

Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, Dec. 11, 2015

POA Meetings and Events (red denotes irregularity of time, day, and/or location):

- POA Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, Yacht Club
- Architectural Control Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, POA Conference Room
- Rec 101, 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, Wellness Center
- **POA Offices closed Dec. 24 and 25 for Christmas**

GAC Announces New Member Golf Packages

By Vicki Schwerdt and Sarah Havens, Golf Advisory Committee

The Golf Advisory Committee is ringing in 2016 with two new **Member Golf Packages** to make avid Tellico golfers very happy. For a complete understanding of these new packages one needs to know the Member Green and Cart Fees. As you will see from the comparison below, there is a small increase of 50 cents per round in Member Green Fees this year.

	2016	2015
Member Green Fees:		
Off Season (Jan/Feb/Nov/Dec)	19.65	19.15
In Season (Mar-Oct)	22.30	21.80
Member Cart Fees:		
POA-Owned Cart	14.50	14.50
Private-Owned Cart	11.25	11.25
Single-Rider Cart	4.25	4.25
Unlimited Range Fees:		
Individual	325.00	325.00
Family	450.00	450.00
Guest Green Fees:		
Guest of Tellico Village Member	25.00	24.00
Guest Cart Fees:		
All guests (Carts are required)	17.00	17.00
9-Hole Rates		
50% of 18 Hole Rates		
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For the more avid Tellico golfer, the GAC is proposing new **Member Golf Packages** as follows:

Prepaid Package - Same as 2015

Minimum deposit of \$100

10% discount off green and cart fees as long as required balance remains on account.

Deposits can be made in January and June

Gold Package – NEW!!

8 months unlimited green fees and range usage, April 1 – November 30.

1 point reduction in Chelsea points at beginning of each month *

\$1,800 for individual

\$2,500 for family

Platinum Package – NEW!!

12 months unlimited green fees and range usage

1 point reduction in Chelsea Points at beginning of each month *

\$2,200 for individual

\$3,200 for family

Flexible payment options apply to Gold and Platinum Packages:

50% up front

25% due May 1

25% due Aug. 1

** This reduction in Chelsea Points will improve the golfer's priority for getting desired tee times.*

The Prepaid Plan is easy to understand as it will simply save you 10% on green and cart fees as long as you have a balance on your account. A minimum deposit of \$100 is required.

To understand if either of the Package Plans would be a benefit to your family, you will have to make calculations based on how many rounds of golf you play, whether you have your own cart, if your spouse also plays and if you use the driving range. The driving range option alone could save you from \$325 to \$450 per year.

The 2016 Prepaid Golf Worksheet will be available later this month to help you find a plan that right for you and your family. Director of Golf Jim West will send this out via email.

LOOKING BACK OVER THE YEAR –GAC objectives for 2015 were **to increase play during non-peak hours**, and to **have fun and encourage all levels of golfers to participate in the game**. Tellico PGA Golf Professionals stepped up and added two additional monthly activities:

- Couple Scramble held on the fourth Sunday afternoon; and
- PAR 3 Challenge held on the third Tuesday afternoon.

Both monthly activities had two divisions: competitive and non-competitive. Each was successful and brought out many new golfers along with some seasoned ones.

Another event that was well attended was the **Second Tee**, which began as a “golf rules” informational event. The first one was held at the Yacht Club in February, and despite the icy weather, 200 golfers attended. The second one, at the Toqua Pavilion, had a Masters Tournament draft theme. Big thanks go to Jeff Harrington, Adam Jacob and Glenn Hudson for all their work making these events a success. Also, thank you, Jim West, for your leadership throughout the year.

CONGRATULATIONS

Also, enormous congratulations go to Jim West for receiving “Tennessee Section PGA Golf Professional of the Year” award. And, more recently, Jim also received: The Horton Smith Award and the Bill Strausbaugh Award. Below are descriptions of each award.

- 2015 Knoxville Chapter PGA Bill Strausbaugh Award - The Bill Strausbaugh Award is presented to a PGA Professional who has shown outstanding integrity, commitment to mentoring PGA Professionals and has made a significant impact on the careers of PGA Professionals. Involvement in Association, community and charitable activities are also taken under consideration for this award.
- 2015 Knoxville Chapter PGA Horton Smith Award – the Horton Smith Award recognizes a golf professional for their outstanding and continuing contributions to developing and improving education opportunities for PGA golf professionals. The guidelines for this award are: contributions to educational programs and seminars, contributions and assistance toward the development of articles which benefit and relate to education, contributions to building the image of both the PGA Golf Professional and the PGA of America.

Jim, you have brought terrific and very positive recognition to our Tellico Village Golf Courses. We

are all proud of you.

Tellico Village has three of the best maintained courses in the area, and that is all due to the Course Superintendents and their staffs – Wells McClure at Tanasi, Chris Sykes at Toqua, and Mike White at Kahite. They were integral in overseeing some major course improvements during 2015:

Toqua – completed the second phase of the bunker project with completion scheduled for 2016

Kahite – new cart paths

Tanasi – remodeling of the Tanasi Clubhouse restrooms

Plans for next year include the conclusion of bunker improvement at Toqua, a study to determine the best way to increase parking at Tanasi, new golf carts at Toqua and new point-of-sale software at all three courses.

Tanasi Bar and Grill

- Tanasi Bar and Grill will be open on both New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Call for specials.
- Join us for **Football Saturdays**—1/2 price appetizer menu and \$5 pitchers of beer. All day. Watch your game with us.

Tanasi Bar and Grill: 865-458-9392

Toqua Café: 865-458-1330

Yacht Club

- The Yacht Club will be CLOSED Dec. 20-28.
- **New Year's Eve Masquerade Party** tickets are available for \$65 (\$50 plus tax and gratuity). Your evening includes a three-course Prix-Fixe Dinner, live music with Ram Cat Alley and the Brass Cats (eight-piece orchestra), dancing until midnight, and a champagne toast at midnight. Dinner will be served 6-10 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed!

Yacht Club 865-458-4363

Holiday Schedule for Clubhouse Restaurants

- Kahite will be closing at 3 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and closed Christmas Day, Dec. 25.
- Tanasi will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Dec. 24-25.
- Toqua will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Dec. 24-25.
- Kahite will be closing at 3 p.m. New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, and closed New Year's Day, Jan. 1.

Recent Events and Bragging Rights

New Ford Club President

Ron Clayton, front right, the new Ford Club president, presents an appreciation plaque to outgoing president Larry Campbell who served for two years. Next to Larry is Ford Club Vice President Mitzi Caldwell. From the left in the back are Jim Allen, Lenoir City Ford president and Ford Club sponsor; Peg Opiteck, Ford Club member care officer; Rich Opiteck, club treasurer; and Dick Caldwell, highway cleanup coordinator. The presentation took place at the annual Ford Club Christmas Party.

Submitted by Bob Bierman

Christmas Parades in the Area

- Saturday, Dec. 12, the annual Tellico Plains Christmas Parade starts at 3 p.m. Monroe County Friends of Animals will have Smokey and Miss Kitty showing their Christmas spirit.
- Saturday, Dec. 12, the city of Loudon will hold its annual Christmas parade and Christmas in Olde Loudon event starting at 6 p.m. along Mulberry Street. Lineup for the parade will begin at 5 p.m. on Carter Street. Christmas in Olde Loudon will run 6-8 p.m. in downtown and will include hay rides, music, vendors and more.

Holiday trash schedule

With Christmas on Friday, Dec. 25, and New Year's Day Jan. 1, Santek will change their schedule: If your regular day is Friday, your pickup will be Saturday on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. For questions or more information, call Santek at 844-500-1161.

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

Leaf Removal Progress

In an effort to keep the Villagers better informed about leaf removal progress, Public Works will start posting in the Tell-E-Gram where the contractor and POA forces are at present. We will also try to post what section or streets the crews will cover next barring any significant weather or equipment delays. Currently POA forces are in the Coyatee neighborhood, and the contractor is on west side of Toqua Road on Tigitsi Circle moving South to Tigitsi Lane then Walosi Way. Stay tuned for updates.

Dragon Boating Club in Tellico Village

Dragon boating is one of the fastest growing activities in the world, especially among women who are breast cancer survivors and seniors who enjoy the excitement of physical exercise.

Dragon Boat Clubs support charities by participating in charity events like the 10th Annual Mountain States Dragon Boat Festival, <http://msfi.convio.net/site/PageServer?pagename=2015DragonBoatHomepage>, that raised more than \$106,000 for Woodridge Hospital's Willow Unit, the behavioral health unit for children ages 6-17.

We are new to Tellico Village, relocated from The Villages, Florida. We started dragon boating when we retired and have had some exciting times as paddlers, steerers, and coaches for those new to the sport or participating in festivals around the country.

We are working with the Recreation Department and hope to hold an orientation meeting about the sport and explore the possibility of forming a club at Tellico Village.

Please email us, Alice and Mike Micchelli, at amTravelers@gmail.com if you would like to learn more.

Submitted by Alice and Mike Micchelli

TV Computer Users Club TAP Program

The CUC Technical Assistance Program (TAP) is an effort by members of the club that reaches into the homes of many families in not only Loudon County but throughout nearby counties in East Tennessee. The program takes donated computers, refurbishes them, adds updated software and other components - mouse, monitor, a printer, cartridges and paper – to construct a complete system. These are then donated to indigent families with school-age children who do not have a home computer. The program is vital to the success of children in the public school systems because much of the curricula require the use of a computer to do research, complete assignments, etc. Families without a

home computer are required to go to libraries or other venues where systems are available that they can use to complete their assignments. Having a family system simplifies life.

Warren Sanders, who is the manager of the program, related an anecdote about the presentation of a system to a family in Alcoa. This family consisted of a grandmother, acting as mother, and three school age children. She told Warren that every school day she gets the children off to school then goes off to a job at a local fast food operation. She returns home in mid-afternoon and feeds the children. After dinner they journey to a local library where the children do their school assignments on public computers. She told Warren that the system being donated to her family will give them their life back. They can be a normal family. There are countless other similar stories that can be related about the impact TAP had had and is having on families throughout the region.

TAP is a partner agency of United Way. A donation to UW in turn helps TAP. Last year, for example, it received an \$8,000 grant which enabled it to acquire a lot of the items it needs to complete the systems it donates.

In this season of giving, if you have not yet donated to UW, please do so and help families like the one in Alcoa get their lives back. We are nearing our goal of \$90,000. Your donation can well put us over the top. **PLEASE DONATE**

It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play Through Dec. 13

Tellico Community Players presents a holiday performance treat for the entire family! *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*, inspired by Frank Capra's classic American film, *It's a Wonderful Life*, is staged as a 1940s live radio broadcast in front of a studio audience. The talented cast of the Tellico Community Players performs the dozens of characters in the radio play as well as produces the sound effects for the broadcast from their on-stage Foley tables.

Introducing our newest Tellico Community Players STARS..... The Foley artists!!

The "Foley" technique is the reproduction of everyday sound effects that are added to live productions, film, video and other media to enhance audio quality. These reproduced sounds can be anything from the swishing of clothes and footsteps to squeaky doors and breaking glass.

In this month's production of *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*, the Foley artists will be hard at work providing all of the sound effects for the various scenes of the play. They will be using ordinary household items and custom built objects to enhance the auditory experience of the play for the audience.

What is now called Foley is a range of live sound effects originally developed for live broadcasts of radio drama in the early 1920s in various radio studios around the world. Because no effective recording method existed in those days, all sounds for radio plays had to be created live at the time. Jack Donovan Foley was working with Universal Studios in 1914 during the silent movie era and later became part of the sound crew that turned Universal's then upcoming "silent" musical *Show Boat* into a musical. Foley and his small crew projected the film on a screen while recording a single track of audio that captured their live sound effects. Their timing had to be perfect, so that footsteps and closing doors synchronized with the actors' motions in the film. Jack Foley created sounds for films until his death in 1967. His basic methods are still used today.

You will marvel at the talents of the Foley artists led by Joe Marlette, designer and creator of the SFX tools and machines, and his on-stage technicians Joan Taylor and Gary Argo as they use their creativity to create LIVE sounds to compliment the actors' speaking parts of the play. All of these sound effects will be generated from the Foley studio located on the left side of the stage in the Patricia Smith Theatre in the Tellico Community Playhouse. We hope to see you there for this classic holiday production

It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play will be directed by Debbie Mayberry and runs Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 9-12 starting at 7:30 p.m. along with a 1:30 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Dec. 13. The sponsor for this play is REMAX Tellico Village and the producer is Jim Davis. Doors open 30 minutes prior to each performance.

RESERVED seat tickets can now be purchased on-line at www.tellicocommunityplayhouse.org. Tickets can also be purchased (cash, check or credit card) at the Tellico Community Playhouse Box

Office, located at 304 Lakeside Plaza in Loudon, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., from Nov. 30 through Dec. 11.

Hike Abrams Falls Dec. 14

The Muddy Boots Hiking Club will depart 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14, from Chota Center (across from the gas station) to hike:

- Abrams Falls in the Smokies
- Distance: 5 miles
- Rating: moderate
- Elevation gain: 300 feet
- Driving time: 1 hour 15 minutes
- Hike leader: Margo Ross

This hike will follow Abrams creek most of the way, ending at Abrams Falls described by many as the best waterfall in the park.

Bring snack, water, lunch, boots, poles and \$5 for the drivers.

Hike Hall Bend Trail Dec. 15

Join us on Tuesday, Dec. 15, when we will hike 2.5 miles of the Hall Bend Trail. While this trail is not part of the East Lakeshore trail, it is a beautiful trail bordering Tellico Lake and is located on Route 444/Tellico Village Parkway. We will gather at the Poplar Springs Boat Ramp parking lot at 9 a.m., and we will car pool to the trail head. The East Lakeshore Trails are just across the lake and are one of the most beautiful and accessible hiking trails in East Tennessee and have been designated as National Recreation Trails by the Department of the Interior. If you would like to become more familiar with these trails and/or would just like to take a short 2.5- to 3-mile hike, then come join us on the third Tuesday of every month. All of the monthly hikes should finish no later than 11:30 a.m. Your hike leaders will be Larry Elder, Jim Jeswald, and Jon Foreman. For additional information, feel free to contact: Larry: lelder49@gmail.com or 865-657-9722; Jim: jmjes711@gmail.com or 724-612-2166; or Jon: for4man@charter.net or 412-337-5500.

Auditions for *37 Postcards*

Tellico Community Player Auditions are being held on Dec. 14-16 at the Playhouse located at 304 Lakeside Plaza, Loudon, TN 37774, for *37 Postcards*, an offbeat and moving comedy. The play will be running Feb. 18-20 and 25-28. In *37 Postcards*, by Michael McKeever, Avery Sutton returns to his well-to-do parents' home after travelling years abroad to find almost nothing is the same. For starters, the house is tilted at a distinct angle, the dog hasn't been fed in five years, Avery's aunt is running a phone-sex operation out of the kitchen, and, despite rumors to the contrary, 97-year old, foul mouthed Nana is still alive and kicking. It all goes to show that you can indeed go home again, but you never know what you'll find. *37 Postcards* has roles for six adults. The male characters are Avery, who should appear to be in his early 30s, and Avery's father, who can be 50s to 60s. The female characters-Avery's girlfriend, mother, aunt and grandmother are of various ages, 20s and older. All roles are open.

Anyone interested in auditioning should simply come to the lobby of the Tellico Community Playhouse 6-8 p.m. on Dec. 14-15 and from 2-4 p.m. on Dec. 16. Appointments are not being taken. Auditions consist of cold readings from the script. Scripts are available in advance in the Tellico Village Library. In addition to actors, production crew volunteers are welcome.

For more information, call Len Willis, Director, at (423) 519-9807.

Rummikub Open Play Annual Christmas Party Dec. 17

The Rummikub Open Play annual Christmas party is 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, in Chota Rec Center. Bring an appetizer or non-alcoholic beverage to share. Open to all! For more information, contact Tom Conrad at 865-274-9549 or keelfoot@yahoo.com.