

## Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, Jan. 31 2014

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

- ***CANCELED: POA Board Workshop Feb. 4***
- **Architectural Control Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb 6, POA Office**
- **Recreation Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, Wellness Center**
- **Communications & Marketing Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 7, POA Office**

## **Winter Golf Course Initiatives**

### **By Chris Sykes, Toqua Golf Course Superintendent**

People often ask me what we do in the winter when the grass isn't growing. Well, we will never run out of things to do in Tellico Village. We make good use of the limited time we have outside of the growing season to improve the golf course. The fact that a course like Toqua is built through a forest only adds to our never ending list of things to do.

### **Tree Work**

The winter is our only real opportunity to conduct tree work. We continue to selectively remove those trees that are inhibiting the ability to grow quality turf. We have made tremendous strides the past few years garnering additional sunlight for greens, which has greatly enhanced their ability to fend off stress. We actually utilize technology through an app that is available for smart phones call 'Sunseeker' to help us chart lighting in an effort to determine exactly which trees are problematic. We almost exclusively focus on gaining morning light, which is a real problem due to topography at Toqua. We are very selective in this process to only disturb what is absolutely necessary. While this critical evaluation will be ongoing at Toqua we are pretty well positioned at this point for future success at most of our green-sites. We are finally to a point with our greens lighting that we are able to move onto other areas of the golf course. We have a number of tee complexes where limited light leads to poor turfgrass quality as well. We have started to address the worst areas that include the White Tee Box on #9 as well as #16 tees. It is impossible to have quality warm-season turf at tee height without ample lighting, especially with the volume of play we receive on some tee boxes.

We will continue to identify areas of opportunity to improve the turf, but about half of the resources that we are able to apply to tree work actually go towards dead or decaying trees. We spend considerable time and money addressing dead trees along property lines that are deemed a safety risk. In addition to selective removal for lighting or safety we also conduct corrective pruning as resources permit. We hope to spend more time in future years on pruning/corrective actions, but removal takes priority when necessary. We will never have a shortage of trees at Toqua or be finished with tree work.

### **Weed Control**

The most important application that we make each year to keep the courses clean of weeds is performed during the winter months. We actually spray light rates of Roundup (Glyphosate) on our dormant bermudagrass to clean the course of winter weeds. We piggy-back this application with our spring pre-emerge, which doesn't start to break down in the soil until temperatures heat up. We haven't had very good weather to this point to start with this critical application but hope to finish by the end of February. We need calm days where temps are above freezing, which have been few and far between so far this winter season.

## **Indoor**

We have plenty to do indoors during inclement weather, which has been pretty much the norm thus far this winter. Our team has diverse skills, and we try to put those skills to good use with our indoor initiatives. We aim to fabricate all our own course accessories in an effort to take full advantage of these skills as well as accentuate the beautiful natural setting we have in Tellico Village. We have not only saved thousands of dollars by making our own accessories, but have been able to add to the golf experience in the process. To date we have made our own tee markers, 150-yard posts, water fountain enclosures and range bag stands. We refinish these each winter and replace worn items as needed. These features not only look better than what you can purchase commercially but save us dollars as well.

Our newest creation will be fabricating natural benches made from our own timber. These will look similar to what you would find at Augusta National or The Honors Course, only better. Park Prater is a very talented carpenter and loves taking on these type of projects. We are all very excited to see how these turn out and will place them where they can be best utilized on the golf course.

We also have a number of other service oriented tasks to complete each winter to our equipment fleet. In addition to our tractors and mowers, we have more than 30 fans we service each winter. Tom Hutchinson who serves as the Irrigation Technician at Toqua takes care of the fans in addition to the irrigation system. He is not only a competent plumber/electrician but has years of experience as a painter. We rely on his expertise for painting fans, refinishing fixtures, etc.

The winter season is also when our Golf Course Management Team tries to step aside from the day-to-day grind to focus on how to further improve our programs and therefore the golf course. We attended the Tennessee Turfgrass Conference and Show in Nashville this January and will be attending the Golf Industry Show in Orlando in February. These both include numerous educational opportunities and are an even greater opportunity for networking. This is the time of year we tweak our agronomic and management programs for the upcoming year based on past experience as well as new information/technology.

## **Conclusion**

As you can see, while the grass may not be growing we are still extremely busy over the winter months. One certainty that you can count on managing a golf course is you will never run out of things to do. A golf course is a living and ever changing organism that requires constant tender loving care. While you might not be out playing much this time of year, rest assured we are hard at work to make sure that your experience is the best it can be when you are able to play. We very much look forward to the excitement of the growing season, but we must take full advantage of the time we are afforded over the winter to continue to make the courses better. Thanks for all your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you out on the course.

## **Water Loss Detection**

**By Jeff Gagley, Director of Public Works**

If you live in the Chota or Tanasi neighborhoods you may have noticed a few trucks roaming around with crews probing the ground and working around water meters in the neighborhood. What are they doing?

The company is called MatchPoint; they are based out of Wilmington, NC. They are here to provide the Tellico Village Public Works Department (TVPWD) services in leak detection on the

water distribution system. Over the past year, TVPWD has been assessing the water system by zoning it down into five sections and conducting tests on the zones to determine which zones have the largest amount of unaccounted for water. Once we made the determination, along with our engineering firm Jacobs Engineering, we then brought in MatchPoint to localize and pinpoint leaks with equipment such as Acoustic Noise Logging and Digital Correlators. This type of equipment helps finding and pinpointing leaks that are not coming to the surface of the ground. Once these are pinpointed, the TVPWD will have the surrounding utilities located and will then dig out the leak and make the repairs.

It is very important to minimize the amount of unaccounted for water loss in our system. Water that is unaccounted for through a leak is money we are just pouring on the ground. The POA pays for the water coming into the Village, and we want to be able to sell and/or account for everything we buy.

I hope this helps in trying to describe the process we are going through and what those unfamiliar trucks were doing in your neighborhood.

### **Snow Event Fast Facts**

Public Works provides facts and figures for the Jan. 28 snow event:

- Snow started 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, and ended 11 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28
- Roads were 95 percent cleared by 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29
- Snowfall measured 4 to 5 inches
- Temperatures were -2 to 26 degrees Fahrenheit
- 444 hours of manpower (regular overtime and contract) were used to clear Village roads
- 65 tons of salt was spread

### **Loudon County Clerk's TV Satellite Office Open Thursdays**

The Loudon County Clerk's office is assisting customers with the following services: Vehicle registrations, vehicle renewals, duplicate titles, handicap applications. The office space is located at: 100 Chota Center, courtesy of Lakeside Real Estate Group. Hours are: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursdays to serve Loudon County residents.

### **Free PGA Professional Golf Demonstration and Clinic Feb. 1**

Join the golf pro staff 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at Toqua. The topic will be drivers and fairway woods. Come by and learn how the correct technique can take the fear out of these shots! Please come out, join us, and bring a friend!

## **Volunteers, Charitable Events, Fundraisers**

### **Volunteers Needed – Summer Reading Program**

The Public Library at Tellico Village needs YOU! We are looking for volunteers for two Saturdays of your choosing for the Summer Reading Program, which runs every Saturday, June 14-July 19, 10 a.m.-noon. This year's program is all about science and is titled, "Fizz, Boom, Read." Our Summer Reading Program participants range in age from 5-11 years. We need both teachers and helpers to make this another successful Summer Reading Program. Each child is exposed to reading and crafts and always has something to take home at the end of the session. We guarantee great fun for the volunteers! Reply to Billie Whitney at [bwhitney6002@charter.net](mailto:bwhitney6002@charter.net).

## **Volunteers Needed – TV Lions Habitat House Project**

The TV Lions along with the Loudon and Lenoir City Lions Clubs have launched a project to build a Habitat house in Hope Haven. It is being built for a single mom with an autistic son and asthmatic daughter. The clubs have raised the necessary funds but do not have sufficient membership in their respective organizations to staff the construction of the project.

The following are the generic tasks that volunteers are needed to perform:

- Anything
- Carpentry
- Painting/Wallpaper
- Electrical
- Windows and Doors
- Siding
- Roof Sheathing
- Scaffolding
- Install Cabinets
- Caulking
- Landscaping
- Cleaning
- Preparing Snacks and Special Lunches

Workdays are Monday-Saturday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. If you indicate a willingness to volunteer, you will be asked to complete a simple form that list your skills and the days of the week when you can work. Your name will then be placed on a roster, and as the building tasks unfold and you indicate a capability to provide the needed skill on the day of the week when needed, you will be contacted to ascertain your availability. If there is a fit, you will be put to work.

This is a great project, and your contribution to it will be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Dick Kolasheski at 865-458-3482 or preferably [Richard.kolasheski@aol.com](mailto:Richard.kolasheski@aol.com); or Sammie Shanks, Habitat Volunteer Coordinator at [sammie@loudoncountyhabitat.org](mailto:sammie@loudoncountyhabitat.org).

### **Lions Annual Chili/Soup Dinner Feb. 25**

Mark your calendars for Feb. 25. That is the date of this year's Lions Chili/Soup dinner. It will take place at the CLC of the TVCC 4-7 p.m. In addition to the chili and soup, the menu also features antipasto, garlic bread, ice cream and beverages. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. They are available from any Lion, Sloan's Hardware, United Community Bank, and the Village Salon. Come join your friends and neighbors for a great meal while supporting the wonderful work the Lions do in our community.

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

### **The Blue Heron Opens Feb. 2**

Reminder: The Blue Heron Restaurant in the Yacht Club will re-open for dining Tuesday, Feb. 4. Enjoy your dining experience.

### **Tellico Politico Corrected Phone Number**

Tellico Politico is a new club looking for members. We will meet once a month to introduce Villagers to local elected officials. If you are interested in when and where we meet, contact

Julia Hurley, 865-237-7328.

### **Computer Users Club Meets Feb. 4**

The Tellico Village Computer Users Club will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, on the Yacht Club's top floor. This is the TVCUC annual meeting. We need your presence to vote on proposed bylaw changes. This is very important. Refer to the current newsletter and the TVCUC website, [www.TVCUC.org](http://www.TVCUC.org), for full details

The program, presented by Dr. Marcio Fagundes, medical director for the Provision Center for Proton Therapy, will include what the Center provides, the process, how computers are utilized, and how Knoxville was chosen. We think you will find this interesting. See you there!

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

- Feb. 6 and 20, first and third Thursday of each month, 1-4 p.m., Chota Rec Center, Room D
- Feb. 11 and 25, second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 1-4 p.m., Chota Rec Center, Room B
- Feb. 24, 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 (Feb. 11 and Feb. 25) each month in the Yacht Club. Nick Azelborn, 865-408-0256. We are always looking for more musicians!

### **Thyme for Herbs Meets Feb. 6**

Thyme for Herbs will meet 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, in the Chota Rec Center, for a Valentine Tea. Mary Garner will give a presentation on elderberry, the 2013 Herb of the Year. Please bring a goodie to share. For more information, call Mary Garner, 865-408-0337.

### **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](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tellico-Village/107440545979485). Tellico Village is now 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>

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