



Fall 2016

PROJECT NEWS

Burning Tree Country Club, Greenwich, Connecticut



Credit Evan Schiller

In the spring of 2016, Tripp Davis and Associates (TDA) built a new short game practice area for Burning Tree Country Club that has been very popular among the golfing members, especially the junior golfers. As part of the short game area project, TDA moved the tees on the 10th hole to improve the look of the hole and the angle of play.

TDA also renovated a few fairway bunkers in the new style to match the work done around many of the new greens. All of the greens and nearly half of the bunkers have been renovated. The new bunkering has created a strong visual character to the course.

“We are really happy at how the new greens grew in,” said Jack Skirkanich, TDA Design Associate. “The feedback that Tripp has received from the membership has been overwhelmingly positive.”

Burning Tree is a great club and the entire TDA team is really looking forward to continuing the progress.

Burning Tree Country Club, the private golf club founded in 1962, has hosted U.S. Open Qualifiers and Met PGA events.



*5th Hole
Credit Evan Schiller*

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OU Jimmie Austin Golf Course at the University of Oklahoma



TDA has been busy this summer renovating the OU Jimmie Austin Golf Club at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. The multi-year project has included repositioning and restyling bunkers and embarking on major work including tees, fairways and greens on select holes. The course has been open for limited play during the construction and all holes except 13 and 18 have been completed. TDA completely renovated holes 8, 9, 10, 11 and 18 this year. As part of TDA's Master Plan, the tee boxes on the same were renovated and constructed four years ago. The greens on holes 8, 9, 10, 11 and 18 were redesigned and bent grass was seeded this summer.

TDA is currently working on the bunker construction of the 12th hole. Zoysia turf will be used around the bunkers to create a contrasting turf effect and around the collars, greens and chipping areas to create a tight lie. The tees on 12 were moved this summer to another location to create a new tee shot to the green. Following work on the 12th hole, TDA will begin construction on holes 13 (bunkers) and 18 (fairway bunkers) this fall. The 18th green renovation was completed this summer.

"The renovation has had a huge visual impact on the course and has also changed the playability in some ways that we are still discovering," said Kyle Downs, TDA senior golf architect/construction specialist. "The look of the bunkers has definitely made players more aware of their positioning and potential danger."

Starting in January 2017, Davis will begin work on "The Ransom Short Course," the new OU practice course. The Ransom Short Course is a four hole course that can be played as par three holes from a wide variety of distances and angles. Within the framework are two short par four holes that will allow players to practice a variety of different tee shots in addition to giving players the ability to practice every shot imaginable from 100 yards and in.

There has been a growing excitement among the Oklahoma University men's and women's golf teams about the golf course renovation. "Ryan Hybl, OU men's golf head coach, and his team are very excited for The Ransom Short Course project to start so he can actually show the recruits the facility in the dirt instead of talking to recruits about the project," said Downs. "Both golf teams have also been very excited about what is going on at the OU Jimmie Austin Golf Course as well."



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Cedar Ridge Country Club, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma



Cedar Ridge Country Club in Tulsa, Oklahoma, has recently completed a comprehensive Master Plan of the entire golf course with golf course architect Tripp Davis.

“It is both an honor and a privilege to have been selected to serve as the consulting golf course architect for Cedar Ridge Country Club,” said Davis. “It is truly one of the great golf courses of Oklahoma and my objective is to work with Mike Wooten, course superintendent, David Bryan, director of golf, and the membership to be a steward for those things that make it special, while working to enhance the playing quality. The Master Plan, completed in the winter of 2016, will provide guidance in the years to come with everything that is done to the course.”

Cedar Ridge’s first project under the Master Plan has been a complete bunker project to provide an enhanced style, build a stronger strategic impact for all players through repositioning and removal of bunkers, create a more sustainable structure for the bunkers with Better Billy Bunker Liners, and install new sand that is a mix of both angular and rounded sands that Davis developed. Approaches, collars and chipping areas are also being redone as a part of the project with a new form of Bermuda (Latitude 36) that will enhance the playing quality of these areas. Construction was limited to three holes at a time so that member play could continue throughout the golf season. Jason Gold, TDA shaper/construction specialist, shaped all the new bunkers, working with Jonesplan, a Tulsa, Oklahoma based golf course builder, that did the remainder of the construction work.



8th Hole – New Greenside Bunker

Construction of a new short game area was completed after the on course work was done. Davis designed a short game area that allows more people to practice at the same time with more options as to the type of shots they can practice. One unique aspect of Davis’ design is the ability to configure the area into a 3-hole “Short Course” that all ages can enjoy playing.



Cedar Ridge was host of the 1979 Oklahoma State Amateur; 1983 U.S. Women’s Open; 2004-2006 LPGA John Q. Hammons Hotel Classic; 2007-2008 LPGA SemGroup Championship; one of two sites for the 2009 U.S. Amateur Championship with Southern Hills Country Club; and multiple state tournaments.

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Rolling Hills Country Club, Wilton, Connecticut



6th Hole

Tripp Davis and Associates has started renovating parts of the 7th and 13th holes at Rolling Hills Country Club. Davis and his team will do some minor shaping in the fairway that will provide better visibility for the 7th green, while redoing the approaches and greenside bunkers on both holes, in part to enhance the playability for the average player, while not diminishing the challenge for the better player. This project will be the first work done after completion of a Master Plan as a way to show the membership what well-constructed bunkers look and play like, while also having a positive impact on playability.

"We are honored to be invited by Rolling Hills to work on this original Alfred Tull designed course," said Davis. "The course is situated on a former farmland and is routed through corridors of scenic rolling terrain. The opportunity for strategic design subtleties this land and Tull's routing provide truly is unique."

Rolling Hills Country Club was the 2011 recipient of the Connecticut State Golf Association's Distinguished Club Award and is one of only two clubs in Connecticut to have had the prestigious honor of hosting the state's Amateur Championship, the Open Championship, the Senior Amateur and the Women's Open.

A LOOK BACK: TURTLE DUNES COUNTRY CLUB, ACAPULCO, MEXICO



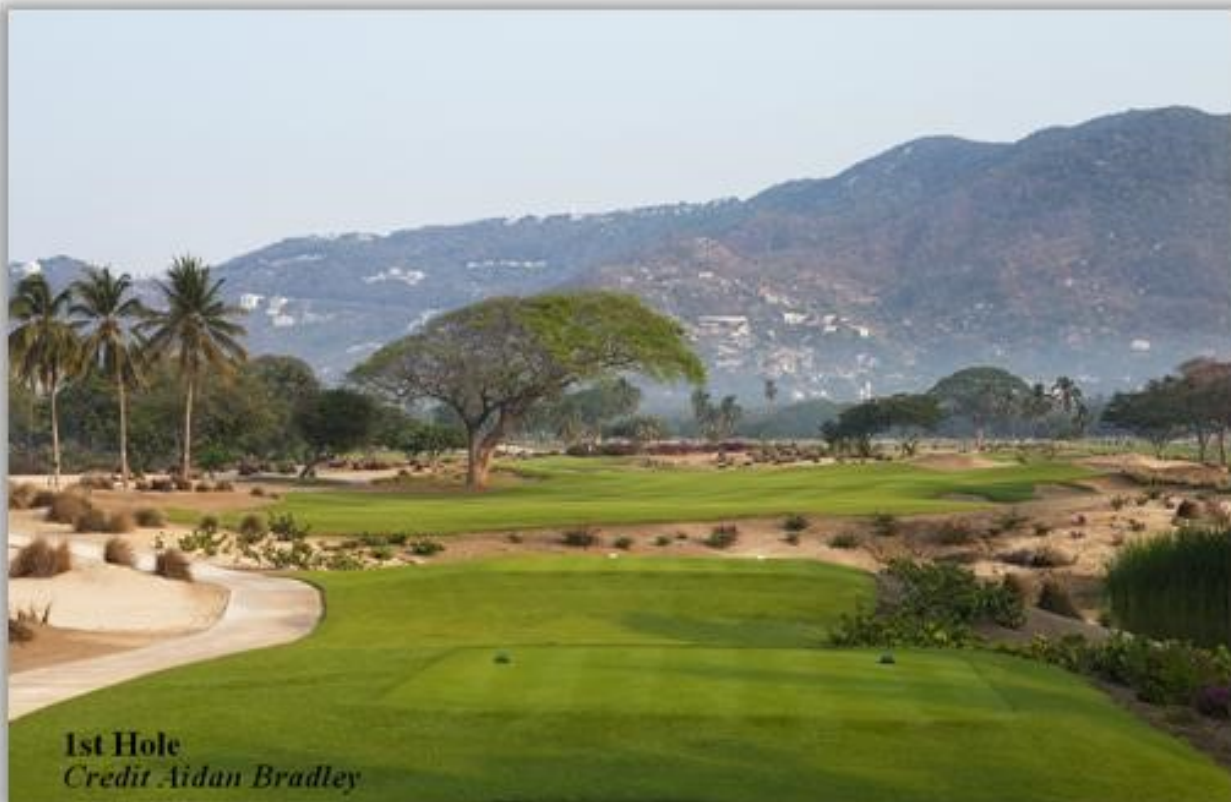
1st Hole at Turtle Dunes Country Club, Credit Aidan Bradley

“Turtle Dunes has been one of the most gratifying projects I have been a part of. It has not only given us the opportunity to create a strategically interesting golf course for each level of player, but we have been able to restore a unique landscape with sand dunes that long ago dominated the site. This has been a significant part of the project and I'm sure will be one of the reasons everyone will fall in love with this place.” - Tripp Davis



TURTLE DUNES *CONTINUED*

Turtle Dunes Country Club, located on the grounds of the legendary Princess Mundo Imperial Hotel in Acapulco, Mexico, is the centerpiece of Princess Diamante, an exclusive resort community situated on 480 beachfront acres on Revolcadero Beach. Opened in February 2012, Turtle Dunes is TDA's first design project in Mexico. With the recent playing of golf on the Olympic Golf Course at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Tripp was reminded of to his work at Turtle Dunes Country Club because of the many similarities.



Tripp with Lorena Ochoa during the 2012 Grand Opening

Turtle Dunes was built on land across the street from the Pacific Ocean that was formerly low sand dunes. Comparably, the Olympic Golf Course was built on land across a road from the Atlantic Ocean. Both the Olympic Course and Turtle Dunes design styles were inspired by the Australian Sand Belt courses, with Tripp's inspiration being the result of touring Australian golf courses in 2009 as he was about to begin his design of Turtle Dunes. Reminiscent of Rio's Olympic Golf Course, TDA did not remove or import any sand. The sand used in the Turtle Dunes greens and bunkers was found on site. Restoration and preservation of old sand dunes, along with vast expanses of native sand areas, was a key design ingredient that gave Turtle Dunes a very unique look and feel that is similar to the Olympic Golf Course.

"I was very proud to see how the Olympic Golf Course showed the value of great golf course architecture in creating playing interest and in restoring the heritage of the landscape," said Davis. "Congratulations to golf course architect Gil Hanse and his team for the work they did in Rio. I am proud of the entire team we had that worked so hard to do something very similar in Acapulco and make Turtle Dunes a truly special place."

ON LOCATION

Wichita Country Club, Wichita, Kansas



Tripp Davis was onsite in late September to review the bunker renovation and restoration work that he and his team completed in Spring 2016 and Fall 2015. This project follows tee renovations in 2014, converting the tees to Latitude 36 Bermuda, a new cold tolerant Bermuda that takes a lower mowing height.

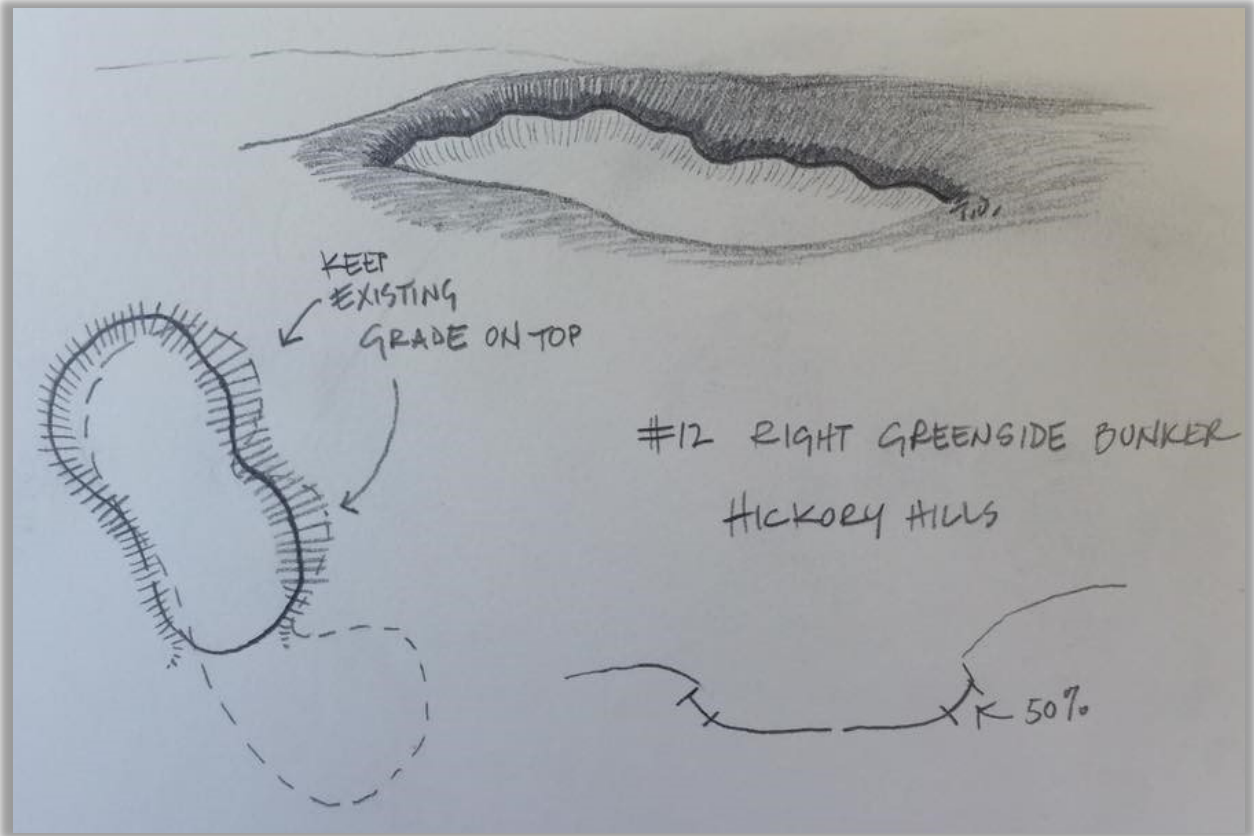
“Wichita Country Club is extremely pleased with the work that Tripp Davis, his shaper Jason Gold, and builder Landscapes Unlimited did with the bunker renovation and restoration. I would have never thought a bunker project could have such a dramatic impact on the way a golf course looks and plays, but this one has,” said head golf professional, Phillip Prude.

Originally founded in 1900, Wichita Country Club has hosted a number of prominent tournaments over the years including the Western Amateur, the U.S. Women’s Open, and most recently the 2010 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur. In addition, the membership at Wichita has been actively involved in the game and includes Kansas State Golf Association founder John L. Powell and former USGA President, Judy Bell. In 1950, the club moved to its present site and invited architect Bill Diddel to design the golf course.



ON LOCATION

Hickory Hills Country Club, Springfield, Missouri



Tripp Davis is helping friends James Carroll, golf course superintendent, and Rick Neal, director of golf, with their private club's bunker renovation. The former home course of Payne Stewart, two-time U.S. Open Champion, Hickory Hills has hosted multiple regional and state-wide tournaments.

Brook Hollow Golf Course, Dallas, Texas



"It was great fun to renovate and restore Brook Hollow's tees and bunkers," said Tripp while visiting the course in August. TDA completed a renovation and restoration of the A.W. Tillinghast designed Brook Hollow in 2013.

IN THE NEWS



Jimmie Austin University of Oklahoma golf course's ongoing renovation is not designed to recapture past glory, but to lift the course into an entirely new pantheon where it is regarded as standing shoulder to shoulder with the best in the state and region.

- Ken MacLeod, publisher, Golf Oklahoma

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The Grain Magazine

Tripp Davis & Associates' projects Long Cove's The Proving Grounds and Trilogy at Ocala Preserve are featured in the August 2016 issue.



GOLF WEEK

Tripp Davis is quoted by senior writer Bradley S. Klein in the October 1, 2016 Golfweek article, "Former Tour players talk about the transition from the big stage to a small shop."

IN MEMORIAM

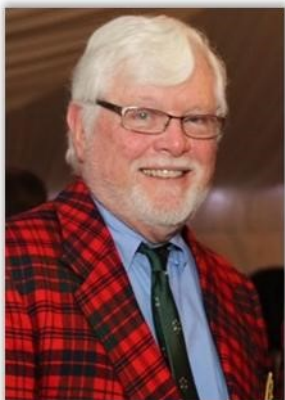
Arnold Palmer



I was very fortunate to spend some time with Mr. Palmer on a few different occasions. There are two things about him that I will never forget, which everyone in the golf business should learn from. First, Mr. Palmer was always so truly patient and gracious with the people he was constantly meeting; because, he simply and innately saw that everyone was important. Being really good at anything requires a unique level of focus and for most it is hard to turn the focus on and off while remaining affable with people. If you were respectful towards Mr. Palmer, he would give the same back like back like no other.

Secondly, he recognized that when you are on the receiving end, in any way, it is very important to give back and also that giving back in small ways is as important as larger gestures. The game of golf would not be one tenth of what it is without Mr. Palmer and all that he has done. Mr. Palmer was very aware of leaving things better than he found them.

Bob Cupp



I first met Bob Cupp when he was redesigning the University of Oklahoma Jimmie Austin Golf Course and I was just finishing my graduate studies in Landscape Architecture at O.U., where I had played college golf. I was asked by the university to give my input on the project and for the most part I think Bob saw this as a distraction. However, over the next 22 years, especially the last 10 while I was a member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects, Bob and I became good friends. He went out of his way to encourage me to be an example as how to give back to the game and our profession.



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