

DPOA News & Events



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Dear Neighbors!

"Putts get really difficult the day they hand out the money," Lee Trevino once said. "Golf is a good walk spoiled," said Mark Twain. "If a lot of people gripped a knife and fork the way they do a golf club, they'd starve to death," said Sam Snead.

"Life's not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain," from the movie, *Anon*, a 2018 British science fiction thriller. The DPOA wants to thank all the DPOA members who attended this year's DPOA Annual Picnic, despite a tornado warning! The Diamante Staff put together a great buffet, which kept everybody happy! Arvest Bank co-sponsored the band, and John Paul made the arrangements for the band to play at the Coronado Center. Thanks to David Adams, Cork & Bottle provided wine donations for the prizes. As President of the DPOA, it was a real pleasure to work with all of the DPOA Board Members, whose contributions were critical in organizing this year's DPOA Picnic.

On June 28th, the Diamante Country Club is hosting the 10th Annual Freedom Golf Scramble. This GREAT event and the funds it raises help support rehabilitative and

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recreational sporting program for Arkansas wounded warriors and veterans. If you wish to play in this year's golf scramble, please contact John and Sylvia Matthews at (501) 915-8533 or send an e-mail addressed to hotexans@att.net. For Golf Genius questions, call Rodney Handy at (501) 922-4191. Jim Bodge is the Volunteer Coordinator and can be reached at (501) 915-0019 (h) or (501) 984-1136 (c). Importantly, the money raised from this event stays in Arkansas for Arkansas veterans. For more information about this year's Freedom Fund Golf Scramble, please take a minute to read the articles on pages 4 and 5 in this newsletter. ♦

—**Bob Walker, DPOA President**



Treasurer's Report

As of June 1, 2021

Membership

**215 members representing
214 properties and
3 nonresident members
for a total of 217 dues paid**
representing 267 eligible properties

Fund Balances

Funds available for operations:

\$19,550.97

Reserve (emergency) funds:

\$7,500.00

Total funds:

\$27,050.97

If you haven't already done so, please consider becoming an active DPOA member with payment of your \$75.00 annual DPOA dues.

ALICE HINCKLEY



IMPORTANT UPDATE!

To ensure the success of the Diamante 25th Anniversary Party, originally scheduled for Saturday, June 26th, we must postpone this popular event. Please watch for more information on the new date!

Thank you for your understanding, support, and for being a member of the Diamante Country Club family. Our members are what make our Club so great! ♦

—**Shane Newton PGA/CMAA**

The DPOA News & Events newsletter is published monthly and sent only to dues-paying DPOA members. If you have questions, need information, or would like to submit an article of interest, please contact your editor, Dana Peick, or one of the DPOA Board Members.

WHAT TORNADO?

Fun-Filled Activities and a Tasty Buffet at the 2021 DPOA Annual Picnic!

On Monday, June 7th, the date of the Annual DPOA Picnic, the weather forecast not only called for 99% rain, **but a tornado? EEK!** Despite the pending rain and threatening skies, the DPOA organizers and members came out in force in search for a memorable afternoon and evening, and the socialization was animated by the electricity of the pending storms.

Terri Socha, Heidi Hilbert, and Donna Fleharty greeted approximately 180 members, and Dennis Riordan provided a name tag for each. The putting contest began with a slew of contestants. Diamante's Golf Professional, Randy Handy, recorded the scores, and he probably gave out a few tips, as well. The Cornhole Contest was popular with some serious contenders. To top off the socializing and games, Diamante staff members, including Adrienne Paschke, prepared a perfect buffet that included barbeque chicken, all the fixings, and potato salad, about which everyone positively commented. Finally, the moist brownies and cookies were the perfect dessert.

After visiting, playing games, and eating, the real-trooper members drove through light rain to the Coronado Center to hear the popular Colt and the Old 45s play for 90 minutes. The attendees enjoyed many great favorites and danced with abandon. At this year's DPOA Picnic, Arvest Bank, the DPOA, and John Paul generously underwrote the band's performance.

Before the night ended, trophies and prizes were awarded to the winners of the games—Kurt Alber, Rob Bowers, Charlotte Paul, Renee Robinson, Kathi Price, and Jess Stephens. To top it off, Cork & Bottle contributed several bottles of wine that were included with the trophies.

Needless to say, the bar for the Annual DPOA Picnic has definitely been raised. ♦ **—Bob Walker**



Welcoming Members



Tasty Barbeque Buffet



Putting Contest



Contestants Playing Cornball



Dancing to Colt and the Old 45s



Awarding Trophies to the Winners of the Participant Games



Arkansas Freedom Fund Volunteers

The Annual Arkansas Freedom Fund Golf Scramble Hosted by Diamante Country Club on June 28th

The annual AFF Golf tournament raises funds to support sporting programs for Arkansas Veterans. As many of you know, the success of this tournament is dependent on the volunteers who have always done a superb job. Whether you have helped in the past or are a new resident and have volunteered to work in your first AFF Golf Scramble, you will find that it is a rewarding experience.

There will be both morning and afternoon golf sessions, and the volunteers will be assigned to be greeters, spotters on the par 3 holes, fairway spotters on the blind shot holes, cart staffing, ice and drink runners, and dining room hosts, among others.

Several of you have already expressed your desire to volunteer. Although the deadline for volunteering was Sunday, June 20, please contact Jim Bodge via email at jwbodge@gmail.com to add your name to a back-up list of available volunteers to fill vacancies created by unplanned cancellations. Provide your name, telephone number, and shift preference (morning, afternoon, midday).

The support provided by our volunteers for this event is greatly appreciated! Remember, the money raised from this event stays in Arkansas for Arkansas wounded warriors and veterans. ♦

—Jim Bodge



Check-in at a busy time



Distributing AFF information



Selling raffle tickets



Helping disabled veterans



Support the Arkansas Freedom Fund (AFF) to Help Arkansas' Wounded Warriors and Veterans

You are invited to participate in the 10th annual Arkansas Freedom Fund (AFF) Tournament, scheduled for Monday, June 28, hosted by Diamante Country Club. This important event raises funds to provide outdoor rehabilitative sporting programs for Arkansas veterans.

Once again, John and Sylvia Matthews are working with AFF members to coordinate

the tournament. The entry price to play in this year's AFF Golf Scramble for a three-player team is \$600 (\$150 per golfer), which will include a golf round, a golf cart, use of the driving range, lunch, an AFF ball cap, two mulligans, a raffle ticket for a Henry rifle, a prize for a putting contest, a Lexus hole-in-one opportunity, and a prize for a special hit-the-green contest on hole 7. ♦

Entry Process

To enter the tournament, visit: www.golfgenius.com/ggid/xnbxha/register

For Golf Genius questions, call: Rodney Handy at (501) 922-4191

Make your check payable to: Arkansas Freedom Fund

AFF contacts: John and Sylvia Matthews, hotexans@att.net or (501) 915-8533



www.ArkansasFreedomFund.org

The AFF is an Arkansas-registered nonprofit 501(c)3 organization and is operated by an all-volunteer staff. Donations are tax deductible.

Maintenance Our Shrubs and Trees Are Coming Back!!



Spring has sprung, Fall has fell, Summer is here, and it is hotter than usual! Yes...our Arkansas Summer has arrived, and our Diamante neighborhood and golf course are, once again, on the way to becoming beautiful. Although we have seen brown, black, and mushy leaves and stems, many are coming back with new growth. With the arrival of warm weather, we will not remove plants and bushes that appear dead. In reality, they have survived the freezing temperatures and are, once again, beginning to recover from the unusual 2021 Winter freeze.

Thanks to the patience and the tender loving care provided by David Dolstein, as well as by our maintenance volunteers, many of our shrubs and trees, including the Crepe Myrtles, Japanese Maple trees, Hydrangea, and even the Loropetalum bush at the entrance of Maderas Drive, are all going to make it. Simply stated, this is a miracle!



We have turned on the sprinklers as we anticipate the beautiful blooms of the Crepe Myrtles to arrive at any time. In addition, since it has dried out, Roy Marsh and I are planning a ditch-mowing event to clean up some of the areas in paradise.



Now that Summer has arrived, stay cool! ♦
—Neil Phelan, Jr.

Jeanne Godbold

Member of the Diamante Members Club Board of Directors

When Jeanne Godbold's husband, Frank, retired from the Navy in 1992, their family moved to Hot Springs Village. Two years later, before the golf course was cut from the landscape, Jeanne and Frank became Diamante Lifetime Members. They will tell you, "If you can't play Diamante's golf course yourself, then there's nothing like looking out and watching your Diamante friends enjoy the course you love!"

Jeanne and her family have been active Diamante members since its opening day. In fact, their son, Tim, and his family have been nonresident members for several years now.



Before Jeanne's current term on the Diamante Members Club (DMC) Board of Directors, she served two previous terms on the Diamante Advisory Board, including the inaugural Board in 1996. Jeanne has been the Diamante Women's Golf Association 9-Hole League President and currently serves as the DMC Board Liaison to the Membership Committee and Chair of the Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations Committee.

Although Jeanne authors the monthly DPOA Newsletter's "Did You Know?" article, reminiscing about Diamante's past, she and Frank cannot imagine spending their future anywhere else! ♦



Terri Socha

Membership and Marketing Director

May 17th was Terri's 11th anniversary of employment at Diamante. With a history of working in the Food and Drug Administration in Rockville, Maryland, and with the Coca Cola Enterprise in Minneapolis and Tampa, she was hired in 2010 as an Administrative Assistant with responsibilities that included accounts payables and receivables, membership, and human resources.

Simply stated, "I love my job and enjoy taking care of the members, helping with Club events, and assisting my friends and fellow employees. Some of my favorite responsibilities include giving tours of the Club to potential members, attending business expositions, and sending out membership information. I also schedule the Discovery Packages, which offer a 2-night stay, a round of golf, and two meals to guests who are considering



a move to the Village. I'm proud to admit that I created the Ambassador Program for new members, which provides the opportunity for them to become more acclimated with the Club." Finally, Terri not only assists with all property acquisitions, legal issues, and member billing, but she is also presently filling in as an

accountant and is assisting with human resources duties, in addition to membership responsibilities.

In conclusion, Terri and her husband, Mike, have been married for 6 years and are both big advocates for the Diamante Members Club and Hot Springs Village communities. ♦



Is Your Neighborhood Ready to Resist Crime?

The prevention of crime, particularly crime involving residential neighborhoods such as Diamante, is a responsibility that must be equally shared by both law enforcement agencies and private citizens. However, the impact of law enforcement on crime prevention is minimal, when compared with the power of private citizens who work with law enforcement agencies and with their friends and neighbors in their communities.

The concept of a Neighborhood Watch program is based on cooperation, and nationwide statistics prove that it works. When citizens take positive steps to secure their own properties, and when neighbors learn how to report suspicious activity around their homes, such as burglary and related offenses, crime is dramatically decreased.

Our Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of our residents in cooperation with local law enforcement officers and agencies. It reduces crime, solves problems, and improves the quality of life.

Let's all get to know and work with all of our friends and neighbors and learn how to:

- ❑ Recognize and report crimes and suspicious activities;
- ❑ Protect ourselves, our families, and our properties;
- ❑ Protect our neighbor's family and property; and
- ❑ Identify crime and problems in our Diamante neighborhood while working with Hot Springs Village personnel and law enforcement agencies to solve them. ♦

–Heidi Hilbert

Neighborhood Watch programs provide the opportunity for our residents to volunteer and work toward increasing the safety and security of our homes, as well as empower our citizens to become active in emergency preparedness and to fight against crime and community disasters.



Fourth of July—INDEPENDENCE DAY



The Fourth of July is a federal holiday, commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject to the monarch of Britain, King George III, and were now united, free, and independent states. The Congress voted to declare independence 2 days earlier on July 2, but it was not declared until July 4, 1776.

Background

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the thirteen colonies from Great Britain in 1776 actually occurred on July 2, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a Resolution of Independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia, declaring the United States independent from Great Britain's rule. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which was prepared by a committee of five with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration to remove its vigorous denunciation of the slave trade, finally approving it 2 days later on July 4.

Thomas Jefferson wrote an indictment against King George III, a portion of which reads: "He has waged a cruel war against human nature itself, violating its most sacred rights of life and liberty in the persons of a distant people who never offended him, captivating and carrying them into slavery in another hemisphere, or to incur a miserable death in their transportation hither."

A day earlier, John Adams wrote to his wife, Abigail: "The second day of July 1776

will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

Historians have long disputed whether members of Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day.

A Remarkable Coincidence

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, the only two signatories of the Declaration of Independence, later served as Presidents of the United States. They both died on the same day, July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the Declaration.

Although not a signatory of the Declaration of Independence, James Monroe, another founding father who was elected President, also died on July 4, 1831, making him the third President who died on the anniversary of Independence Day. The only U.S. President to have been born on Independence Day was Calvin Coolidge, who was born on July 4, 1872.

Independence Day is a national holiday marked by patriotic displays. Similar to other summer-themed events, Independence celebrations often take place outdoors. According to federal law, Independence Day is a federal holiday. Consequently, all nonessential federal institutions, such as the postal service and federal courts, are closed. ♦

—**Dennis Riordan**...Proud to be an American

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

REECE AND LESLIE GOODMAN

Leslie and Reece were high school sweethearts in San Marcos, Texas, and they have been married for 40 years. They both attended the University of Texas in Austin. Reece began his career with Arthur Andersen in Austin, Texas, which eventually moved them to Atlanta, Georgia.

When Reece left Arthur Andersen, it was the beginning of several career moves that eventually landed them in Texarkana, Texas, where they raised their two children. Hunter, who is now 32 years old, married his high school sweetheart, Halie. They live in Longview, Texas, and have given Reece and Leslie two grandchildren, Tatum and Davis. Their daughter, Riley, is 28 years of age and married to Will Moody. They live in Charlotte, North Carolina.

"A few years ago, we visited our great friends, Fred and Stephanie Noblett, who had recently retired in Diamante. We fell in love with the Village and Diamante and returned and bought a home on Diamante Boulevard. We visited several times over the following 2 years and then, last September, decided to sell our home in Montgomery, Texas, and make our move to the Village. We

also decided to sell our house on Diamante Boulevard and are now in the process of building our future home on the Diamante golf course on the #3 green."

Although Reece is still self employed as a fractional Chief Financial Officer (CFO)/ Chief Operating Officer (COO) for small-to-midsize companies, he is looking forward to balancing work and his golf game. "We look forward to many years ahead with our wonderful new neighbors and friends! ♦



"Although I am still employed, I am looking forward to balancing my work and my golf game. Both Leslie and I look forward to many years ahead with our wonderful new neighbors and friends!"

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The climate gurus say that we will be living through the hottest year in recorded history! So, what are we to do? Take a minute to read the following heat-managing tips, and share one or two of your own tips that will help all of us.

- 1. Start Early.** Although this is not always an option, try to schedule your tee-off time or begin working in your yard as early as possible to avoid the hottest part of the day.
- 2. Conserve Your Energy.** Get plenty of rest before playing golf or working in the yard in the intense heat.
- 3. Work or Wait in the Shade.** When possible, choose to work in the shaded areas in your yard. When playing golf, stand under a tree while waiting for your next shot.
- 4. Start Hydrating Early.** Start drinking plenty of water as early as possible in advance of your tee time or before trimming that unruly bush in your yard. Symptoms of dehydration include headache, mouth sores, exhaustion, blurred vision, dizziness, shortness of breath, increased heart rate, and low blood pressure, among other manifestations.
- 5. Do Not Neglect Your Electrolytes.** Whether a sports drink or a supplement that is added to water, do not overlook the importance of electrolyte replacement during strenuous physical exertion or when playing golf in the heat.
- 6. Keep a Cool Head!** Simply covering your head with something that enhances cooling is better than nothing.
- 7. Eat!** Although heat can suppress the appetite, our bodies need easily-digested carbohydrates when either playing golf or working outside in the yard in extreme temperatures.
- 8. Use Cooling Towels and Neck Wraps.** Storing a towel in the freezer before working in the yard or teeing off will keep a towel cool, even in the hottest weather.
- 9. Apply Sunscreen, and Wear Loose-Fitting Clothes.** Both will help protect you from the elements. Light-colored clothes reflect heat and light better than dark colors.
- 10. Let the Grass Grow!** Health experts suggest that you reduce nonessential outdoor undertakings, such as mowing the lawn. Since golf does not fit into the "nonessential" category, save your energy for smacking a little white ball with an oversized club head! ♦