

 **DIAMANTE**
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Hole by Hole Strategy by Davis Love III
Designer, PGA Tour Player and 2012 Ryder Cup Captain

DIAMANTE DUNES COURSE

Davis Love III



PGA Tour Member since 1985

Professional Career

Following an accomplished college and amateur career, Davis Love III earned his first professional victory in 1987. Over 25 years he has established himself as one of the most consistent performers on the Tour and finished Top Ten in the Official World Golf Ranking 11 times between 1992 and 2004.

- 1997 PGA Champion
- 20 PGA Tour Victories
- 14 Wins Worldwide
- Six-time Ryder Cup & Presidents Cup Player
- Five-time World Cup Representative
- 1985 Walker Cup Team
- \$41 Million Career Earnings (top ten all time)
- 2012 Ryder Cup Captain

Love Golf Design

Born of quiet talks between a father and his sons, Love Golf Design formed as Davis III and Mark Love experienced firsthand the good and bad of course architecture the world over. From the beginning, Davis Love III chose not to be simply a touring professional who puts his name on golf courses. Love Golf Design would be a course design company where one of the designers just happens to play the tour.

Founded in 1994, Love Golf Design has earned a reputation for traditional designs with an emphasis on strategy and playability. Diamante is the 20th course designed by the company and proudly takes its position as #58 in GOLF Magazine's Top 100 Courses in the World 2011.



Diamante Dunes Course Designer





Playing 700 plus yards shorter than the back nine, players could feel that the front nine is the easier of the two.

However, with three par 3's and a design that demands more accuracy than the back nine, scoring can be equally tough. The wind is a key factor, as the prevailing wind takes away any chance of reaching the par 5's in two on the front nine.



FRONT NINE 3290 YDS. PAR 35

HOLE 1 PAR 5, 534 YDS.

A dramatic start to the round at Diamante. This medium length par 5 begins with an elevated tee shot to a wide fairway running at the base of a primary Dune. A tee shot down the right side will allow for an open approach to the green. Lay-up shots kept right and short of the pot bunker fronting the green, which sits back into the Dune, allow for the easiest approach.

HOLE 2 PAR 3, 229 YDS.

A long downhill Par 3 to a natural bowl green between the Dunes. Typically downwind, tee shots will move left to right with the contours upon landing. To right hole locations, there is much more green than is apparent from the tee. Make sure to take enough club here.

HOLE 3 PAR 4, 392 YDS.

Accuracy on the drive is crucial on this medium length par 4 running between the Dune ridges. Once you have found the right side of the fairway, an uphill approach awaits to a large green guarded on the right by a natural bunker. Take plenty of club to account for the uphill and favor the left side to use the slope. The green is fast from back to front.

HOLE 4 Par 4, 358 YDS.

Great risk-reward short par 4, with many options. Long hitters can go directly at the green, especially when downwind. The conservative shot is a 3 wood down the left side of the fairway leaving a short approach to a narrow green with trouble long.

HOLE 5 PAR 3, 154 YDS.

Classic par 3 with the beautiful Pacific Ocean as its backdrop. The predominant wind is hurting from the right, so make sure to take enough club to carry the bunker short and right of the green. One of the more difficult greens to read, pay careful attention to the slopes.

HOLE 6 PAR 5, 475 YDS.

Yardage can be deceiving on this short par 5. It typically plays longer into the prevailing wind and presents a tight landing area. Once on the fairway, a medium length lay-up to the right side is the best strategy. Avoid the big bunker on the left and you will have a short approach to a very receptive green.

HOLE 7 PAR 3, 290 YDS.

Don't let the yardage fool you. This par 3, the longest at Diamante, typically plays at least two clubs shorter than the numbers would indicate. With an elevated tee shot to a large green sitting naturally in the Dunes, this hole definitely has more "bark" than "bite." Don't be afraid to go a little long and left as shots will come back off the slope.

HOLE 8 PAR 4, 374 YDS.

Another short par 4. From the elevated tee, the options are to play safe down the right side leaving a longer approach, or, challenge the large bunker down the left and shorten the hole considerably. When the hole location is set back, consider one club less and let the slope on the left carry the ball to the hole.

HOLE 9 PAR 4, 484 YDS.

Set amongst a grove of cardon cacti, this long par 4 makes the finish of the front nine a challenge. Keep the drive left and at all costs avoid the right bunker. From the fairway, the approach shot must carry the arroyo and the steep front slope to reach the green. Sometimes a good idea is to play this hole as a par 5.

BACK NINE 4010 YDS. PAR 37

HOLE 10 PAR 4, 568 YDS.

Typically downwind from elevated tees, this is the longest par 4 at Diamante. With a wide, generous landing area, aim for the lighthouse and “send it” out into the rolling fairway. The approach shot is uphill to an open front green. Second shots played short and right of the green leave the best opportunity for an up-and-down par.

HOLE 11 PAR 3, 209 YDS.

Spectacular describes this magnificent uphill par 3 to a green perched on top of the primary Dune. A large, deep bunker guards the left side of the green and the Baja Peninsula guards the right. A well-struck approach to the front middle of the green is the play here. Once on the green you will be treated to one of the best views in golf.

HOLE 12 PAR 5, 592 YDS.

Facing the mountains from elevated tees, the drive is daunting. However, the fairway is generous and wider than it appears. Aim a little left to play for the prevailing wind. Keep the second shot wide right to avoid the cross bunker. On approach, the tricky pot bunker on the right of the green should be avoided at all costs.

HOLE 13 PAR 4, 425 YDS.

A medium length par 4 which typically plays into a right to left wind. Aim tee shots down the right side of the fairway and the wind and slope will bring the ball back to center. Favor the right with your approach shot and avoid the deep bunker on the front left. Par is always a good score!

HOLE 14 PAR 5, 600 YDS.

One of the finest strategic par 5's you will find. From an elevated tee into the prevailing wind, finding the fairway is a must. Just right of center is the line. A second shot which flirts with the Dunes to the right provides the best angle into a tricky green. A safer second shot played left leaves a blind third, especially if the pin is tucked left behind the Dune.

HOLE 15 PAR 4, 390 YDS.

Possibly the truest links-style hole at Diamante, this is a short par 4 playing straight into the prevailing wind. When the wind is up, this hole plays anything but short. A drive that drifts to the right will leave a semi-blind second, while a drive down the left of center keeps the green in view.

HOLE 16 PAR 3, 154 YDS.

A par 3 with a lot of character. Straight into the teeth of the wind and setting sun, with crashing waves and the beach as a back drop, it just doesn't get any better than this. Plenty of green behind the small Dune and pot bunker.

HOLE 17 PAR 5, 588 YDS.

Back down wind, the hole has a wild look. From the tees the carry appears longer than it really is. On the second shot, don't try to force a lay-up. The approach to the green is better played with a full shot. Take plenty of club to carry the ridge up to the green and trust that anything long will come back off the slope.

HOLE 18 PAR 4, 484 YDS.

This is a long, tough par 4 with a risk-reward element to rattle even the steeliest nerves. In the prevailing left to right wind, the drive must start over the arroyo to shorten the hole and provide a view of the green. Plenty of fairway awaits to the right; however, the further right the longer the approach and the less visibility you have of the green. The approach is best played with a low running shot.



A true test of links golf where the wind can play havoc with your score. One of the great par 3's in golf, hole #11 sets the tone and #14 is a relentless and challenging par 5. Diamante has a very demanding finish with the 15th and 16th playing into the teeth of the wind. Hole #17 is a gem of a par 5 and the precursor to a memorable finishing hole.

