

## Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, Feb. 14, 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.
- Architectural Control Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, POA Office
- POA Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, Yacht Club (irregular date)

### Yacht Club Offerings

- New **Dinner Menu** changes, including six new appetizers! See page 3 for the entire list!
- Join us for **Prime Rib Fridays** and **Free Bar Appetizers** on Saturdays.
- **Free Coffee** at **Sunday Brunch** when you bring your church bulletin.
- **Tiki Bar** is back in action on Friday evenings beginning 6 p.m.
- **Chef Demo and Wine Dinner** starts back up Monday, Feb. 20, \$45 per person (plus tax and gratuity), with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m., featuring French Cuisine: three courses and three wine pairings—recipes and step-by-step instruction provided by Executive Chef Warren Rennick.
- **Jazz Brunch**, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, in the downstairs Great Room. The bar will be open! For reservations and information, contact Steve Geoffrey, 865-408-1370.

For reservations and information, call **865-458-4363**.

## Golf Advisory Committee Sets Goals for 2012

By LEN WILLIS

*Golf Advisory Committee*

We are all looking forward to the 2012 golf season in Tellico Village. The Tellico Village Golf Advisory Committee (GAC) has established several goals for the year.

### Continued Improvement of Course Conditions

The condition of the Tellico Village golf courses in 2011 was a vast improvement when compared to 2010. There were several reasons for the improvement. One major contributor was the hiring of two new course superintendents at Tanasi (Pat Rose) and Toqua (Chris Sykes). There were also other managerial changes made by Jim West, Director of Golf, that helped to better define job standards for the golf staff. With the efforts made by the two new superintendents along with the continuing performance of Mike White at Kahite, the course conditions in 2011 were good. Also, the weather cooperated better in 2011.

The GAC realizes that these improvements can only be sustained by an ongoing, continuous effort. The goal of the GAC is to ensure that golf personal be given what they need to keep our courses in a condition that will make the residents of Tellico Village proud.

### Enhancement of Membership Value

The three golf courses in Tellico Village are one of the major assets of Tellico Village. If the courses are in good condition and the cost of playing golf is “fair,” then the value of a Tellico Village membership has increased value. It will make our home values increase. It will be a major issue to prospective home buyers when deciding on a purchase.

Therefore, the GAC constantly keeps an eye on the conditions and needed improvements to our golf courses, as well as the factors in determining the cost of playing a round of golf.

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## **Concerns for 9-Hole rounds and No-Shows**

The GAC knows that there are a large number of golfers in Tellico Village who play 9-hole rounds of golf instead of playing 18 holes. The percentage of 9-hole rounds is in excess of 30% of the total rounds and, because of the aging of our golfers, is expected to increase. However, the GAC also realizes that when 9-hole golfers play morning rounds on days where large numbers of golfers play (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday), there are two negatives that occur. First, there is a loss of available tee times in the highest demand period. Second, there is lost revenue because the 9-hole golfers are taking a tee time that could be filled with 18-hole players. This has been discussed for several years. The GAC doesn't want to make the 9-hole players feel any less important.

There have been frequent discussions; if a decision is made or recommended, it will be done with input from all parties involved. Jim West has mentioned a formation of a study group which would consist of golfers and staff members with the knowledge needed to address this concern.

No-shows have always been a problem at Tellico Village. If an individual or a member of a group schedules a tee time and doesn't show-up, there is lost revenue to Tellico Village. The revenue is lost because a tee time goes unused. What, if anything, can be done? There have been many discussions about finding a way to penalize these golfers. However, is it fair when the reason can't be faulted? How does the golf staff know why the golfer failed to show? What do you do about large groups that schedule five tee times for 20 golfers on a Wednesday morning and only 13 golfers show up? In this example, there are seven open golf slots that are costing Tellico Village more than \$200 in golf revenue.

Maybe the GAC needs to address the "group" situations in an effort to have a better accountability for tee times. Maybe the leaders of the groups need to do a better job in making sure which golfers in their group are available to play before entering their names on the Chelsea system. As you can see, it can be a difficult thing to wrap your mind around. This is a problem that the GAC will continue to address.

## **Golf Course Restroom Facilities**

The GAC recognizes the importance of having clean restroom facilities at all of the golf courses. A problem developed when the "outside" cleaning crew no longer was cleaning the golf course facilities. It then became the responsibility of the golf maintenance staff. They sometimes were not equipped nor had the time to keep the facilities as clean as needed. The GAC is attempting to develop a schedule and plan to have restrooms that are clean, look clean, and smell clean at all times. Marsha Gaster, GAC member, is leading the way for this GAC goal.

## **Forward Tees for Ladies and Young Golfers**

We have a wide range of golfers in Tellico Village. Our golfers use all of our tee boxes depending on their abilities, age, handicaps, health situation, etc. At Kahite, we have forward (black) tees. These tees are not available at Tanasi and Toqua. They are needed. These forward tees will provide more enjoyment for golfers who need the shorter distances because of the factors listed above. One of the GAC goals this year is to implement these tees. At first, they may be placed only on a selected area of the fairways. There will be a trial run before any permanent tee box additions are made.

## **"Play-It-Forward"**

There is a national USGA program that is pushing golfers to "Play-It-Forward." I wrote an article about this issue several months ago. I have heard many comments from Tellico golfers

that have tried this method and have found their golf experience to be more enjoyable. There are many formulas that can be used to determine what yardage a golfer should play. The formulas can be based on age, handicap, distance you hit your shots, etc.

I personally think the simplest way to tell you need to move forward is whether or not you can reach a normal distance par-4 hole in two good shots. If not, you probably need to go to the color of tee box that has a shorter distance. Give it a try. I think you will have more fun.

The next Golf Advisory Committee meeting is 3 p.m. Thursday, March 8, in the POA conference room.

## **Shoulder Work on Toqua Road Feb. 13-15**

Public Works will be performing shoulder restoration on Toqua Road Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 13-15. Be prepared for delays and flag men.

### **Meeting Date Corrections for *The Connection***

*The Connection* has listed inaccurate meeting dates in its Feb. 8 issue. The correct information is:

- Architectural Control Committee meets 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, POA Office.
- POA Board meets 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, Yacht Club.

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

### **Early Voting Information for Tellico Village**

#### **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 is evaluating the need for a primary care physician practice to serve the residents of Tellico Village. Help them gauge the level of interest among Village residents by completing a short survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QM9229N>. For more information, visit [www.summitmedical.com](http://www.summitmedical.com).

### **Yacht Club Offers New Appetizers and Entrees**

- Six new Appetizers:
  - Firecracker Shrimp
  - Mussels
  - Whole Wheat Flat Bread
  - Chilled Smoked Salmon
  - Sweetwater Farms Cheese Sampler
  - Chorizo Nachos!
- Cream of Triple Mushroom Soup
- Caprese Salad
- Slow Braised Beef Brisket
- Marinated Flank Steak.
- Plus new sauces for Salmon and Chicken Breast entrees!
- New Ribs preparation that renders more tender, juicy ribs!!!
- New Pastas:
  - Grilled Veggie Farfalle
  - Beijing Beef Noodles!
- Baked Sweet Potato is back!!

For reservations and information, call the Yacht Club, **865-458-4363**.

# POA 101

Sign up for POA 101, being held 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, in the Yacht Club. Whether you are a new property owner or have lived in the Village for years, this brief orientation on Village governance offers information for all. Call Patty Robichaud, 865-458-5408, ext. 4115, to reserve your seat and ensure adequate materials are available for all participants.

## Next Few Days Ahead

### Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

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)  
11:30 am- Yoga (WC)  
1 pm- Advance/Level 3 Line Dance (WC)  
1 pm- Mah Jongg (KAC)  
1 pm- Contract Bridge (CRC)  
2 pm- Wallyball (CRC)  
2:15 pm- Intermed/Level 2 Line Dance (WC)  
3:30 pm- TOPS (CRC)  
3:30 pm- Weight Equip Orientation (WC)  
4 pm- Pilates Yoga (WC)  
4:15 pm- Basketball (CRC)  
5 pm-Co-ed Water Fitness (WC)  
6 pm- Yoga (WC)  
6:30 pm- Euchre (CRC)  
6:30 pm- Bible Study (CRC)  
7 pm- Bluegrass (CRC)

### Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

8 am- Fit & Tone (WC)  
8:30 am- Pilates (KAC)  
8:30 am- Racquetball (CRC)  
9 am- ACC (POA)  
9:15 am- Fit & Tone (WC)  
10 am- Water Fun & Movement (WC)  
10 am- Tanasi Cove Townhouse Assn (CRC)  
10:15 am- Beginning Tai Chi (WC)  
10:30 am- New Villagers (CRC)  
11 am- Wallyball (CRC)  
11 am- Table Tennis (CRC)  
12:30 pm- Ladies Duplicate Bridge (CRC)  
1 pm- Intro (level 1) Line Dance (WC)  
1 pm- Open Play Mah Jongg (CRC)  
2 pm- Jin Shin Jyustu (WC)  
3 pm- Weight Watchers (CRC)

4 pm- Poolates (WC)  
4 pm- Zumba (WC)  
4 pm- Beginning Racquetball (CRC)  
4:15 pm- Basketball (CRC)  
6:15 pm- Badminton (CRC)  
6:30 pm- Rummikub (CRC)  
7 p.m. –Memoir Class (CRC)

### Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

8 am- Aerobic Fit & Tone (KAC)  
8 am- Basketball (CRC)  
8:30 am- Racquetball (CRC)  
8:30 am- Aerobics (WC)  
8:35 am- Water Aerobics (WC)  
9:45 am- Tai Chi Practice (KAC)  
9:45 am- Fit & Tone (WC)  
9:45 am- Intermediate Yoga (WC)  
9:45 am- Water Exercise (WC)  
11 am- Arthritis Water Class (WC)  
11:30 am- Yoga (WC)  
12 pm- Open Badminton (CRC)  
1 pm- Line Dance Practice (WC)  
1 pm- Bridge (CRC)  
2 pm- Memoir Class (CRC)  
4 pm- Aqua Zumba (WC)

### Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am- Racquetball (CRC)  
8:35 am- Deep Water (WC)  
8:45 am- Fit & Tone (WC)  
10:30 am- Advance Line Dancing (WC)  
11 am- Wallyball (CRC)  
12:30 pm- Badminton (CRC)

### Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

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- Glass Guild (CRC)  
9:45 am- Water Exercise (WC)  
9:45 am- Tai Chi (KAC)  
9:45 am- Intermediate Yoga (WC)  
10 am- New Villagers (CRC)  
11 am- Table Tennis (KAC)  
11 am- Water Arthritis (WC)  
11:30 am- Yoga (WC)