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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

► **BY NANCY SISLOW**
BOARD PRESIDENT

At the October open Board meeting, the motion to approve the donation and conveyance of amenities to the City of Diamondhead was approved. The amenities and properties that were included in this donation were the athletic fields at Noma Drive, playgrounds and ballfields at East Rec, the Twin Lakes recreation area, stormwater drainage lots identified by POA and City staff, the Community Center and its adjacent parking, the public works maintenance yard and the Airstrip with all related facilities and land. Conditions which were included in the donation were that parking at the amenities and properties remain available to the public, the amenities must be used for the same or similar purpose as their current use, the amenities must be maintained to the same standard as currently maintained, that portions of the public works yard be leased to the POA at a nominal fee, and the City assist with legal fees in the process of the transaction. The motion also included instructions for legal counsel to work in cooperation with the City to develop contracts for final approval of the Board.

On November 5, the Board held a Special Called Meeting and approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that had been signed the day before

by the City of Diamondhead, continuing the process of conveyance of the amenities to the City. This MOU was then sent to the Purcell Corporation for their signature, paving the way for the final contract which should be approved shortly. The plan is to have this accomplished in time to demonstrate to the Hancock County Assessor that any property taxes associated with the defined properties for 2025 should be reduced and to have this conveyance help us manage the budget for 2026.

Developing and ultimately approving a budget for 2026 has been a challenge. It is hoped we can approve the expense portion of the budget at the November open Board meeting. We are finding ourselves with a minimally break-even budget and a very limited fund for capital expenses and infrastructure repairs. Thankfully hurricane season has not yet been a problem (finger-crossed).

Once the conveyance documents are complete, we need to look to planning the future of the remaining organization. Finding the right business plan and the legal steps to get to our goal are where we need to spend our energy. Membership support will help us prevail so our goal of a wonderful Diamondhead can be achieved.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Diamondhead Property Owners Association and its great amenities.



WELCOME
2026

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

*Ring in the New Year with laughter,
dancing, food, drinks, and good company!*

DEC 31ST

**9:00 PM - 12:30 AM. LIVE MUSIC BY
TEASE ME BAND. NO COVER**

*Light Buffet. Mini Muffalatas, Seafood Ragoons, Pigs in
a Blanket, Teriyaki Meatballs, Bruschetta Pasta Salad*

\$25

 **LATITUDE 30**
patio and grill

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Diamondhead Water & Sewer District	255-5813
Tennis World	255-5030
Waste Collection	832-3144

Diamondhead Country Club & Property Owners Association, Inc.

October 31, 2025

	Revenue	Expense	Net Gain/Loss	Depreciation	Net Income
Club	264,699.19	306,543.99	(41,844.80)	4,164.71	(46,009.51)
Camphouse	6,500.00	3,688.17	2,811.83	3,709.82	(897.99)
Golf	271,939.48	73,069.69	198,869.79	7,214.75	191,655.04
Golf Academy	15.00	10,356.11	(10,341.11)	-	(10,341.11)
GCM		159,769.09	(159,769.09)	18,138.57	(177,907.66)
Grounds		28,968.52	(28,968.52)		(28,968.52)
Recreation	465.00	13,802.76	(13,337.76)	5,946.38	(19,284.14)
Community/Twin Lakes		1,728.12	(1,728.12)	-	(1,728.12)
Tennis	5,000.00	1,685.57	3,314.43	3,883.16	(568.73)
Marina	8,442.43	15,377.85	(6,935.42)	5,491.21	(12,426.63)
Facilities		29,635.29	(29,635.29)	771.68	(30,406.97)
Marketing	225.00	19,277.30	(19,052.30)	-	(19,052.30)
Admin	10,019.85	142,624.10	(132,604.25)	12,908.45	(145,512.70)
Membership	230,532.08	1,905.77	228,626.31	-	228,626.31
Airport	1,200.00	1,085.12	114.88	911.86	(796.98)
	799,038.03	809,517.45	(10,479.42)		(73,620.01)

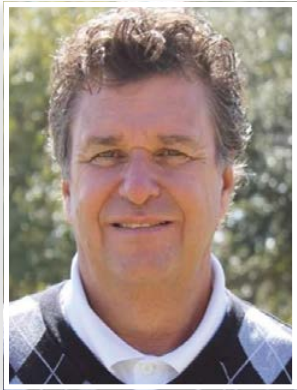
January 1, 2025 - October, 2025

	Revenue	Expense	Net Gain/Loss	Depreciation	Net Income
Club	2,355,301.68	2,673,686.04	(318,384.36)	41,647.10	(360,031.46)
Camphouse	52,825.00	62,644.23	(9,819.23)	37,098.20	(46,917.43)
Golf	2,297,391.77	610,122.90	1,687,268.87	72,147.50	1,615,121.37
Golf Academy	28,620.97	97,540.84	(68,919.87)	-	(68,919.87)
GCM	2,728.72	1,457,114.94	(1,454,386.22)	181,385.70	(1,635,771.92)
Grounds		293,084.45	(293,084.45)		(293,084.45)
Recreation	12,110.01	162,840.21	(150,730.20)	59,463.80	(210,194.00)
Community/Twin Lakes	4,197.60	51,897.25	(47,699.65)	-	(47,699.65)
Tennis	27,472.95	56,112.82	(28,639.87)	38,831.60	(67,471.47)
Marina	97,888.39	106,013.20	(8,124.81)	54,912.10	(63,036.91)
Facilities		274,682.36	(274,682.36)	7,716.80	(282,399.16)
Marketing	825.00	168,673.91	(167,848.91)	-	(167,848.91)
Admin	139,320.90	1,270,267.61	(1,130,946.71)	129,084.50	(1,260,031.21)
Membership	2,413,494.77	15,800.33	2,397,694.44	-	2,397,694.44
Airport	9,600.00	9,739.86	(139.86)	9,118.60	(9,258.46)
	7,441,777.76	7,310,220.95	131,556.81		(499,849.09)

The POA Board meets every month on the 3rd Monday at City Hall. All meetings begin at 6:00pm. Every meeting is live-streamed and can be found on YouTube.

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EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION



Hoppy Smith



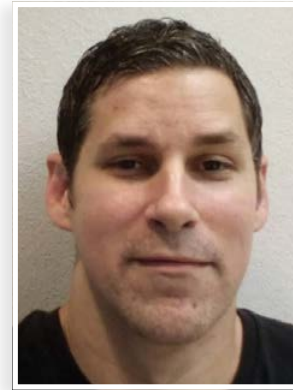
Cindy Pavolini



Nancy Perkins



Jennifer Nunez



Robert Bludworth



Dianne Simonson

As we come into the home stretch of 2025, we want to take a moment to recognize and thank the incredible employees who have been with us for 10 years or more.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median employee tenure across all industries is about 4 years. At The Club at Diamondhead and the Diamondhead Property Owners Association, our median tenure is 4 years and 11 months—nearly

a full year longer.

That difference speaks volumes about the people who choose to work here. We are fortunate to have a team of hardworking, dedicated employees who help make Diamondhead the wonderful place it is to live, work, and play.

If you see any of these long-tenured team members, please take a moment to thank them for their years of service and commitment.

EMPLOYEES WITH 10+ YEARS OF SERVICE

- Hoppy Smith – 29 years
- Cindy Pavolini – 21 years
- Donald Cuevas – 20 years
- Clayton Nickell – 19 years
- Nancy Perkins – 18 years
- Jennifer Nunez – 16 years
- Robert Bludworth – 14 years

- Chris Altese – 13 years
- Raymond Ladner – 13 years
- Damon Foy – 12 years
- Jeremy Smith – 12 years
- Tracy Perez – 11 years
- Charlie & Cathy Weber – 10 years
- Dianne Simonson – 10 years

Thank you to each of you for your amazing service and for helping make Diamondhead what it is today.

• COMMUNITY

DIAMONDHEAD SENIOR VILLAGE

► BY MARY GOBERT

Ho, ho, ho to all you good girls and boys -- at least we hope you have been good and stayed on Santa's Nice List! We hope that each of you has a wonderful holiday season. Senior Village meets across from the Woodland Village Nursing Home in the building on the right. There is a sign by the front door. We've been planning a fun December, so make plans now to attend whatever strikes your fancy. First a couple of notes about ongoing exercise events.

Every Tuesday at 9, the Walking Club meets at the gazebo by City Hall. Walking is at your own pace

and you choose the distance. There will be several people walking on most Tuesdays. We're having pretty excellent walking weather now, so plan to take advantage of the fresh air and exercise and company in our beautiful community. You'll improve your mental and physical health all at once!

Every second Tuesday of the month at 10, a group linedances at Woodland Village for the residents. Linedancing is a fun and excellent exercise for cardio and balance.

We do the classic linedances and dance to a few old favorites like the Twist. It is treated as a beginner class, so instructions are given

throughout. During that time, there is entertainment or there are games going on at the Senior Village Meeting Room for those who don't linedance.

The December calendar looks like this:

December 2 Crafts at 10, Bingo with prizes at 11. At noon, Lunch Bunch, (Dutch treat at a local restaurant that the group picks that day).

December 9, Bob and Barb sing-a-long at 10. They have Christmas favorites and other wonderful songs to share. Everyone looks forward to their performances! At 11, Dr. Dibha Mishra-Nicaud, a new oncologist at Memorial will give a talk and answer

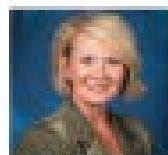
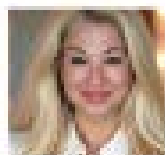
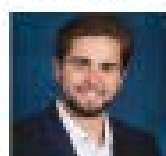
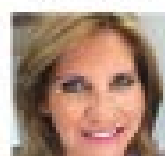
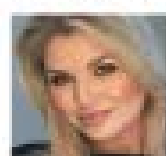
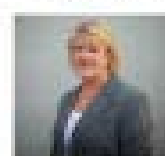
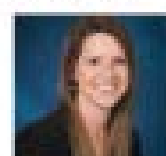
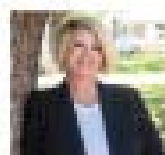
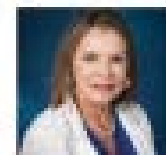
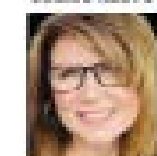
questions.

December 16, Diamond Dot Christmas craft at 10 with Andrea Moreau, Branch manager at the Kiln Library. Andrea will also let us in on what's happening at her library-including Diamond Dots on the first Friday of every month. There is a lot available at that branch, so come hear all about it. At 11 we'll start our holiday celebration with games, food, and fun. We'll be decorating cookies, play music trivia, celebrate December birthdays, and play a couple of games. Ho ho hope to see you there!

We will be closed Christmas week and New Year's week. See you in 2026!



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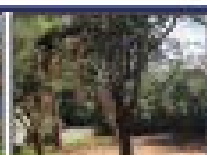
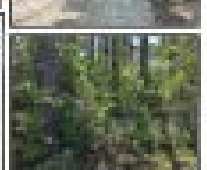
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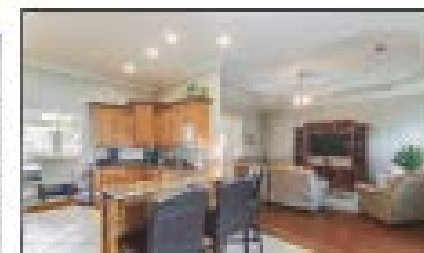
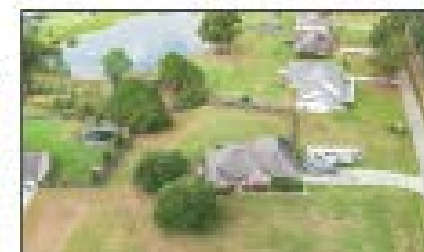
4300 Pineflower Road | Kiln 3 Bed | 2 Bath | 1,825 sqft | \$338,000

Come on by and see this Beautiful Brand New Construction home in Kiln, MS! Brick Home features split bedroom floorplan with spacious master suite & soaking tub that everyone will love. Vinyl Flooring, Granite Countertops, Stainless Appliances, ample storage, & Great closets are just a few features in this home. The builder thought of every detail! Easy 17 Minute Drive to the Beach & 30 minute Drive to the best shopping spots. Sits on just under one acre so the perfect amount of space for the dogs & Privacy!

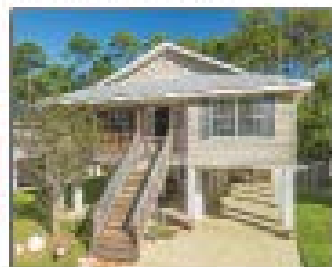


12009 Circle S Ranch Road | Poyune
3 Bed | 2 Bath | 1,889 sqft | \$348,800

Come Experience the perks of Country Living in this Updated home that is truly one of a kind. Split Bedroom floorplan, Great Master Suite, Formal Dining room, Laundry Room, Granite throughout & natural Wood Floors are just a few things this home includes. Home offers enough land to give you the feel of privacy & is only 12 minutes from town with a ton of parking space! You can enjoy the beautiful sunsets over the lake and fish in your own backyard.



**Merry
CHRISTMAS!**

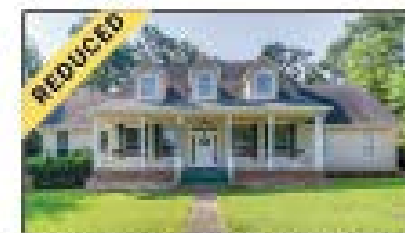


131 Northwood Dr. | Pass Christian
3 Bed | 2 Bath | 1,719 sqft | \$266,000

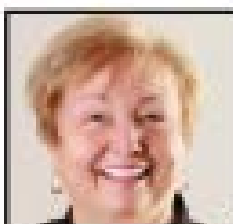
Charming home just a couple of blocks from the beach! Well-maintained, brand-new roof, spacious utility room, & large master suite. Short ride to local shops, restaurants, & entertainment. Home combines coastal living with everyday practicality. If you're looking for a primary residence or a weekend getaway, this home is move-in ready & waiting for you.



7233 Alford Drive | Diamondhead
0.88 Acres | \$48,999



9520 Kalkimaka Place | Diamondhead
4 Bed | 5 Bath | 3,098 sqft | \$389,000



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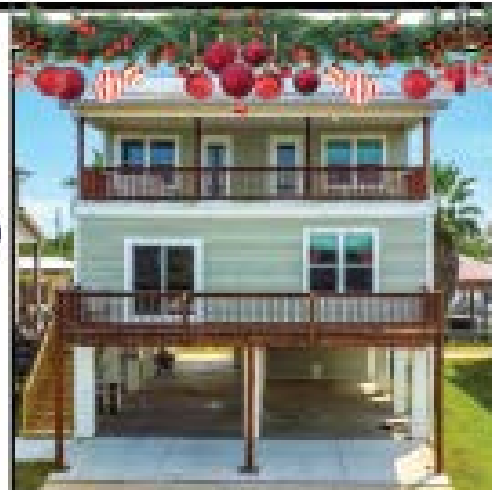
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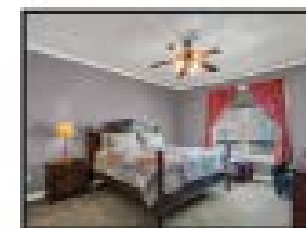
17990 Cuevas Road | Kiln
3 Bed | 2 Bath | 2,067 sqft | \$389,900
14 ACRES!!!

Modular home with covered porch (459 sq ft.) Close to Bayou Coco. Flood zone not within 250 ft. of Property. This property has a carport and workshop. The carport has 6 bays which can be used for cars or equipment.



4161 Ireland Street | Bay St. Louis
5 Bed | 4 Bath | 2,374 sqft | \$635,000

Waterfront Living with Panoramic Views of Bayou La Croix & Jordan River! Spacious and beautifully maintained home offering: oversized bedrooms, two primary suites, major updates already completed — New pilings (2015) with lifetime warranty — New energy-efficient windows (2017) with guaranteed seals. This home offers the perfect blend of comfort, quality, and stunning natural beauty. Don't miss this rare opportunity for waterfront living at its finest!

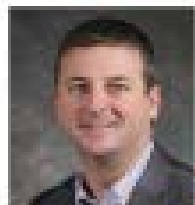


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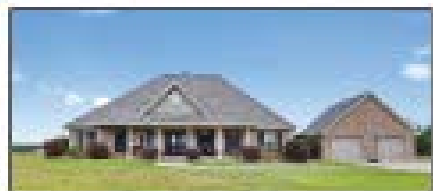




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74 The Hills Drive | Canine
4 bed | 3.5 bath
3340 sqft | \$629,900

Pearl River County on 5 Acres Custom 3,340 sq ft home with 4BR/3.5BA, chef's kitchen, bonus room, covered porch, pool, and new roof. Privacy, charm, and luxury—no HOA.



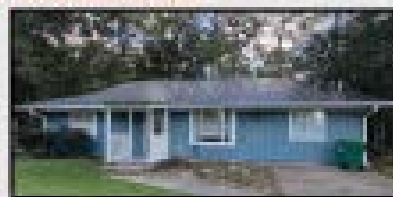
17207 Camellia St. | Kiln
5 bed | 4 bath | 3120 sqft | \$299,900

Kiln - Four-plex on 2 Acres Great investment 3 one-bed units + 1 two-bed unit, all with bath, living room, kitchen, & laundry space. Private setting, building in good shape. Call for appointment!



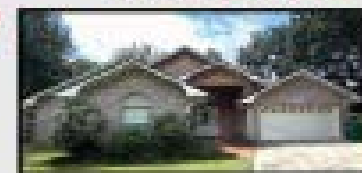
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3 Quail Creek Dr. | Diamondhead
2 Bed/2 Bath Rent: \$1600.00/mo

This is an updated home located in the Oaks of Diamondhead. The grass cuttings are included in the price of the rent. This is a 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with a large bonus area for game or media room, open kitchen, dining area and living room, stainless appliances, covered screened back porch. No carpet, tile and vinyl throughout, 2 living areas Updated baths with granite and tile flooring. Call for your appointment



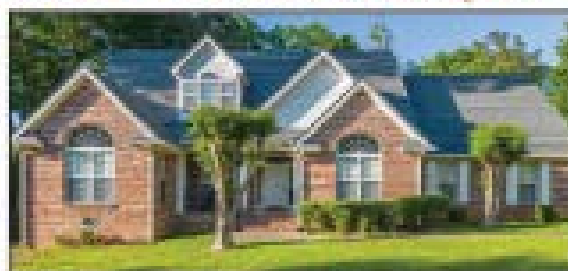
7506 Haguna Place | Diamondhead
3 Bed/2 Bath 2000 SF
Rent: \$1900.00/mo

This home has 3 large bedrooms, 2 full baths, and an unbeatable view! Located right on the golf course. Features include: open floor plan, laundry room with washer/dryer "as is", dining room & eat-in kitchen, large master with en-suite bath, double vanities, tub & separate shower, walk-in closets, screened-in patio, & a large back patio overlooking the golf course. Call to schedule an appointment.

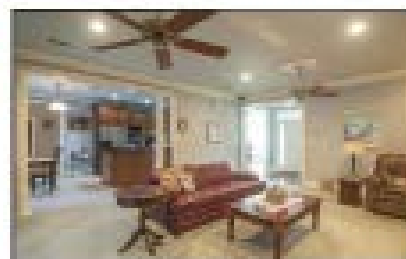


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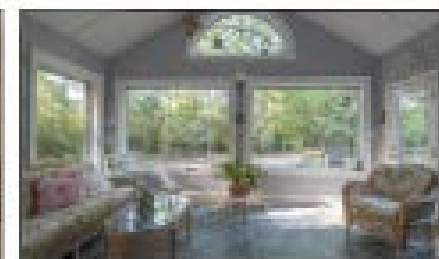
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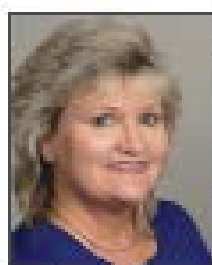
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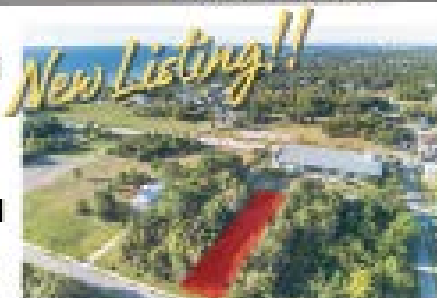
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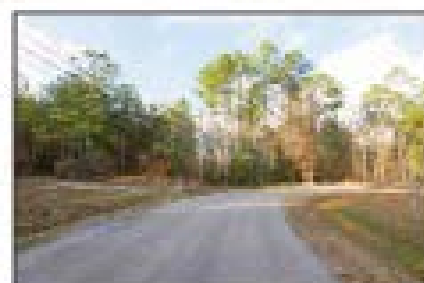


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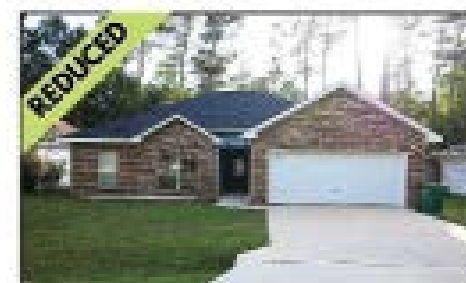
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Terrace Avenue Lot #13 | Waveland
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Artists From Diamondhead

BY KATHRYN LEWIS

Tetiana Muller , Artist from Diamondhead, wins honorable mention award at the 2025 Peter Anderson Festival with “Sunflowers and Bluebirds”.. a tribute to Ukraine and its National flower. Tetiana has studied

art, participated in international art competitions , is a member of several local arts organizations, and been juried into major art shows including the Peter Anderson festival. Congratulations Tetiana from Diamondhead!!




Tetiana Muller, Artist from Diamondhead

East Hancock Library


BY SAVANNAH STEWART

Happy holidays to those who celebrate and welcome to December! Throughout the month of November your library has been doing tons of work behind the scenes planning and prepping for the upcoming holidays! There is a


LOT going on, but I’m so excited that I get to be a part of this year’s celebrations with all of you and I hope to see your faces at the library as we get into all the fun things we have planned. I want to take a moment to thank everyone that has helped in the planning for our holiday party



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MERRY Christmas

• COMMUNITY

and those who have already come to put up trees! All the members of our volunteers, regular groups, community members, and local organizations that have come together to help us make this year's holiday celebration excellent! It's going to be so much fun, and I'm so grateful to be working at a library that has the Diamondhead community behind it!

As a reminder, if you are participating in the tree decorating contest you have until December 4th to have your trees fully decorated and ready for judging on December 5th! Also, thanks to the Library Foundation there is a cash prize for the overall 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners! If you have entered a tree into the contest, you get free entry into the Holiday Tree Celebration Gala that is being held at the Bay St. Louis library on December 6th from 5-7pm! If you plan on coming to the gala, please register online through the library's website! All five of the library branches across

the county are having their own holiday parties that are separate from the gala—these are family friendly parties that will each have Santa for the kids to take pictures with; East Hancock's holiday party is on December 16 from 6-7:30pm, and I really hope to see you there! If you can't make ours, please check out the other branches parties; be sure to check the calendar and keep an eye on the library's social media for dates and information!

Onto our regular programming! With all our holiday chaos, the schedule is going to be a little different and space in the meeting room will be tight so we will prioritize our regular groups for reservations! East Hancock's last story time of the year is on Monday, December 1st and will not pick back up until January. Huge shout out to Kathleen for all her hard work since she has been back! Our Stitch Buddies sewing class will still meet every Tuesday from 10-12:30pm and Wednesday

nights from 6-8pm! These classes are registration only AND part of a series, as the library has a limited number of sewing machines and teachers. Please contact the library if you are interested and we can get you on a waitlist!

Conversational Spanish for Adults occurs every Thursday from 2-3pm, and there will be a cultural presentation on December 18th! Painting with Elen takes place on Tuesday (yes, Tuesday!), December 2nd and Monday, December 15th. There are two back-to-back

painting classes on these dates from 1-2pm and 2:15-3:15pm; registration is required so call your library today or register online! We have Strength and Flexibility every Friday from 10-12pm; this is an instructor-led class perfect for those looking for a slower paced workout with gentle movements and stretching! Crafts and Conversation is also every Friday from 12:30-3pm; this casual event is BYOC (bring your own craft) and is a great place to meet new friends. Family Bingo Night is on December 11th, from

4-5:30; this is a FREE bingo where you have a chance to win some prizes and enjoy light refreshments, so come play with us! Children are welcome to come! Thank you to all our regular bingo players for making the event such a success!

To wrap up, I hope to see all of you soon at one of our programs, decorating your trees, or having fun at our holiday party! The library would not be able to do what it does without your continued support. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Scouting America Troop 210: A Season of Service, Leadership, and Adventure

BY MICHAEL BURKE

It has been a busy season for the Scouts of Scouting America Troop 210 as they represented Diamondhead through service, patriotism, and

outdoor adventure throughout the fall.

On November 8, Troop 210 marched at the front of our Diamondhead Veterans parade with colors flying high in honor of all United States

military veterans. The Scouts led with respect as families, veterans, and citizens—some well into their 80s—stood and saluted the American flag. "Patriotism must be taught," said one Scout leader,

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“and today our Scouts witnessed it firsthand.” The experience gave each Scout a lasting appreciation for the sacrifices made by those who served.

From November 22–25, the Troop attended Winter Camp at Camp Tiak in Wiggins. Every Scout who participated earned merit badges and developed new skills while enjoying the cool autumn air.

The fall adventures began earlier during the Pine Burr Area Council Camporee held October 25–27 at Camp Tiak. The weekend focused on orienteering and compass skills, keeping all Scouts on course through a series of patrol competitions. Scouts from other Mississippi communities joined in for a weekend of challenge and fun. Even the rain could not dampen the excitement.

On October 19, Troop 210 partnered with their charter organization, VFW Post 2880, to complete the Maluhia Community Garden Fall Clean-Up. Power washing, weeding, and general maintenance were completed through great teamwork between Scouts and veterans.

Life Scout Cooper Burke is continu-



DIAMONDHEAD VETERANS PARADE

ing his community service project to support foster children by collecting hygiene items. Donation drop-off boxes are located at City Hall and

the Diamondhead Public Library.

Scouting America Troop 210 continues to grow through service, learning, and leadership. The Troop meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Diamondhead Public Library. New members are always welcome to join and experience the adventure of Scouting.

Thank you, Scouts, for your dedication and service to Diamondhead.



Wish List

**Amazon Wishlist
for Cooper Burke**

BLESSING BOX

AT ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

► BY KATHRYN LEWIS

The Diamondhead St Thomas Episcopal Church recently dedicated its “Ray of Hope” Blessing Box, in honor of its recently retired Priest Father Wayne Ray. The Blessing Box offers food to all those in need 24-7. The Community is invited to help St Thomas keep the box full by donating food. “Ray of Hope” is located at one of front entrances to the Church.



St Thomas Vestry members Bill Parrish and Martin Austin officially open the Blessing Box door to our Community



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• CHURCHES

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WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

St. Thomas is partnering with Hancock Excel by 5 to offer "Baby & Me 1, 2, 3!" This free and engaging program is for children aged from newborn to 2 years old and their mom, dad, grandparents, and caregiver. The activities include information on milestones, playtime, and family chat time.

The program is from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month from October-May. It is open to all!

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Annual Culinary Fundraiser Benefitting Local Charities.

Saturday, December 13-2025

10am-noon: St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Diamondhead, MS
GUMBO, CASSEROLES, DESERTS, etc

Art: including Jewelry and wood crafts.

DIAMONDHEAD COMMUNITY CHURCH

5301 Diamondhead Circle
(288) 255-5556
dhcommunitychurch.org
Worship Service

Please join us on Sundays at 10 am for worship services with Pastor Stan Van Den Berg.

Christian Education

We have Sunday school classes at 9 am for adults as well as children (by age group). In addition, Children's Church is held during a portion of the worship hour.

Nursery Care

Nursery care is provided between 9 and 11 am.

Fellowship

All are welcome to join us for snacks and Christian fellowship at 11 am following the worship service.

Children's Choir

Parents, we offer exciting opportunities for your children ages 5-12 and 13-17 to participate in our youth choirs.

Pre-School

Little School is still taking 2025-2026 registration. Little School hours are 8 am-12pm

Mon – Fri. We still have a few

sports open.

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Office: 228-255-6888

Sunday Worship Service: 10: a.m.

Meet and Greet Sunday: 9:30 to 9:55 a.m.

"Greetings! In the name of our Lord Jesus the Christ! We welcome all who are new or looking for a dynamic worship experience.

Our new pastor, Reverend Shelley Hill is here and we are delighted with the wonderful things happening through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We welcome and encourage everyone regardless of current or former denominational involvement, hazed or inflicted upon by Past "Christian" association or even socially shunned. We are a growing home of God to be shared by all who attend. We currently meet for 2 women's, 2 men's, 1 co-ed and multiple opportunities for gathering activities in His name throughout the week!

All meetings are here at the church.

email: office@diamondhead-methodistchurch.org, Facebook: Diamondhead Methodist Church
Website: www.diamondhead-methodistchurch.org (under construction)

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jwbcadmin@icloud.com

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Worship = 8:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Bible study = 10 a.m.

Wednesdays:

Fellowship meal, 5:45-6:20 p.m.

Adult & Youth Bible study, 6:30-7:30 pm..

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Saturday 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.;

Sunday 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

and other times by appointment.

Adoration: Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

to 8:00 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

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309 Highway 90
Waveland, MS 39576
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Pastor Brock Cain

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Sunday School for children and adults at 9:00 a.m.

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Pastor: James Reardon

Email: james@c112.org.

Our mission is to help encourage the people of Diamondhead and the surrounding areas towards faith in Christ. Our desire is to minister to both the unchurched (those with little or no church experience) and those we call the de-churched (individuals who have been hurt in the past or disillusioned by the actions of some within a church setting).

Join us in worship -- Sunday at 10 a.m.

We also extend an invitation for you to attend one or more of C 112's monthly activities and events. We offer men's, women's and mixed small groups/Bible studies; children, youth, and family activities. Please check out C 112's regularly updated Facebook page and our website to find out the time, place and description of the events in which you are most interested.

Facebook: C112

Website: c112.org.

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9062 Kiln Delisle Road
Pass Christian, MS 39571
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Email: admin@mhtcatholic.org

Website: http://mhtcatholic.org

Mass Times:

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Saturday: 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. &

7:00 p.m.



Deacon Norm, Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church

As a Catholic Deacon like all Deacons, my mission in the parish is to serve as a bridge between the clergy and the laity, embodying Christ's call to service. I assist in the

celebration of the liturgy, proclaiming the Gospel, explaining God's word through homilies, and administering sacraments such as baptism and marriage. One of my specific roles at Most Holy Trinity is as the Director of the OCIA Program. This ministry walks with adults seeking to know more about the Catholic faith. It gives them the resources to determine their faith journey.

My wife Dori and I work to prepare couples who are seeking sacramental, God centered marriages. As a deacon I try to be a resource to parishioners in questions of faith and to encourage them to live out their faith in service and love.

Father Paddy Mockler

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• DH MARDI GRAS

The Krewe of Olympus Announces the Third of its Four Debutantes for the Upcoming Mardi Gras Season

BY ROBIN GAINES,
PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Each year, the Krewe of Olympus proudly shines a spotlight on young women who exemplify grace, intelligence, and the spirit community. The Krewe's four debutantes will help usher in the 2026 season with elegance steeped in timeless tradition and will become ambassadors of the organization along with royalty. These remarkable ladies will soon take their place



OLYMPUS
DEBUTAUNTE
MADDIE
MONAHAN

in the spotlight of Olympus.

The Krewe of Olympus is honored to present Madalain "Maddie" Claire Monahan as a debutante for the 2026 season. She is the beloved daughter of Quinn Jones and Kellie Monahan Jones of Hancock County. Maddie will

be presented by her father, Quinn Jones.

Maddie is a senior at Hancock High School, where she excels both academically and personally. She is a dedicated student with a 4.3 GPA and a member of several distinguished honor societies, including the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, and the Career & Technical Honor Society. Maddie is also involved in HOSA – Future Health

Profession-als, Mu Alpha Theta, and the Science Club. Maddie serves as a cheerleader for Hancock High, spreading school spirit and positivity. After graduation, she plans to attend Mississippi State University, where she will pursue a degree in Veterinary Medicine, following her passion for animals and service.

The grand debut will take place on January 24th in the Emerald Ballroom at The Club

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*For those wanting to participate in the parade, golf carts, trucks, cars, trailers, and all floats are allowed. To be in the parade, please visit <https://diamondhead.ms.gov/events/page/christmas-town-green>, contact Ashley at ashoone@diamondhead.ms.gov or call 228-222-4626.



Best wishes for a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

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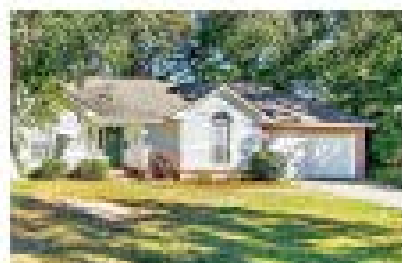


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• CLUBS

DIAMONDHEAD GARDEN CLUB BY GRETCHEN KLINEFELTER

Season's Greetings! As we deck the halls and enjoy the festivities, we can also appreciate the quiet beauty of our resting gardens. This December, shift your focus from the summer blooms to plants offering interest through their structure, deep, glossy leaves or winter flowers. The evergreen, known for its ability to thrive in harsh conditions is a symbol of inner strength and eternal life. Camellias symbolize hope and peace as their blooms bring color and life to our dormant garden. With its ability to 'be shaped' and its remaining pliability, the boxwood shows us humility and willingness to learn. These are just a few examples of the seasonal beauty growing outside our windows this time of year.

Diamondhead Garden Club members are 'making seasons bright' with a decorated Christmas tree that will be on display at East Hancock Library. Hancock County Library System is celebrating their 31st annual Holiday Tree Gala. This year's theme is, "Y'all Aboard for a Magical Celebration." Each of the five libraries within our county is involved in this



Diamondhead Garden Club

family-friendly event and has their own party with crafts, festive treats and pictures with Santa. East Hancock Library will host their holiday party December 16 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Diamondhead Garden Club has supported this event for years. Our Holiday Tree Committee spends hours meeting, planning and adorning a tree that beautifully captures the theme of the event. Over the years, our tree has received "People's Choice" award, third and first place at East Hancock and third place overall. We are fortunate to have a welcoming and community-focused library in Diamondhead. We hope you visit each branch of the Hancock County Library System throughout the month, view the magical trees on display and vote for your favorite.

Our November meeting was an educational experience as we were joined by Mr. CJ Nickell-Templin, native plant associate with Mississippi State University Coastal Research and Extension Center. Mr. Templin showed examples and shared details for each of the different types of carnivorous plant species that are native to Mississippi. We learned how to cultivate them by reviewing proper soil and water requirements, dormancy requirements, propagation methods and the best type of vessel to use. By the end of the presentation, everyone felt equipped with knowledge to care for these rare and indigenous plants. We thank Mr. CJ Nickell-Templin for the time he spent with us and for expanding our awareness as gardeners.

Diamondhead Garden Club meets the third Wednesday of each month at Diamondhead Community Church in the Activities Room. We invite you to be with us Wednesday, December 17 for our next meeting, as we welcome Mr. Tracy Bryant from Beatline Nursery. Beatline Nursery, Garden Center and Gifts is a family-owned plant nursery that has served Long Beach and the surrounding Gulf Coast community since 1976. Join

us as Mr. Bryant shows us how to create Christmas floral and plant arrangements. We look forward to discovering new ways to embellish our homes for the holidays. Club social time begins at 9:30 a.m. with our meeting to follow at 10:00 a.m. All Diamondhead residents are welcome and encouraged to join us.

December in the Garden, "Winter Prep and Holiday Cheer": with winter's arrival, our gardening focus shifts to winter protection while planning and preparing for the year to come. Protect moveable plants from sudden changes in temperature by bringing them indoors, place layers of mulch or pine straw to a depth of 6-8 inches to protect your tender plants, and water plants well if there is a frost warning (moist soil holds and releases heat more effectively,

thus keeping the plant's roots warmer and helping to prevent damage). Prune trees to remove damaged or dead wood. After Christmas, have your live tree turned to mulch. Plant sweet peas, poppies and larkspur. Repair and sharpen mowers and tools. Order seeds for early spring planting. For the indoor gardener looking for something new, consider African violets, Christmas cactus, amaryllises, philodendrons, ferns and weeping figs. Feed your houseplants twice during winter months.

Diamondhead Garden Club wishes you a joyous holiday season and a blessed new year!

Don't forget to check out our 'Live Oak Tree' ad following this article.

December's quote:

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THE CLUB AT DIAMONDHEAD – DECEMBER NEWS

DANIELLE BIGLER,
OFFICE MANAGER

The holiday season is in full swing, and we have a whole month of food, fun, music, and festive gatherings planned for you at the Club. Please mark your calendars and join us for great meals, lively entertainment, and seasonal celebrations all month long! Did you see the article about dining at The Club at Diamondhead in the November issue of South Mississippi Living? Take a minute to read what Anne Pitre had to say about some of our favorite dishes. She loved the offerings and atmosphere in The Oak Room and every delicious selection Chef Mikey offered. <https://smliving.net/the-club-at-diamondhead/>

Tuesdays
Kick off your week with a little mid-week cheer! Sips & Giggles returns every Tuesday, offering the perfect place to unwind with friends. We also have Bingo Night – a Holiday Extravaganza with Shan-

non on December 2, beginning at 6:00 in Latitude 30. Bring a new, unwrapped present for Toys for Tots and receive an extra card!

Wednesdays

It's all about friendly competition on Wednesdays with Trivia Night, hosted by Ronnie Hammons. The fun starts in Latitude 30 Patio and Grill at 6:30.

This month's featured trivia plate is cream cheese-stuffed jalapeño poppers with ranch sauce for \$14—perfect for snacking between questions.

Thursdays

Thursdays are packed with great entertainment and delicious food!

• Karaoke Nights with Ray Walters on December 4 and December 18 from 6:00 – 10:00

• Beer & Burgers Night on December 11. Draft beer, Latitude 30 Burger and Fries for \$12.

• Thursday Night Dinner Special:

Baked ziti with meat sauce, mozzarella, ricotta, parmigiana, fried basil, and a breadstick — \$18.

Available from 5:00 – 9:00, while it lasts.

Fridays

Join us for live music every Friday night in Latitude 30 from 7:00 – 10:00:

• December 5: Dangerous Curves

• December 12: Wolf River

• December 19: Razzoo

• December 26: Short Circuit

• December 31: Tease Me Band — Ring in the New Year with live music! Starts at 9:00 pm

We also have special events sprinkled throughout the month:

• December 13: Bourbon & Cigar Night

• Dec 18: Christmas Prix Fixe Dinner

• December 20: Breakfast with Santa in the Emerald Ballroom. Call 228-255-2918 ext. 3 for reservations

• Dec 20: Wine Pairing Dinner

• December 31: New Year's Eve party in Latitude 30. Tease Me Band will be playing from 9:00 –

12:30, and we will have a delicious appetizer buffet (\$25). No cover, no reservations needed.

Saturdays

While there are no bands scheduled on Saturdays this month, we're serving a spectacular Seafood

Scampi Special every Saturday:

½ lobster tail, shrimp, crabmeat, and white wine butter sauce, served with a breadstick — \$36.

A perfect weekend treat!

Steak Night: December 13 & 27. We'll grill. You chill. Your choice of a ribeye, strip, or filet, flame-grilled to order and served with a salad and baked potato bar. Available in Latitude 30 and The Oak Room.

Reservations are suggested for the Oak Room. Call 228-255-2918 ext. 120.

Early Closures

Please note we will close at 5:00 pm on December 8 & December 15 for private events.

We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with you throughout December. Join us for great food, festive fun, and unforgettable moments at The Club at Diamondhead

The Club at Diamondhead

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The Club at Diamondhead

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- Games
- Photos with Santa (Bring your own camera)

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* POA members and their guests *

Reservations are required. Don't delay – this event fills quickly! Call 228-255-2918 ext. 3

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HOLIDAY HOURS

POA
Closed December 25 & 26
Close at noon, December 31
Closed January 1

GOLF SHOP
Christmas Eve: Open 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
9:00 am Shotgun Start. Register in the Golf Shop
Christmas Day: Closed
New Year's Eve: Open 7:00 am - 5:00 pm
New Year's Day: Open 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. 1st Tee Time at 11:00 am

LATITUDE 30
December 8 & 15: Will close at 5:00 pm for private event
December 24: We will close at 2:00 pm
December 25: Closed
December 31: Open until 12:30 am
January 1: Open 10:00 - 6:00 (limited menu)

THE OAK ROOM
Closed December 26 & 27
Reopens January 2

We wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

THE CLUB DIAMONDHEAD

• DH MARDI GRAS

Ball season has begun in Diamondhead



Jazz Ball Hosts 2025, picture by Penny Majors

BY RENEE KIRSCHENBAUM

As the sun began to set in the sky on Saturday October 18th, impeccably dressed guests began arriving at The Club at Diamondhead in anticipation of the launch of ball season.

As the doors opened, guests were greeted by the Jazz Ball hosts and lead into the ballroom that was fully transformed in lively colors and musical theme. The room was lit up for a night of fantastic food, drinks and outstanding music by Joni Campretta and the Baytown Groove.

Guests filled their glasses and found their seats for the evening as they prepared for the entertainment by the Jazz Ball hosts. The hosts soulfully moved into the room to the song "Fever" by Peggy Lee. Once all the hosts were in position at the front of the stage the song "Spicy Margarita" by Michael Buble and Jason Derulo set the tone for the entertainment that had every guest dancing in their seats. At the conclusion

of the entertainment the hosts were seated with their guests and a fantastic dinner was served.

Chef Mikey and his staff outdid their selves with the dinner of loaded potato soup, the signature dish of the Jazz Roll and the Razzam-aJazz cheesecake for dessert. Guests did not leave hungry, but did fuel up for dancing and merriment as the band played well into the night.

Each guest was given beautiful glass marker charms as a thank you for attending. As guests and hosts alike snapped pictures throughout the night they were encouraged to upload to the Jazz Ball Facebook page as QR codes were located around the room to make it an interactive experience.

The Jazz Ball hosts for the evening were Ron and Dinah Rhoades, John and Renee Kirschenbaum, Henry and Penny Majors, Shade and Gina Newman, Thomas and Sue Warren, Ralph and Brenda Hays, Drew and Lisa Pretzello,



John and Brittini Brdecka



Ricky Herring and Mikayla Capps

Kevin and Gina Miles, Jonathan and Jamie Stockstill, and Bob and Stefanie Johnson. The ladies wore the traditional black dresses with their signature treble clef necklace. The men wore black tuxedos and bubble gum pink vests and ties as a tribute to Breast Care Awareness month.

As the evening continued guests took pictures in front of the many beautiful lit displays and danced the night away. The Jazz Ball was truly a amazing start to a ball season that will bring fun and excitement to all attending.

The Oak Room
December 18
Christmas Prix Fixe
menu

SOUP

Potato and Leek

SALAD

Fall Salad with Cranberry Vinaigrette

APPETIZER

Fig and Goat Cheese Crustini with Balsamic Glaze

ENTREE

Seared Duck Breast with Snow Peas, Carrot Ginger Puree, and Duck au jus with Cranberry and Orange

DESSERT

White Chocolate Peppermint Cheese Cake

\$60

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Dirty Whisperer

4TH COURSE
Lamb Chops with Mint Gremolata, Salted Peanuts and Parsnip Puree
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OAK TREE

One of the foremost projects of Diamondhead Garden Club is to record qualified Live Oaks Trees with Hancock County Historical Society. In December

2020, Diamondhead Mayor and the City Council signed a proclamation designating the City of Diamondhead as a Live Oak Tree City in Mississippi. Diamondhead Garden Club is looking for Live Oak Trees in our community that are 100 years in age or older. Not sure of your tree's age? A Garden Club volunteer would be happy to assist you in determining that information. If your tree meets the specifications, we can help you register your tree with Hancock County Historical Society and

provide you with a tree plaque that denotes the registered name you choose as well it's age. Diamondhead is fortunate to have an abundance of Southern Live Oak Trees.

Let's celebrate these majestic trees and get them registered!

Contact: jmfavaloro@yahoo.com or g.klinefelter@yahoo.com

DIAMONDHEAD WINE CLUB BY MARSHALL KYGER

The Diamondhead Wine Club is dedicat-

ed to the exploration and enjoyment of wine. At each monthly tasting, we sample at least 6 different wines and learn a little about their history and origins. The Club is open to any who are interested in enjoying and learning about wine.

Join us at our upcoming tastings:

Thursday, December 11th - High End Reds - 7:00 at the Club

Join us for our annual Christmas Celebration featuring celebrated wines and Heavy Hors d' oeuvres. If you have attended before

you know that at least two of the wines will be white and that The Club will present a wide range of excellent food for our enjoyment.

If you would like to recommend a wine for us to try, please let us know. We're always open to suggestions.

Reservation deadline is December 3rd! Reservations will be confirmed upon receipt of your payment. Cost is \$85 for DWC members and \$100 for guests. Please make your reservations by mailing your check payable to DWC to: P.O. Box 6523 or by

emailing Lou at louter-tel@aol.com or Marshall at mekygs@mail.com.

PEO CHAPTER U BY KATHRYN LEWIS

Chapter U PEO(Philanthropic Education Organization) set up at the Diamondhead Fall Festival to sell their "Something's Always Cooking at Diamondhead" cookbooks as a fundraiser for scholarships for women. Martin Austin and his family purchased a cookbook to support the fundraiser.

PEO Diamondhead Chapter U sponsored



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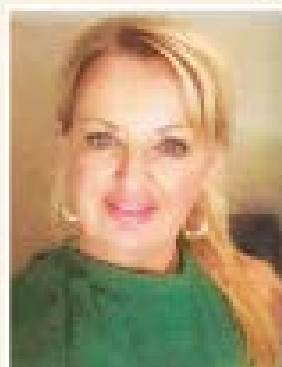


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Caption for PEO U Fall festival (Pictured l to r) Karen, Jackie, Kathryn Lewis(PEO), Martin Austin and Elise Breen (PEO)

“ My Sister’s Closet” fundraiser. PEO is a philanthropic and educational organization bringing to women increased opportunities for higher education. The Chapter raised more than \$5000 to help support Educational Loan Funds, international scholarships, programs for Continuing Education, and Scholarships for outstanding high school seniors to attend accredited post secondary educational institutions in the US or Canada.” My Sister’s Closet “ offers gently used cocktail and formal dresses, dress shoes and jewelry at greatly reduced prices.



Kim Koppman, Donna McKinley, Cheryl Doyle, Elise Breen, Kate Burgoyne and Lisa Pretzelo (PEO Chapter U)

PARTY BRIDGE CLUB BY ELISE BREEN

The date for our next monthly gathering to play Party Bridge will be Friday, December 19, in the Kanaka Room at the Diamondhead Country Club. Our arrival time is 9:15 and we will begin playing at 9:30. If you have any questions regarding the Party Bridge Club, please contact Barbara Gibbons at (228) 760-1112 or Elise Breen at (228) 342-1529. The winners in October were Sam Lee, in First Place, Martha Gooding in Second Place, and Janet Parker in Third Place. Our Special Prize went to Tania Bankston.

THURSDAY MONRING LINE DANCERS BY MOLLY KOONEY

Lessons and dancing, led by Molly, will be held from 10:00 - 11:00 am on THURSDAYS at the DIAMONDHEAD METHODIST CHURCH, 5305 Noma Drive. Across the street from City Hall.

Please wear comfortable soft soled shoes.

Great exercise, great fun, \$1 room rental per person.

FOR DETAILS OR CANCELLATIONS see our web site:

<https://sites.google.com/site/getmoving12345678/>

SASSY SISTERS LUNCHEON BY DINAH KNOBLOCH



Recently the Sassy Sisters of Diamondhead hosted a luncheon to celebrate all the sassy sisters of Diamondhead with a very sassy luncheon. Ladies dressed in their best sassy glam style and enjoyed expressing their sassiness with special quotes and having FUN to the Cindy Lauper song Girl's

Just Want to Have Fun!! Hostesses were left to right, Linda Theobald, Stefanie Johnson, Karen Bryant, Barbara Galvin, Mary Craig-Murray, Lisa Pretzello, Dinah Rhoades, Cheryl Saak, Jane Vest, and Dinah Knobloch.

DIAMONDHEAD WOMEN'S CLUB BY ROBIN GAINES

On October 12th, we participated in the Fall Family Fun Day with games and prizes for the children who attended.

Our first Marilyn Monroe Pool Plunge benefitting Magdalene House, held on November 1st, was a great success, raising \$1732! The weather was beautiful,

and it was so much fun dressing in our favorite Marilyn Monroe outfits and taking the “plunge” into the brisk water.

Please plan to attend our December 3rd

annual FaLaLa Celebration Luncheon, with entertainment and wonderful comradery, which will be held in the Emerald Ballroom of the Club at Diamond-

head. We are excited to have the Newcomers group joining us again this year. This is an event you will not want to miss. The cost is \$35.00, cash or



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DH Women's Club Marilyn Plunge



DH Women's Club Fall Fun Day.

check made payable to the DWC. We will be collecting donations for our Veterans in Need (Coats, hats, socks, etc.). We will also have our CASA Angel Tree ornaments available until they are all purchased for a minimum donation of \$20 per ornament, cash or check made payable to CASA. These are truly beautiful and would make a lovely addition to your Christmas gift giving this year. Hurry, they are going fast!!

Our next Member Orientation will be held on January 14, 2026.

We strive, through diligence, hard work, creativity and friendship, to continue our efforts to 'Support and Celebrate Women'. The objective of this club shall be to promote an

informed and active interest in the civic, social and moral welfare of the community; to serve the community through the dedication of time and energy for worthy purposes; and to undertake and complete one or more charitable, humanitarian or social welfare projects each year.

Our meetings (we do not meet in June, July, or August), are held the first Wednesday of each month from September to May, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club, Emerald Ballroom. Membership is \$20.00 and is open to all women.

Dates and times for upcoming meeting, events and fundraisers to be announced in upcoming issues of this publication and you can follow us on Facebook.

For more information about the Diamondhead Women's Club or any of our events, please contact the DHWC President, Rachel Huskins @ (504) 400-3013.

DIAMONDHEAD NEWCOMERS CLUB BY ALLISON MCCRAW

The Diamondhead Newcomers Club gathered this month for a festive "Sweater Weather" themed luncheon, celebrating the start of the cozy season with warmth, friendship and plenty of fall



Diamondhead Newcomers Club

flair. Members arrived in their favorite sweaters, ranging from classic knits to fun, seasonal designs, adding color and charm!

In the spirit of giving, members also collected nonperishable food items to benefit the Hancock County Food Pantry. Members with November birthdays were celebrated, and some lucky attendees took home some beautiful seasonal door prizes. Guests enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving style lunch and plenty of laughter and conversation.

The Diamondhead Women's Club President, Rachel Haskins, shared information of the organization's annual service projects and about the upcoming joint "Fa La La" Christmas luncheon. Reservations for this event have closed but mark your calendars for the January

meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, January 14th at 11:30. The theme will be "Show Your Animal Spirit"- members are encouraged to wear their favorite animal print outfit and join in the fun. Lunch is \$25



and dues are \$20 for the year. RSVP to newcomersdiamondhead@gmail.com to secure your reservations.

Whether you are new to Diamondhead or a longtime resident,



the Newcomers Club welcomes you to join in for friendship, fun, and community spirit. For more information, contact Marilyn Lott at 601-528-3336.

Save the Date: Our

February meeting will be held on February 11th!

DIAMONDHEAD GEAUX HIKING CLUB BY SHEILA EDWARDS

Do you hear what I hear? The holidays are sneaking up on us! And for many, it's the best time of the year. It's also one of the best seasons for hiking! Need

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BSL Boardwalk Hikers

a break from the pressure of cooking, cleaning, and decorating? Take a couple of hours and get outside with a few companions. Here's where we're hiking this month:

Saturday, December 6-- Regularly-scheduled first of the month hike on Fountainebleau Trail, in Ocean Springs. This hike is sponsored by the Jackson Coun-



City Park statues

ty Recreation Department, Mississippi Sandhill Crane Wildlife Refuge, and the Audubon Society and is led by an expert naturalist. The hike meanders through the marsh and is ever-changing. Those who work and are not able to join some of our week-day hikes, will find this hike quite interesting and worth getting out of bed early on

a Saturday AM. <grin> It will be followed by lunch somewhere in or near Ocean Springs. Meet at Twin Lakes a bit before 8:00am. Leave at 8:00am. Hike starts in Ocean Springs at 9:00am. Leader from Diamondhead to Ocean Springs: Sheila Edwards

Tuesday, December 9-- Crosby Arboretum Botany Field Walk We will walk along dirt trails through the Crosby Arboretum's rich forest community. Many native trees and shrubs provide a valuable food source for

wildlife throughout the seasons and offer opportunities for observation. There is an admission fee around \$6. Meet in the DH Golf Club parking lot a little before 9:00am to car pool to travel to the Arboretum in Picayune, arriving a bit before 10:00am. Lunch later in the Picayune area. Leader: Sheila Edwards

Thursday, December 18--Walking Tour of Downtown Biloxi. Visit about 21 homes & businesses that have

been important in the establishment of Biloxi. This is a late-afternoon hike that will allow us to enjoy the Christmas lights. Wear your comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Afterwards, we find somewhere "warm and cozy" for dinner and a toast to hiking in 2025 with another year to come! Meet at the DH Country Club at 3:30pm to form car pool. Leader: Sheila Edwards

Our next planning meeting will be Tues-

day, December 2, at 6:00pm in the Kanaka room at the DH Country Club. The topic will be Hiking in 2026 (specifically, January). Hey, anyone wanting to do more ambitious hikes, please come to the meeting with your suggestions! While some of us may not be "up to" more rigorous experiences, we encourage hiking in our community. All are welcome.

Happy Holidays to you!

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THE CLUB AT DIAMONDHEAD GOLF

BY CHRIS ALTESE,
PGA DIRECTOR OF GOLF

Wrapping up yet another great year of golf at The Club at Diamondhead, we hope you will consider supporting your Club during this holiday season! Keeping it local helps us continue to provide great products and We will once again host our "12 Days of Christmas" Sale running December 9th through December 20th. We encourage all DPOA members to check out this annual sale for their holiday buying. The Golf Shop offers more than just golf equipment. You

can purchase lifestyle items such as Oakley sunglasses, Diamondhead windshirts, jackets, and fleece. Don't forget that the golf shop is receiving new items regularly. Please stop by and check out our inventory. We might just have something you are looking for. Diamondhead Property Owners should take advantage of their 20% discount on all regularly priced apparel in the golf shop. Your Golf Shop is open Monday through Sunday and we would be happy to assist you. Top apparel brands are available such as FootJoy, Sunday Swagger, Swannies, Donald Ross, Travis Mathew, Gear



2025 Girls Golf State Champions

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Our Diamondhead junior golfers completed their high school golf seasons with incredible performances at their respective state championships over the last two weeks in October. Hancock Boys and Girls golf teams both won their MHSAA Class 6A State Championships again this year. Incredible accomplishment to

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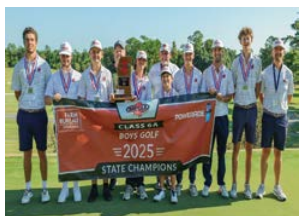
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2025 Boys Golf State Champions
go back-to-back. Dia-



2025 St. Stanislaus Golf Team

mondhead junior golfer Karstyn Altese went back-to-back on individual MHSAA Class 6A State Championships and Rowdy Foster also secured his second individual MHSAA Class 6A State Championships for Hancock. Our Lady Academy placed runner-up their MHSAA Class I State Championship. St. Stanislaus captured a third-place team finish in the MHSAA Class 3A State Championship with solid performances by Diamondhead juniors Mitchell Thompson and Jack Lawson. Congratulations also to our three Diamondhead juniors selected for the Mississippi Association of Coaches Golf All-Stars...Jack Lawson, Madden Baughman, and Karstyn Altese. If you see any of these young golfers, please congratulate them!

We are asking all

golf members and golf guests to abide by our golf cart regulations. All carts must remain on the cart path (all four tires) around tees and greens. Par 3s are cart path only at all times. All carts shall return to the cart path prior to 30 yards of the aprons of greens and bunkers unless you have a current year handicap decal issued by the Golf Shop. Be sure to avoid any soft, wet ground or standing water on the golf course to help prevent unnecessary turf damage. Carts shall not be driven around the opposite side of the cart path of tees and greens. If you see anyone violating a cart rule, please let them know so that they are aware. If you see repeat offenders, please report to our Violations and Compliance Committee. If we all do our part, we can make a difference.

From time to time we are asked about private golf cart use, our private cart requirements for compliance at The Club at Diamondhead are as follows:

- Electric Powered or Gas Powered carts are allowed on the course
- "Traditional" Body Type (i.e. no themed carts such as a cart modeled to look like a real car)
- Maximum Weight without passengers: 1200 lbs

- Maximum Dimensions: 118" Long x 83" High x 56" Wide

- Tires are no more than 22" in outer diameter with a maximum 16" inner diameter

- Tires are between 8" and 12" wide with turf tires (a specialized tire designed with a smooth, wide, and gentle tread pattern to prevent damage to grass and turf)

- Carts should be driven on the golf course at 19 mph or less; 12 mph or less in club parking lot and near clubhouse

- Cart is in good working condition and free of major damage or defects

- Conforms to all other community rules, regulations and guidelines

- Any disputes or concerns not specifically covered by this policy will be settled by the golf professional staff pending review from the general manager

The Club at Diamondhead hosted their annual 3-person Scramble tournament, aptly named The Gobbler, on Saturday, November 29. This event supports the Hancock County Food Pantry and the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots. We look forward to posting results in next month's newsletter.

If you have tournament credit, please remember that all golf

shop credit must be used by Saturday, December 20th. After this date, all golf shop credit remaining on the books will be locked and cleared.

Upcoming events...

11/29 The Gobbler Golf Classic (open to all; 3-person scramble; register in golf shop)

12/9 12 Days of Christmas Sale Begins

12/13 DMGA Play Day

12/13 DJGA Candy Cane Classic

12/18 Last Day for Early Pay Pricing on 2026 Annual Golf Membership

12/20 12 Days of Christmas Sale Ends & Last Day to Use Shop Credit

12/24 Christmas Eve (all play 9am shotgun; must register for hole assignment in golf shop; golf shop closes 1pm)

12/25 Christmas Day – Closed

12/31 New Year's Eve (open regular hours)

1/1 New Year's Day (golf shop opens at 10am; course opens/first tee time begins at 11am)

During this time of year, it is critical that we all fix two ball marks and fill two divots every

hole...any two will do...they don't have to be yours! We look forward to seeing you "PLAY MORE GOLF." Let us know how we can help.

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BY COLLEEN JONES

October 2nd we played out Trophy Day Tournament on the Pine Course. The First Flight Gross winner was Liz Austin and the Net winner was Amy Swint. The Second Flight Gross winner was Pat Ellis and the Net winner had a tie between Margaret Papaleo and Dianne Ack-



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Trophy Day Winners
Liz Austin, Pat Ellis, Di-
anne Ackerman, Mar-
garet Papaleo

erman. Closest to the pin winners were Liz Bell on hole #2, Jeanne Hudgins on hole #6, Amy Swint on hole #13 and Liz Austin on hole #15. Birdies were had by Liz Austin and Jodi Crosby. Colleen Jones had the only Chip In.

October 9th we played a team game of One Best Ball Gross & Net on the Cardinal Course. The winning team was Liz Austin, Judy Tauzin, Joanne Fried and Patty Hourin. Closest to the pin winners were Brigitte Becker on hole #4, Liz Austin on hole #7 & #17 and Liz Bell on hole #13. Birdies were had by Margaret Papaleo, Liz Austin had 4 birdies and Brigitte Becker had 2 birdies. Brigitte Becker had the only Chip In.

October 16th we played with only 4 Clubs all 18 holes on the Pine Course. The First Flight winner Low Gross was Liz Bell and the Low Net winner was Marta Wald. Second Flight winner Low Gross was Joyce Teerling and Low Net winner was Terri Woolbright. With 4



Best Ball Winners Jo-
anne Fried, Liz Austin,
Judy Tauzin

clubs only two greens were hit, Marta Wald on hole #6 and Jeanne Hudgins on hole #15. Birdies were had by Marta Wald, Jill Wiles, Liz Bell and Jeanne Hudgins had 2 birdies. Terri Woolbright had the only Chip In.

October 23rd we played a game called Bingo, Bango, Bongo on the Cardinal Course. The First Flight winner was Tiffany Web and second place was Amy Swint. Second Flight winner was Terrie Garrett and second place was Terri Woolbright. Closest to the Pin winners were Cassandra Godbold on hole #4 and #13, Tiffany Webb on hole #7, and Colleen Jones on hole #17. Birdies were had by Terri Garrett, Cassandra Godbold had 2, Margaret Papaleo, and Jeanne Hudgins. Chip Ins were had by Terrie Garrett and Terri Woolbright

DMGA **BY JAN VEST**

October 2025 Golf Recap — A Month of Swings, Mulligans, and Miracles

They say golf is the only game where the most feared words are “you’re still away.” October proved that true — full of big swings, longer putts, and enough laughs to keep everyone coming back.

October 1 — ABCD Shamble (2BB)

The month teed off with Randy Dake, Norman Bowley, Brian Brown, and Leonard Alphonso shooting a ridiculous -34 — the kind of round that makes you wonder if someone swapped the scorecard with their bowling sheet. Todd Cobena, Brian Brignac, and company followed close behind at -31, while Tom Woolbright took home double CTP honors on #6 and #15. When asked his secret, he said, “aim small, miss small — but mostly just aim.”

October 8 — Peers Mixed Bag

Golfers say it’s a funny game — the worse you play, the longer it takes. But AJ Dilley, Michael Zeringue, Gary Hava, and Larry Popovich didn’t waste time, cruising to victory at -21. Alan Cason and Brian Brignac weren’t far behind at -17, while Brian Brown delivered a stellar 81/64 round. The CTP crowd saw Brian Brown land within 4’1” on #6 and Zeringue stick one at 8’6” on #13. “Golf teaches patience,” said one

player, “mostly waiting for your next good shot — which might come next week.”

October 15 — ABCD Shamble (Points)

By mid-month, the format shifted to points, and so did the bragging rights. Billy Stroud, Norman Bowley, Brian Brown, and Ron Rhodes topped the chart with 24 points each. Norman wasn’t done — he also nailed a CTP just 2’4” from the pin on #4. Tom Amedee came even closer on #7, just 1’8”. As one player said, “Golf’s not a matter of life and death — it’s more im-

portant than that.”

October 22 — Peers 2BB

Golfers dream of consistency — and this week, four players found it. Michael Zeringue, Gary Hava, AJ Dilley, and Larry Popovich tied at -27, proving teamwork makes the green work. Joe Doyle’s 2’7” shot on #6 won him CTP bragging rights, while Dave Barbato and Neil Ricker landed tight shots of their own. The field was deep, but the jokes were deeper — one golfer summed it up best: “I hit two good balls today — I stepped

on a rake.”

October 29 — ABCD Scramble

The month wrapped with an easygoing scramble, where Norman Bowley, John Black, and AJ Dilley teamed up to finish -6, just ahead of Billy Stroud and crew at -5. Lee Bell and Alan Cason handled the CTPs on #4 and #7, both under 9 feet. “Golf is 90% mental,” said one player, “and the other 10% is in your head.”

Final Thoughts

October was full of swings worth remembering — a mix



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of clutch putts, wild drives, and good-hearted ribbing that makes every Wednesday feel like a major. When the final putt dropped and the cards were signed, the laughter lingered longer than any score.

After all, in golf — as in life — it's not whether you win or lose, but how you celebrate at the 19th hole.

RECORD BREAKING PROCEEDS RAISED FOR PINK HEART FUNDS

BY BRIGITTE BECKER,
DWGAN PRESIDENT

On Tuesday October 21, the DWGAN hosted the Pink Heart Funds Tournament and a record number of 72 women golfers from the Mississippi Gulf Coast participated in the event. More importantly we raised a record breaking \$5,583 for the non-profit 501c3 charity which was delivered to Brenda Long, who serves on their Board of Directors as President on November 4.

Launched in 2005, Pink Heart Funds provides wigs for children and adults with cancer-related hair loss or severe hair loss. Pink Heart Funds also provides women with free breast prosthetics and post-mastectomy bras as well as a resource for those seeking support or advice.

The DWGAN and DWGA alternate each



72 LAIDES WHO PLAYED IN THE PINK HEARTS TOURNAMENT

year in spearheading the event that has been ongoing for more than 11 years. This year Janice Murray Vice President of the DWGAN chaired the tournament. Janice and her team collected more than 35 gift items that were available to win by purchasing Pick-A-Prize tickets. Gifts were donated by members of each women's golf club as well as some local Diamondhead businesses such as Pam's Esthetics, Sugar Magnolia Boutique, Diamondhead Golf Shop and The Oaks. Also, a 50/50 raffle was held with the winner being Ms. Long who promptly promised her proceeds would go directly to the charity. That announcement garnered a thunderous round of applause.

The majority of the golfers were our very own DWGAN and DWGA members, however participants included other Diamondhead women golfers, The Oaks women's golf members as well as Gulf Coast Ladies golf organization. The game format is a Scramble with 4 players of var-



FROM LEFT IS JUDITH BRANNAN, BRIGITTE BECKER, BRENDA LONG, NANCY BARKER AND JANICE MURRAY.

ious playing levels on each team. The Diamondhead Golf Shop randomly selects the teams based on each player's handicap. Prizes were awarded to closest to the pin on each Par 3 and to the teams that came in 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Place.

Winning 1st Place with a score of 66 was the team of Lien Beale, Joanne Fried, Karen Messick and Mary Mizell. Placing 2nd with a score of 70 was Sara Milton, Mary Edith Dressel, Mary Alice Harfoush and Judith Brannan. The 3rd Place team with a score of 71 included Elsa Foley, Nancy Barker, Ann Payne and Kate Bourgoyne. And 4th Place also scored 71 with the team of Cassandra Godbold, Nancy Sislo, Terri Anderson and Sue Hebert.

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DWGAN BY SHIRLEY HALTERMAN

Well, I guess you really have to be careful what you pray for. While we did manage to get a bit cooler temps during the past couple of weeks, we also managed to get some rather frosty nights and mornings. Fortunately for us along the coast, our temperatures are returning to normal. They are comfortable but far from freezing.

Our October Trophy Day, 10/14, brought out 27 players to play the front of the Pine Course. For one of our gals it was an especially good day as Kathie Pierson made her first Hole-in-One. As anyone who plays this game can tell you, this is a very special feat. Because many of our ladies came out to play, we were able to field four flights. Our Trophy Day winners are as follows: In Flight One - 1st Place = Anne Payne, 2nd Place = Marilyn Galus and 3rd Place = Toni Rossol. In Flight Two - 1st Place = Janice Murray, 2nd Place = Kim Knight and 3rd Place = Nancy Sislow. In Flight Three - 1st Place = MaryAnn Stromeier, 2nd Place = Judith Brannan and in a scorecard playoff 3rd Place was awarded to Pattie Blackwood. In the Fourth Flight - 1st Place (also in a scorecard playoff) = Pat Vandervort, 2nd Place = Lisa Pretzel and 3d Place = Dinah Rhoades. In addition, Beryl Laird



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2025 NINES CLUB CHAMPION

scored a Birdie on Hole #6 while Marilyn Galus had a Chip-in on #7. During Trophy Days we also keep track of Lowest Putts and Closest to the Pin. Tony Rossol posted only 12 Putts in Flight 1, Cathy Gesell (13) in Flight 2, Sylvia Corban (14) in Flight 3 while both Dinah Knobloch and Par Vandervort shared the honors in Flight 4 each posting 18 putts. Coming Closest to the Pin it was Brigitte Becker in Flight 1, Margaret Sherwood in Flight 2, MaryAnn Stromeier in Flight 3 and Pat Vandervort in Flight 4.

With Tuesday, October 28th, being so close to Halloween, it was only appropriate that we play a team game called Hooky Spooky on the Cardinal Course. During this event, each member of the team is assigned either a Bat, Owl, or Witches Hat. After you have completed the hole you proceed to the next tee and whichever symbol is posted at the tee box, that is the person's score you record. Our 1st Place winning team was composed of Monica Jordan, Lisa Pretzello and Nancy Sislow. 2nd Place hon-



FLIGHT 1 WINNERS-
JUDY TAUZIN, BRIGITTE
BECKER, & SUSIE FON-
TENOT

ors went to the team of Pattie Blackwood, Tracey Garriga and Judy Wright. In 3rd Place was the team of Brigitte Becker, Kate Burgoyne and Toni Rossol. The 4th Place Teams had a scorecard playoff with Kathy Pierson's team including Kathy, Carole Griffin and MaryAnn Stromeier beating out Therese Mauterer's team who posted the same score. Anne Payne had a Chip-in on Hole #2, while Therese Mauterer had a Birdie on Hole #4. Awards for Closest to the Pin went to Brigitte Becker (5'4"), Kim Knight (10'7") and Kathy Jones (12'2"). Many of us gathered for lunch and enjoyed our Halloween celebration. We were also reminded to sign up for the Annual Club Championship game to be played November 4th. If you cannot compete, please consider joining us for lunch after the round and help celebrate our winning Champion.

Our weather cooperated and 32 ladies competed for the honor of DWGAN CLUB CHAMPION. Our Champion is determined by the lowest Gross Score. Congratulations to our 2025 DWGAN Club



FLIGHT 2 WINNERS-
KATHIE PIERSON, MAR-
GARET SHERWOOD, &
TERRY WILKES.

Champion — Therese Mauterer. She posted an gross score of 47. Therese also managed to take home the honors for both Lowest Putts and Closest to the Pin for her flight. Our Congratulations also go to Nancy Barker who was our Low Net Winner. Our other Flight win-

ners were: Flight One - 1st Place = Susie Fontenot, 2nd Place = Judy Tauzin and 3rd Place = Brigitte Becker. In Flight Two - 1st Place = Kathie Pierson, 2nd Place = Margaret Sherwood and 3rd Place = Terry Wilkes.

In Flight Three - 1st Place = Liza Pretzello, 2nd Place = Kathy Jones and 3rd Place = Beryl Laird. A special thank you to Monica Jordan and MaryAnn Stromeier for planning this special day and to our ProShop Team (Richard & Devere) and Danielle Bigler and her crew for our delicious lunch. All the Nines

golfers really appreciate all of you.

On Tuesday morning, November 11th (Veterans Day) 12 of our ladies braved the cold temps and showed up to play a Two-Person Scramble on the front of the Pine.

The First Place Team was Nancy Barker and Mary Murray, in Second Place were Ruthie O'Neill and Judith Sonntag while Third Place was made up of Cathy Gesell and MaryAnn Stromeier.

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The Krewe of Diamondhead announces royalty for 2026 Mardi Gras



From Left to Right, Duke Ralph and Maid Brenda Hayes, Maid Kelly and Duke Tim Kennedy, Queen elect Teresa and King elect Harold Manning, Duke Jim Brownell and Maid Jeanie Carapathian, and Maid Debbie and Duke David Sykes.



Krewe of Diamondhead Queens from Left to Right, (2013 Queen and current Social Director) Sandy Hatem, (2012 Queen) Patricia Sheehy, 2026 Queen elect Teresa Manning, (2018 Queen) Sara Koger, 2025 Queen Alison Kingston, (2023 Queen and Social Chair) Suzy Smith, (2024 Queen and Publicity Director) Meg Damiens, and (2015 Queen) Josette Grace.

**BY MEG DAMIENS,
PUBLICITY DIRECTOR**

On October 4, 2025, the Krewe of Diamondhead announced the newly elected King and Queen, along with their



Krewe of Diamondhead Kings from Left to Right, 2025 King Jamie Kingston, (2018 King) Mickey Hatem, 2026 King elect Harold Manning, (2023 King and current Captain) Hoppy Smith, (2024 King and current President) Jeremy Damiens.

royal court, for the 2026 Mardi Gras season. As the official carnival Krewe in Diamondhead, the season's festivities will commence with a Coronation Ball on December 6th, honoring the newly elected royalty, followed by a Mardi Gras Ball on February 7th, and culminating in the annual Diamondhead Mardi Gras Pa-

rade.

The Krewe is proud to announce that Harold and Teresa Manning have been elected as the King and Queen for 2026. The Dukes and Maids will comprise Tim and Kelly Kennedy, Jim Brownell and Jeanie Carapathian, David and Debbie Sykes, and Ralph and Brenda Hayes.

The official theme for the 2026 Mardi Gras season, 'The Krewe of Diamondhead Celebrates Broadway,' holds special significance for the King and Queen elect, who have shared a passion for theater for 25 years. This theme promises to make the Mardi Gras celebrations a spectacular event.

The Krewe of Diamondhead is honored to have an outstanding membership and eagerly anticipates the upcoming Mardi Gras season. For parade applications, please contact Carmen Waring, the new parade director, at 504-913-4487. To participate in the festivities this season, please contact Dana Wair, the membership director, via email at sedonadana@gmail.com.

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