

## Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, May 23, 2017

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

- May 25, 9:30 a.m., Long Range Planning, POA Conference Room
- May 25, 12:30 p.m., Rec 101, Wellness Center
- May 26, 9 a.m., Golf 101, Tanasi Pro Shop
- June 1, 9 a.m., ACC, POA Conference Room
- June 1, 9 a.m., Recreation Advisory Committee, Wellness Center

## **Spotlight on the Tellico Village Golf Department**

### **By Winston Blazer, General Manager**

It is well known that the Tellico Village golf courses are some of the best in the Southeast thanks to our employees. The staff of the Tellico Village Golf Department is professionally diverse and highly dedicated. Many of our employees have received prestigious awards and are members of several golf-related organizations. Despite busy work schedules, several staff members manage to make time to volunteer their skills at local schools and organizations.

Chris Sykes was hired in 2011 and is the Golf Superintendent at Toqua Golf Course. He is one of the top turfgrass experts in Tennessee, has been on the Turfgrass Association Board of Directors for 3 years, and has spoken at several PGA seminars. Sykes is the head of the Education Committee and created, as well as participated, in the mock trial at the Tennessee Turfgrass Association annual meeting. The trial debated the pros and cons between Bermuda and Bent grass. Sykes is heavily involved in volunteering with the youth. In 2017, he started the golf program at Tate's School of Discovery in Knoxville. He also volunteers and supports the First Tee programs and facilities. Sykes is the coach for the middle school boy's golf team at Christian Academy of Knoxville and guided the team to a district win, as well as a second place finish in the region this year. He previously coached the girls' softball team at CAK for 7 years. He has served as a coach for 50 seasons in various sports and is the main contact/volunteer for all types of sports field health and maintenance in East Tennessee.

Casey Flenniken has been with Tellico Village since 2016 and is the First Assistant Golf Professional at Tanasi. In 2014, he was the Tennessee Assistant PGA Golf Professional of the Year. In 2015 and 2016, he was the Tennessee PGA Assistant Player of the Year. In addition to these awards, Flenniken was a highly decorated collegiate golfer at Tennessee Wesleyan College. When not on the course, Flenniken coaches his daughter's basketball and softball teams through the CBFO Youth Association in the West Knoxville area. He also volunteers his time at junior golf events throughout the area. Adam Jacob is the Golf Professional at Toqua and has been working at Tellico Village since 2003. He has been golfing since he was 15 and enjoyed multiple golf internships throughout his college career. Once he graduated, he joined Tellico Village as a first assistant. He then completed his PGA work and became an official PGA member. Adam is heavily involved in volunteering as a coach at Greenback Middle School. He spends several hours a week going over techniques, educating the players about the game of golf, and working with them on the golf course.

Jeff Harrington has been with Tellico Village since 2012 and is the Golf Professional at The Links at Kahite. Jeff has been involved in the game of golf since he was five years old and was recruited to play golf at Lees McCrae University. He went on to finish his college career at Appalachian State. In 1987, Jeff earned his PGA membership and worked as an assistant professional at various golf clubs in North and South Carolina, as well as Ohio. In 1991, Jeff was hired as the Head Golf Professional at the DeBordieu Club in Pawley Island, South

Carolina, where he served for 12 years prior to moving to the Tellico Lake area. He has been nominated for Teacher of the Year in the Knoxville PGA Chapter multiple times and he volunteers his time coaching the Madisonville Middle School Golf Team.

Wells McClure is the Golf Superintendent at Tanasi. He attended the University of Tennessee where he received his bachelor's degree in Plant Sciences with a concentration in Turfgrass Management. While a student, he worked on multiple internships including working for the University Of Tennessee Turfgrass Research Department He also worked for Rarity Point during its construction, and for Gettysvue Country Club. Following graduation, Wells moved to Virginia where he was an assistant at two courses (Cannon Ridge and Mattapoint Springs). Wells was the assistant at Toqua for one year before being asked to act as the interim supervisor at Tanasi. Based on this performance, he was promoted to Golf Course Superintendent in August 2012.

Jordan Clark is the Golf Superintendent at The Links at Kahite. Jordan began playing golf at an early age and played competitively in high school. He went on to the University of Kentucky as an Architect major but transferred to the University of Tennessee to study Turfgrass Management. Jordan has held several internships in Tennessee, North Carolina, and Maryland. He has also volunteered at the Turf Research Farm at the University of Tennessee. Jordan was originally hired at Tellico Village in 2012 as a 2nd Assistant Superintendent at Tanasi and then the 1st Assistant Superintendent at Toqua. In the summer of 2016, Jordan was promoted to the Golf Course Superintendent at The Links at Kahite.

All three of our superintendents (Jordan Clark, Chris Sykes, and Wells McClure) belong to Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) and East Tennessee Golf Course Superintendents Association (ETGSA). They are also currently in the process of enrolling into the National Audubon Society. This certification program is one that educates golf course employees to use environmentally safe practices while maintaining golf courses. In 2013, the superintendents won the Environmental Stewardship Award at the Tennessee Turfgrass Association conference for their efforts to make the golf courses more sustainable and environmentally friendly. They accomplished this by converting over 30 acres from maintained bermuda to low maintenance fescue areas. By doing this, they have also decreased the amount of fertilizer and other pesticides that was being put out by not applying any to the native fescue areas.

Heading the golf department is Jim West. Jim has been with Tellico Village since 2002 and is responsible for all aspects of the golf experience, including pro shop operations, golf course maintenance and golf marketing. Jim's golf career spans 35 years and in that time frame, he has won several awards. Most recently, he won the 2015 & 2016 Tennessee Section PGA Horton Smith Award for his contribution to golf industry educational programs. Additionally, he has won the 2015 & 2016 Knoxville Chapter PGA Bill Strausbaugh Award for mentoring golf industry professionals. Jim is currently the Secretary for the Tennessee Section PGA but will become the Vice President next year and the President in 2020. He is heavily involved in several PGA committees. Jim also sits on the board of the Tennessee Golf Foundation and won the Golf Professional of the Year Award in 2014 (highest honor given to a PGA Professional). He is also a frequent speaker at PGA and TTA/GCSAA conferences all over the state.

We are very lucky to have such an educated and devoted staff within our golf department at Tellico Village. If interested in learning more about the golf staff, I encourage you to stop by one of the Pro Shops. For a full list of accolades and information about each employee, please visit the Tellico Village Golf website at <http://golftellicovillage.com/>

## **Protecting a Village**

**By Kendra Forsythe, Controller**

What do the words Enron, Arthur Anderson, Bernie Madoff and WorldCom bring to mind? For most Americans it's likely the memory of FBI raided business offices, mugshots of corporate executives, and headlines explaining the billions of dollars lost due to corporate greed and theft. From an accountant's perspective, these are all stories of how internal controls failed to protect investors, employees, and

stakeholders.

Discussing internal controls may not be as exciting as discussing a new amenity or Tellico Village club but it's certainly one of the most important factors in protecting the financial interest of the Village and building trust in our financial system. Internal controls are checks and balances set in place to ensure that financial information is accurately reported to property owners, laws and regulations are followed, and appropriate segregation of duties exists to mitigate the likelihood of theft by outside parties or employees. My many years as a CPA in the auditing profession helped me develop a special interest in implementing and monitoring internal controls. After seeing so many internal control mistakes that were costly to my former audit clients, I've tried to ensure our internal controls are functioning properly and have encouraged my department to look for new ways to improve our controls. One of our best ways that we protect the POA is by segregating duties in all of our key processes like accounts payable and the receipt and disbursement of cash. We also have review processes in place to make sure a second set of eyes reviews each major transaction. In addition to our many daily controls, the accounting department creates special tests each year to verify that our internal controls are working appropriately.

One of the most effective ways to monitor internal controls is to periodically perform special, unexpected tests to ensure that our controls are functioning properly. In 2016, we performed a variety of special internal control projects, one of which consisted of a review of golf revenues at the Toqua Golf Course. Players at Toqua were counted and interviewed on a busy golfing day. The information collected out on the course was agreed to information in our accounting system at the end of the day to ensure that all players were appropriately recorded. No exceptions were noted as part of this testing, helping us obtain assurance that the Toqua Pro Shop is doing a great job of charging the appropriate amounts to all players and appropriately depositing cash, credit cards and checks for rounds played.

Another project done last year was to perform limited auditing procedures on our food service provider AWE Hospitality, who receives an annual subsidy from the POA for operating the Yacht Club. AWE Hospitality was notified of our intention to perform these procedures only two days prior to procedures starting. Andy Fox, owner of AWE Hospitality, provided dozens of invoices, time cards and other supporting documents to our accounting department to help us validate that the costs we are subsidizing are in fact costs belonging solely to the Yacht Club operation. The results of these procedures provided us with assurance that the subsidy we pay to AWE appears appropriate and that AWE's records were organized and supported by source documents.

These are just some of the many projects we have going on around the village each year to ensure that our internal controls are being monitored. Additionally, each year we have an annual audit that is published online for the property owners to access. This year we received a clean, unqualified opinion from our audit firm Coulter & Justus and received no management letter comments identifying significant deficiencies in our internal controls. Property owners can view the audited financial statements on the POA's website. So, if you see some of your POA accountants out on the golf course or over at a restaurant there's a good chance we are doing a little extra work outside of our offices to help ensure that the Village assets are protected and the information you are receiving from us is accurate.

### **Wellness Center Pool Heater Repair Update**

We continue to wait on new pool heaters to be delivered and installed for the Wellness Center pool. Classes will remain cancelled during the upcoming week. The pool will remain open to all lap and open swim. Classes in the therapy pool will continue on as scheduled. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we continue to improve our amenities and strive towards operating them in most efficient and professional way possible. Call the Wellness Center at 865-458-7070 for undated info or stay tuned for an email update on our progress.

## **Tell-E-Gram/Tell-Events Survey**

Do you read the Tell-E-Gram? How often do you read it? Do you like/dislike the layout of Tell-Events? We are now offering Tellico Village residents the opportunity to take a quick survey to voice their opinion about Tell-Events and the Tell-E-Gram. The survey will close on Tuesday, June 6th. It can be found at: <http://gram.questionpro.com>. Please see the image below and be sure to enter the URL in the top address bar. For any questions, please contact Jessica Miles at JMiles@TVPOA.org or 865-458-5408, ext. 4115. We appreciate your feedback!

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

### **Wildcat Falls Hike May 24**

When: Wednesday, May 24

Depart at 8:00 a.m. from the Chota Center

Distance: 6 miles

Rating: Difficult

Driving Time: Approx. 1.75 hours

Leader: Tom Ringenbach 865-201-9014/tommamier@gmail.com

This hike is in the heart of the Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Creek Wilderness Area. This is a six mile, in-and-out hike to reach the falls. We will descend 1000 feet in the first 1.5 miles, which means we must eventually climb back up! We will make three stream crossings going in and the same three returning. If the water is low enough, these should be rock hops, but water shoes may be advisable. Note that we reach the trailhead (Big Fat Gap) via U.S. 129 (the Dragon), whose twists and turns some may find difficult on the stomach.

### **Rotary This Week –Civil War Historian Gerald Augustus May 25**

The Tellico Lake Rotary Club is pleased to have Gerald Augustus, our favorite Civil War Historian, back with us to speak about East Tennessee's role in the "War of Northern Aggression". He'll focus on the many famous officers that came from East TN. All Rotary Club meetings are open to the public so plan to join us at our regular Lunch Meeting, Thursday, May 25 at 11:45 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Tellico Village. Seating is limited so PLEASE RSVP by Tuesday at Noon via email or call John & Sue Everson at 423-884-3369. This week's menu is pulled pork sandwich with cole slaw and chips. Cost is \$10. Plan to arrive by 11:40 a.m. using the 2nd portico on the left side of the Church.

### **HOA/New Villagers Welcome Orientation May 25**

The HOA and New Villagers will hold a Welcome Orientation on May 25th at the Yacht Club from 6:30 p.m to p.m. on the Third Level. Learn about our community and our key organizations. For more information visit: [www.hoatelicovillage.com](http://www.hoatelicovillage.com).

### **Tellico Village Single Baby Boomers Club General Meeting May 25**

Tellico Village Single Baby Boomers Club is both a social and service club. Our events are planned for mainly evenings and weekends to allow working members to participate. The purpose of our club is to provide activities for singles living in Tellico Village and surrounding areas. Come join us, have fun, and meet new friends! We will be having a social and meeting on Thursday, May 25. The social will begin at the Yacht Club bar at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will be on the top floor of the Yacht Club at 6 p.m. Carolyn Hudspeth, President at [tvbabyboomers@gmail.com](mailto:tvbabyboomers@gmail.com) or <http://www.tvsinglebabyboomers.com/>

### **Baker Creek Paddle May 25**

Please join the Soggy Bottom Kayak Club on Thursday May 25 for an easy and tranquil trip down Baker Creek. Through a wilderness setting with hopefully many bird sightings, we will travel approximately six miles. It will be an "in and back" paddle so if some kayakers are not up for the full distance, they can simply turn around and paddle back to the launch site at the

Morganton boat ramp. We will meet at Sloan's Village Hardware at 8:30 am and travel to the Morganton boat ramp off East Tellico Parkway. For all Kahite residents, we will stop at the Derby downs strip mall around 8:45 to pick up paddlers that would like to join us. After the relaxing paddle, we invite everyone to join us for a light lunch at Pizzeria Venti in Vonore. Barry Brandt will be leading this paddle so if there are any questions contact him at [barrybrandt3@hotmail.com](mailto:barrybrandt3@hotmail.com) or 657-3128.

### **New Villager's Club Social June 1**

The New Villagers Club holds a social 5-6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the Yacht Club. The next social will be 5 p.m. Thursday, June 1, in the Yacht Club. New members should arrive at 4:30 PM. Visit the New Villagers Club website for more information: [www.telliconewvillagers.com](http://www.telliconewvillagers.com).

### **Tellico Village Garden Club Potluck Luncheon June 1**

Join the Garden Club on June 1 at 12 p.m. at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church on Rt. 72. R.S.V.P before May 27 to Judy Jutze at 865-458-6895 or [gijutze@charter.net](mailto:gijutze@charter.net). Our speaker is the always entertaining and informative Lyn Bales of Ijams Nature Center.

### **Tellico Village Woodworkers Meeting June 1**

The June TV Woodworkers' meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 1 at 6:45 pm. This meeting will be held on the top floor of the Yacht Club. This month's meeting is the Spring Challenge where our members are challenged to make something from a rustic piece of wood. Come and see how creative our members can be. All friends and visitors are welcome to attend.

### **American Legion Post 256 Meeting June 1**

American Legion Post 256, extends an invitation to all Veterans to join us at our meetings on the 1st Thursday of each month (1 June). The meeting begins at 9 AM and includes a breakfast buffet for \$12.00. Reservations are required by noon on the Monday prior to the meeting. Please call Commander Vic Vickery, (423) 884-6476 or Adjutant Jim McNeece, (865) 233-5664. Breakfast is followed by an informative guest speaker and updates on community and veteran's services projects. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at The First Baptist Church of Tellico Village. For directions and more information visit [www.TellicoLakePost256.org](http://www.TellicoLakePost256.org).

### **Appalachian Hymn Sing June 4**

Come join us on Sunday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m. as we sing some of your favorites like: I'll Fly Away, Just as I am, Farther Along, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms & many more. Accompanying us will be our favorite dulcimer group: Appalachian Wood & Strings Trio. Hymn Sing is at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 260 Wade Road West, Loudon, TN 37774 and it is free.

### **Tellico Village Ladies Book Club June 8**

Join the Tellico Village Ladies Book Club on Thursday, June 8 at Tanasi Club House to discuss the fictional book: "The Whirlwind" by Rick Mofina. Discussion leader will be Karen Erpekling. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the discussion will begin at 12:15 p.m.

### **TV Woodcarvers Meeting June 8**

The TV Woodcarvers ( not to be confused with the Woodworkers ) meetings are being changed to the second and fourth Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in room A at the Recreational Center. Our first meeting will be June 8. Contact Curt Isakson for more information at 865-458-2943.

### ***All the King's Women* opens June 8 – an Elvis story**

Written by Luigi Januzzi, *All the King's Women* is a fast-paced series of comedic plays and monologues based on the life of Elvis as told through the eyes of 17 women and three men. The Tellico Community Players Readers Theater production of *All the King's Women* will run Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10 at the Tellico Community Playhouse, 304 Lakeside Plaza,

Loudon. Reserved seats at \$21 are available on the website [www.tellicocommunityplayhouse.org](http://www.tellicocommunityplayhouse.org).

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Tellico Village is turning 30 this year and we will be celebrating with a 30th Celebration Dinner. It will take place on August 24th at the Yacht Club. Please save the date and check Friday's Tell-E-Gram for more details!

### **Tellico Village 9-Hole Men's League Begins May 18th at Tanasi**

Tellico Village 9-hole Men's league made its debut on May 18. The 9-hole league will be an exciting league designed for players who look to play competitive golf on a 9-hole scale. The games and competitions will mirror those provided by the TVMGA-18 league. The 9-hole league will be a shotgun start at NOON on THURSDAYS. Play will begin upon completion of the Rainbow Linksters league. All sign-ups will be done via the Chelsea Reservation System. If you would like to have access to this league, please send Casey Flenniken an email at [CFlenniken@TVPOA.org](mailto:CFlenniken@TVPOA.org)

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- May 25th at KAHITE (Individual)
- June 1st at TOQUA (4-person teams)
- June 8th at TANASI (A/C, B/D)

The game each week will be \$5 cash which you will pay at check-in and there will be an optional \$5 skins game (Gross & Net skins). Each player must have an established USGA handicap in order to participate. Please stop into any Tellico Village golf shop and pay your \$37 fee to start a handicap. Don't miss out on this great new league!

#### **Library Corner**

"Appalachia - Part 3. A History of Mountains and People" - This presentation is the first environmental history series ever made. Several well-known people explore the intersection of natural history and human history in one of America's grandest treasures. They tell a story of a people struggling to find a true and proper relationship to the natural world. "Mountain Revolutions" is a race for the prize in the Industrial Age of the nation. It will take place on Wednesday, May 24. Start time is 7:30 in the Conference Room of the Tellico Village Library. Popcorn, water and soft drinks will be offered for a small fee.

The author for First Friday in June, is Helen Gray. Helen and her husband Randy, live in Knoxville half the year and LaQuinta, California, the other half. She describes her book, *A Charmed Life*, as follows, "Never did I dream that my ordinary life would become extraordinary as a direct consequence of my family and friendships. I believe these stories give proof that potential friendships are all around us..." A reader describes the book as a collection of "short stories of one family with many rich and interesting life experiences." 5 out of 5 stars. Ms. Gray will be at the Tellico Library, Friday, June 2 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

### **New Jersey Rocks – Get Acquainted Pot Luck Picnic**

**Date:** Sunday, June 11

**Time:** 5 – 9 p.m.

**Location:** Tugaloo Pavilion

Bring a dish to share, wear your name tag, and come party with your Jersey Buds & Budettes! Cost is \$5 per person – make check payable to: Marie Kelly and send the check to her at 143 Inagehi Way, Loudon, TN 37774 by May 28. This will cover Pavilion rental, non-alcoholic

beverages, and paper goods. For more information, contact Suzy at 865-657-9052 or Marie at 865-657-3461

## **Tellico Village Computer Users Club Open House June 2**

You are invited! The Technology Access Program (TAP) is having an open house at the shop (244 Lakeside Plaza) from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Friday, June 2 and you are invited to join us in commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the date the first computers were given to families (12 systems on June 2, 2007) and celebrating giving away the 5,000<sup>th</sup> system (May 3, 2017).

TAP is a community outreach arm of the Tellico Village Computer Users Club. The Club was formed in 2001 and is the second largest club in Tellico Village. At the close of 2016, the club had over 1,200 members in 844 households.

TAP has 40 volunteers who refurbish computers, monitors, and printers, who also do administrative work. If you would like to join us in this very worthwhile endeavor, please attend the open house and let us know that you are interested in helping. For more information call 865-332-5313 or email [tap@tvuc.org](mailto:tap@tvuc.org)

## **TEE IT UP FOR UNITED WAY**

Here is your chance to join your friends and neighbors in supporting a great cause and play the Rarity Bay Golf Course. This event supports two worthwhile organizations that support the residents of both Loudon and Monroe counties. The event takes place on June 3 with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Foursomes can be all male, all female or mixed grouped into two flights, standard and senior - age 60+ and females. Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams in each flight as well as for longest drive, most accurate drive and closest to the pin for both genders.

The entry fee is \$400/team. This includes greens and cart fees, a continental breakfast as well as lunch, prizes as well as a goody bag. In addition, snacks and beverages are available on the course during play. If interested in joining the fun complete the registration form (see links below) and mail it with a check to:

United Way of Monroe County  
PO Box 722  
Sweetwater, TN 37874

The registration form and more information can also be accessed at either:

[www.myunitedwaymonroecounty.org](http://www.myunitedwaymonroecounty.org)

[www.unitedwayloudoncounty.org](http://www.unitedwayloudoncounty.org)

Registration must be received no later than May 25.

United Way is the pre-eminent charitable organization in both counties. In Loudon County, it partners with 32 different agencies all of whom provide support to citizens of Loudon County with various needs – be it counselling, in-home care, and treatment for various maladies or assistance with dealing with the vicissitudes of life. Countless Tellico Village residents are familiar with these organization, or do volunteer work for them. These include the Good Samaritan Center, Iva's Place, STAR, Senior Citizen Home Assistance Service, TV Volunteer Fire Department, StayinTV, TAP and countless others. The funds raised in this event are apportioned equally between the two United Way Organizations.

Come join us for a great day while at the same time helping your neighbors.

## **Tellico Lake Day 2017**

In Tellico Village, we are surrounded by the natural beauty of the lake. Why not come out with your neighbors and enjoy it? Spend a day on the water at the Yacht Club on June 9th from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. There will be numerous water activities available to partake in throughout the

day. Several boat manufactures will offer free boat rides, you will also have the opportunity to try out some kayaks and paddle boards. If land is more your style, we will have vendors available on land that you can visit. The Yacht Club will be grilling out all day so come hungry and purchase a lunch basket lakefront. Entertainment will be provided by Dock Dogs and music will be played all day long. Bring a chair and enjoy the day on the lake! Parking will be available from the Community Church, the shuttle will run on a continuous basis all day long.

### **Loudon County Clerk's Tellico Village 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 (across from the gas station), courtesy of Lakeside Real Estate Group. Hours are 9 a.m.– 4 p.m on Thursdays to serve Loudon County residents.

### **Toqua Trail Closure**

Chip & Seal work begins on the Toqua Trail on May 22nd. The trail will be closed to all during this time. Stay tuned for more info on reopening.

### **Stand Up Paddleboard**

Paddleboard opportunities are still available. Join us on Thursday, May 25th at Tugaloo Beach! If you are still interested in learning the SUP basics, an additional SUP 101 class has been added on Thursday, May 25th at 11 am. Call the Chota Rec Center at 865-458-6779 today to sign up! We're adding kayaks too! There will also be kayaks available to be checked out from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. on May 25th FREE of charge. Remember that you need to be a Recreation Department member to participate in this awesome FREE opportunity. If you are not a Rec Member, you can use guest passes or pay a daily fee at the Chota Rec Center at least one day in advance.

## **SMOKY MOUNTAIN SERVICE DOGS**

### **"Challenge Golf ENCORE"**

### **Saturday, June 10 at Toqua Golf Course**

On Saturday, June 10 at the Toqua Golf Club, come support a fantastic charitable organization that was founded in Tellico Village, Smoky Mountain Service Dogs at their *Challenge Golf ENCORE!* Last's year's event was an unqualified success, with a completely full field - and this year's event promises to be even better!

The *Challenge Golf ENCORE* begins with breakfast and registration at 7 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 9 a.m. A luncheon and awards ceremony will be held at completion of play. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the beauty of Toqua Golf Course at Tellico Village and support an incredible charitable organization. The "Challenge" aspect of the event means that you don't have to be a great player to win, and in fact plumbing and yard skills may be helpful!

If you're not familiar with this wonderful organization, Smoky Mountain Service Dogs custom trains dogs for mobility assistance for Veterans with disabilities. They are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to: "Enhance the Physical and Psychological Quality of Life for Veterans with Disabilities by Providing Custom Trained Mobility Assistance Service Dogs". For additional information, please visit their website at:

[www.smokymountainservicedogs.org](http://www.smokymountainservicedogs.org)

This will undoubtedly be a very popular event. The field is limited to the first 120 players, so please don't delay signing up. You can sign up as a team or an individual. Please click the link below to download a registration form:



## CHALLENGE GOLF ENCORE REGISTRATION FORM

We hope to see you on the golf course on June 10th!

### **SMSD Passing of the Leash Ceremony May 25**

Date/Time: May 25 at 1 p.m.

Place: Tellico Village Community Church

You are invited to join as we celebrate the “Passing the Leash” of mobility assistance dog “Thor” to: US Army SFC Justin Jirkovsky (ret.) who served two combat tours in Iraq and two combat tours in Afghanistan, receiving the Bronze Star for Valor.

Join us on Saturday, June 10 at Deep Well Farm from 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person. Summer tea party attire. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Michele Lewis at 865-458-8749.

### **Andre Germilhac Joins the Lions Club**

At a recent meeting, the TV Lions inducted their newest member, Andre Germilhac. In addition to an interesting background he brings to the club an interest in community service which will enable him to contribute to the TV Lions efforts in serving the community.

Andre was born in Belgium and lived in Paris during World War II. His family remained in France and in 1953 he joined the French Army and served as a paratrooper for a year. His family migrated to the US in 1955 and settled in Michigan. Shortly after arriving in the US he married and became the father of two boys and two girls. American citizenship followed soon after and he began a long career of employment in the automobile industry, first as a design engineer for General Motors and later as Sales Engineer and Account manager for General Motors. In 1994 he was elected President of a local chapter of the American Society of Body Engineers. He moved to Textron Corporation where, in its Automotive Division, he served as an Account Manager for their GM and Chrysler accounts. He retired from Textron in 1996.

During a trip travelling on I-40 he saw a billboard showing the 14th Tee on the Toqua Golf Course. That became “love at first sight” and he and his wife purchased a townhouse on the 18th green and moved to the village in 1996.

He set about to serve the community primarily as a member of the TVVFD, as both a First Responder and EMT. He was a member of the FD for fifteen years ending his service as the Deputy Chief in 2013. He and his wife Myra, are avid golfers, bowlers and fans of Detroit and Michigan sports teams although they have shifted some of their loyalty to the Tennessee Vols. They are both members of the Community Church where Myra is a member of the Handbell Choir. They are also members of the GM Club since both are GM retirees, Myra from the Pontiac Division. In their spare time they stay busy keeping track of 8 children, 12 grandchildren and two great grandchildren living in Michigan, South Carolina, Florida, Texas and California.

The photo shows Andre being inducted into the club by its president, Queen Lion Margaret Van Wormer. Standing on the right is his Lions sponsor, Lion Ron Lockhart.

The TV Lions are always looking for new members to join them and serve the community. They meet on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at the First Baptist Church in Tellico Village. The first Tuesday meeting is a morning meeting convening at 9:15 AM; the second meeting is a dinner meeting, convening at 6:00 PM. The dinner meeting normally features a

guest speaker. You can learn more about the TV Lions by visiting their web site at <http://tellicovillage.tnlions.org/> or by contacting their Membership Chair, Doris Catani via e-mail at [dorisann33@gmail.com](mailto:dorisann33@gmail.com) or by phone at 657-5059.

### **TV Yacht Club Presents: Wine & Canvas!**

On Wednesday, May 24, drink wine, paint with friends, and have a fun time! An instructor will be there for step-by-step instructions. Sign up at [www.wineandcanvas.com](http://www.wineandcanvas.com)

Date: May 24

Time: 6 p.m.– 9 p.m.

Phone: 865-356-9179

Farmer's Market - every Wednesday from 9 a.m.-Noon in the Yacht Club parking lot.

### **Tanasi Bar & Grill**

Brunch at Tanasi now served four days a week - Thursday to Sunday from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. Don't forget to make your Trivia Team reservations! Call 865-458-9392.