



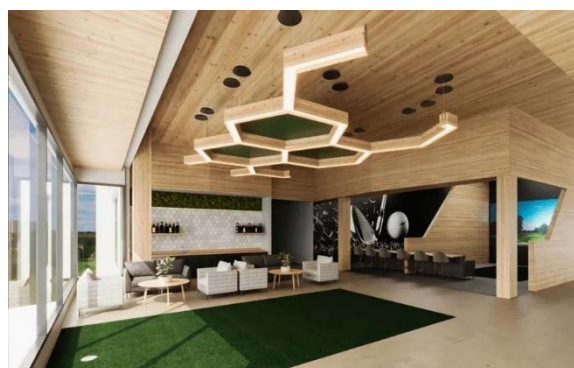
TN RIVER CHALLENGE



It is April and the Tennessee River Challenge is on! On April 9th our members who wish to qualify for the April TRC match with Rarity Bay here in Tellico

Village will have an opportunity to register for \$5 at our TRC registration table. ONLY those who pay the \$5 registration fee pre-round on April 9th will be eligible to qualify for our match on Tuesday, April 14th. There will be two divisions—GOLD (6,000-6,400 yards) and SILVER (5,400-5,800 yards). In each division, our team will be comprised of the two LOW GROSS & 4 LOW NET players from among those registered. Please note that if you register on April 9th, then you MUST be available to play on Tuesday, April 14th. Tellico Village will be hosting Rarity Bay at Kahite on April 14th. We will be following the same registration protocol on the 2nd Thursday of each succeeding month for a match to be played the following week. So, each month that you wish to be considered for the TRC match, you MUST pay the \$5 registration fee and play in the MGA event on the 2nd Thursday of the month. As a result, our Tellico Village team will be different from month-to-month based on registration & performance. That way, everyone who has interest has a chance to participate while team members have to earn their spot based on the quality of their performance from one month to the next. How about that merit! Sharpen up that short game and get ready to compete! On April 14th we go head-to-head with Rarity!

TANASI UPDATE



Work continues to move along briskly on the new Tanasi Clubhouse. Soon we'll have a beautiful, new bar & restaurant, a fabulous Pro Shop, world-class golf simulators and an expansive multi-purpose space & patio dining area with a huge fireplace! The wait is almost over! Follow the link below to learn how you can help bring this beautiful new asset to fruition and leave your mark for future generations of Tellico Village golfers, diners & boaters. We are making Tanasi great again, and you can help!

<https://timelesstellico.com/partner-with-us/>

MGA TIME CHANGE!

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



YELLOW TEE TRIAL

You asked for it now you've got it! Your MGA Board of Directors has decided to offer a "trial" yellow tee option for 2026! Many of our older members have reached a point in their lives where it is difficult for them to compete from the green tees. So, their choice is either to continue to play from green tees that are unreasonably challenging for them, or to not play. We certainly do not want to exclude anyone from the weekly opportunities that MGA provides for competition, camaraderie & fellowship. As a result the yellow tee trial program! Here's how it works.

- Players MUST be at least 80 years old with a GHIN Index of 25.0 or above.
- Age Adjustment Rule—for every year > 80, the GHIN can be lowered by 1.0 (EX: @84 the GHIN min is 21.0)

All "majors" will be restricted to the traditional Blue/White & Orange/Green tee options. Over the course of the 2026 season, the BOD will be monitoring (& adjusting if necessary) the results of the yellow tee trial program. We'll keep you posted on our progress. In the meantime, if you are 80 or above with a GHIN Index of 25+, then go ahead and "tee it forward"!

NEW "WEEKLY UPDATE"

Beginning last month, the MGA homepage now features a "Weekly Update" feature. This link will provide a quick, concise summary of the previous week's results including order of finish, closest-to-the-pin & POY points. Check it out!

UPCOMING MGA EVENTS (9:00 AM)

- Apr 2 KAHITE Individual Low Net *
- Apr 9 TANASI 4-Man "You Choose" \$
- Apr 16 TOQUA 2-Man "You Choose" #
- Apr 23 KAHITE 4-Man ABCD 1-2-3
- Apr 30 TANASI Individual Low Net

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

\$ Tennessee River Challenge Qualifying

NEW HOLE-IN-ONE AWARDS

Traditionally, any TVMGA member recording a hole-in-one on any Tellico Village course (at any time) was recognized with a \$50 food & beverage gift card—intended for your



post-round celebration—and a personalized plaque commemorating the achievement. This is

just one of the many GREAT benefits of your TVMGA membership! In 2026 members will have the "option" of a plaque or a replica course pin flag. This is a fantastic option if you'd like to have it signed by the members of your group in order to celebrate & verify your accomplishment. Of course, you'll still receive the \$50 gift card! NOTE: In 2027, the "option" of a personalized plaque will be discontinued and replaced by the pin flag. So, if you want a commemorative plaque, then you'd better get that ace in 2026!



PACE OF PLAY REMINDER



In our less-recent past, slow pace of play has been a common complaint from many of our members. In recent years, your MGA BOD has made significant progress in addressing the issue. As we begin what promises to be a better-than-ever 2026 season, here are some reminders that should help us maintain a pace of 4:15 or less:

- Pace clock starts when carts leave lot
- Prep while others play—club selection, lines & distances, raking, sanding, etc.
- Hit, sit & go! Put clubs away later
- Play **READY** golf! No “honors” garbage! If you’re ready, then play!
- Park carts & clubs at the farthest point from the group behind you
- Place extra clubs greenside between the pin & your cart
- Score at the next tee! Others are waiting behind you
- Keep up with the group in front of you, NOT ahead of the group behind you!
- Assist others (lost ball) **ONLY** if it is not your turn to play

SAY “CHEESE”!

Another exciting new addition for 2026 is action photography courtesy of our TVMGA photographer, Bill Rieger. You never know where that guy is or what he is up to, but it is for certain that he will catch some of us in the act of being ourselves on the golf course and, it will show up on the TVMGA homepage! Heck, he might even enlist the help of others in the process. After all, everyone has a camera in his pocket or cart! SMILE! You’re on candid camera!

ETIQUETTE PLEASE!

Just a reminder regarding proper etiquette on & around the greens. It is NOT permissible to mark your golf ball on the fringe—unless a playing partner requests you to do so for line of play purposes. If you do mark your ball on the fringe, then you must replace it in exactly the same spot. In other words, you CANNOT



improve your lie (fringe-to-green) in the process of marking & replacing your golf ball. In addition, you should mark your ball on the green immediately behind it and then replace it in exactly the same spot. You don’t get to gain 3-4 inches by tossing the ball or the mark down in the “vicinity”. Etiquette is everyone’s responsibility. If you see something, say something! ONE friendly reminder is a courtesy. After that, it is a penalty!



SIGNED UP? SHOW UP!

Now that the weather has started to cooperate a little bit, our MGA weekly events are going to fill up fast. Add to that our free beer days, “You Choose” events and now TRC qualifying, and full fields will be the exception rather than the rule. Full fields mean more work for Charles & Joe. Depending on the event, they



will normally start putting the field together on Wednesday for the next day’s event. Think about that. If it is an ABCD event, then they have to put together pools of A, B, C & D players and

then fashion those into balanced 4-man teams. Now, have a handful of players “no show” for an event on the morning of! SCRAMBLE!!! Field equity is compromised and teams have to be juggled. That means printing new scorecards. As a result, the entire field is stuck waiting for Charles & Joe to facilitate last-minute changes and our start time is unnecessarily delayed. Remember that there are ALWAYS others waiting on MGA to finish so that they can get out on the course. The simple way to avoid that circumstance . . . IF YOU SIGN UP, SHOW UP! If you reserve an “event” in Chelsea, write it down so you don’t “forget” as we all do from time to time! If you are going to register, do so by Tuesday of the week in which you want to play.

“FOOD FOR THOUGHT”



"We really have to start playing faster!"



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