

## **Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, March 6, 2015**

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

- Golf Advisory Committee, 3 p.m. Thursday, March 12, POA Conference Room
- Finance Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Friday, March 13, POA Conference Room
- Dock Captains, 3 p.m. Monday, March 16, POA Conference Room
- POA Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, Yacht Club

## **Best in the State: Jim West recognized by peers**

### **By John Cherry, Public Relations Manager**

For more than 12 years, Jim West has toured the fairways and greens of Tellico Village's golf courses. He has worked every job imaginable to better understand what his team members and property owners sense and experience as they work at and enjoy the game of golf.

On Monday, March 2, the Tennessee Section of the Professional Golfers' Association recognized Jim West as their Professional of the Year for 2014. This comes on the heels of being recognized by the Knoxville Section of the Tennessee PGA as their Professional of the Year. The Tennessee PGA award is the highest honor bestowed upon a PGA Professional and for Jim is a culmination of more than 23 years serving as an outstanding golf professional for Tellico Village and other prestigious golf facilities. Jim is now eligible to compete for the National level PGA Professional of the Year.

"Congratulations, this is a great thing," said Winston Blazer, General Manager. "I often wondered when you [Jim] would be recognized for your hard work in the golf profession."

Many Villagers have had the pleasure of working with Jim as members of the Golf Advisory Committee (GAC) or organizing tournaments for one of the many entities in our area. A lot of those Villagers and others have provided congratulations to Jim on his award. These are just a small sample of the congratulations Jim has received.

"Congratulations Jim on this prestigious award. I know Nikki, and your entire staff are so happy for you." – Dick Parkhill, former GAC chairman.

"Well done sir, and well deserved!!!!!! That's my Golf Professional" – Brian Whitehead, Tellico Village member.

"Congrats! Proud to say I was once on your staff." – Greg Nearth, former assistant professional.

"We are so very proud of your recognition, it is an outstanding achievement! Your leadership and passion is exemplary. Thank you for continuing to make TV a special place." – Brenda McJunkin, Tellico Village member and former GAC chair.

So what does it take to achieve such a lofty level of recognition? According to the PGA:

#### **GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

The highest honor paid to a PGA Golf Professional

- Overall Performance as a golf professional at his/her facility
- Level of service to his/her Chapter, Section and Association
- Leadership Ability
- Image and the ability to inspire fellow professionals
- Promotion of golf

Established in 1967, the PGA Golf Professional of the Year Award is the highest honor paid to a PGA golf professional who has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities, demonstrated a strong moral character, has maintained a substantial record of service to the Association and game of golf, and is well regarded as a model PGA Professional.

This award truly reflects well on Jim West but also on Tellico Village as a community.

To read and see more about Jim and this award: Tennessee PGA website article on Jim, click here [http://www.tennpga.com/popup/article\\_5120/](http://www.tennpga.com/popup/article_5120/); Video tribute to Jim West, click here [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCEcCdX9cks&feature=em-share\\_video\\_user](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCEcCdX9cks&feature=em-share_video_user).

## Thank you, Tellico Villagers!

By Joe Bogardus

A big thank you Tellico Villagers. We could not have done it without you!

Late in January the community learned it had won its third Bliss Award from RealEstateScorecard.com (RES) in three years. Of the 300 plus communities reviewed annually by RES, only two other communities have ever won three consecutive awards.

Tellico Village had 996 Villagers vote. One of the highest RES tallies ever. "With 996 households voting this means almost 2,000 people were involved in this process," said John Cherry, Tellico Village Property Owners Association (TVPOA), public relations manager. "That's a lot of people. Almost 30 percent of the community."

"I'm really blown away by these voter numbers," said Joe Bogardus, Villager and marketing team member. "I spoke to many people at New Villager and HOA socials and they all told me they would vote. And, then they actually went to the RES website and voted. Awesome! Thank you Tellico Villagers!"

Tellico Village won the Best Community Spirit Award. Margie Casey, president of RES provided additional background on this designation, "Our goal is to inform buyers about the best master planned communities in the south, by region and by lifestyle. There are many. Therefore, **our intention is to not choose the same community each year** ... however if we can't find a comparable community in the related category, we will give multiple Bliss Awards. Important considerations are the community's location, variety of home options, variety of amenities and financial status.

"The Happiest Community of the Year has all those factors considered plus in-depth feedback from property owners. Reading these type of votes is like feeling the heartbeat within the community. The Community Spirit of the Year takes it one step further ... where a strong representation of property owners come together willing to help disadvantaged and less fortunate families in all walks of life ... A community of people who are loving, kind and selfless to one another (and) other(s)," concluded Casey.

Alan Hart, president of the TVPOA Board of Directors summed everything up, "It's great to get these type of industry recognitions, but this particular award reflects so well on the type of community we are. It makes this Bliss Award extra special. Thank you to all the Villagers who voted and to everyone who contributes to our culture of volunteerism."

*Joe Bogardus is a retired marketing communications professional and Tellico Village resident that has acted as an unpaid volunteer consultant to the TVPOA in the re-launch of the Tellico Village brand and the accompanying marketing/communications program.*

## Toqua and Tanasi Restaurant Specials and Events

Tanasi Bar and Grill and Toqua Café now proudly serving beer, wine, and liquor.

- Sunday and Monday nights in March—join us at the Tanasi Bar (bar seating only) for a **free appetizer** with the purchase of an alcoholic beverage.
- Come welcome **Payton** as our newest Tellico Village bartender.
- Friday is **Meatloaf** night at the Tanasi Bar and Grill—it is certainly becoming a fan favorite!
- Be on the lookout for **St. Patty's Day** specials at both Toqua Café and Tanasi Bar and Grill.

Toqua Café: 865-458-1330

Tanasi Bar and Grill: 865-458-9392

## **Recent Events and Bragging Rights**

### **United Way Campaign Results**

We finally surpassed our Tellico Village United Way goal of \$88,000.00 for the 2014-15 campaign in Loudon County with a total of \$88,277.04. Thanks to all of those who generously gave. In addition, the Kahite Neighborhood contributed \$24,149 toward the Monroe County UW.

The Art Spurrier awards go to the Kahite and Mialaquo neighborhoods with 55% and 22% household participation respectively. The participation rate in the Loudon County portion of the Village continues to decrease, with less than 17% of households now giving. Granted, the size of LC is 10 times that of Kahite, so the campaigns must be run very differently. Hopefully, the LC percentage can be increased next year.

*Submitted by Bob Mugge*

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

### **Lakeshore Cleanup March 21**

Time to plan for WATeR's 14th annual Lakeshore Cleanup being held 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 21. For more information on WATeR, go to [www.tellicowater.org](http://www.tellicowater.org).

### **Weavers of Tellico Village Meet March 9**

Weavers, Spinners and other Fiber Enthusiasts meet on the second and third Mondays (March 9 and 16) each month, 1-5 p.m., in Chota Recreation Center. For more information, call Darlene Brazel, 865-657-9990.

### **Hike Fall Creek Falls March 9**

The Muddy Boots Hiking Club will depart 8 a.m. Monday, March 9, from Chota Center to hike:

- Three trails at Fall Creek Falls State Park
- Distance; 4.0 miles (optional .4 mile hike to base of falls)
- Elevation gain: minimal (excluding hike to base of falls)
- Driving time 1 hour 50 minutes
- Hike leader George Zola

Falls Creek Falls is home to much natural beauty including a 250-foot waterfall and a large gorge. Following the hike, there will be an optional picnic at a cost of \$4 per person. Food, plates, etc., will be provided; bring your own drinks. Email George Zola at [zola1029@gmail.com](mailto:zola1029@gmail.com) before March 6 if you plan to attend picnic. Bring water, snack, boots and poles for the hike and \$6 for the drivers.

### **18-Hole Ladies' Golf Association Winter Coffee March 10**

Ladies interested in hearing about the Tellico Village 18-Hole Ladies' Golf Association are invited to come to the Winter Coffee at the Yacht Club on Tuesday, March 10. You will hear about exciting plans for the 2015 golf year and have the opportunity to join the league and sign up for other golf-related activities. In addition, Jeff Harrington has arranged for vendors to be present with spring golf fashions. Come at 9 a.m. to enjoy shopping, coffee and goodies! The informational meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

### **HOA Social March 10**

The next HOA Social is Tuesday, March 10, at 4:45 p.m. in the Yacht Club. The HOA is open to all Villagers. If you are not a member of the HOA, you may join at the HOA Social or at The Public Library at Tellico Village. The cost is only \$10 per family/person per year. All HOA events are open

to singles and are priced per person, so please don't let that deter you from joining in the fun! Remember to bring your calendars and checkbook to the HOA Social so you don't miss out on any of the fun! In case you did not know, you can belong to both New Villagers and HOA—you can never have too many friends. Remember, your best friends are waiting for you—you just haven't met them yet! Just as a reminder—we have some great coupons to give away at each HOA Social!

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

The Tellico Top Notes hold practice/rehearsal 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays (March 10 and March 24) each month in the Yacht Club. Dale Polewach, 248-790-8962. We are always looking for more musicians!

### **Cruising Club Meets March 11**

The Tellico Cruising Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 11, in the Tellico Village Yacht Club. The social hour begins at 5 p.m. with the meeting starting promptly at 6 p.m. All Tellico Lake boaters are welcome. Any questions may be directed to Commander Romano Sims at 865-408-9356.

### **Fishing Club Meets March 11**

The Tellico Village Fishing Club monthly meeting will be 7-8:30 p.m. in the Tellico Village Yacht Club. This month's speaker will be club member Tom Hollar who will discuss bank fishing. Visitors are welcome.

For additional information, contact Club President Dale Weidinger at 865-458-1460.

### **Ladies Book Club Meets March 12**

The Tellico Village Ladies Book Club will meet Thursday, March 12, in the Tanasi Clubhouse for lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by a discussion at 12:15 p.m. This month's book is *Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake*, by Anna Quindie. The discussion leader is Peggy Pinkerman. For more information, contact Bette Purvis, 865-458-8070.

### **Songs from the Civil War March 12**

The Community Church at Tellico Village presents "1865," songs of hope and home from the American Civil War, featuring Anonymous 4 and Bruce Molsky, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the church, Village Salon, Sloan's Hardware, and United Community Bank.

### **Hike Brady Mountain March 13**

The Tellico Village Hiking Club will depart 8 a.m. Friday, March 13, from Chota Center, to hike:

- BRADY MOUNTAIN – Jim Marotta Memorial Hike
- Distance: 6.2 miles
- Rating: Moderate (the climb to the ridge will get your heart beating)
- Driving Time: 60 minutes
- Elevation Gain: 1,000 feet in 2 miles
- Leader: Gary Glessner, [gglessner@me.com](mailto:gglessner@me.com) or 865-657-9677

Join us and explore a short section of the Cumberland Trail. This 6-mile out-and-back hike traces the spine of Brady Mountain. The route features unspoiled valley views of the Grassy Cove valley and an undulating ridgeline climb. We will stop for lunch at a fabulous overlook offering views over Grassy Cove, an enclosed valley designated as a National Natural Landmark. As the Knoxville News states "the view offers a snapshot of rural Tennessee that's as pretty as you're likely to find."

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](http://www.TVHikers.com).

### **Village Quilters Meet March 13**

The Village Quilters will have a general meeting Friday, March 13, with a 9:15 a.m. social followed by a

9:45 a.m. meeting, in Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (260 Wade Road West, Loudon, TN 37774—one mile west of Highway 444/Tellico Pkwy). Program: Finishing School—Looking for a new way to finish off your latest quilt? Be sure to attend our March meeting for an enlightening learning experience. Members of Village Quilters will offer mini-demos on various ways to finish the edges of a quilt: binding, facing, couching with yarn, prairie points, scalloped edges, rick rack, cording, etc. Our members have so much experience and they are generously sharing their expertise with all of us.

Dues: \$25 annually (no proration, full membership). For further information, go to [www.villagequilters.com](http://www.villagequilters.com).

### **Roadrunners RV Club Meets March 17**

The next Roadrunners RV Club meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Yacht Club's top floor. Contact Rick Mannarino at 865-657-9482 for further info.

### **Ford Retirees Club Meets March 18**

The Tellico Ford Retirees Club will hold its semi-monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, in the Tanasi Clubhouse. The program will be an Antiques Road Show hosted by Kit's Coins. For more information, call Mitzi Caldwell at 865-458-9612.

### **Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast Thursdays**

Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets weekly on Thursday mornings from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the Tanasi Clubhouse. This is a non-denominational group of men from all walks of life who meet for breakfast, a time to fellowship around tables, share prayer requests and hear a devotional, personal testimony or enter into a discussion about spiritual issues. All are welcome. For more information, call Larry Denney at 865-408-9725 or Bob Ericson at 865-458-9877.

### **Tellico Village University Registration Open**

Tellico Village University registration is now open for two courses that will start in March. Registration is required due to space limitations. The Art of Animation –Drawing Mickey, Daffy and Goofy, by Villager Kerry Tripp, is on March 19. Sleeping Well is a two-hour presentation by the director of the Sleep Disorder Clinic at UTMCK on March 31. More detailed descriptions of these March courses and others later this spring may be found at [www.tvuniversity.org](http://www.tvuniversity.org). Use the Classes in Tellico Village page for more information about each course. Use the Contact Us page to submit a registration. A confirmation will be set until the classes are filled.