

Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, June 29, 2012

POA Meetings and Events:

- POA Office closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day
- Architectural Control Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, July 5, POA Office
- Recreation Advisory Committee 9 a.m. Thursday, July 5, Wellness Center
- Communications & Marketing Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Friday, July 6, POA Office

Patriotic Celebration

What: Community-wide celebration of America's birthday with games, food, entertainment and FREE popcorn

When: 5:15-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 3

Where: Tellico Village Square – bring lawn chairs

Here's something the whole family can enjoy!

- An impressive display of vintage and new motorcycles, noon-7 p.m.
- Shooting hoops, bean bag toss, and target casting games for all ages - prizes, too, along with dunk tank, moon walk, and climbing wall, 5:15-7 p.m.
- Hot dogs, soft drinks, and ice cream 5:15-8:30 p.m.
- Continuous entertainment 7:15-8:45 p.m.: Featuring Christian/Country music artist Tamra Comstock and The East Tennessee Concert Band

Presented by Tellico Village service clubs: GFWC Women's, Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary Club.

Understanding USGA Handicap Rules, Regulations

By LEN WILLIS

Golf Advisory Committee

I play golf with different groups and with both men and women. I find it interesting that no one seems to understand fully how to apply the United States Golf Association (USGA) rules and regulations in regards to handicaps. I am a member of this uncertain group. Therefore, I have done due diligence and conducted research on the subject.

The USGA Handicap System enables golfers of all skill levels to compete on an equitable basis. The USGA handicapping calculator allows players to convert their Handicap Index to the Course Handicap for any course. The current version of the USGA Handicap System went into effect on January 1, 2012. I am going to report on Section 4 of the USGA Handicap Manual. It is titled "Adjusting Hole Scores."

First of all, the game of golf is based on the premise that a player will play as well as the player can play. Each player is required to record a hole score for a hole not finished, not played, or not played under "The Rules of Golf" and to reduce any hole score when it is higher than the maximum number allowed under Equitable Stroke Control.

If a player who starts but does not complete a hole or is conceded a stroke must record for handicap purposes the *most likely* score. This score may not exceed the player's Equitable Stroke Control limit. The *most likely* score should be preceded by an "X." For example, a player hits 2 balls out of bounds with his driver on a Par 4 hole. He decides to finish the hole and makes a 9. However, his handicap is an 8 and he is limited to a double bogey based on the Equitable Stroke Control. His score on the hole would be "X6." Let's say he decides not to

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finish the hole, his most likely score would again be higher than a double bogey and he would again post a “X6” on the scorecard.

Another example would be the situation where a golfer begins to feel ill on the golf course and can’t finish the last 4 holes of his 18-hole round. His scores for those 4 holes not played would be a par plus any handicap stroke(s) given. As mentioned earlier, the player is required to record a hole score for a hole not finished or not played.

Some golfers are not aware of the maximum score allowed by the Equitable Stroke Control based on their handicaps.

<u>Course Handicap</u>	<u>Maximum Number on any Hole</u>
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 to 19	7
20 to 29	8
30 to 39	9
40 or more	10

The maximum number of strokes for handicap purposes on every hole can also be helpful in speeding up play on our golf courses in Tellico Village. Most scores above the maximum number allowed have no meaning. Once you have reached your maximum allowable score on a hole and you continue to play, you are only slowing down the speed of play. As you know, even if you finish the hole with an 11, you will only be allowed to enter the maximum score shown above for scoring purposes. Therefore, please be aware of your maximum number of strokes allowed per hole and help speed up the pace of play on the Tellico Village golf courses.

Also, you may be asking, “What if I do not have an established handicap?” The USGA says that you must use the maximum handicap index allowed (36.4 for men and 40.4 for women) to establish your maximum number of strokes per hole per the Equitable Stroke Control. This index must be converted to a course handicap. However, in most situations, the maximum number per hole would be a 10.

Golf Course Awareness

Chris Sykes, Superintendent of Toqua, told me “that in my 20-plus years in the golf course maintenance industry, I have never had a more passionate or involved membership. Tellico Village golfers care deeply about the care and condition of their golf courses, so much so, that they volunteer to get personally involved in the upkeep of their courses.”

However, he also told me about things that make him want to scratch his head on occasion. The following are some of those “things” that he and Mike White, Kahite Superintendent, discussed:

- **Golf Carts** – The Superintendent's interpretation of the 90-degree rule is different from your average golfer to whom that means carts can go anywhere (a no holds barred approach). While they don't see folks out doing donuts or anything like that, the general rule is to take the shortest and most direct route possible. Please obey all signage and rope stakes as a means to control and spread traffic. The superintendents would also appreciate some discretion in staying off weak turf/wet areas. They also need help managing traffic controls as well. When you have to move signage to play a shot, please put it back so that it can fulfill it's purpose.
- **Rope Stakes at the Green** – You have probably noticed these and are curious of their purposes. We have concentrated traffic patterns entering and exiting our green complexes where we are subject to wear stress (thinning). The rope stakes are placed in these areas as a means to spread this wear; so please walk around (not over) these stakes.

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- Practicing on the Golf Course – We have very nice practice facilities; so please do not use the course for practice. This tends to be more problematic in the evening.
- Ball Marks – Chris estimates that only about 50% of ball marks are repaired; and of those that are repaired, only about 50% of those are repaired properly. That means that 75% of ball marks are either not repaired or are repaired improperly, which is even worse. Please pull in towards the center of the ball mark to expedite healing and not up, which only slows the healing process.
- Divots – Remember that you do not replace divots with Bermuda grass fairways, and the sand is a means for the divot to grow back in smoothly.
- Vandalism – What we encounter in the Village is different than most places. We seldom have anything stolen from the course but still have our share of vandalism. As we all know, golf is a four-letter word and can drive you nuts. We must keep things in perspective. Golf is a game and is supposed to be fun. We regularly encounter divots in greens and broken course accessories from fits of anger. Accidents do happen, but please help us police the course and hold one another accountable.

The next Gold Advisory Committee (GAC) meeting is 3 p.m. Thursday, July 12, in the POA conference room.

Yacht Club Offerings and Upcoming Special Events

Upcoming Events

- Lunch is back in action: 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Check out the menu online!
- The Friday Tiki Bar is back in full swing (inside and outside—weather permitting)! Tiki Bar starts kickin’ around 7 p.m. The newly renovated downstairs is ready for spring and summer parties. Tiki grill is now ready for business (inside and outside - weather permitting).
- Saturday Night Fever: FREE special bar appetizer with your first drink at the bar.
- Sunday Brunch - come casual or dressy and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere.
- The Tellico Village Yacht and Country Club can now be found on Facebook. Follow this link or search and “like” our page: www.facebook.com/pages/Tellico-Village-Yacht-and-Country-Club/438163296194885
- JULY 4 TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW AT THE YACHT CLUB. A \$10 ticket gets a live band, firework show, lawn and patio access, and one free house drink at the bar.
- Another Jazz and Music Lovers Brunch is scheduled for 2-4 p.m. Sunday, July 8, \$10 per person. For more information, call Steve Geoffrey, 865-408-1370.

On a Special Note...

Did you know you can find the Yacht Club calendar and menus online? Go to www.TellicoVillage.org, select AMENITIES, click on YACHT CLUB.

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

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

Holiday Trash Pickup

Waste Connections announced that there will be no trash pickup on July 4 and all pickups will be made the day after the normal collection day for the remainder of this week.

Safety Tips from TVVFD

It's only been a short time since we've talked about the importance of gaining access to your home in an emergency, but due to events over the past month we feel it's important to bring it up again. Since the last article, we've found it necessary to be "creative" in our efforts to reach patients during EMS calls. On both occasions there were designated key-holders, but either they weren't readily identifiable or they weren't home.

We understand that there are always unforeseen circumstances, but we're asking that you reconsider an option previously mentioned which is to take the time to contact Loudon Communications where the 911 call center is located. You can access their website at <http://www.loudoncounty911.org/contact.php>, and then click on the link under the section "911 Recording / Documentation Request." It will allow you to either download an information sheet or to fill it out online and submit it.

Please be specific with your information and, if possible, either have several key-holders available or give instructions where you have a key hidden. And don't worry; your information will not be broadcast over the radio. The information that you've provided will only be given to the responder in charge of the call and we'll ensure that your privacy is a priority. It's a lot less expensive than having a window or door replaced.

It has been unseasonably warm and dry and our grass isn't the only thing struggling to stay hydrated. During this time of year it isn't unusual for folks to be unknowingly dehydrated. It can sneak up on you with seemingly innocuous symptoms such as mild fatigue, a little dizziness when you stand up, or simple listlessness to name a few.

The important thing for you to remember is that a lack of fluids causes a chain of events that spiral out of control quickly. Fluid deficiency can also mean a blood volume deficiency, and without an adequate supply of blood we're not circulating an adequate supply of oxygen, glucose, and other nutrients to our brain and other tissues. Our brain requires a high level of both oxygen and glucose, and if they aren't readily available, it affects our thought processes and functions.

Keep that bottle of water handy, avoid prolonged exposure to the outdoors during the heat of the day, and be cognizant of how you're feeling during your activities.

We hope you have a safe and happy 4th of July and as always, let's take care of ourselves and our neighbors.

*Submitted by Mark Croswell
Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department*

This Just in from Rec...

Aqua Zumba with Jodi is canceled for July 3 and July 6. Class will resume 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, in the Wellness Center. For more information, call 865-458-7070.

Next Few Days Ahead

Saturday, June 30th

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

Monday, July 2nd

8 am- Swim Team Practice (CRC)
8 am- Aerobic Fit & Tone (KAC)
8 am- Basketball (CRC)
8:30 am- Aerobics (WC)
8:35 am- Water Aerobic (WC)
9 am- HOA (CRC)
9 am- Village Sweat Shop (CRC)
9:15 am- Water Exercise (KAC)
9:45 am- Water Exercise (WC)
9:45 am- Tai Chi Practice (KAC)
9:45 am- Intermediate Yoga (WC)
10 am- B Ladies Tennis (CRC)
10:30 am- Water Arthritis (KAC)
11 am- Water Arthritis (WC)
11:30 am- Yoga (WC)
1 pm- Advance/Level 3 Line Dancing (WC)
1 pm- Carving Club (CRC)
1:15 pm- Badminton (CRC)
2:15 pm- Intermed/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)
5:45 pm- Duplicate Bridge (CRC)
6 pm- Yoga (WC)
7 pm- The Beads Goes On (CRC)

Tuesday, July 3rd

8 am- Fit & Tone (WC)
8 am- A Men Tennis (WC)
9:15 am- Fit & Tone (WC)
9:30 am- Concert Committee (CRC)
10 am- Water Fun & Movement (WC)
10 am- B Men Tennis (WC)
10 am- B Ladies Tennis (CRC)
10 am- Table Tennis (CRC)
10:30 am- Tai Chi (WC)
11 am- Wallyball (CRC)
4 pm- Beginning Racquetball (CRC)
4 pm- Pilates Yoga (KAC)
4 pm- Zumba (WC)
4:15 pm- Basketball (CRC)
6 pm- Swim Team Practice (WC)
6 pm- Badminton (CRC)
6 pm- Hand & Foot (CRC)
6 pm- Patriotic Celebration (VS)
6:30 pm- Pinochle (CRC)

Wednesday, July 4th

POA Admin Office Closed
Recreation Facilities OPEN regular hours.
8 am- Swim Team Practice (CRC)
8 am- Aerobic Fit & Tone (KAC)
8 am- A Ladies Tennis (WC)
8:35 am- Water Aerobics (WC)
9:15 am- Water Exercise canceled (KAC)
9:30 am- Concert Committee (CRC)
9:45 am- Water Exercise (WC)
9:45 am- Tai Chi Practice (KAC)
10 am- Badminton (CRC)
10 am- B Ladies Tennis (WC)
10:30 am- Water Arthritis (KAC)
11:30 am- Yoga (WC)
1 pm- Mah Jongg (KAC)
1 pm- Contract Bridge (CRC)
3:30 pm- TOPS (CRC)
4 pm- Pilates Yoga (WC)
4:15 pm- Basketball (CRC)
5 pm- Pontoon Picnic
5 pm- Co-ed Water Fitness (WC)
6:30 pm- Euchre (CRC)
7 pm- Bluegrass (CRC)

Thursday, July 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 Committee (CRC)
9:15 am- Fit & Tone (WC)
10 am- 4 Paws Food Pantry (CRC)
10 am- Water Fun & Movement (WC)
10 am- B Ladies Tennis (CRC)
10:15 am- Poolates (CRC)
10:30 am- Beginning Tai Chi (WC)
11 a.m. – Wally Ball (CRC)
11 am- Table Tennis (CRC)
12:30 pm- Ladies Duplicate Bridge (CRC)
1 pm- TV Library (CRC)
1 pm- Intro (level 1) Line Dance (WC)
2:15 pm- Jin Shin Jyutsu (WC)
3 pm- Weight Watchers (CRC)
4 pm- Zumba (WC)
4 pm- Beginning Racquetball (CRC)
4:15 pm- Basketball (CRC)
5 pm- Pickleball Drills (CRC)
6 pm- Swim Team Practice (WC)
6:15 pm- Badminton (CRC)

Friday, July 6th

8 am- Swim Team Practice (CRC)
8 am- Aerobic Fit & Tone (KAC)
8 am- Basketball (CRC)
8 am- B Ladies Tennis (WC)
8:30 am- Aerobics (WC)
8:35 am- Water Aerobics (WC)
9 am- Communications (POA)