

Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, April 10, 2015

POA Meetings and Events:

- Architectural Control Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, April 16, POA Conference Room
- Finance Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Friday, April 17, POA Conference Room
- Dock Captains, 1 p.m. Monday, April 20, POA Conference Room
- POA Board Meeting, 1:30 Wednesday, April 22, Yacht Club

Tellico Village Golf League Activities for 2015

By Sarah Havens, Golf Advisory Committee

The **18-Hole Ladies' Golf Association** is gearing up for a very active 2015 season. **Opening Day** for this group was marked by a 9-hole scramble at Tanasi followed by a luncheon meeting at the Yacht Club on April 7. Throughout the year, this group of approximately 120 ladies will enjoy many golf events with different twists.

- The first of the “special tournaments” on the League’s calendar is the **Member-Member** tournament scheduled for May 16 and 17. The theme, “Girls Just Want to Have Fun,” will provide a festive theme for this annual two-day, two-woman team event.
- On June 30, the ladies will attempt to “**Beat the Pro.**” Jeff Harrington, pro assigned to this League, will be handicapped in some way to make this competition fair!
- **President’s Cup** is a three-day tournament held annually. It is scheduled for July 14, 15 and 16, each day on a different Village course. The first day of this event is stroke play, followed by two days of Match Play, with single elimination.
- “**Give Back Day**” is the designation given to an annual charity golf event. Last year and this year, funds were raised to benefit the Smoky Mountain Service Dogs. While this tournament is being run by the 18-Hole League, any Village lady resident with a USGA handicap is eligible to enter. Last year, this tournament raised enough money to sponsor a service dog which the members have appropriately named “Bogey.”
- The **Ladies’ Member-Guest** tournament is scheduled for Aug. 11. This is a one-day event, with an optional practice round on Aug. 10. The theme of this year’s festivities is “Got that Swing!” and is sure to include musical elements as well as competitive golf. It is open to all lady golfers in the Village with a USGA handicap.
- This League conducts one event which includes MEN! “**Bring A Man**” day is very popular and has had a “wait list” for players in recent years. A cookout following play is enjoyed while awards and other prizes are presented.
- This year’s **League Championship** is scheduled on consecutive Tuesdays, Aug. 18 and 25. This is a stroke play-event with prizes awarded for both low gross and low net and from both regular (green) and forward (yellow) tees.
- **Closing Day** is Oct. 27. Like Opening Day, this is a 9-hole scramble followed by a luncheon meeting. This is the culmination of a productive year of golf where trophies and awards are handed out to the winners of various events.

Membership in the 18-Hole League is open to any Tellico Village Property Owner who has a maximum USGA handicap of 36 at the Toqua Course.

Letter to the MGA Members from President, Pat White

Welcome to the 2015 Golf Season.

The 2015 MGA Board of Directors is made up of three Members carried over from last year, Pat White, President; Gene Hammer, Vice President; Lynn Pinkerman, Treasurer. Last fall, three new

members were elected to the 2015 Board, Dave Prince, Ed Frandle, and Ron Coles. We also welcome Adam Jacob who replaced Jeff Harrington as our Golf Staff Professional. Personal scheduling conflicts for 2015 prompted Ken Moore to tender his resignation (remaining term of 2015 and 2016). The MGA Bylaws allow the Board to select a term replacement. Tom Feil was the highest non-elected vote recipient in 2014 and was asked to serve the remainder of Ken's term and has also accepted the role of Secretary for 2015.

After the success we experienced in recognizing the Player of the Year and Most Improved Player as they were established in 2014, we have chosen to continue that format for 2015. Player of the year was decided during the last match of the year between players at both ends of our handicap range. The weekly points that were awarded not only recognized the flight winners but also recognized individual low gross and low net scores. Most Improved Player of the year is determined by establishing a base during the players first six rounds played of the MGA season. Course scores are adjusted based on course differentials and the winner is determined based on highest percentage improved from the base score.

We are pleased that the 2014 MGA Board enacted an initiative to provide members an opportunity to have a competitive weekly game, vary playing partners, provide challenging weekly games, promote sportsmanship and joy of the game, and promote personal improvement in the challenging game of golf. We found that both Player of the Year and Most Improved Player were a part of this successful initiative.

You will recall in 2014 we fully embraced the Tee it Forward campaign by eliminating the prior MGA 90+ tee guideline. That guideline stated that a player could elect to play from a forward tee if a combination of their age and handicap totaled 90 or greater. We chose to allow every player to decide the tee box that they wished to play. You may recall that there were a few "issues" with this change but sportsmanship prevailed and the Tee it Forward initiative was accepted. We will continue the same Tee it Forward initiative in 2015.

The MGA Board closely followed Pace of Play in 2014 and is enacting additional initiatives to further improve Pace of Play for 2015. Before these initiatives are explained, take a moment and recall the number of Thursday rounds when you personally waited at the scorer's table for the last couple of groups to finish. The MGA has seen tremendous improvements in Pace of Play with typical rounds being played in 4 hours 15 minutes. We continue to find that there are a few golfers who will not follow proven Pace of Play methods (ready golf, cart management, keeping up with the group ahead, etc.). Pace of Play is nothing more than consideration for your fellow golfer. For our 2015 season we are enacting three (3) additional initiatives. First, all pregame announcements will be made 15 minutes prior to posted tee time. The matches will start at the posted time. We will not wait on late arrivals. Be considerate of your fellow golfers and be on time. Second, Thursday scorecards have posted time guidelines for each hole. We expect each group to follow these guidelines (we tested these "per hole" timed guidelines and found them to be very reasonable). And third, each team will have a "round completed" time posted next to their score. A round completed is when the scorecard is given to the scorer. The MGA Board recognizes that we all have other fun events to attend after golf. We ask that each of you follow pace of play guidelines and be prepared to turn in your scorecard within the goal of 4 hours and 15 minutes.

In 2015 we are making a change to the selection process for our team participating in the Tellico Lake Challenge. There will no longer be any automatic qualifiers including automatic MGA Board members. Our Tellico Lake Challenge Captain is Lynn Pinkerman, Co-Captain is Dave Prince, and they will be responsible for recommending team members in 2015. Their primary selection process will involve recommending golfers who have won events, placed high in overall point totals (both group points and individual points) and are showing gains in the Most Improved Golfer standings. The selected team will be presented to the Board and a final team will be selected.

We are attempting to make our MGA Member/Member Tournament a premier event for 2015. Overall winner awards have been increased, participation gifts have improved, and a Friday evening get together with a skill event has been planned. There are two events scheduled prior to the Member/Member Tournament where players can compete in the normal Thursday event with their Member/

Member partner. Those are “Choose Your Partner” Thursdays and are scheduled for April 6 and 30. The Member/Member tournament is May 2 and 3. Be sure to sign up with your partner and play to win.

We had a great 2014 season with a diverse group of men (background and handicap levels) coming together each Thursday to compete at a high level while still having a great time playing golf. Our 2015 season will continue these efforts. Please feel free to contact any Board member with questions, suggestions, and concerns.

Pat White

MGA President

Toqua and Tanasi Restaurant Specials and Events

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

- Join us tonight at Tanasi Bar and Grill for our **Monster Meatloaf Special**.
- Tonight we are also offering a **Fisherman’s Platter** for \$12.95.
- **Free appetizers** at the Tanasi Bar on Sundays and Mondays in April— just buy a drink!
- **Calendar now online:** <http://www.tellicovillagepoa.org/yacht-club-and-clubhouses>

Toqua Café: 865-458-1330

Tanasi Bar and Grill: 865-458-9392

New Strength Equipment Instructions Online

There is information on the new strength equipment online at <http://www.tellicovillagepoa.org/images/tellico/pdfs/rec/wcequip.pdf>.

Volunteers, Charitable Events, Fundraisers

Lions Now Collecting Used Hearing Aids

The Tellico Village Lions Club has added a new item to their used collection program – hearing aids. They already collect used eyeglasses and cell phones. The eyeglasses are sent to a recycling center in Roanoke, VA, where they are classified, repaired as necessary and then shipped overseas for use by foreign Lions Clubs. Occasionally, exceptions are made and the glasses distributed domestically, as in the case of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The cell phones are also recycled and the proceeds of their sale used to buy calling cards for US servicepersons stationed overseas.

The hearing aids will be collected in the same repositories as the eyeglasses and phone – collection boxes in the clubhouses and the library. The donated aids should either be in their original contained or in a plastic baggy. Please insure that the batteries have been removed.

The collected aids will be given to the Hearing and Speech Foundation located in Maryville, TN. This organization has an extensive program of recycling aids for distribution to indigent citizens of East Tennessee. New hearing aids are extremely expensive and many low-income residents cannot afford them. Their subsequent inability to hear has an extremely serious effect on their quality of life as well as their ability to get and hold jobs. These recycled aids can have a huge impact on these individuals.

For more information on the Lions program please contact Dick Kolasheski at (865) 458-3482 or via e-mail to Richard.kolasheski@aol.com. More information about the Hearing and Speech Foundation can be found at their website – www.HSFWeb.org.

Learn How Volunteers Pay It Forward April 15

If you have the experience- PAY IT FORWARD.

Over the years you have accumulated a wealth of knowledge that is invaluable to some one starting a

new business or running an existing one. Score is a group of volunteers who have owned their own businesses or have management experience who provide free counseling, workshops and business tools to help businesses succeed.

Come find out about Score and meet some of our volunteers at a reception at the Tellico Village Yacht Club 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15. Join us for some wine and hors d'oeuvres and a brief presentation on Score. Please RSVP to your neighbor: marc.brashares@scoreknox.org.

Annual Book and Rummage Sale April 16-18

Friends of the Vonore Public Library organization (FVPL) is sponsoring their Annual Book and Rummage Sale April 16-18. The hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 16 and 17; and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 18. The sale is at the Vonore Community Center above the Library on Church Street. Books for children, teens, adults, videos, audios, books of special interest, and many household items are available. A Preview Party and Silent Auction for members of the FVPL will be 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 15. If you are not a member of the FVPL you may join the night of the Preview Party or at the Vonore Public Library. All proceeds directly benefit the Library.

21st Annual Used Book Sale April 17-18

The Friends of The Tellico Village Public Library invite you to join them in celebration of their 21st Annual Used Book Sale, Friday, April 17, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Community Church's Christian Life Center 130 Chota Center Loudon, TN 37774. The Preview for Friends Members is Thursday, April 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Preview allows FOTVL members first pick of the 35,000 books collected for the sale while enjoying delicious sweets and savories. In addition to our Lunch at the Library on Saturday, April 18, we have added some new features this year, don't miss our Mystery Bags and our Bag-a-Bargain/Reusable Library Tote Bag.

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

Enroll for Fundamentals of Photography

An eight-week course in FUNDAMENTALS OF PHOTOGRAPHY will be offered through Tellico Village University, beginning on May 8. The class meets from 2-4 p.m. at the Yacht Club. Joel Sartore, a National Geographic Photography Fellow, is our instructor. Each afternoon session will showcase three of his 30-minute DVD lectures/demonstrations. Villagers are welcomed to attend all or some of these presentations. Bring a notebook as each session is packed with valuable and practical instruction. There is no tuition for this course, but Tellico Village University appreciates your support with a tax deductible donation to STAYinTV which may be made at any time. The syllabus with topics covered each week is listed on the TVU website at www.tvuniversity.org. Go to the Classes in TV page and read the complete description of the course. The syllabus is linked here. Registration may be completed by using the Contact Us page and providing the name of the course, your phone number and e-mail. A confirmation will be sent.

TCP Auditions for *Love, Loss and What I Wore* April 11

The Tellico Community Players will be holding auditions for the upcoming production of "Love, Loss and What I Wore". The auditions will be held on April 11 (2-4 p.m.) at the Tellico Community Playhouse located at 304 Lakeside Plaza, Loudon (in Tellico Village).

The cast is composed of five women of various ages. This powerful and compelling comedy uses the female wardrobe as a time capsule of a women's life. The play was written by Nora and Dellia Ephron and was designed to be performed as a readers' theatre project. This play has scheduled performances on May 28, 29, and 30 (at 7:30 p.m.); and May 31 (at 1:30 p.m.). Scripts will be available at the Tellico Village Library by April 1. Contact Don Morton, producer, at dmorton3@charter.net for more information.

Hike Middle Prong Trail April 13

The Muddy Boots Hiking Club will depart 8 a.m. Monday, April 13 (rain date April 20), from Chota Center parking lot across from gas station, to hike:

- We will be hiking a portion of the Middle Prong Trail in the Smokies
- Distance 4.6 miles
- Rating: Moderate
- Elevation gain: 900 feet
- Driving time 1.25 hours
- Hike leader: Bruce Barbre

The Middle Prong is considered one of the best waterfall trails in the Smokies. Hopefully the spring wildflowers will be in bloom making this an exceptional hike. The elevation gain is gradual and is all on the inbound portion of the hike.

Bring water, snacks and a lunch to be eaten upon the conclusion of the hike. Hiking boots and poles are suggested. Directions and carpooling will be provided the morning of the hike. Please bring \$6 for the drivers to help with the gas.

Third Tuesday Lecture April 14

Tuesday, April 14, as part of the continuing Doug Christman Third Tuesday Lecture Series, The Public Library at Tellico Village is proud to present a repeat of “Hitler and the Nazis: You Can’t Make This Stuff Up!” A combination of short stories about the Nazis and their quest for world domination will be presented at the Public Library at Tellico Village from 9-10:30 a.m. on April 14 by Don Edmands. You will shake your head in amazement at these “bumbling idiots” who brought the world to war and exterminated millions. This is a classic look at a dictator’s rise to power and the destruction of a country. Many stories you’ve never heard before will be told by the highly decorated USAF (retired) Colonel. Call 865-458-5199 to reserve a seat or stop by the Library to join us for this free and informative lecture. Seating is limited to 35 seats. We request you cancel your reservation if you cannot come as others will be happy to fill your seat. Check out www.tvlibrary.org to find out about all the fun, educational, informative happens at your public library!

HOA Social April 14

The next HOA Social is Tuesday April 14 at 4:45 p.m. at 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 & 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!

Dog Owners Group Annual Meeting April 14

The Dog Owners Group will hold its annual meeting 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, in Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (Highway 72). Bring a dish to share; everything else will be provided. After dinner and a short business meeting, Max A. Pooch and his friend, Keith Sanderson, will entertain us with a re-enactment of “A Day in the Life of Max A. Pooch.” Please RSVP by e-mail to Gretchen Kitchen, gretchenkitchen220@gmail.com.

Tellico Top Notes Rehearsal Schedule

The Tellico Top Notes hold practice/rehearsal 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays (April 14 and 28) each month in the Yacht Club, Dale Polewach, 248-790-8962. We are always looking for more musicians!

Art Guild Meets April 16

For the April 16 Art Guild meeting, Jerry's Artarama, the largest art supplies store in the region, will present the program for the Guild. Jerry's Artarama has arranged to bring new products that will be discussed in the program.

Also, Heather Hartmann, a professor of painting at Carson Newman College, will speak about and demonstrate with the Holbein and Golden line of paints. She will include water-soluble oils in and of

themselves as well as in combination with gauche in a mixed media manner. Social time begins at 9:30 a.m., with a short business meeting, then Jerry's Artarama will do their presentations with meeting ending by noon. The Art Guild meets on the upper floor of the Tellico Yacht Club. More information can be found on their website: www.tellicoartguild.org. Guests are welcome.

HOA Welcome Orientation April 20

The next Home Owners Association Orientation will be 10 a.m. Monday, April 20. Meetings are held at the Tanasi Clubhouse and open to all Villagers. A new Villager will learn about the HOA functions, services and social activities available to the Villager. If attending, please consider joining the HOA for \$10 per family. It will be the best \$10 ever spent on your behalf as a Tellico Villager. To sign up, call or email Joanne Wiklund at 865-657-9513 or joanne.wiklund@ymail.com.

Tellico Community Players Make a Splash in April with *On Golden Pond*

On Golden Pond, written by playwright Ernest Thompson, presents a touching, funny and warmly perceptive study of a spirited and aging couple, Ethel and Norman Thayer, who spent the last 48 summers at their lake home on Golden Pond.

Norman Thayer is a retired professor, nearing eighty, with heart palpitations and a slightly failing memory—but still as tart-tongued, observant and eager for life as ever. Ethel, 10 years younger, delights in all the small things that have enriched and continue to enrich their long life together. They are visited by their divorced, middle-aged daughter and her fiancé, who then go off to Europe, leaving his teenage son behind for the summer. Come experience how this couple's relationships transform as they try to balance the new challenge of tending to a teenage boy with the challenges of growing older in the twilight years of a long marriage.

On Golden Pond will be directed by Steve Mayberry and performances are scheduled for April 23, 24, 25, 30, and May 1, 2, and 3 (matinee) at the Tellico Community Playhouse (304 Lakeside Plaza, Loudon, TN). Shows start at 7:30 p.m. (except the May 3, 1:30 p.m. matinee start) and doors open one hour before the scheduled performance.

Tickets are \$20 and will be available for purchase at the Playhouse, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., April 13-17; April 20-24; and April 27-May 1. Forms of payment will include check or cash. In the future, we will be accepting credit cards and are developing the capability to order tickets on-line. Tickets for *On Golden Pond* will also be available for purchase at Village Salon and Salon Anew in Loudon and the Kahite Bar & Grill in Vonore. See more at: www.tellicocommunityplayhouse.org

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.