

DPOA News & Events

DIAMANTE
A Private Masterplan Golf Club

Official Newsletter from Your
Diamante Property Owners Association

July, 2023

Dear Neighbors!

July is the first full month of summer and is full of pool days, golf days, and fun-packed days at Diamante. July 4th celebrates the day that the Declaration of Independence was adopted, which declared the United States as an independent country no longer under the rule of Great Britain. July is also known as the "Dog Days of Summer."

*"Dog days bright and clear
Indicate a good year;
But when accompanied by rain,
We hope for better times in vain."*

The "Dog Days of Summer" start on July 3rd, bringing the of the hot and sultry weather! What, exactly, are the "Dog Days of Summer" you ask? What do they have to do with dogs? The ancient origins of this common phrase might surprise you. This period of sweltering weather coincides with the year's **heliacal**, which means "**at sunrise**"; that is, the rising of Sirius, the Dog Star. Sirius is part of the constellation **Canis Majoris**, which means "**Greater Dog**," which is where Sirius gets its canine nickname, as well as its official name, **Alpha Canis Majoris**. With the exception of our own Sun, Sirius is the brightest star in the sky.

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In July, several golf tournaments were held at the Diamante Members Club. The DPOA and Couples Golf Association (CGA) held a cocktail party and Front 9 versus Back 9 Golf Tournament. The proceeds from the silent auction and the 50/50 raffle during this event will help beautify our common properties in the Diamante neighborhoods. We would like to express our gratitude to all the members of the DPOA and the CGA for their ongoing support, which includes both financial contributions and volunteering their time throughout the year. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

This newsletter also provides information about positions that become available on the DPOA Board of Directors (see page 8). To help our DPOA Board welcome new residents, we are asking for volunteers to step forward to fill the position that is responsible for creating the Welcome Baskets. Please feel free to contact any Board Member if you are interested. Their e-mail addresses are included on the last page of this newsletter.

We warmly welcome our new Diamante neighbors and honor our long-time Club members who lend a hand in support of one another, maintain our first-rate facilities, show our appreciation for the Diamante Members Club personnel, and constantly spread the word about the Diamante neighborhoods. I view the people who live in Diamante as my family and my friends. Together, we always try our best to keep our family growing and flourishing. ♦ *—Heidi Hilbert, DPOA President*



Treasurer's Report

As of July 10, 2023

Membership

As of July 10, 2023,
194 members have paid their
DPOA dues for 197 of
the 270 eligible properties.

Fund Balances

Funds available for operations:

\$10,415.07

Reserve (emergency) funds:

\$7,500.00

Total funds:

\$17,915.07

Invoices for the 2023 annual dues were mailed to all Diamante property owners in early January. If you have not already done so, please renew your DPOA membership by mailing your \$75.00 annual DPOA dues to Nancy Webb at 31 Elcano Drive, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909.

NANCY WEBB



The DPOA News & Events newsletter is published monthly and, after the April issue, it is only sent 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.

Maintenance A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood!

Greetings to our friends in the Diamante neighborhoods! The DPOA is working hard to keep our beautiful property in tip-top shape. When you enter Diamante Boulevard or Maderas Drive, we want you to believe you live in the best place on earth.

This year, we have had record levels of rain in our area. I came across a ground hog near the 18th green a few weeks ago, and I knew he was trying to tell me that a new rule had become effective. The ground hog saw his shadow in June, which meant 6 more weeks of RAIN! It has surely come to pass.

As far as animals are concerned, they are all out and about. I consider them as nature's decorations. Although some of them are skeptical of our presence, others will even let you pet them!

The crepe myrtles are in full bloom, but the rain and storms have taken a toll on some of their buds. In addition, I am happy to report that Phil's flowers are doing fantastic, and mine are coming along pretty good as well. With all the rainfall, the grass is growing faster in the ditches than normal. The Village POA mows our ditches twice a year—in the spring and again in the fall. Although they have already mowed this spring, the grass has already grown. In the next few weeks, I plan to have the grass in our ditches cut again.

—Neil M. Phelan, JR., Maintenance



No...it's a nonpoisonous milk snake!



2023 Diamante Intercollegiate Event

We Have a Great Lineup!

We would like to introduce three teams that were not on the roster in 2022—Boston College, California Baptist University, and the University of Memphis. In addition, we are reintroducing two teams that played in the 2022 tournament—Southern Illinois University and Southern Indiana University. You may recall that in last month's issue of your DPOA newsletter, **DPOA**

News & Events, we introduced the four Texas teams that will be competing in the 2023 Diamante Intercollegiate Tournament. To complete the field, the August newsletter will introduce five additional teams that competed in the 2022 tournament, and the September newsletter will showcase the three Arkansas schools.



Boston College finished 11th at the 2023 Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Golf Championship held at the Sedgefield Country Club in

Guilford County, North Carolina. The Eagles totaled 899 as a team for the 54-holes of stroke play. A total of 10 strokes separated 6th through 11th places on the team leaderboard. Wake Forest won the stroke play team title, followed by Duke, Clemson, and Virginia. Three members of the Boston College women's golf team were honored by the ACC as part of its 2023 All-ACC Academic team. Bianca Sol Cruz, Canice Screene, and Cynthia Zhang were recognized for their excellence on the course and in the classroom.



Bianca Sol Cruz



Canice Screene



Cynthia Zhang

CBU The Western Athletic Conference

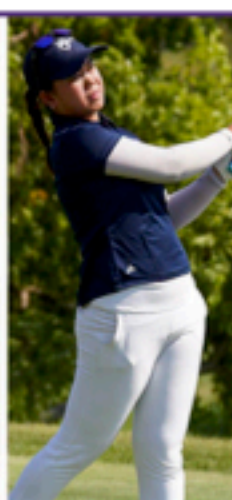
(WAC) released the results of the 2022-2023 Commissioner Cup. In its fifth year of eligibility for the title, **California Baptist University** claimed 8th place of 13 institutions. In the rankings, the Lancers finished between Seattle University and a WAC newcomer, University of Texas at Arlington. California Baptist University earned most of its points in the Fall, thanks to their men and women's cross country, women's basketball, men's swim and dive, and women's golf. The 2022-2023 Women's Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar



Damini Law Ghanshyani



Esther Lee



Samantha Dizon



Sofie Chabon

Team was announced with over 1,400 golfers recognized. The California Baptist Women's Golf program boasted four honorees, Damini Law Ghanshyani, Esther Lee, Samantha Dizon, and Sofia Chabon.

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WE HAVE A GREAT LINEUP!



The **University of Memphis** women's golf team placed 8th at the 2023 American Athletic Conference (AAC) Championship at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, Oklahoma. As a team, the Memphis women's golf team earned nine top-10 finishes in 10 total tournaments this season. Jennifer Jordan, the head coach of the University of Memphis women's golf team, announced the 2023-2024 schedule, which features 10 tournaments that include the AAC Championship in April. The Tigers will compete on some of the best courses in the South, as well as three tournaments in Florida, two in Arkansas, and one each in Alabama, South Carolina, Kansas, Louisiana, and Georgia.



The **Southern Illinois University** women's golf team wrapped up the 2023 season with a 10th-place finish at the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) Championship. Missouri State took home the team championship, winning with a three-round score of 943. The MVC announced the 2023 Women's Golf Scholar-Athlete Team, and Southern Illinois' Secilia Ho was named as an Honorable Mention. Secilia graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering and finished with a 3.96 GPA. She competed in 36 rounds in 12 tournaments this season. Her best finish was 14th at the MVC Championship, and she was named to the MVC All-Tournament Team.



The **University of Southern Indiana** women's golf team finished the Ohio Valley Conference Golf Championship with a three-round score of 1007 (+143) to score a 6th-place finish out of seven teams and 35 competitors at Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at The Shoals. The Screaming Eagles scored a team-best 315 (+27) in the tournament's final round. This was the first postseason appearance for USI in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I history.



Let's Show Our Diamante Spirit!

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DPOA COCKTAIL PARTY FUNDRAISER

The Couples Golf Association (CGA) and the Diamante Property Owners Association (DPOA) joined forces to organize and present a successful fundraising event at the Diamante Members Club. The purpose of this event was to raise funds in support of the care and maintenance needs of the Diamante neighborhoods and to increase the Club's attractiveness and amenities.

This fundraising event started with a cocktail reception on Saturday, July 22nd, during which attendees enjoyed light appetizers, the chance to win door prizes, the opportunity to take part in a silent auction, and the camaraderie of being with other Diamante members and DPOA friends.

Over 75 golfers competed in Sunday's CGA's Front 9 versus Back 9 Golf Tournament.

Congratulations to the winning Front 9 players.

After the tasty appetizer buffet, a 50/50 raffle was held, and both door prizes and a silent auction capped off this fundraising and golfing event.

The DPOA and CGA would also like to thank over 65 individuals who personally attended this fundraising event, as well as the many others whose donated contributions helped make this event a success. I also want to extend my gratitude to the CGA President, Jim Robinson, to the DPOA Board Members, and especially to all of the DPOA-supporting members for an amazing number of contributed hours, during which their time and talents are volunteered throughout the year. Your continued support is greatly appreciated! ♦

—Heidi Hilbert



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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

MARK AND KATHI PRICE

Kathi and Mark work in the long-term care pharmacy industry. Mark is a registered pharmacist who graduated from St. Louis College of Pharmacy and is currently an owner of Infinium Pharmacy located in St. Louis and in Springfield, Missouri. Before opening Infinium Pharmacy, Mark worked for 29 years at Omnicare, the nation's largest long-term care pharmacy provider, and ultimately became the Area Director of the St. Louis region during his final 10 years with the company. Kathi is a Registered Nurse and is employed by EverSpring Pharmacy as a nurse consultant. Before working for EverSpring, she was an account executive with Omnicare for 20 years.

Mark and Kathi currently reside in Belleville, Illinois, and have a family of 5 children and 13 grandchildren. Their children's careers include Navy deep-sea diver, construction engineer, registered nurse, Apache helicopter pilot, and stay-at-home military mom who home schools her children.

In anticipation of their eventual retirement, Mark and Kathi explored golf communities along the southeast coast for several years but had yet to find one that met their expectations. "We want to live where we are not simply another street address." In August of 2019, after one of Kathi's customers recommended that they visit Hot Springs Village, they

rented a condo on Lake DeSoto. They played all the Village golf courses except Diamante, since it is a private country club. "We had such a great time golfing and meeting so many friendly people who shared why they moved to the Village and how much fun they were having in their retirement years." During the last day of their stay, they met Diamante's General Manager who promised to arrange for them to play Diamante on a Discovery Package. Several months later, they decided to accept the offer and visited Diamante, during which John and Sylvia Matthews gave them the grand tour of Diamante. "We were overwhelmed by the friendliness of the members and staff throughout our stay, not to mention the wonderful meals we had at the clubhouse."

They were sold on the Diamante community and golf course. Their realtor, Bob Sweeten, showed them the available houses in Diamante. Trademark's Executive Broker, Linda Piette, graciously agreed to show them her home while they sat in their car in her driveway. "We fell in love with the house and its view of the 15th green and purchased it the next day.

We come back to Diamante at least once a month to enjoy our new home, golfing, outdoor activities, and the social life. Our search is DEFINITELY over!" ♦



"All our children and grandchildren questioned the purchase of our home in Arkansas, but once they visited, they understood and looked forward to every return. We can't wait to retire and enjoy the next chapter of our lives at Diamante and the entire Hot Springs Village community!"



Summertime Is Here! Keep Your Home Cool

It is summertime at Diamante, and the weather is heating up. Although ceiling fans and air conditioners can help cool things down, they will also raise your electricity bill. Fortunately, there are several ways to stay comfortable around the house, without spending an arm and a leg to do so.

Be choosy about your cooking. Turning on the oven and/or cooking on the stovetop will heat up your house. During the warmer months, try to eat more cold foods, such as salads and sandwiches, or cook outside on your barbecue grill. If you need to use your stove or oven, then try to do so in the evening once the sun has gone down.

Create more shade. Add shade around your home by planting trees or adding a pergola or awning where the sun is the most intense. Adding reflective film to your windows can also help. It bounces back the sun's rays.

Maintain your heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system. If you are using central air, get a professional tune-up to ensure your system is in top condition. You should also regularly change your filters. These steps ensure that your system works as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Upgrade your windows and insulation. If you have it in your budget, consider upgrading to double-pane or high-efficiency windows and updating your insulation if it has been a while. Poor insulation and old windows let the cool air out and the warmer air in! ♦ **—Heidi Hilbert**

Volunteers...the Heart of Our Community

The Diamante Property Owners Association (DPOA) Board of Directors has a vacancy for the Board position responsible for creating and delivering Welcome Baskets to new Diamante residents. The Welcome Basket program offers this DPOA Board Member the opportunity to welcome each new property owner who has moved into one of the Diamante neighborhoods and to be introduced to the DPOA.



Diamante's Neighborhood Watch Program

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. In response, the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) created the **National Neighborhood Watch Program** in 1972.

After the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, Diamante's Neighborhood Watch Program expanded beyond its traditional crime prevention role to help neighbors focus on disaster preparedness, emergency response, and terrorism awareness. The Neighborhood Watch Program provides the following benefits:

- ❑ **Reduces the risk of becoming a victim of crime.** Participants are taught to take preventative measures to decrease the likelihood of becoming a victim of crime. Our Program is designed to reduce the risks of home burglaries, vandalism, personal assault, and fraud.
- ❑ **Increases our readiness to respond to suspicious activity.** Communication between participants and the police is crucial. Part of our Program is learning how to identify and report suspicious activity, as well as learning how to provide the information the police will need to resolve the issue.
- ❑ **Keeps participants apprised of the trends in criminal activity.** Information that highlights the trends in criminal activities enables our

participants to be better prepared to reduce and, hopefully, to prevent these activities from occurring in the Diamante neighborhoods.

- ❑ **Provides Neighborhood Watch signs.** Criminals know that if Neighborhood Watch signs are posted, then the neighborhood does not tolerate criminal activity. Criminals know that safeguards are in place that detect crime and report suspicious activity to the police.
- ❑ **Promotes knowing our neighbors.** Our Program encourages us to get to know our neighbors and their regular schedules and patterns. As a result, when we are away, we can feel more secure about our property.
- ❑ **Reduces the fear of crime and makes our neighborhoods more livable.** Neighborhood Watch Programs increase the number of arrests and convictions by serving as a conduit between law enforcement and our neighborhoods.
- ❑ **Allows other areas of concern to be addressed.** Importantly, participants of Diamante's Neighborhood Watch Program

can also address other issues, such as fire prevention and/or child safety.

Participation in Diamante's Neighborhood Watch Program empowers our citizens to become more active in providing effective homeland security with an emphasis on emergency preparedness and response. ♦ **—Heidi Hilbert**





Storing and Caring for the American Flag

When the American flag is brought inside, a dark, cool storage place is best. When the flag is exposed to bright light, the fading process will hasten. Fabric deterioration can also occur, especially when inside humidity levels are excessively high or low. The American flag should never touch the ground. It should be elevated on a shelf even when it is stored in an appropriate storage container.

Since many American flags are made of cotton or nylon, storing the flags in a high-moisture environment can quickly damage them. Storing them in a basement, garage, or a closet close to a bathroom should be avoided. Storing a flag in the attic can bring about pest and heat problems that may ruin the flag. If mothballs or other pesticides are used, then the American flag should be kept away from these items. The chemicals they contain are often harmful to the fabric.

If the American flag is infrequently displayed, storing it in a flat or in a designated storage container is best. Any container made from acid-free material is the best choice. If the storage container is made of wood, then sealing the surfaces with acid-free paper or tissue or with an unbleached cotton cloth helps preserve the color and quality of the fabric while the flag is in storage.

Contacting a local Veteran's Association is the respectful and recommended way to retire a flag that is worn out. These groups often have an annual ceremony, during which all the worn-out flags that they receive throughout the year are burned. The American flag should never get tossed in the trash.

When the manufacturer's care instructions are followed, the life of the American flag—

whether made of cotton or nylon—will be considerably extended.

The American flag can be proudly displayed as the symbol of freedom for years when the following recommended tips are respected:

1. Avoid exposure to high winds, rain, or snow. These elements will considerably shorten the life of an American flag.
2. If the American flag gets wet, then spreading it out flat will help ensure that it completely dries before it is folded or rolled.
3. Dust, smoke, dirt, and other contaminants can create stains that will dull its luster. Cleaning it before these elements set in will preserve the flag's quality and extend its life. To remove soiling, most outdoor flags require only a mild detergent with warm water.
4. Soaking the flag in detergent water should be avoided. The red or blue colors can bleed into the white stripes with some detergent materials.
5. Parade and indoor flags often require professional dry cleaning to preserve the flag's quality. Many businesses offer this service free of charge or at a substantial discount, especially around Independence Day and/or Flag Day.
6. The American Flag should not be placed where the wind can push it into rough surfaces. Cables, tree branches, and other obstacles can cause tears that may eventually lead to tattering.
7. All flagpole surfaces require ongoing cleaning to prevent dirt buildup and corrosion. Rusty spots are known to damage American flags. Last, when the American flag is displayed, it helps to regularly inspect it for signs of wear and tear. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert

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DIAMANTE



BATTLE OF THE BOWLS

CHILI COOK OFF



PREPARE YOUR TASTE BUDS!

Saturday, August 12th

2:00 to 5:00 PM

in the Casual Dining Room

Dudes

Jim Burk—*Mystery Chili*

Tom Ellers—*Thor's Hammer Chili*

Jim Langlais—*Boston's Best Patriot Missile Chili*

John Paul/Jep Thibault/Randy Lund—*Double Eagle Chili*

Dudetts

Suzanne Iantosca—*Oregon Trail Chili*

Carol Bodge—*Texas Red Chilinator*

Lori McGhee—*Arkansas Venison Chili*

Grab a sample, taste, and vote for your favorite!

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

A chili lunch of CLASSIC BEEF CHILI and
WHITE BEAN CHICKEN CHILI PLUS
ALL THE FIXIN'S AND DESSERT!

Cost to enjoy the festivities and meal:
\$22.00 per person

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