address to verify property ownership status. You need not to worry about privacy issues. According to Margie Casey at RealEstateScorecard.com, "These email addresses are not being added to our marketing database and will not be shared with any third party."

She adds, "There are the only two reasons RES might possibly need to contact a Bliss Award voter:

1. If we can't verify the property owner's name with public records to validate their vote. We may write the individual asking if there is another name on file in public records.
2. If we receive duplicate votes from one legal address. We will only count one 2014 Bliss Award vote per legal address. We may inform a property owner if we see duplicate address submissions."

### **Voting Rules**

- Submissions will only be accepted from property owners of record. RealEstateScorecard.com has a crosscheck system in place to preserve the integrity of the votes.
- Property owners are to submit their vote online at RealEstateScorecard.com on any page of the website. **To quickly vote, click <http://realestatescorecard.com/node/add/property-owner-review> and go to the website.**
- Only one 2014 Bliss Award vote per property address will count.
- Property owners can choose to vote anonymously.
- Submission deadline is Friday, Dec. 20, 2013. Voting will be closed Saturday, Dec. 21.

Bliss Award winners will receive national recognition and the tangible award.

So let's get out there and vote! It's a great way to make a positive contribution to the marketing/communications program for Tellico Village. Just "Tell 'em it's better at Tellico Village."

### **The Blue Heron at the Yacht Club Offerings and Upcoming Special Events**

- **Prime Rib Friday**, \$16 for 8 oz. or \$22 for 12 oz.
- **Baby Back Rib Saturday**, \$11 for half a rack or \$16 for a full rack.
- The Blue Heron presents the Tellico Community Players' version of *The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge*, a comedy by Mark Brown, \$35 per person inclusive, 11:30 a.m. lunch with show and 6 p.m. dinner with show Dec. 10-11.
- The Blue Heron will be closed Dec. 10 and 11 for *The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge*.
- Book your New Year's Eve reservation by Nov. 30 and receive \$5 off.
- The Blue Heron is open 5-9 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

Tellico Village can now be found on Facebook. Follow this link or search and "like" our page to see the Yacht Club calendar and more: [www.facebook.com/pages/Tellico-Village/107440545979485](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tellico-Village/107440545979485)

**On a Special Note...**

Did you know you can find the Yacht Club calendar and menus online? Go to [www.TellicoVillagePOA.org](http://www.TellicoVillagePOA.org), log in or click on the POA logo, select CLUBHOUSES, click on YACHT CLUB.

**For reservations and information, call 865-458-4363.**

### **How are we doing?**

We appreciate your business and are committed to providing you and your family and friends with quality services. Please take a moment to complete a short survey online: [YachtClubSurvey.com](http://YachtClubSurvey.com).

### **Reciprocal Courtesy Cards for Yachting Clubs of America Available**

Property owners can purchase Reciprocal Courtesy Cards for the Yachting Clubs of America in the POA office for \$20. The card will allow you to frequent the more than 700 yachting clubs which, like TVYCC, are members of the association. There are YCA affiliated yacht clubs throughout the USA and its territories. For more information about YCOA, go to [www.ycaol.com](http://www.ycaol.com); the website that tells about the Association and all the yacht clubs that are members. Stop by the POA office to learn where member clubs are. For other questions about the program, call Mitzi Lane, 865-458-5408, extension 4116.

### **Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...**

#### **Mah Jongg - Open Play**

- Dec. 5 and Dec. 19, first and third Thursday of each month, 1-4 p.m., Chota Rec Center, Room D
- Dec. 10 and Dec. 24, second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 1-4 p.m., Chota Rec Center, Room B
- Dec. 23, 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](mailto:carolynneely@charter.net).

#### **Tellico Top Notes Rehearsal Schedule**

The Tellico Top Notes hold practice/rehearsal 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays (Dec. 10 and Dec. 24) each month in the Yacht Club. Nick Azelborn, 865-408-0256. We are always looking for more musicians!

#### **Tellico Community Players Present Dinner Theatre Dec. 10-11**

The Tellico Village Yacht Club proudly presents the Tellico Community Players' production of "The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge." The sponsor of the show is Lakeside Plaza, Inc. It is a comedy written by Mark Brooks and takes the well known Christmas story "The Christmas Carol" one year into the future where Ebenezer Scrooge sues Jacob Marley and the three Spirits of Christmas (Past, Present, and Future) for deceiving him, thereby tricking him into becoming a nicer person. The play takes place in a courtroom and will bring back fond memories of many of the well known characters. They include Jacob Marley, Bob Cratchit, Sara Wainwright, Harriet Dilber, Fred and all of the Christmas Spirits. We believe that everyone will have a wonderful time and will be, as spoken by Tiny Tim, blessed.

The dates of the performances are Tuesday, and Wednesday, Dec. 10-11. There will be a mati-

nee and evening show each day. It will be a holiday dinner theatre production and the meals served will be the same for both of the performances. The doors will open at 11:30 a.m. for the matinee and 6 p.m. in the evening. Meals will be served at noon and 6:30 p.m. respectively. The play will begin at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.. The cast and greeters will be in early Dickens' costumes and decorations will be in holiday motif.

So don't forget to get your tickets early. Otherwise, you may have a "bah humbug" type of holiday season. Tickets are available at the Tellico Village Yacht Club.

### **Tellico Cruising Club meets Dec. 11**

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. This month the club meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. Our annual Christmas party starts at 6 p.m. for registered guests only. Only one meeting left to retain your membership. For more information, call Commander Errol Keith at 865-458-4277.

### **Ladies Book Club Meets Dec. 12**

The Tellico Village Ladies Book Club will meet 11:30 a.m. for lunch followed by a 12:15 book discussion at Tanasi Café. December's book is "The Christmas Cookie Club," by Ann Pearlman. The discussion will be led by Alice Krause. For more information on the club, contact Bette Purvis, 865-405-1937.

### **"Talk Is Cheap" Dec. 14**

As part of the Doug Christman Series, The Friends of the Tellico Village Library Board of Directors is presenting "*Talk is Cheap*" *Holiday Laughs* with Bill Landry, Sam Venable, Elizabeth Rose, and Jim Claborn.

The "Talk is Cheap" Tour features some of East Tennessee's most beloved and renowned storytellers and guarantees to be a night full of laughter and fun. Each storyteller will take the stage and share a personal tale or two. At the end of the show audience members will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about these Appalachian treasures.

This entertaining event will be held on 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the First Baptist Church-Tellico Village, 205 Chota Rd, Loudon, TN. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Public Library at Tellico Village or from a FOTVL Board member.

We are offering two ticket options.

- Option One: Performance Only-Friends Members \$20/Non-Members \$25 or
- Option Two: Performance & Meet and Greet the Cast at the Yacht Club Blue Heron Restaurant at 5:30- 6:30pm- Friends Members \$25/Non-Members \$30; Cash Bar.

All ticket holders will receive a \$5 dining discount at the Blue Heron for dinner on the evening of Dec. 14. Advance dinner reservations suggested; please call 865-458-4363.

### **Hike Jackson Bend Branch Dec. 16**

The Muddy Boots Hiking Club will depart 8:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16, from Chota Center (across the street from the gas station) to hike:

- Jackson Bend Branch of the East Lakeshore Trail
- Rating: moderate
- Distance: 5 miles
- Elevation Gain: 100 feet

- Leader: Tom Schemberger, e-mail: [tschemberger@charter.net](mailto:tschemberger@charter.net) or 865-408-0955

The trail showcases a variety of landscapes and scenic views of Tellico Lake and Rarity Bay. Hiking boots and hiking stick(s) are recommended. Bring ample water.

Car-pooling is recommended and will be set up the morning of the hike. Passengers are asked to contribute \$2 to the driver to help cover gas.

## **Recent Events and Bragging Rights**

### **STAYinTV Home Maintenance Program in Full Action**

The Home Maintenance Program from STAYinTN has been helping Tellico Village residents get some simple home repair work completed in a very economical way. Home Maintenance volunteers—about 30 now—perform a variety of minor maintenance jobs that can be accomplished in one or two hours, such as a fixing a leaky faucet, stopping a smoke detector beeping, fixing an electrical problem, or replacing a door lock, as examples. While bigger jobs are out of their scope, they developed a list of service providers they can discuss with the home owner to do the work. They do not accept payment for their labor; however, they do accept and appreciate a donation to continue supporting the work of STAYinTV. The homeowner pays the cost of purchased materials; and if the handyman has to drive outside the Village to obtain the parts, there is a \$5.00 driving fee to the volunteer.

Home Maintenance Program brochures are located at the Welcome Desk at Tanasi, the POA Offices, the Tellico Village Library, the Yacht Club and Kahite's "Wall of Fame." To learn more, call the Home Maintenance number at (865) 458-7084, or in Kahite, 1-866-983-5542 extension 4197 and listen to their message for how to request help.

### **Ford Club Christmas Party**

Mitzi Caldwell, center, shows a plaque she received at the Ford Club Christmas party in appreciation for her service as president of the Club for the past two years. The plaque was presented by Larry Campbell (center), the newly elected president of the Club. To his left are Gary Stickel, Club vice president, and Judy Jones, Club secretary. On Mitzi's right are Peg Opiteck, Sunshine chair, and Rich Opiteck, Club treasurer. The Club collected 26 children's books that were donated to Steekee School. In addition, some 105 canned goods and boxed items were donated to the Good Samaritan Center. Door prizes were donated by Lenoir City Ford.

### **Driving in the Rain**

Just a reminder, the State of Tennessee requires drivers to have their car headlights on during rain, fog, and other times when visibility can be a factor. Let's keep our roads safe!