

## Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, August 7, 2015

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

- Golf Advisory Committee, 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, POA Conference Room
- Finance Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 14, POA Conference Room
- Dock Captains, 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, POA Conference Room
- POA Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, Yacht Club

### **From the Boardroom**

## **PART II – Recreation Advisory Committee**

**By Claire Frazer**

In case you missed Part One introducing the Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC), Click Here <http://www.tellicovillagepoa.org/images/tellico/gram2015/tg20150714.pdf> and go to page 2.

Before we hear from the other three members of the committee and staff Lynn Brinkley, Bill Grovier, Tom Valenzo, Holly Bryant – Manager, and Jessica Antrim – Assistant Manager, let's hear about what happens at their monthly meeting. These meetings normally last from 60 to 90 minutes. On occasion, there is a guest speaker on a special topic.

The following items are covered at each meeting: Unfinished Business; Membership Update; Attendance Comparisons; Variance Report; Racquet Report; Pavilion Report; Pool Cover Savings Report; Special Events Report; Liaison/Committee Reports (Communications, Finance, HOA, Long Range Planning and POA) and Other New Business. The committee reviews these reports and provides input as needed. For example, the Pavilion Report includes the Toqua Pavilion and Beach Pavilion with the number of reservations by month for each site broken down by Family, Group/Club or Club Reservations and Neighborhood Picnics with average number per group and Total Reservation to date.

Since we have heard from Bill Butera, Chair and Terry Pearcy, Vice Chair, it is now time to hear from Lynn Brinkley – second term committee member, Bill Grovier and Tom Valenzo – both first term committee members. Lynn's answers are prefaced with LB; Bill's with BG and Tom's with TV.

### **Why did you volunteer to be on the Recreation Advisory Committee?**

**LB:** I wanted to give back to the community in which I live. I wanted to make a difference in how recreation is viewed and done in Tellico Village.

**BG:** I wanted to be on RAC because I feel our recreation facilities are some of the Village's most important amenities. As people become more aware of the benefits of exercise, a modern and well equipped fitness center will be a critical element in future Villager's decision to move here.

**TV:** I had spent some time as the Channel 3 Station Manager which required my attendance at the Communications Marketing and Advisory Committee. That exposure to the Committee process led me to volunteer with the Committee as a regular member. After my three year term on CMAC, the last year of which I was liaison to the RAC, I thought it would be interesting to work with those folks to further the interests of the Recreation Department.

### **What is your primary goal that you would like to achieve during your three year term as a committee member?**

**LB:** I wanted to listen to all views I can and make informed decisions about recreation [in] Tellico Village; to help plan and carry through decisions about recreation. I would like to have more people involved in the recreation that the Village has to offer. I would like to see a new outdoor pool at the Wellness Center in order to allow more parking at Chota Recreation Center and a Bocce Ball area.

BG: My primary goal while on the committee is to maintain the quality of all three recreation properties and at the same time strive to hold the cost of membership as low as possible.

TV: I think the primary goal has to be increased participation by property owners in the Rec experience. Increased participation would reduce the POA subsidy which in turn would allow us to use those funds to add more amenities sooner.

**If you could change or improve one activity at the Wellness and Chota Centers, what would it be?**

LB: Add more space so activities do not have to use two rooms for their event and to make scheduling easier for more groups.

BG: We have a new walking path at the Wellness Center, and I would like to see the Recreation Department expand that path. Then encourage and help develop walking paths throughout the Village.

TV: Wow that is a tough one. The question implies that we could change or improve some activity currently being offered. In reality I think we are always evaluating participation in each activity and always looking for new activities that would attract participation. The only activity that comes to mind is the horseshoe pits. Built in response to requests by members they were used for the first few months and now sit idle.

**What benefits have you personally gained from being a RAC member?**

LB: Insight on how the Village operates and functions. What a hard job Holly and Jessica have and how capable they are.

BG: After being on the Committee for two years I have a better understanding of how difficult it is to satisfy all our Recreation members' needs and wishes but at the same time manage a responsible budget.

TV: Without a doubt that has to be seeing your input further the free flow of ideas on what can and should be done.

**If it was financially feasible, what one improvement would you like to see done during 2016?**

LB: A new outdoor pool.

BG: The major new addition I would like to see completed in 2016 is an outdoor pool at the Wellness Center.

TV: There are three, first build a Starbucks style coffee shop off the back of the Wellness Center. No? OK, there are two. First build an extended hiking trail around the property. Hiking trails area always under discussion in the Village. No? Then the top priority should be expansion of the Wellness Center to the south. Currently, folks using the exercise equipment are on top of each other during the peak hours.

Now, let's hear from Holly and Jessica on their response to each of three questions.

**What is the primary benefit or benefits of having an advisory committee for the Rec Dept.?**

HB & JA: "Two heads are better than one." WE operate in a unique environment for which there is often not an established status quo for how to go about things. When it comes to working out problems and/or coming up with new ideas that fit into our niche, having many different brains with many different points of view can be a huge benefit.

**What is the most positive contribution the RAC members have made during the first half of 2015?**

HB & JA: The RAC has made it their mission to help us communicate to our members and

potential members. When replacing something as huge as an entire floor of strength equipment, it's expected to be met with a lot of negativity. All people get into a routine and it's a real challenge for one's time and patience to learn all new machines. The members of the RAC, led by Bill Butera, put in countless hours learning the new machines and communicating, to anyone who would listen, how we came to decide on the Eagle NX line, why they are superior to our old equipment, and why they will be a huge benefit to our members. Other projects this year that the RAC has been involved in include the walking path and Chota Locker Room and Restroom Renovations.

### **What have you learned from working with the RAC that has been of the greatest value to the growth of the Rec Dept.?**

The RAC gives management a unique insight into the minds of the Recreation users. With over 2500 active users, it can be a challenge to keep your finger on the pulse of what is truly needed and wanted in the community. The RAC helps keep us up to date with what our special community needs in order to grow.

Now that you have heard from the Recreation Advisory Committee and the staff, there are many opportunities to be a become a volunteer on one of seven TVPOA advisory committees – Finance, Golf, Communications and Marketing, Architectural Control, Recreation, Public Services and Long Range Planning. Advisory Committee Applications are available at the POA office by contacting Mitzi Lane. After you complete an application and indicated committee(s) of interest, you will be contacted by the department manager(s) who heads the advisory committee for any interview(s). Once you have been selected for a committee, the department manager will notify you and recommend your name to the TVPOA Board for final approval at the December meeting.

**Please Note:** There will be a special event to learn about the many volunteer opportunities for both the TVPOA and Tellico Village clubs and organizations. This event **“DISCOVER YOUR TELLICO VILLAGE”** will be held on **Sept. 22, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Yacht Club lower level.** Come and find out and become a Tellico Village volunteer!

## **Now Being Considered by the Board**

The TVPOA Board of Directors is reviewing and considering a policy for disposition of images and data from the security cameras throughout Tellico Village. To review the policy, click here [http://www.tellicovillagepoa.org/images/tellico/pdfs/admin/draft\\_camera\\_data\\_policy.pdf](http://www.tellicovillagepoa.org/images/tellico/pdfs/admin/draft_camera_data_policy.pdf). To provide thoughts and feedback, email [BoardConsideration@tvpoa.org](mailto:BoardConsideration@tvpoa.org).

## **Tanasi Bar and Grill**

- Join us for **Music Mondays** at Tanasi. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy live music outside on the lawn at Tanasi every Monday in August. Music starts at 6 p.m.
- Also come try our new menu at Tanasi Bar and Grill. Specialties include **Build Your Own Salad, BBQ Ribs, and Country Fried Steak.**
- We would love your feedback . . .

Toqua Café: 865-458-1330

Tanasi Bar and Grill: 865-458-9392

## **Yacht Club**

Tiki Bar tonight, 7-10 p.m., come and listen to the RMS Band (rock, soul, R&B) in the Yacht Club. No cover charge!

## **Recent Events and Bragging Rights**

### **What's Max A Pooch Doing?**

If you wonder what Max A Pooch does when he isn't performing in front of children, performing at fund raisers for environmental or animal advocacy groups, or auditioning for America's Got Talent, appearing on TV or at major events such as EarthFest in Knoxville, the answer is simple. He practices what he preaches and proves picking up litter is so easy even a dog can do it. He is pictured here with litter he picked up during one walk at the Hall Bend Trail.

Max A Pooch asked me to pass on this friendly reminder. Our Village and the Eastern Tennessee environs are beautiful. Let's keep them that way and if we see a plastic bottle or other litter take a moment to bend over and pick it up. It is no more difficult than bending over to put your golf ball on a tee. Plus picking up litter is so easy even a dog can do it, which makes Max A Pooch wonder why more humans don't do it.

### **Local Kiwanis Presents Back-to-School Supplies**

The Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village presented fifty \$100 back to school gift certificates to needy children in Lenoir City and Loudon County thanks to the generosity of Malibu Boats of Tennessee in Loudon. "The \$100 gift certificates were presented at the Walmart in Lenoir City and were used to purchase school supplies and clothing" said Bob Frazer, Kiwanis Chairman of the event. "The need in our community is great and we are proud to partner with Malibu Boats to make this happen," said Bob.

The children receiving the gift certificates were based upon need, selected by Susan Fox of The Family Resource Center of Lenoir City Schools and Cindy Purdy of the Loudon County Schools. "This is often the only new clothing these children will have to start the school year and we sincerely thank the Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village for their support," said Susan Fox.

*Submitted by Ray Scott, Publicity Chairman, Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village*

Shown in the group photograph (from left) are Terry Boyes (Kiwanis), Susan Fox, Cindy Purdy, Ruth and Paul Thornton (Kiwanis), John Holmes, Bob Frazer and Russ Hanson (Kiwanis), Scott McIntosh (Loudon County Schools), and Bob Sandel (Kiwanis).

The other photograph shows Bob Frazer, Kiwanis Chairman of the event giving a gift card to a student.

*Photographs by Ray Scott*

### **Highlights from the Board Workshop**

In case you missed it, the POA Board had their monthly workshop on Tuesday of this week. Some of the highlights:

- Holly Bryant and Jeff Gagley provided an update on the Wellness Center walking trail. Plans are in place to extend the trail next year depending upon how the budget cycle goes. The Lions Club has completed the first of four exercise stations along the new trail. (In fact, they are already up to two stations complete this week.)
- Marti Hands from 5-Star Senior Living at The Neighborhood gave the Board an update on the progress on the expansion project. The Board was able to see when different aspects of the expansion would be complete, and they saw furniture and color choices for the new areas of assisted living and memory care.
- Finance Director Parker Owen laid out the 2016 budget and five-year plan schedule and expectations. Click here to see the budget schedule: [www.tellicovillagepoa.org/images/tellico/fac/2016budget.pdf](http://www.tellicovillagepoa.org/images/tellico/fac/2016budget.pdf) or go to the Finance page at [www.TellicoVillagePOA.org](http://www.TellicoVillagePOA.org).

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

### **Hike Obed Wild and Scenic River Aug. 10**

The Muddy Boots Hiking Club will depart 8 a.m. Monday, Aug. 10, from Chota Center parking lot (across from the gas station).

- We will be hiking parts of three different trails in The Obed Wild and Scenic River
- Distance: 5 miles
- Rating: easy
- Drive time: 1 hour 15 minutes
- Hike leader: George Zola

The hike will explore unique rock formations and scenic overlooks in an underappreciated and underused area of the state.

Bring snacks, water boots, poles, name tags, \$5 for drivers and lunch to be eaten along the trail. Directions and car pools to be provided the morning of the hike

### **Softball Players Wanted—Informational Meeting Aug. 11**

The Tellico Men's Senior Softball League (TMSSL) is scheduled to begin fall play, at the Loudon Municipal Park on Tuesday, Sept. 1, and continue for 10 weeks. The slow-pitch, 7-inning league consists of five teams and they are looking for new players to fill anticipated vacancies. The league is in its 13th year of play.

The league is open to men 55 (by Dec. 31, 2015) and over. All new players will be assigned to a team and are guaranteed to play. Cost of \$35 (includes field rental, volunteer umpires and year end pizza party). All players must sign a Team Waiver Form from Loudon County. Most players have not played ball since their youth but enjoy the camaraderie and have a chance to keep active.

There are some unique rules for senior softball that are intended to provide a margin of safety for the players. These include all bats/balls/bases are provided by the league, no contact rule for base running, 10 players in the field, extra bases at first and home plate and no metal spikes.

Games are played on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., however team warm ups/batting practice begin about noon. In addition to the Tuesday games, there are optional batting practices on Thursdays at 10 a.m.

All new players are required to attend at least one new player practice session Aug. 13, 18, 20, or 25. New players need a glove and recommended to have softball shoes with rubber cleats.

If you would like to learn more about the league, you are invited to attend a meeting for current and new players Tuesday, Aug. 11, 11 a.m., at the Chota Recreation Center in Tellico Village.

For additional information, contact League Commissioner, David Davis at 865-458-0952.

### **Cruising Club Meets Aug. 12**

The Tellico Cruising Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 12, 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 should be directed to Commander Errol Keith at 865-458-4277.

### **Fishing Club Meets Aug. 12**

The Tellico Village Fishing Club meeting will be 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, in the Tellico Village Yacht Club. Members discuss fishing successes or not and tournament details. This month's guest speaker is Tom Lee who will talk about crappie fishing. Visitors are welcome. For additional information, contact Club President Dale Weidinger at 865-458-1460.

### **New Beginning Tai Chi Class Begins Aug. 13**

The Taoist Tai Chi Society will offer a beginning Tai Chi class 10:30 a.m.-noon beginning

Thursday, Aug. 13, in the Wellness Center. (You do not need to be a member of the Wellness Center to attend these classes.) This three-month session will teach you the 108-movement exercise set. For more information, contact Gail Eades, 865-599-6785.

Taoist Tai Chi is a slow movement “internal” form of the ancient Chinese martial art. It is widely known for its health benefits, for increased flexibility and strength, for improved balance, and for taming the “busy mind.” It can be practiced by people of all ages and physical conditions.

The Taoist Tai Chi Society is a tax-exempt, charitable and all-volunteer organization. Their qualified instructors donate their time in order to share the health-giving benefits of Tai Chi.

### **Ladies Book Club Meets Aug. 13**

The Tellico Village Ladies Book Club will meet Thursday, Aug. 13, in the Tanasi Clubhouse, for an 11:15 a.m. lunch followed by a 12:15 p.m. discussion of the book The Wife, The Maid, and the Mistress, by Ariel Lawhorn, led by Kathleen Crowley. For more information, contact Bette Purvis, 865-458-8070.

### **Hike Little River/Cucumber Gap Aug. 14**

The Tellico Village Hiking Club will depart 8 a.m. Friday, Aug. 14, from Chota Center, to hike:

- LITTLE RIVER/CUCUMBER GAP
- Distance: 5 miles
- Elevation Gain: 600 feet
- Rating: Easy
- Driving Time: 1.5 hours
- Leader: Mary Clor and Gerald Grekowicz, 423-364-4767 or mkclor@gmail.com

This hike is a nice loop beginning in the Elkmont area of the national park. We will see some of the historic cabins and walk along the beautiful Little River. We will enjoy a picnic lunch near the parking area. You may wish to bring a chair or blanket.

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 Aug. 14**

Village Quilters will meet 9:15 a.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 260 Wade Rd, Loudon. Speaker: Linda Cantrell - "Appliqué...I Did It My Way"

Linda's specialty is humorous pictorial appliqué quilts. You have probably had quite a chuckle as you viewed the comic details of her quilts in many AQS and other quilt shows. She is a juried member of the Southern Highlands Craft Guild and lives in Fletcher, NC. Linda will share her experiences with entering quilt contests and being judged in her Friday lecture: Appliqué...I Did It My Way. Some of us may remember her hilarious presentation here in 2006.

### **16th Annual Auction and Celebration—Monroe County Bids for Kids Aug. 15**

The Boys & Girls Club of the Monroe Area invites you to join in the fun and excitement of their annual celebration and benefit auction 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, in the Tellico West Conference Center in Vonore. What might you find to entice you?

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW! Call: (423) 442-6770

Or visit the website at [www.bgcmonroearea.org](http://www.bgcmonroearea.org). The Boys & Girls Club of the Monroe Area is a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible. All profits from this event will be used directly to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of the Monroe Area and the hundreds of children and families it serves annually.