

Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, Feb. 2, 2012

POA Meetings and Events:

- Public Works will be making our final leaf pick-up throughout the entire Village starting Feb. 6. For more information, call Public Works, 865-458-4522.
- Golf Advisory Committee, 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, POA Office
- Finance Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, POA Office

Now Featured on Channel 3

- **Spotlight on Tellico** airs on the odd half hours daily, 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. On this week's show, Elliott Domans interviews two members of the Loudon County Election Commission as they explain the first ever opportunity for Villagers to vote early in the February right here in the Village and how, if participation is sufficient, this could be a regular polling place.

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Watch online: www.tellicovillage.org/in-the-news/channel3/videos

Free Golf Clinic Feb. 4

Join the golf pro staff 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at Toqua. This week's clinic will be the short game, chipping and putting.

A Day in the Life of a Tellico Village Golf Professional

By LEN WILLIS

Golf Advisory Committee

Do you ever wonder what duties a club professional golfer has? It seems like a pretty "cushy" job. They give occasional lessons for which they are paid or help out during tournaments held at their club. There are also some questions asked of them during the day. However, it doesn't seem that difficult. Here in Tellico Village, we have four golf professionals. Is there enough work to be done to warrant that many professionals?

At most private golf course facilities, there is only one golf course with between 200 and 400 members. Most of these courses have at least three professionals on their staff. The number of events held at these courses is in the neighborhood of five or six. The number of participants for these club tournaments is small because of the low membership totals. The professionals give lessons to their members when asked. At most private courses, the professionals have an administrative staff that includes a staff assistant or two. In Tellico Village, things are different. First, because of the economy, we are unable to fully utilize our part-time golf employees. As a result, the golf professionals have to manage the pro shops most of the time. They are the only management personnel at each pro shop operation.

Next, we also have three golf courses and two driving ranges. The number of golfers we have at Tellico Village is in excess of 2,500. This a large number that requires Jim West and his staff to be constantly involved with membership concerns. In addition, we also host more than 25 events at our three golf courses. The majority of the tournaments are held for the benefit of Tellico residents. Some of these events have more than 100 participants. This requires a lot of professional time and effort to make sure they run smoothly.

Finally, at Tellico Village we have seven total leagues. These leagues for men and women involve hundreds of Tellico Village golfers. Each of these leagues plays every week from the end of March through the end of October. These events are every bit, if not more laborious, than the 26 major events hosted by Tellico Village. Each of the different leagues of the Men's Golf Association (MGA), the Tellico Village Ladies Golf Association (TVLGA), HOA Couples and New Villagers have one of the professionals assigned as their leader. This includes monitoring players, setting up tee groups, getting the

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groups started on league day, reporting the results, making gift certificates, and many other related duties. The Tellico Village golf professionals also have the added burden of performing a lot of travelling between the courses to cover league play, events, and lessons.

The Tellico Village golf professionals have a unique job to perform. It requires performance of many more duties than is expected from a “regular” private golf club. For example, I was interested in what one of our professionals did on a given day. I asked Lisa Vaughn to randomly select a day and write down her golf activities. She gladly volunteered.

Thursday, January 5th

1. She arrived at Kahite Golf Course at 7:45 a.m., opened clubhouse and opened the Point of Sale system.
2. The MGA was playing that day at Kahite and Lisa was the pro in charge. She began making the numerous changes for the cancellations and additions for the day’s MGA event.
3. She was working the counter and the phones began ringing with questions about whether or not they were any delays. She got in touch with the course superintendent and found there was a one-hour delay.
4. The phone continued to ring, sometimes both lines at the same time. This continued until 10 a.m.
5. She began checking in MGA golfers on the Point of Sale and collecting entry fees for the event. Phone continued to ring. Other calls were about wanting tee times questions about pre-pay.
6. She made announcements to the participants about the day’s competition and the golf cart rules for the day and sent to group out to play.
7. After getting all of the golfers on the course, she began reconciling the Point of Sale, printing out the scoreboard for the MGA and making prize reconciliation for the MGA event. She answered phones concerning need for tee times for the day and for Friday.
8. She was required to drive to Toqua.
9. She counted the Pro Shop inventory at Toqua, made bank deposits, and delivered the paper work to the POA office from Wednesday sales for Toqua.
10. She then drove back to Kahite.
11. When she returned to Kahite, she discovered that some of the golf carts were breaking down, and she worked with the outside service staff to shuttle carts to the stranded golfers.
12. The MGA golfers began completing their round and she began scoring the event and determined the winners. She then completed the reconciliation of the prizes and made the gift certificates to be signed and distributed to the winners.
13. It was 5 p.m. and she updated the annual range members list for Kahite and Toqua.
14. She went home.

WHEW! It was a busy day. And this was during the winter season. Just imagine how work intensive a day during the peak season, March through October, would be.

I think our professional golf staff works hard and should be thanked whenever you have the opportunity.

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

John Muir Trail Hike Feb. 8

The Tellico Village Hiking Club will depart 8 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, from the Visitors Center to hike:

- John Muir Trail
- Driving time: 1+ hour
- Distance: 6 miles (in-and-out hike)
- Elevation Gain: Minimal
- Rating: Easy
- Leader: Tom Ringenbach, 865-458-0915 or tommamie@charter.net

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This hike covers a small portion of the route traveled by John Muir in 1857 as he made his way from Indiana to the Gulf of Mexico. For much of this hike, the trail is sandwiched between the Hiwassee River and some impressive rock formations, which are much more visible now than they are in the summer. This hike is mostly very level, although there are a couple of spots presenting precarious footing where some care must be taken. This hike will begin at the Big Bend trailhead and continue to the Childers Creek trailhead. After a water/snack break, we will return toward Big Bend, stopping for lunch at a nice spot along the river.

Driving directions will be provided the morning of the hike. Hiking boots and hiking stick(s) are recommended. Bring ample water and a trail lunch. Car-pooling is recommended and will be set up the morning of the hikes. Passengers are asked to contribute \$5 to the driver to help cover gas, etc.

For more information, check out the website: www.tvhikers.com

Submitted by Bob Kutschera

HOA General Meeting Feb. 9

The HomeOwners Association will hold their quarterly meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in the Yacht Club. This meeting is open to all residents. Topics to be covered include:

- **Estate Planning in Tennessee.** In a repeat of last year's standout presentation, Loren E. Plemmons, attorney-at-law, will address "Estate Planning in Tennessee." Plemmons will also address comments on the recent tax law changes enacted by the Federal Government and how they affect estate planning. Following her presentation, she will field questions from the audience.
- **Project Lifesaver – Bringing Loved Ones Home.** Lt. Mel Hines, Loudon County Sheriff's Office, for the past one and a half years has served as coordinator for Project Lifesaver. The Project Lifesaver program is designed to electronically aid and assist search and rescue personnel find those at risk of wandering, such as autistic children or seniors with Alzheimer's or dementia. The program provides a bracelet with a transmitter and battery to be worn by the recipient at all times. The device is activated if the client wanders. The Project Lifesaver Team responds after a call to 911.

Submitted by Linda Robitaille

Early Voting Schedule for Tellico Village

The Early Voting Schedule (Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 15-18) in Tellico Village is a "TEST RUN" to monitor participation. IF the turnout of VILLAGE VOTERS is significant, the early voting opportunity will return for future voting cycles. IF residents do not make a showing of interest, the early voting will return to Loudon and Lenoir City. Even though anyone in the county can vote at the Tellico Village poll, only the RESIDENTS will be counted.

Tellico Village Community Church

- Wednesday, Feb. 15: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 16: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 17: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 18: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Medical Group Taking Survey of Residents

Summit Medical Group, a nationally recognized partnership of 220 East Tennessee physicians, is evaluating the need for a primary care physician practice to serve the residents of Tellico Village. Please help them gauge the level of interest among Village residents by completing a short survey <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QM9229N>. For more information about Summit Medical Group, please visit www.summitmedical.com.

Next Few Days Ahead

Saturday, February 4th

8:30 am- Racquetball (CRC)
8:35 am- Deep Water (WC)
8:45 am- Fit & Tone (WC)
9:30 am- Advance Line Dancing (CRC)
11 am- Wallyball (CRC)
11 am- Free Golf Clinic (TO)
12:30 pm- Badminton (CRC)

Monday, February 6th

8 am- Aerobic Fit & Tone (KAC)
8 am- Basketball (CRC)
8:30 am- Racquetball (CRC)
8:30 am- Aerobics (WC)
8:35 am- Water Aerobic (WC)
9 am- Village Quilters Sweatshop (CRC)
9 am- HOA Board (CRC)
9:45 am- Water Exercise (WC)
9:45 am- Tai Chi (KAC)
9:45 pm- Intermediate Yoga (WC)
11 am- Table Tennis (KAC)
11 am- Water Arthritis (WC)
11:30 am- Yoga (WC)
1 pm- Advance/Level 3 Line Dance (WC)
1 pm- Carving Club (CRC)
1 pm- Quilt Board Meeting (CRC)
1:15 pm- Badminton (CRC)
2 pm- Cruising Club (CRC)
2:15 pm- Intermed/Level 2 Line Dance (WC)
3:30 pm- Stability Ball (WC)
4:15 pm- Basketball (CRC)
4:30 pm- Co-ed Water Interval (WC)
4:30 pm- Kickboxing (WC)
6 pm- Yoga (WC)
6 pm- Duplicate Bridge (CRC)
7 pm- The Bead Goes On (CRC)

Tuesday, February 7th

8 am- Fit & Tone (WC)
8:30 am- Racquetball (CRC)
9:15 am- Fit & Tone (WC)
9:30 am – Concert Committee (CRC)
10 am- Water Fun & Movement (WC)
10 am- Table Tennis (CRC)
10:30 am- Tai Chi (WC)
11 am- Wallyball (CRC)
2 pm- Table Tennis (KAC)
3:30 pm- Weight Equip Orientation (WC)
4 pm- Beginning Racquetball (CRC)
4 pm- Pilates Yoga (KAC)
4 pm- Zumba (WC)
4 pm- Aqua Zumba (WC)

4:15 pm- Basketball (CRC)
6 pm- Badminton (CRC)
6 pm- Hand & Foot (CRC)
6:30 pm- Pinochle (CRC)

Wednesday, February 8th

8 am- Aerobic Fit & Tone (KAC)
8:30 am- Racquetball (CRC)
8:30 am- Aerobics (WC)
8:35 am- Water Aerobics (WC)
9:45 am- Water Exercise (WC)
9:45 am- Tai Chi (WC)
9:45 am- Tai Chi Practice (KAC)
10 am- Badminton (CRC)
11 am- Table Tennis (KAC)
11 am- Arthritis Water Class (WC)
11 am- Wallyball (CRC)
11:30 am- Yoga (WC)
1 pm- Advance/Level 3 Line Dance (WC)
1 pm- Mah Jongg (KAC)
1 pm- Contract Bridge (CRC)
2:15 pm- Intermed/Level 2 Line Dance (WC)
3:30 pm- TOPS (CRC)
4 pm- Pilates Yoga (WC)
4:15 pm- Basketball (CRC)
5 pm- Co-ed Water Fitness (WC)
6 pm- Yoga (WC)
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study (CRC)

Thursday, February 9th

8 am- Fit & Tone (WC)
8:30 am- Pilates (KAC)
8:30 am- Racquetball (CRC)
9 am- Friends of the Library (CRC)
9:15 am- Fit & Tone (WC)
9:30 am- 5 Crown Card (CRC)
10 am- Use/Care of hearing aids seminar (CRC)
10 am- Water Fun & Movement (WC)
10:15 am- Beginning Tai Chi (WC)
11 am- Wallyball (CRC)
11 am- Table Tennis (CRC)
12:30 pm- Ladies Duplicate Bridge (CRC)
1 pm- Intro (level 1) Line Dance (WC)
2 pm- Jin Shin Jyustu (WC)
3 pm- Golf Adv Comm (POA)
3 pm- Weight Watchers (CRC)
3 pm- Digital Photography (CRC)
4 pm- Zumba (WC)
4 pm- Poolates (WC)
4 pm- Beginning Racquetball (CRC)
4:15 pm- Basketball (CRC)
6:15 pm- Badminton (CRC)
7 pm- WATeR (CRC)