

Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, April 3, 2012

POA Meetings and Events:

- Architectural Control Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, April 5, POA Office
- Recreation Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, April 5, 255 Ootsima Way (change)
- Communications & Marketing Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Friday, April 6, POA Office
- Golf Advisory Committee, 3 p.m. Thursday, April 12, Toqua Maintenance Building

Yacht Club Offerings

- Full menu available during **Friday Tiki Bar** downstairs. Order from your bartender. Tiki starts kickin' after 7 p.m.
- **Easter Brunch Buffet**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, April 8, \$17 per person (plus tax and gratuity). [Note ending time change.] Reservations highly recommended.
- **New Brunch Menu**—come casual or dressy and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere.
- Next **Wine, Dinner and Chef Demo** will be 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 23. Call or stop by the Yacht Club for the menu and to reserve your seat—this event will sell out quickly!
- **Lunch** returns Thursday, April 5.

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

Golf Course Aerification: The Hole Story

By **LEN WILLIS**

Golf Advisory Committee

Today is such a nice day. I am looking at the Kahite golf course and the weather conditions are sunny, 82 degrees, with a mild refreshing breeze. I had played the course a few days ago and the greens were in excellent condition.

Today is a perfect golfing day. However, there was a problem. The greens are all covered with sand during the aerification process.

Why did the aerification take place at this time of the year? Why wasn't it performed during January when no one would have noticed? There are many Tellico golfers who complain about the timing of the aerification.

The same thing happens in the fall of the year. The greens are usually aerated in September, not in November nor December. Also, there is always a two- to three-week time period after the aerification takes place for the green to fully heal.

I decided to search for the answers myself.

First of all, what are the benefits of "tearing up" our greens during golf peak season or at any time?

- relieves soil compaction;
- allows deeper, faster concentration of water, topdressing sand, fertilizer, lime, and pesticides into the root zone;
- allows penetration of oxygen into the soil for plant roots;
- allows atmospheric release of toxic gases (e.g., carbon dioxide, methane, carbon monoxide from the root zone);
- improves surface drainage to help dry out saturated soils and prevent formation of puddles;
- improves penetration of water into dry or hydrophobic soils (e.g., relieves localized dry spots);
- penetrates through sod layers that develop from top-dressing with dissimilar materials;
- aids in soil replacement when combined with top-dressing;
- encourages thatch control by stimulating those environmental conditions that promote healthy soil microorganism activity that naturally decomposes the components attributing to thatch

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development;

- increases rooting by constructing a root zone more conducive for active root growth;
- improves turf resiliency and soil cushioning; and
- improves seedbed preparation for renovation, overseeding, and interseeding.

By the way, I got a large percentage (100%) of this information from two of the Tellico Golf Superintendents (Pat Rose and Mike White).

I then wanted to know what the negatives were to doing aerification at this time of the year or at all.

- temporary disruption or damage to the playing surfaces (the main complaint);
- increased surface desiccation as roots and soil surfaces are exposed; and
- temporarily provides a habitat in which cutworms, mole crickets, and other insects can reside.

As you can see, the benefits greatly outweigh the negatives. There are also many other factors that have to be considered when making aerification plans. They include the soil make-up, surface area of the greens, hardness of the soil surface, drainage capability and degree of compaction. Each of the Tellico course superintendents has data that gives them this information for all of their greens.

You may have seen instances where a superintendent has made a decision to verti-cut the greens in a period other than the scheduled aerifications. There may also be situations where holes are punched into the greens for needed air and water flow. This allows for the course to be playable even after severe rain storms. These decisions are all made based on the scientific data available to the superintendents. In other words, when you are inconvenienced by some action being taken on a green, you need to understand that these actions have been well thought out and planned.

Also, aerification needs to take place during the growing season. If done at other times, the recovery time would be much longer. We would have even more to complain about.

What would happen if aerification wasn't performed? It's simple. The greens would begin a gradual decline with thinning and eventual death. I think the superintendents are doing a good job in keeping our greens in playable condition, and we will just have to suffer through the few weeks of aggravation during the scheduled aerifications.

Upcoming Golf Events

April 14 – TVKWO Golf Tournament, Kahite

April 28 – MGA Spring Fling, Tanasi

May 5-6 – MGA Member-Member, Kahite/Toqua

May 12 – Lion's Club Golf Event, Toqua

May 13 – Tellico Village Fun Day Event, Kahite

May 19 – Tellico Beautification Committee Tournament, Kahite

Our next Golf Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at Toqua Maintenance.

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

CAC Dinner and Auction April 12

"A Decade of Healing the Pain of Child Abuse" is the theme for the annual dinner and auction to benefit Kids First Child Advocacy Center of the 9th Judicial District of East Tennessee being held Thursday, April 12, at the picturesque Castleton Farms located in Loudon County. Ticket donation is \$100 per person and can be purchased by calling Denise at (865) 986-1505. Last day for purchasing tickets is April 6.

Join your friends for a tour of the stately mansion, stroll the gardens, and enjoy an evening of fine dining. Gathering and silent auction begins at 5 p.m. in the carriage house and dinner and live auction will begin at 7 p.m. in the garden areas. Auction items will include vacation getaways, UT sports

items, a mystery dinner, baskets of gifts and gift certificates from local restaurants and businesses. We can make a difference in the life of an abused child.

STAYinTV EXPO to be held on April 13

The STAYinTV EXPO on April 13 will feature services which allow Tellico Village residents to stay in their homes as they age or have special needs. Many of the organizations in the STAYinTV Resource Guide will have representatives at this event. The EXPO, which is from 9 a.m. to noon, will be at the Tellico Village Community Church. There is no charge. The public is invited to attend.

In addition, Covenant Health professionals will do health screenings for Lab/Blood Testing; Oxygen Saturation; Brake Pedal Reaction/Physical Therapy; Skin Check; Body Composition, Balance, and Posture; Heart rhythm/Atrial fibrillation, Carotid Artery Ultrasound; Diabetes Information, and Vision. There will be a small charge for some of these health services.

STAYinTV is an Aging in Place project, led by a committee of Tellico Village volunteers. Their goal is to identify services, activities, and support systems that enable residents to continue an active and dignified lifestyle in Tellico Village. The committee has researched Aging in Place programs nationwide. The future goals of STAYinTV are to coordinate and expand transportation and day care services in Tellico Village.

The STAYinTV Resource Guide will be updated this year. The Guide is available on line at www.STAYinTV.org. Printed copies may be picked up at the Tellico Village Public Library for \$5.

Submitted by Linda Kaump

Hazardous Waste collection April 14

Loudon County and TDEC will be hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Loudon County Justice Center.

As a reminder: batteries, oil, antifreeze, florescent bulbs and electronics are collected at the Loudon, Lenoir City, and Greenback Convenience Centers year around. Oil and latex paints are collected on Saturday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Lenoir City Center.

- Loudon Convenience and Recycling Center, 300 Rock Quarry Road, 865-458-8536
- Lenoir City Convenience and Recycling Center, 500 Halls Ferry Road, 865-988-7558
- Greenback Convenience and Recycling Center, 3840 Hwy. 95 South, 865-856-2010

This just in from Recreation

The Rec Department has announced:

- Fit & Tone on Saturday, April 7, will be held at 8:30 a.m. because of the Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m.
- All Recreation facilities will be closed Sunday, April 8, for Easter Sunday.
- **It's the 25th Anniversary of Tellico Village and the TVPOA is celebrating. Come celebrate this momentous occasion with the Recreation Department on the 25th of every month in 2012. All property owners are invited to use any of our facilities for FREE and every 25th member to check in at any of our three locations will receive a door prize.**

Next Few Days Ahead

Wednesday, April 4th

8 a.m.- Aerobic Fit & Tone (KAC)
8:30 am- Aerobics (WC)
8:35 am- Water Aerobics (WC)
9 am- TLTA (CRC)
9 am- Bridge Practice & Play (CRC)
9 am- A Ladies Tennis (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- B Ladies Tennis (WC)
11 am- Table Tennis (KAC)
11 am- Arthritis Water Class (WC)
11:30 am- Yoga (WC)
1 pm- Advance/Level 3 Line Dancing (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)
6:30 pm- Euchre (CRC)
7 pm- Bluegrass (CRC)

Thursday, April 5th

8 am- Fit & Tone (WC)
8 am- A Men Tennis (WC)
8 am- B Men Tennis (WC)
8:30 am- Pilates (KAC)
9 am- ACC (POA)
9 am- Rec Adv Comm (WC)
9:15 am- Fit & Tone (WC)
10 am- 4 Paws Food Pantry (CRC)
10 am- B Ladies Tennis (CRC)
10 am- Water Fun & Movement (WC)
10:30 am- Beginning Tai Chi (WC)
11 am- Table Tennis (CRC)
12 pm- C Ladies Tennis (CRC)
12:30 pm- Ladies Duplicate Bridge (CRC)
1 pm- Intro (level 1) Line Dance (WC)
1 pm- TV Library Facilities (CRC)
3 pm- Weight Equipment Orientation (WC)
3 pm- Weight Watchers (CRC)
4 pm- Zumba (WC)
4 pm- Poolates (WC)
4 pm- Beginning Racquetball (CRC)
4:15 pm- Basketball (CRC)
6:15 pm- Badminton (CRC)

Friday, April 6th

8 am- Aerobic Fit & Tone (KAC)
8 am- Basketball (CRC)
8:30 am- Aerobics (WC)
8:35 am- Water Aerobics (WC)
9 am- Communications Adv Comm (POA)
9 am- B Ladies Tennis (WC)
9:45 am- Tai Chi Practice (KAC)
9:45 am- Fit & Tone (WC)
9:45 am- Water Exercise (WC)
9:45 am- Intermediate Yoga (WC)
11 am- A Ladies Tennis (WC)
11 am- Arthritis Water Class (WC)
11:30 am- Yoga (WC)
12 pm- Open Badminton (CRC)
1 pm- Bridge (CRC)
1 pm- Line Dance Practice (WC)
2 pm- Inspired Writing Class (CRC)
4 pm- Aqua Zumba (WC)
5 pm- Co – Ed Water Fitness (WC)

Saturday, April 7th

8 am- B Men Tennis (WC)
8:30 am- Fit & Tone (WC)
8:35 am- Deep Water (WC)
9:30 am- Advance Line Dancing (CRC)
10 am- Annual Easter Egg Hunt (WC)
10 am- A Men Tennis (WC)
12:30 pm- Badminton (CRC)

Sunday, April 8th

All Rec Facilities CLOSED

Happy Easter

Monday, April 9th

8 am- Aerobic Fit & Tone (KAC)
8 am- Basketball (CRC)
8:30 am- Aerobics (WC)
8:35 am- Water Aerobic (WC)
9:45 am- Water Exercise (WC)
9:45 am- Tai Chi Practice (KAC)
9:45 am- Intermediate Yoga (WC)
11 am- B Ladies Tennis (CRC)
11 am- Table Tennis (KAC)
11 am- Water Arthritis (WC)
11:30 am- Yoga (WC)
1 pm- Advance/Level 3) Line Dancing (WC)
1 pm- C Ladies Tennis (CRC)
1:15 pm- Badminton (CRC)
2:15 pm- Intermedi/Level 2 Line Dancing (WC)
3:30 pm- Stability Ball (WC)
4:15 pm- Basketball (CRC)
4:30 pm- Kickboxing (WC)
5 pm- Co-ed Fitness (WC)
6 pm- Yoga (WC)
6 pm- Duplicate Bridge (CRC)