



PROJECT NEWS

Summer 2017

Jimmie Austin OU Golf Course, Norman, OK



8th hole

Tripp Davis and Associates (TDA) has completed the renovation construction at the Jimmie Austin Golf Course at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. Tripp Davis and his team worked in phases to keep as many holes open as possible. TDA began the project with a complete tee renovation and redesign, then embarked on bunker renovations and redesign. The final phase was the complete redesign of holes 8, 9, 10 and 11, which included the relocation of the greens on these four holes.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) recently selected the University of Oklahoma as a regional host site for the 2018 and 2020 Men's Golf Championship and 2019 Women's Golf Championship. The goal is to host the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Golf National Championship in the 2020's.

TDA thanks golf course builder Course Crafters and acknowledges the great work of Terry Mausbach, project superintendent, and Bill Willingham, shaper. We also thank golf course superintendents Cody Elwood and Eddie Roach and their staff for helping coordinate everything. A special thanks to Rodney Young, PGA professional and manager at the Jimmie Austin OU Golf Club, for his extraordinary ability to provide the vision and knowledge to help the golf facilities at OU become among the very best in the country.



1st hole

The Ransom Course, Norman, OK



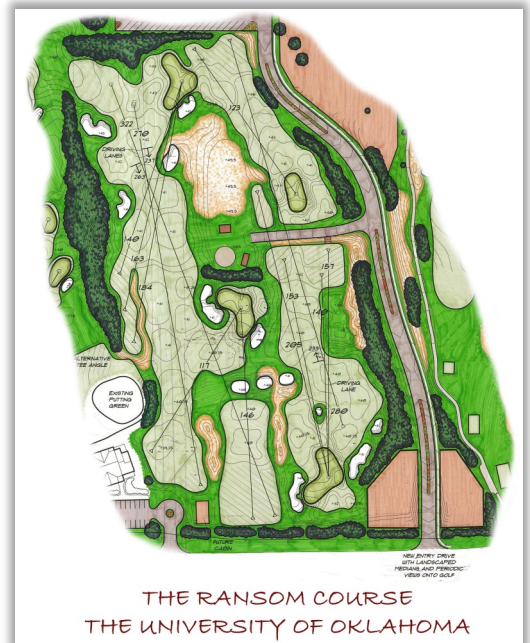
TDA prepares the greens on the Ransom Course, a four-hole practice facility for the University of Oklahoma golf teams

The Ransom Course, a new four-hole practice course for the University of Oklahoma men's and women's golf teams, is under construction and is expected to be completed for an October 2017 opening. Located at the Jimmie Austin Golf Course at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, this practice area will feature multiple bunker styles and different grass types, along with varied design features, allowing for the University's golf teams to prepare for tournaments around the country.

"The key is giving players the ability to practice in a realistic environment and experience real on-course situations," Tripp said. "It is taking variety in practice to another level beyond the typical driving range and short game area."

With the changes to the golf course and the addition of The Ransom Course, Tripp believes the University of Oklahoma will have one of the very best university golf facilities in the country.

TDA congratulates the University of Oklahoma men's golf team on their NCAA Division I National Championship. Tripp Davis played on the 1989 OU men's golf team that won the school's first NCAA National Championship.



Rolling Hills Country Club, Wilton, CT



TDA completed the renovation of the 4th and 5th holes at Rolling Hills Country Club in late spring. The greenside bunkers were reshaped and brought much closer to the actual greens for improved playability and to better guard a variety of hole locations. The bunker renovation design intent was to make the bunkers smaller overall to better fit the scale of the site.

We also expanded the fairway on the 4th hole in front of the fairway bunkers, so while it may seem like a more generous landing area for tee shots, the fairway bunkers will now be more in play. The fairway and greenside bunkers, redesigned with a more natural, rugged and dramatic aesthetic, were constructed using Better Billy Bunker liners and Valley Forge Buff sand.

“Rolling Hills is one of the better hidden gems that I have ever seen. We continue to be excited about the progress that the renovation is bringing to the golf course,” said Tripp. “It was great working with LaBar Golf Renovations and Glenn Perry, the Rolling Hills superintendent, and his team on this project.”



Whippoorwill Club, Armonk, NY

TDA Restored Redan par 3 11th Hole



Tripp's Renovation Work at Whippoorwill Club Returns Course to Golfweek's Top 100 Classic Courses in U.S. List

The Whippoorwill Club, a 1928 Charles Banks original masterpiece, has returned to Golfweek's Top 100 Classic Courses in the USA. TDA is responsible for recent renovation work on a course that long has been considered one of the toughest tests of golf in the Northeast.

"We are proud to have been instrumental in helping Whippoorwill return to the Golfweek list at #92," said Tripp. "We restored select greens to their original size by expanding them. We also renovated the bunkers and tees in order to return the look and playability of the course to its original style. It was important to recapture the original size and shape of greens, and restore native grass areas that once were predominant on the course."

TDA is redoing the putting green and driving range tee, while adding a new short game complex on the far end of the range. Mottin Golf Renovations, LLC has assisted with the construction. It has been wonderful working with Paul Gonzalez, Whippoorwill Club golf course superintendent.



**Tripp prepared the new chipping green before
sod was added in mid-May 2017**



**The new driving range tee
was laser leveled**

COURSE SNAPSHOTS

Trilogy Golf Club at Ocala Preserve in Ocala, FL



Tripp visited Trilogy at Ocala Preserve, the course he co-designed with PGA TOUR player Tom Lehman, to check the grow in progress of the new course. "All looks great after one year of the golf course being open for play," said Tripp during his February 2017 visit.

The revolutionary course, which is designed for walking only, sits on just 50 acres and offers a flexible routing that provides multiple ways to play golf. "The course is a product of playing the 6 hole course three times for an 18 hole, par-72 experience that can measure up to 6,700 yards," said Tripp. The five course configurations range from a six-hole, par-18 "Gallery Loop" that can be played in less than an hour, to a "Players' Loop," a six-hole, par-24 with holes of varying length, to a "Players' Course" with an 18-hole, par-72 routing that covers more than 6,700 yards. A "Horse Course" offering unique Match Play options and modeled on the playground basketball game completes the golfing experience.

"It was a very collaborative and fun process working with Tom Lehman. Tom, Jason Gold, my shaper, and Landscapes Unlimited got very creative with details in the field and I could not be more proud of the way things turned out," said Tripp. Thanks to everyone involved, including Andy Goulis and Tommy Jinks of Shea Homes, Jim Collins with Florida Land Development (mass earthwork and landscape planting), EC Design (irrigation design) and Bayne Caillavet, golf course superintendent.

Hickory Hills Country Club, Springfield, MO

"James Carroll, Hickory Hills C.C. golf course superintendent, has the bunker redesign he and I did last fall looking good," said Tripp. "James is a great young superintendent."

The complete bunker renovation of the 1926 course focused on reducing unnecessary square footage, while establishing a stronger strategic impact and instilling a more classic style. The project was completed in fall 2016.



COURSE SNAPSHOTS (CONTINUED)

Oak Hills Country Club, San Antonio, TX

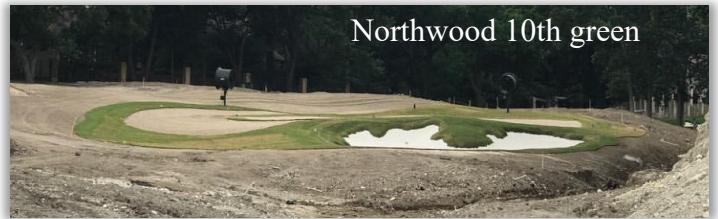


Getting L1F Zoysia installed on the 9th tee at Oak Hills in mid-May. The 9th green and bunkers in the background are about ready to sod. TDA thanks Landscapes Unlimited and Riley Maxey, superintendent.

Northwood Club, Dallas, TX



Above: Looking from the back of what will be the 10th green, over a creek, to what is becoming the 7th green. Landscapes Unlimited is also doing the work in Dallas. TDA thanks Kevin Carpenter, superintendent.



Northwood 10th green

Rumson Country Club, Rumson, NJ



"These pictures don't do justice to the work we have done at Rumson Country Club," said Tripp. "The subtleties make it and you simply can't see them in pictures. It was great for Jack Skirkanich, TDA design associate, and me to work with Ben Stover, golf course superintendent, and LaBar Golf."



ON THE TEE

American Society of Golf Course Architects Annual Meeting

Tripp attended the annual meeting on May 19-22 in Jupiter, Florida, where Jack Nicklaus was a speaker. Tripp won the American Society of Golf Course Architects tournament with a score of 69 at Seminole Golf Club, in Juno Beach, Florida and a score of 78 at Jupiter Hills Club, in Tequesta, Florida. Tripp also competed in the East vs. West match play one-day golf event against Jack Nicklaus, Jr. at The Bear's Club.



(L to R): Jack Nicklaus, Jr., Brian Huntley, Tripp and Pete Kaufman



Jack Nicklaus and Chad Ritterbusch, ASGCA Executive Director

Colonial Pro-Am (May 24, 2017)

Tripp was invited to play in the Colonial Pro-Am, Colonial Country Club, during the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational in Fort Worth, Texas.



(L to R): Joe Castiglione (OU Director of Athletics), Kit Morris, Tripp and PGA TOUR player Graeme McDowell



The TDA Team (L to R): Colton Craig, Jason Gold, Tripp, Kyle Downs and Jack Skirkanich

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