

On Course

News & Thoughts from Forrest Richardson & Associates, Golf Course Architects Summer 2014

BUNKERS: COST SAVINGS & LONGEVITY

The belief that bunkers last just 7-9 years is quickly fading as we prove better methods of renovation & rebuilding



ARIZONA GRAND RESORT HOLE NO. 13



The durable gravel liner of the Better Billy Bunker System™ has become a proven and long-lasting alternative



The goal of a bunker program is to fix the problem for the long term, not just for immediate gratification.

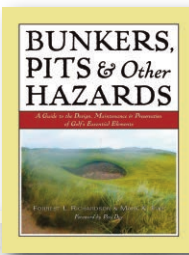
Bunkers are among the key ingredients of golf — they serve to make the game more interesting and entertaining. But when they have no soul or purpose, they waste resources. And when they are always in need of repair, it is time to consider rebuilding them to last longer and function better.

A majority of courses built since the 1960s have far too many bunkers. The trend was often to scatter them regardless of purpose or need. Ideally, bunkers should relate to strategy, have a purpose and be placed thoughtfully. All essential qualities.

Today we are helping courses by analyzing bunkers to reduce maintenance cost and effort — and to greatly expand their lifespan after renovation.

- Quantity — *reduction may be good.*
- Placement — *to reflect a changing game.*
- Size — *to limit expenses and labor.*
- Longevity — *because it simply costs more to continue to rebuild every 7-9 years.*

Every club should have a long range bunker strategy. With as much as 20% of course maintenance earmarked for bunkers, there is no better time to plan.



Now in its second printing, Forrest's book on bunkers traces the history, psychology & methods of building bunkers www.golfframes.com



Hell Bunker at St. Andrews as it was 'maintained' c. 1897

“LITTLE GREEN GOLF HOUSE” CONCEPT for POPULAR NIBLEY PARK



An inflatable ball is designed to be “raised” each day by the kids enrolled in the youth program.

To serve as a hangout for young golfers, Forrest Richardson & Assoc. has created a “golf gym” with indoor training and winter activities. Instead of a traditional flagpole, the building will sport a 9-foot Dia. inflatable golf ball on a giant tee.

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