



## Tellico Lake Tennis Association

### Awards Dinner



On Wednesday evening, Nov.2, 2011, approximately 60 members of the Tennis Association, and spouses gathered at the Tellico Village Yacht Club for dinner, dancing, and awards presentations.

This event annually marks the end of the TLTA tennis season for the association, and the beginning of the planning period for the next tennis season.

The tennis year being concluded has seen several significant events and many improvements in the programs being offered to the membership. At the beginning of the year the tennis season was kicked off by an indoor social held at the Knoxville Racquet Club. The event gave several new members an opportunity to meet other members and enjoy social tennis.

A Spring Getaway was held in Chattanooga with members enjoying tennis, golf and the river boat in downtown Chattanooga. A third annual Fall Getaway was conducted at Etowah Valley Golf and Country Club, in Hendersonville, N.C. with 23 members participating in tennis instruction by local tennis teaching professionals, afternoon social tennis, golf, sightseeing, and three planned social events.

Two association member tennis tournaments have been conducted with the largest number of entries since the association has been conducting tournaments. The final tournament is Nov.6<sup>th</sup> and is the T.Norman mixed doubles tournament.

Both USTA competitive leagues and local leagues were conducted. The local league was a Tri-level league that involved players of three different skill groups,

competing on a weekly basis and ending the league play with a pizza party.

The USTA leagues had several of the winners of local competition going on to compete for State Championships. The Lady's 3.5 team traveled to Memphis after winning locally and played well in the June heat.



The highlight of the strongly competitive season was the Senior Mixed Doubles team composed of Jim Bennett, Larry Burkholder, Larry Byrkit, Garnett Hall, John Wainwright, Sandy Hall, Maria Grimm, Judy Anderson, Marlie Ridley, and Teresa Womack, winning the State Championship. This is the third State Title won by TLTA Teams in the past 5 years.



TLTA recognized Susan Moser, a Sequoyah High School Science teacher, for her accomplishments in tennis, most notably the founding of a school tennis team this year. Susan was presented the Volunteer of the Year Award for the Association and is the local nominee for the State Award, which will be presented in Nashville in February.



Also being recognized was Mike Horn who is the Association WEB Master who has created one of the best tennis WEB Sites in the State. He is the Association's nominee for the USTA Tennessee Outstanding Media Award.

The event also gave the membership an opportunity to meet the newly elected Board of Director Members. Henry Beatty of Sweetwater and Steve Ferrone of Greenback were the newly elected members introduced. The newly elected members will join returning Board members Linda Jones, Jim Jorgensen, Alyce Gaston, Larry Denney and Bob Wright as the governing body for 2012. President Bob Ambler introduced the officers for 2012. Bob Ambler of Maryville is

President, Vice President Bob Wright of Tellico Village, Treasurer, Henry Beatty of Sweetwater and Secretary, Fred Bonney of Tellico Village.

Dinner was followed by dancing with music provided by Joey Wilson.

The Tellico Lake Tennis Association is a nonprofit corporation with membership open to all east Tennessee residents. Its stated purpose is to help grow and promote the sport of tennis in East Tennessee. For additional information regarding the association you may go to [www.tlta.usta.com](http://www.tlta.usta.com) or by calling Fred Bonney, 865 458-2589 or 865 773-5061.