# FEBRUARY GAC

February 12, 2024

**POA Conference Room** 



## January Minutes

### GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES January 2024

#### Attendees:

Casey Flenniken, Ron Coles, Rose Howard, Howard Higby, Mark Tudor, Wells McClure, Bev Blessing, Carla Johnson, Joe Beyel (audio)

POA Board Liaison: Steve Schneider

The meeting was called to order by Ron Cole's at 3:30 PM.

The November 2023 meeting minutes were approved.

### GAC 2024 Changes:

New GAC members introduced: Carla Johnson, Joe Beyel, Bev Blessing
New Officers: Chair - Howard Higby, Vice Chair - Ron Coles, Secretary - Mark Tudor (who will not miss another meeting!)

#### Committee Liaisons:

- oFinance Committee (FAC) Ron Coles
- oRec Advisory (RAC) Rose Howard
- Communications (CAC) Mark Tudor
- oLong-Range Planning (LRPAC) Carla Johnson
- oFood Service (FSAC) TBD

### 2024 GAC Goals:

Open discussion concerning 2024 goals with an emphasis on developing **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**chievable, **R**elevant, **T**ime-based goals. Following were agreed upon but can be added throughout the year.

- Tanasi Driving Range: It is recognized that funding will be challenging for this amenity and is likely a 2025 or 2026 activity. The goal for 2024 is to make final plans for the driving range and determine a funding model that is achievable. Once established sell the concept to residents and decision makers gaining a consensus on the directions.
- 2) <u>Toqua Maintenance Facility Upgrade</u>: The maintenance facilities have aged and require significant upgrades to become a safe and satisfying work environment for our golf professionals. The goal for 2024 is to execute the current plans.

- Scorecard and Ratings Updates: Determine all the changes required to reprint the scorecards for all courses by July 1st.
- Recalculate the course ratings from all tees.
- Determine the need for combo tees and set accordingly.
- Reset pin locations so they are more even from day to day.
- Determine if separate cards should be utilized for each tee position.
- 4) <u>Cosmetic Improvements</u>: The ongoing intent is to make sure that the visual aesthetics around the golf course match the high quality of the courses themselves. The goal for 2024 is to evaluate the restrooms across all courses and determine if enhancements are required.

#### Full Year Rounds:

	Rounds	Var to Budget	Var to Prior Yr
Member	102,335	17,335	16,403
non Member	14,341	3,340	-1,002
Total	116,676	20,675	15,401
Annual	33,205	4,991	4,661
Twilight	10,671	-1,630	-1,441

We are starting 2024 off slowly due to the impact of the snow and cold weather in January as we have lost 1,192 expected rounds. Additional losses are expected as the snow melts and the courses dry out over the next couple weeks.

Interesting factoid. Extreme soil temperature swings create recovery issues during the spring growth periods. The snow cover actually insulates the ground so the extremely low temperatures we all felt, and I thought I moved away from this stuff, had less impact on the soil. Hopefully we avoid future low temperatures and the courses green-up faster in 2024. And we thought there was no benefit to a foot of snow in TN!

### **Subsidy Update:**

Budgeted subsidy for 2023 was \$1,248k and the actual was \$854k. Record rounds played, additional revenue sources and cost controls attributed to the \$394k benefit. The 2024 subsidy target is set at \$1.0M.

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### **Unlimited Golf Memberships 2024**

Individual Memberships 165 budgeted and 101 to date
Family Memberships 80 budgeted and 79 to date
Twilight Memberships 210 budgeted and 118 to date

Unlimited memberships continue to grow through the first quarter and we are close to plan through the first couple weeks of January.

### **Beautification Outing:**

The Beautification outing is used to help funding for the Beautification Committees responsible for the gardens located on all 3 courses. This outing is managed by the GAC (Rose Howard) each year. This is scheduled for April 13th. Rose will reach out for assistance from GAC members when needed.

### Course Updates:

As the cold weather limits the amount of course work that can be accomplished, maintenance personnel spend time working on professional development and educational learning by attending trade shows and conferences. On site activities include:

- upgrading the inside maintenance areas at Tanasi and Toqua.
- Rebuilding tee markers.
- Trimming trees and clearing storm debris.
- Mowing native grass areas when possible.
- Pre emergent applications started.

### Major improvements include:

- building a retaining fence at the bottom of the Toqua driving range eliminating the significant number of lost range balls each year. Did not realize that was reachable!
- Building a dirt berm at the back of the Kahite driving range as a screen for homes.
- Getting delivery on the new tee markers for Kahite.
- Green recovery efforts being finalized at Kahite. Visited Williams Creek who are doing the same for lessons learned.
- Long lead time equipment has been delivered or firm dates provided for delivery over the next several months.

### Open Forum Questions (from the audience):

1) Are we looking at Pavillion cosmetic issues with the plastic curtains?

- This issue falls under the Food Services group who manage the Pavillion. Formal blinds and heaters have been ordered similar to those at Kahite.
- 2) Request was made to include options for individual unlimited cart memberships including the use of bicycle type "carts".
- consensus is there are not enough individuals utilizing this type of cart to warrant the administrative overhead to manage another unlimited option.
- 3) Suggestion made to better communicate cost savings / avoidances created through the use of golf personnel. Although this was directed at the carpentry work in the inside maintenance areas, it would also apply to any efforts in maintaining areas outside the actual golf course properties.

### Closing:

Steve Schneider made sure to alert GAC members of the committee orientation meeting scheduled for January 30th at 10:00 at the Yacht Club.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for February 12, at 3:30pm

Approval of January Minutes



# Rounds Report - January 2024

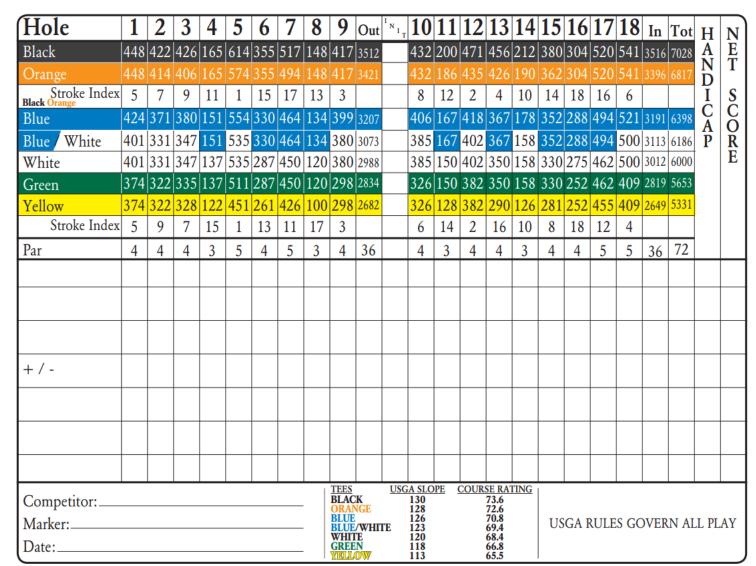
		<u>Current Month</u>							
		2024	2023	Variance	Variance				
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## Tellico Village Network - Golf Talk

- > Ideas for March episode
- 2023 rounds report record year!
- Spring Aeration
- Will there be a snow effect?
- Events calendar
- Tips from the pros
- Hot topics?



## 2024 Tennessee Golf Association Senior/Super-Senior 4-Ball Championship May 20-23 @ Kahite





## Greater Knoxville Amateur

- > \$18,000 Gross Revenue weekend.
- Membership will have priority with an 8 AM Double Tee each day (8 am 9:42 am).
- > Event will be a 12 PM Double Tee each day.
- Allows us to maximize revenue during twilight hours.
- Over 10,000 social media impressions throughout the weekend.

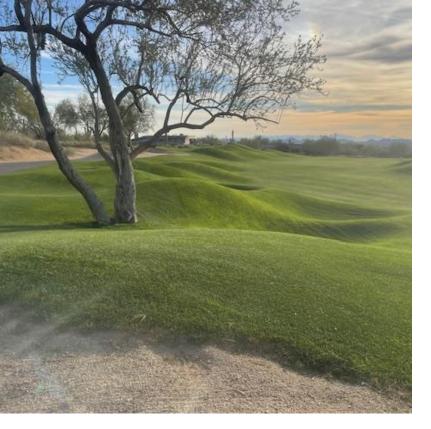


## Visit Knoxville Open

- ➤ Requested 50–80 volunteers
- ➤ May 23–26 @ Holston Hills
- > Hotel discounts provided
- "Shotlink provided by Tellico Village" sign at every green
- > Villagers can wear Tellico gear
- > Casey Flenniken playing in event











# Professional Development

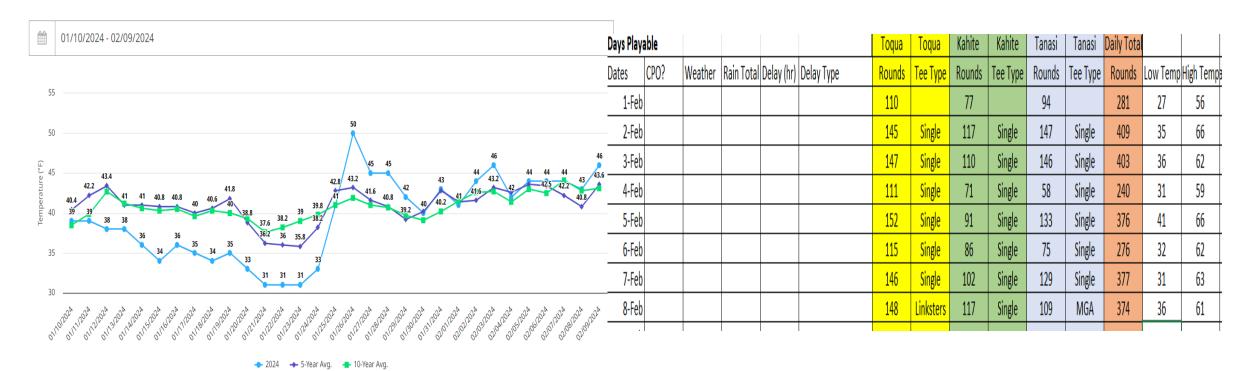
- Golf Maintenance staff attended GCSAA national conference and trade show January 28<sup>th</sup>-February 1<sup>st</sup> in Pheonix
- Education was the focus for Monday and Tuesday with trade show Wednesday and Thursday
- Classes included a variety of topics from team development, staff retention, common mistakes, water management and facility tours.
- The trade show was filled with the latest and greatest products for 2024 and industry trends such as robotic mowers and other equipment we felt could benefit our operation in the future.



# Weather/Soil Temp

- February has been much more favorable for golf. January we averaged only 33r/day Toqua, 21r/day Kahite, 26r/day Tanasi.
- Through February 8<sup>th</sup> we have averaged 134r/day Toqua, 96r/day Kahite, 111r/day Tanasi
- With recent rain events our average/day have dropped to 104r/day Toqua, 76r/day Kahite, 87r/day Tanasi
- Increase in air temps have also caused our soil temps to rise. We have seen some increase in growth rates on our greens in February

### Average Soil Temperature in Loudon, TN (37774)



# Projects-Tanasi

- We have continued indoor projects during frost delays and early morning hours prior to course setup.
- Tee markers and hazard stakes are complete.
   Refurbishing benches and water fountain boxes in progress
- We have completed mowing of our natural areas and ornamental grass trimming.
- We have completed our spring pre/postemergent herbicide application.
- Tanasi office/breakroom renovation in progress and going well.



## Tanasi Breakroom/Office

• New Office is taking shape.

• Once the office is finished, we will start on the breakroom downstairs.







## Toqua Projects

- Privacy fence around Nursery green/dump area has been completed
- Course wide pre/postemergent application complete
- Ball wall at bottom of driving range complete
- Indoor projects refurbishing course accessories is ongoing



## Toqua Beutification Committee

- This letter is geared towards the Toqua committee. All three courses have their own beutification committee so if you live in Tanasi or Kahite and would like to help out or make a donation please email one of the Golf Course Superintendents for assistance.
- Any help is always appreciated and makes a big impact on the look of the gardens on the courses.

Reaching out to all Tellico Village Golfers, especially those who live in the <u>Toqua</u> neighborhoods.

The Toqua Beautification Committee has been in existence for many years. I've been a meter for at least 15 years. Many years ago, when Toqua was new, Tellico Village residents volunteered to start gardens and maintain these gardens on the golf course. As time pass those people no longer are able to maintain those gardens.

Today those gardens are maintained with volunteers; the Starter shack area maintained by Lady Linkster League, the garden behind the green on Hole #2, the garden next to the tee on Hole #9, the garden around the restroom on Hole #14. Hole # 17 is maintained by the Nine Hole League, and finally, the Butterfly/Pollinator Garden behind and above the gree Hole #1. An annual fund raiser has always been the funding source for these gardens. So the funds raised go towards the annuals and shrubs around the Togua clubhouse.

If you are someone who sees the value in these gardens and can give time to help maintage them, the Toqua Beautification Committee would be thrilled. We've recently had two members resign because of other responsibilities. We generally have a planning meeting or twice a year. If we're available on the day of the fundraising tournament, we offer our to the GAC. These gardens hardly require our time in the Winter and during the growing season we tend to them about one to two times/month.

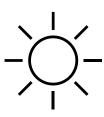
The more of us who are members of this committee, the less work there is for any of us. aren't able to give of your time and don't play in the annual fundraising tournament, you welcome to make a donation for plants and fertilizer and maybe labor. Make checks pay. Toqua Beautification Committee and leave at desk in Toqua Pro Shop.

Please call Kristin Farrington, Chairperson, with your questions or to volunteer.

krisfar@charter.net 865-591-2333

## Kahite Golf Maintenance Updates

- January Not favorable to work outside
  - 5.6" rain total 10 days closed due to snow cover
  - Inside/Winter jobs
    - Build/furnish all wood accessories
    - Facility Cleaning/organizing
    - SDS sheets
    - Update Irrigation maps
    - Wax all equipment
    - Painting
    - Great for Conference Season
      - TTA/GIS 2024
- **February –** 50+ degree weather + Sunshine
  - Wall to Wall application
    - Non Selective Herbicide/Prodiamine/Ronstar Flo
      - 115.6 total acres
  - BushHog Natural grass areas
    - 65 acres
  - Irrigation Audit
  - Nursery Green expansion
    - Ready for Aerification cores
  - Berm back of Driving Range
    - Ready for Seed/Plantings
  - Treework-stumpgrinder complete



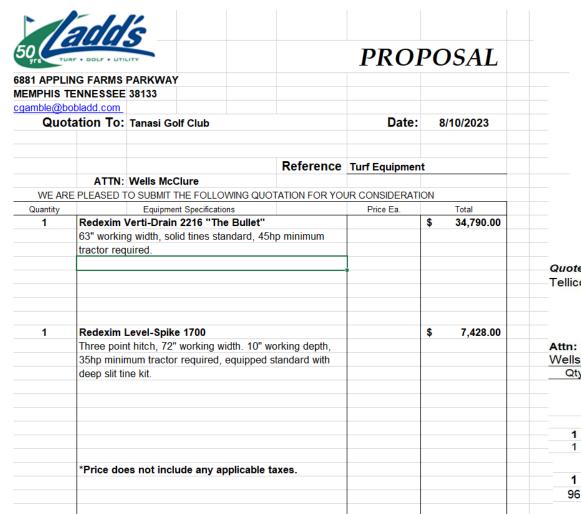


## February Funding Request

- Our focus with these next 2 funding requests are to acquire the equipment needed to help improve our playing surface by increasing infiltration rates. These pieces will allow us to disturb the soil through slicing and deep hollow or solid tine aeration.
- The Redexim 2216 will also allow us the ability to deep tine aerify our greens which will be a great complement to the every 3<sup>rd</sup> year drill and fill.
- The level spike can be used on a more regular basis on fairways and tees by opening the soil and thatch layer with minimum disruption to play
- Anything we can do to relieve compaction and provide channels for water to move through our soil will improve drainage off the surface and increase deeper rooting for healthier turf



## Quotes





WIEDENMANN TERRSPIKE-XF6 \$ 57,043.72 X 1 = \$ 57,043.72

AGRIMETAL FA-720-TW \$ 14,343.78 X 1 = \$ 14,343.78

### **SMITH TURF & IRRIGATION**

DISTRIBUTORS

-*Quoted To:* -Tellico Village Golf



Quoted From: Nashville Office 525 Fairground Court Nashville, TN 37211 615-726-8811

Territory Manager: G. Timothy Long, TSPC

 Wells McClure

 Qty Model
 Description
 Unit Price
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1	09932	ProCore SR54-S	\$31,500.90
1	09952	Rear Roller SR54	
1	44867	Turf Aerator 687	\$10,576.58
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