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TN RIVER CHALLENGE

The August matches for the TRC have been completed. Tanasi Asst. Pro, Jay Burgin, was able to get the ball rolling on August 18th at Tanasi by scratching out a half with his RB counterpart. Jay's partner—and reigning Club Champ—Dean Blemker refused to take his foot off the gas and recorded yet another lopsided win 5 & 4 for Team Tellico. Vic Keesey & Jon Jaudon represented well by clawing their way to halves in their respective matches. Paul Allard earned a critical point with a 2UP win while Brian Wisner trounced his opponent in a 5 & 3 rout. Andy Williams also picked up a half point. Bill Rieger & Gary Norgren both claimed victories for TV to bring the victory within reach. The match came down to the final pairing on the course—Jim Dullea & Larry Hunt. Both turned in stellar performances to close out the match by a 9-5 score. On Wednesday, August 19th, TN National bested Rarity Bay to bring their TRC record to 3-2 just behind Tellico Village's 4-1. The two teams will meet at Toqua on September 22nd with the winner claiming the inaugural TRC Trophy. Qualifying for this critical final match will take place at our regularly-scheduled MGA event on September 17th. The cost to register on the day of play is $5 and the 2 lowest gross players & 4 lowest net players in each tee group will qualify for the September 22nd match that will determine the winners of the 2026 Tennessee River Challenge! You could be there!

LAKE TELLICO CHALLENGE

It is that time once again! Time for the 2026 edition of the long-running Lake Tellico Challenge. The LTC is a 2-day, Ryder Cup style event pitting Tellico Village's MGA against our Rarity Bay counterparts. Each pairing will play 9 holes of SCRAMBLE, 9 holes of MODIFIED ALTERNATE SHOT, 9 holes of BEST BALL and 9 holes of SINGLES. TV participants are selected based on a number of criteria including their position in the Player of the Year standings. It is by invitation only and invitations should go out sometime in early September. If you receive an invitation to play, you **MUST** commit to playing **BOTH DAYS—Friday, October 9th** & **Saturday, October 10th**. This year, Rarity Bay will be hosting the event. That means the Friday round will be played at Toqua starting at 9AM. Saturday's round will be played at Rarity Bay. The winning team will receive (or retain in TV's case) the LTC Trophy to display in their Pro Shop for the next year. It is a BIG deal!!! Tellico has won 6 of the last 8 matches—and 3 straight--including 2025. Let's keep it rolling! Good luck Team Tellico and Captains Dave Boatright (B/W) & Bill Rieger (O/G).

MGA TIME CHANGE!

MGA events in September will be teeing off at 9:00AM.

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MGA/CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2026 Club (gross) & MGA (net) Championships were contested on Thursday, August 6th & Friday, August 7th at Toqua & Kahite respectively. Congratulations to **Vic Keesey** who earned the title of 2026 Club Champion with a 2-day total of 147 (+3) to best Andy Williams by 2 shots. As a result of his victory, Vic will represent Tellico Village playing in the 2026 Lake Tellico Challenge vs Rarity Bay in October. In addition, he will play alongside our designated Golf Professional Staff representative(s) in all 6 matches of the 2027 Tennessee River Challenge vs Rarity Bay, TN National & Wind River. Do not mourn for **Andy Williams**! His 2-day net score of 139 (-5) earned him the MGA Championship playing in Flight #1. Bill Rieger (-1) claimed the Flight #2 crown while Jim Barczak (+1) and Charlie Sampson (-3) did likewise in Flights #3 & #4 respectively.

MGA PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

The 2026 MGA POY titles look to be coming down to the wire! Here are the current standings thru the Club/MGA Championships:

BLUE/WHITE TEES		**ORANGE/GREEN TEES**	
Vic Keesey	213	Bill Rieger	139
Joe Rodi	197	Martin Biter	118
Dave Boatright	140	Jim Dullea	116
Andy Williams	130	David Burns	114
Mark Drulard	130	Gary Hofeldt	105

UPCOMING MGA EVENTS (9:00 AM)

Sept 3 TANASI 4-Man "You Choose" *

Sept 10 TOQUA Individual Low Net

Sept 17 KAHITE 2-Man "You Choose" $ #

Sept 24 TANASI 4-Man ABCD

* FREE BEER—Merrill Lynch/Donnie Iverson # FREE BEER—TVMGA

$ Tennessee River Challenge Qualifying

SLOW PLAY? NO WAY!

Recently, we have experienced several instances of slow play in our full-field MGA events. This causes some very competent golfers to consider opting out of weekly MGA events. We ALL share responsibility for maintaining a 4:15-4:30 pace of play. That starts with respecting your fellow MGA members as well as the course rangers (also our neighbors) whose job it is to facilitate an on-time pace of play. Here are a few tips to help:

1. Play READY GOLF (not "honors" golf)!
2. When inside 3', finish—do not mark!
3. Prep while others play—rake, line up putts
4. Make a decision—pin IN or OUT—for all!
5. Place extra clubs between pin & your cart
6. HIT & SIT . . . put clubs away at next stop
7. Keep "contact" with the group in front
8. DO NOT pace by the group behind you!
9. If OUT of the hole . . . . PICK UP!
10. Score at the next tee box

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SUMMER SHOOTOUT

The 2026 Summer Shootout, one of our most popular MGA events of the year, was played on Thursday, August 27th at Toqua. This 27-hole, 2-man "You Choose" event was a Ryder Cup format. Each 2-man team played 9 holes of Best Ball, 9 holes of Scramble & 9 holes of Modified Alternate Shot. Unfortunately, this event was played too late in August to make the publishing deadline for this newsletter. Results of the Summer Shootout will be published in the October edition of your MGA Newsletter

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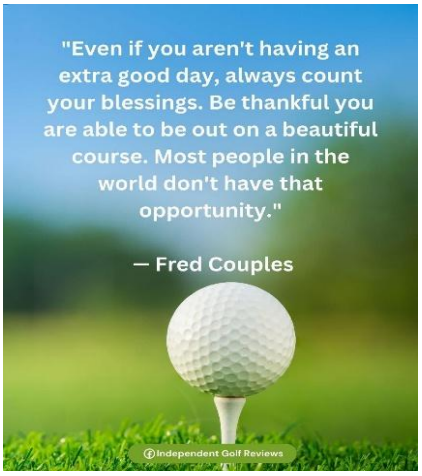
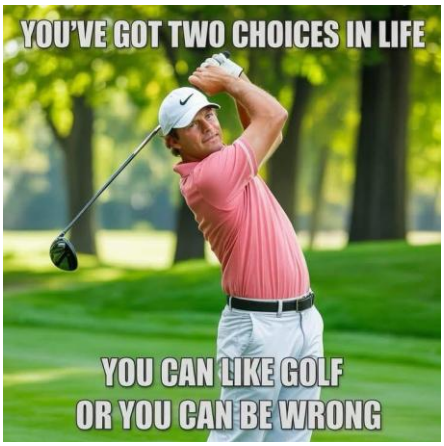
If you've played MGA regularly, then you have probably picked up a skin or a closest-to-the-pin or maybe a share of the prize pot along the way. That money is credited to your CREDIT BOOK account. Check on your balance:

- Navigate to the link above.
- Log in with your member # & password (your default PW is Golfer1)
- Go to the REVIEW tab
- Click REVIEW CREDIT BOOK

Voiola! There it is! That total is immediately available to you in the form of merchandise credit in the Pro Shops. Go ahead—get some new swag!

"FOOD FOR THOUGHT"





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