

DPOA News & Events



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Dear Neighbors!

"Golf is a game in which you yell fore, score 6, and write down 5," said Paul Harvey. "The difference between golf and government is that in golf, you can't improve your lie," said George Deukmejian. "You don't know what pressure is until you play for \$5.00 with only \$2.00 in your pocket," said Lee Trevino.

Because of the high probability of rain, which happened, the DPOA Board rescheduled the annual DPOA Picnic to June 7th (see box on page 2 of this newsletter). We know all of the DPOA members will want to come and enjoy the menu that Adrienne has planned for us, the putting contest for ladies and gentlemen that Rodney has organized, and the great sounds of the *Colt and Old 45s* band. We hope to see all of you there!!

The Arkansas Freedom Fund (AFF) is scheduled for August 2nd at Diamante's golf course. Sylvia Matthews will be asking for volunteers to help run the AFF this year. What a GREAT way to represent Diamante and support activities that benefit our veterans.

June is also the month during which the Diamante Classic and Diamonds@Diamante tournaments are scheduled.

Finally, we want to give Neil Phelan and his work crew a special thanks for all of the hard work they spent by

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spreading mulch at the entrance of Diamante Boulevard and down the median. The DPOA volunteers and members are an absolute credit to Diamante!

We want to thank all of the members of the DPOA for their support!!! ♦
 —**Bob Walker, DPOA President**



Treasurer's Report

As of May 13, 2021

Membership

216 DPOA members
 214 properties paid
 4 nonresident members paid
 representing 267 eligible properties

Fund Balances

Available operating funds:

\$20,075.97

Reserve (emergency) funds:

\$7,500.00

Total funds:

\$27,575.97

ALICE HINCKLEY



DPOA Picnic

In response to the rainy weather forecast for the previously scheduled DPOA Picnic, this event will now be held on Monday, June 7, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, on the outdoor patio.

HOW DO YOU PROCEED?

- ♦ If you have already reserved your attendance and plan to attend on June 7th, then you do not need to take any action. Your name will remain on the list of attending DPOA members.
- ♦ If you reserved and paid \$12.00 per person but will be unable to attend the picnic that has been rescheduled for June 7th, please email Alice Hinckley at alicehinckley@aol.com with your cancellation. Your check will be shredded.
- ♦ If you did not plan to attend the picnic on the original date but will now be available, then you can add your name(s) to the list of attending members by sending an email to Alice Hinckley. Please write a check for \$12.00 per person, made payable to the DPOA, and then mail it to Alice Hinckley at 9 Vera Lane, HSV, AR 71909. You may also leave your check in the envelope on the front or back porch.

FRIDAY, MAY 28th, IS THE DEADLINE FOR NEW RSVPs AND CANCELLATIONS WITH A REFUND

Only dues-paying members of the Diamante Property Owner's Association (DPOA) who have already submitted their 2021 \$75 dues payment may attend this annual picnic.

We appreciate your financial support of the DPOA, and highly appreciate all who volunteer their time to help make our neighborhood the best it can be!

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.



The Story

Augusta National Golf Club was established in 1932. Twenty-six (26) years later, in 1958, the well-known *Sports Illustrated* writer, Herbert Warren Wind, first christened Augusta's holes 11 (par 4), 12 (par 3), and 13 (par 5) as "Amen Corner." During the 2021 Masters Tournament, the combined yardage of these three celebrated holes was 1,270 yards. The total yardage for Augusta's 18 holes, as played in the Masters Tournament, is 7,475 yards.

Wind's inspiration for the name "Amen Corner" was from a jazz record, "Shouting from Amen Corner." The apparent center of Bible manufacturing in the 1900s was in lower New York City, which became a popular spot for sidewalk preachers to preach old-time religion.

The Diamante Members Club was established in 1995. Twenty-six (26) years later, Diamante now has its celebrated **Los Tres Diablos** with a beautiful stone monument at the entrance of the imposing hole 13. From the back tees, Diamante's holes 13 (par 4), 14 (par 4), and 15 (par 4) require strength, length, and precision to conquer a combined yardage of

1,439. The total yardage for the Diamante golf course from the back tees is 7,457 yards.

So...let's do some math. Augusta National's 7,475 total yardage, minus Diamante's back-tee yardage of 7,457, reflects that the Masters Tournament is played at a length that is only 18 yards longer than the Diamante golf course played from the tips. This difference is only 1 yard per hole!

How to Experience Augusta National at Diamante

Each Diamante member—at no additional cost—can experience the Augusta National golf course (well, sort of) by playing Diamante's back tees and teeing up only 1 yard behind the tee markers on each hole. This idea will save each player a considerable amount of money—the costs of flying to Augusta, staying in a hotel, and playing Augusta National Golf Course, which probably isn't going to happen anyway!





Los Tres Diablos Back Story

On February 19, 2001, Hap Peterson, long-time Diamante member, Annapolis Military Academy graduate, and Naval Aviator, wrote a letter to Merle Singleterry, the Chair of Diamante's Golf Committee in 2001. Peterson wrote, "Many golf courses have given names to especially treacherous holes or series of holes. Most notable, of course, is the Amen Corner at Augusta National. I am asking the golf committee to consider naming our three most treacherous holes 13, 14, and 15."

Hap further wrote, "In keeping with names used in Hot Springs Village and in Diamante, it is suggested that the names submitted be limited to Spanish. For example, my submission would be **Los Tres Diablos**, which means the three devils."

The author of this article recently spoke with Merle Singleterry. Merle recalls that the members of the Diamante Golf Committee thought the idea had merit but decided that this project should evolve over time. No doubt, there were multiple competing needs at Diamante at that time and, of course, the tragedy of September 11, 2001, changed all of our lives forever. Honestly, it does not matter why the **Los Tres Diablos** project took so long to become a reality. The important facts are that it was a great idea when Hap first proposed it, and now Diamante's Head Golf Professional, Rodney Handy, has propelled this initiative through to its completion.

Rodney and other members of Diamante estimated that it would cost approximately \$6,000 to purchase the monument stone, purchase a marble insert, have the insert laser etched and painted, have a rock wall built around the monument, and have the initial landscaping

completed. Approximately \$1,000 was donated from a bank balance of the men's Saturday Golf Group (SGG). Rodney and his wife then set about designing the **Los Tres Diablo** logo. Fifty Diamante members each donated \$100 toward the project, which resulted in an additional \$5,000. Rodney then had the necessary funds and managed the project through to completion.

During a future gathering at the monument, the original fifty supporters will each be thanked with a limited-edition golden **Los Tres Diablos** commemorative coin, which will be marked 1 of 50, 2 of 50, 3 of 50, and so on. As appropriate, Hap Peterson will receive the first coin marked 1 of 50. In the future, there will be an additional 50 commemorative silver coins available for purchase in the Golf Shop. When these coins become available, they will undoubtedly go fast.

When golfers drive toward Diamante's 13th tee, they will see that the insert is beautifully laser etched and painted with the words and actual layout of the **Los Tres Diablos** holes:

Hole 13	El Terrible	Terrible One	Par 4-481 yds
Hole 14	La Muerte	Death	Par 4-472 yds
Hole 15	El Infierno	Hell	Par 4-486 yds

Golf Shop Merchandise

Hats, shirts, and head covers are now available in Diamante's Golf Shop, and other items will soon be emblazoned with the **Los Tres Diablos** logo.

All members of the Diamante Members Club owe a big thanks to Rodney, Will Owens (Diamante's golf course superintendent), Hap Peterson, and Randy Lund, as well as other club and staff members who helped make this dream become a reality. ♦

—Dennis Riordan
Member of Diamante since 1997

Maintenance

Dear Friends and Family of the DPOA!



This month has been very busy, and we have accomplished a lot. A mulch day was scheduled for May 10th. We loaded, hauled, and applied sixteen cubic yards of mulch at the Diamante Boulevard entrance and down the median! I am sure that everyone slept well that night.

The volunteers who helped apply the mulch included Chuck Stofer, Dennis Riordan, Sylvia Matthews, Doug Zook, Greg Bloxam, Scott Finnell, Gary Irwin, Roy Marsh, Phil Tyree, Kevin McMillan, and Tom Ellers. I also appreciate Will, Diamante's golf course superintendent from the maintenance shed. He had the mulch ready for us to haul to the individual sites and loaned two golf carts to us.



As mentioned in last month's newsletter, some of the loropetalum bushes did not survive the cold temperatures during this year's winter. They were removed as the mulch was laid. I also appreciate Gary Irwin for repairing the light at the entrance of Maderas. The entrance is now well lit.



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Maintenance—cont'd

You may have noticed that the POA has mowed our ditches. We plan to get some of the spots that they missed when the grounds dry up.

I also appreciate David Dolstein as he continues to provide his help and advice. We applied Roundup to some of the grass that is growing in the medians and entrances. We also treated several ant mounds that keep popping up.

This short summary illustrates how your DPOA dues work to make our entrances beautiful places to enter and our neighborhood streets consistently managed.

In closing, I have a special request to everyone. If you are driving on any of our roads and see a limb that has fallen into the median or ditch, please take a minute to stop and throw it into the woods. This simple task will not only help the scenery, but it will also help the mowers. Thanks to all. ♦ **—Neil Phelan, Jr.**



DPOA Board of Directors



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Donna Fleharty, Welcome Baskets, Calico Pumpkin Fundraiser; Heidi Hilbert, Vice President, Neighborhood Crime Watch, Annual DPOA Picnic; Alice Hinckley, Treasurer; Tom Ellers, DMC Liaison; Phil Tyree, Exterior Lights, Christmas Decor; Dennis Riordan, Flags, U.S. Military; Bob Walker, President; Dana Peick, DPOA Newsletter; Paul Reinsch, Secretary; Neil Phelan, Jr., Maintenance

Steve Lux

Member of the Diamante Members Club Board of Directors

When Sherry and I were planning our retirement, we bought our Diamante lot on 12 Alhaja Way in 2002. Although Sherry moved into our completed home in 2008, I continued to work and live in Pine Bluff during the week until I retired at the end of 2011. Obviously, I burned a lot of gasoline driving back and forth during those years. In 2012, I was elected to the Diamante Advisory Board. Over the ensuing 3 years as a board member, I witnessed first-hand why we needed new ownership of the Club. A couple of years later, I was ecstatic when I learned that some of our members were working to purchase the Club from Club Corp



and Cooper. I was honored to serve on the Acquisition Committee in 2017 and on the Diamante Board in 2018, which was the first year after the members bought the Club. In 2020, I was approached by several Diamante members to consider running for the Board again, which I did and was elected. I currently serve as Treasurer of Diamante Members Club and Chairman of the Finance Committee. It is an honor to be a member of the Board, which tirelessly works to make Diamante the best it can be. If anyone has questions or suggestions regarding our Club, please always feel free to contact me. ♦



The Stewarts

John & Jeane



John and Jeane first met one another through an introduction arranged by a cousin. After marrying in 1970, they moved to St. Louis in 1971 when John was promoted by Southwestern Bell Corporation. In addition, Jeane was hired by A.G. Edwards.

When John and Jeane planned their retirement, they visited the resort community of Bella Vista in 1989. However, when a co-worker learned of their trip, he said, "If you like Bella Vista, then you must visit Hot Springs Village." On their first day of their visit, they bought a lot on Lake Cortez. Eventually, they built a beautiful home with a magnificent view of the lake and moved in 1991. However, John wanted to live on a golf course, which prompted them to build a home on the 8th fairway of Diamante in 1996.

Jeane was active in both the Diamante Country Club and Hot Springs Village. She served as President of the Village Women's Golf Association in 1996 and was also a board member on Diamante's first Board of Directors. Jeane also held the office of President of the Diamante Women's Golf Association in 2006 and served on the Arkansas State Golf Association. In fact, Jeane and two other Diamante members rated golf courses all over the state. Yes, John and Jeane knew that Diamante was the perfect place to live and enjoy their retirement years. *Help us celebrate our neighbor!*

Celebrating Our
NEIGHBOR

History Behind the Neighborhood Watch Program

The roots of a Neighborhood Watch program can be traced back to a Chicago school and its focus on the relationship between the social environment of neighborhood and crime. From the earliest studies, research has shown that a link exists between areas with high crime rates and neighborhoods characterized by diverse economics and ethnicity, high levels of population turnover and transience, and other physical and economic conditions. Most of this research has concluded that crime is higher in “socially disorganized areas” that are marked by weakened informal control attributed to an erosion of shared norms. Since formal control organizations—specifically law enforcement agencies—cannot be in all areas at the same time, informal control of residents is necessary if that community is to experience low crime rates. When neighborhoods become disorganized, its people and institutions no longer hold such status, resulting in a breakdown of informal control. This, in turn, produces high crime rates.

The Neighborhood Watch program is one of the oldest and best-known crime prevention concepts in North America. In the late 1960s, an increase in crime heightened the need for a crime prevention initiative that focused on residential areas and involved local citizens. The National Sheriffs’ Association (NSA) responded, creating the National Neighborhood Watch Program in 1972 to assist citizens and law enforcement.

In the aftermath of September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, as well as strengthening and

securing communities, became more critical than ever. Neighborhood Watch programs responded to the challenge, expanding beyond their traditional crime prevention role to help neighborhoods focus on disaster preparedness, emergency response, and terrorism awareness.

In 2002, the NSA, in partnership with USA Freedom Corps, Citizen Corps, and the U.S. Department of Justice, launched USAonWatch, which represents the expanded role of watch programs throughout the United States.

National Neighborhood Watch programs have empowered citizens to become active in homeland security efforts through participation in groups that are vibrant, effective, and can take on this expanded role with ease. For neighborhoods without thriving groups, the renewed emphasis on emergency preparedness and response may provide an incentive for citizens to participate in a Neighborhood Watch program.

The foundation of the program is the information, training, support, and resources that are provided to local law enforcement agencies and citizens. The training program is designed to build the capacity of law enforcement officers assigned to work with community groups by providing specific instruction on topics important to the Neighborhood Watch program. In addition to training, a new Toolkit that contains such items as posters, flip charts that target home protection, and presentations for the community have been developed. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert





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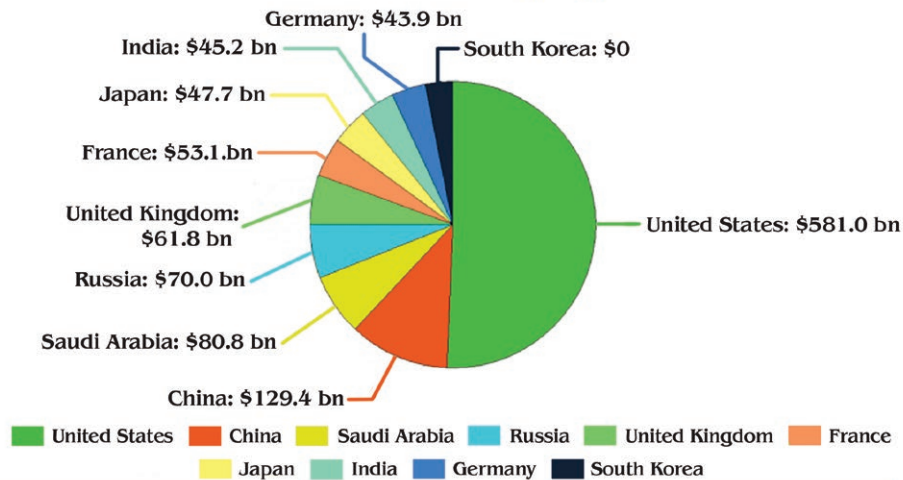
MILITARY EXPENDITURE DATA

The following pie chart illustrates that the United States dominated worldwide military expenditures in 2014. The United States spent \$581 billion U.S. dollars, which was more than

the other nine countries combined. China is the second largest contributor, followed by Saudi Arabia, Russia, and the United Kingdom. ♦

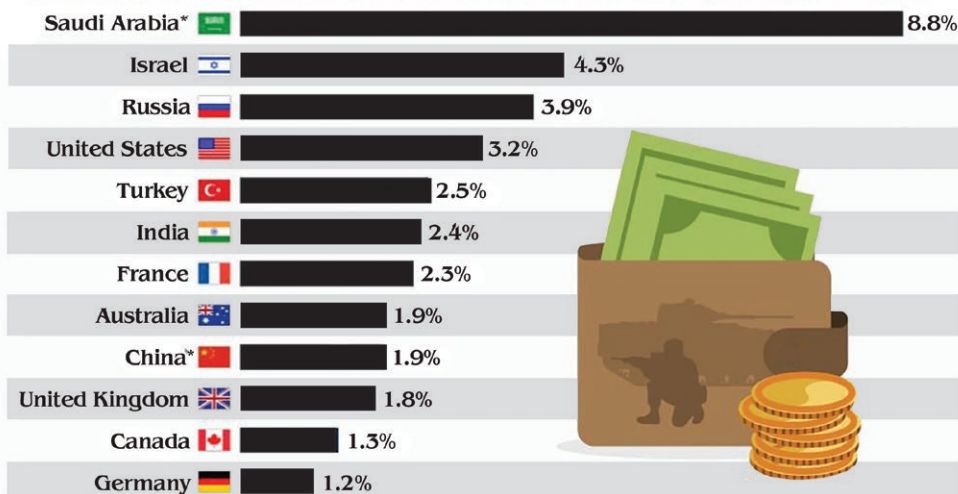
—Dennis Riordan

Countries by Military Expenditures in Billions of Dollars (bn) in 2014



Source: International Institute for Strategic Studies

Biggest Military Budgets as a Percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2018



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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

MIKE AND KIM LEFEBVRE

We believe everything happens for a reason! After a trip to MD Anderson last November for Kim's 5-year cancer checkup, we came to Hot Springs Village to visit our close friends of 25 years, Al and Deb Short. Simply stated, we fell in love with the Village but, more so, with Diamante. Although we owned property in the Carolinas, where we originally planned to retire, the Village offered a turn-key option that checked a lot of the boxes. Since it was still too early for Mike to retire, and having spent 38 years in commercial aviation, all that was needed was to find gainful employment in the area. All signs from above pointed to Hot Springs. Literally, after only 1 month, Mike negotiated a deal with Cobalt Aero Services, a maintenance facility for aircraft components out of Hot Springs and accepted the position of Vice President of Sales. **THE MOVE WAS ON!**

We grew up in Plattsburgh, NY, in the Adirondacks on Lake Champlain. We were high school sweethearts and have been together for 44 years this September. We have two exceptional sons. Michael, our first son, has blessed us with our only grandson, Dylan, who is in his first year of high school. Hopefully, our family will soon include a daughter-in-law, Aimee. Our second son, Bryan, is an avid Bass fishing sportman and recently married a gem, Jessie. Family is everything to us! Since we lived in South

Florida for the last 24 years, living in the Village is the first time that we will be separated as a family unit. Consequently, the decision to make the move was made with mixed emotions. We trust that there will be many visits to and from!

Since we now live in Arkansas, we can officially say that we have lived in all of the United States time zones. We are excited to experience all four seasons again...although Snowmageddon was a surprise!! We enjoy nature and the outdoors, golfing, boating, fishing, and the serenity of the mountain lifestyle. We look forward to making new acquaintances and building new friendships. ♦



"Simply stated, we fell in love with the Village but, more so, with Diamante—the community, the lifestyle, the neighborhood hospitality, and, of course, THE GOLF!"

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Did you know that Diamante members have always been known for their involvement? Diamante members “work hard” at having fun, whether it’s welcoming one another into the Diamante family or enjoying some friendly competition in golf, tennis, or bridge. Check out a few of the events that kept us busy in the spring, summer, and fall of 2001. Happy reading!

- 1** The 2001 Guys and Dolls Member/Guest tournament had a full field of 108 players who competed in April. John and Jackie Paul and Bailey and Becky Marshall won the 1st flight title, while Rob and Carolyn Bowers and Phillip and Cheryl Dubose captured 2nd flight honors. Martin and Linda Selman along with teammates Larry and Reba Hirschfield won the 3rd flight.
- 2** Although no DWGA9 member “Beat the Pro” during a May event, Fran Hennesy and Jan Willis, each shooting a net 36, tied his score. What was the pro’s name you ask? The answer is Lance Bennett, Diamante’s own Assistant Pro. Since leaving Diamante, Lance caddied for Bill Haas, Matt Kuchar, Lorena Ochoa, Juli Inkster, and Paula Creamer! Diamante members enjoyed catching glimpses of Lance while looping for his golf pro players.
- 3** On June 23, 2001, Diamante celebrated its 6th anniversary in style. Activities included a golf scramble, which paid three places in six flights, and all 72 names made the newsletter! The activities also included a chipping contest, putting contest, couples’ golf shootout, men’s golf shootout, tennis tournament, bridge tournament, children’s activities, commemorative golf shirts, and an evening buffet. Carol and Bob Trowbridge won the couples’ shootout, and Charlie Johnson and Jimmy Johnson (#15) took the men’s shootout. Don and Gay Best won the putting contest. Tennis winners were Harold and Kathie Ritchie, 1st place; Jack and Phyllis Hartman, 2nd place; and Tom and Sally Fink, 3rd place.
- 4** In September, the Diamante Diamond Member/Guest tournament featured Kathy Whitworth, who was a World Golf Hall of Fame member and winner of 88 Ladies Professional Golf Association tournaments. She addressed the event’s full field of 60 teams. Overall gross and net champions were Jeane Stewart and partner, Carla Hessler; and Jeanine Jacobsen and partner, Amy Farley. Carol Schramm was the tournament chair. ♦ **—Jeanne Godbold**

