

# On Course

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## HISTORIC BILTMORE RENOVATION COMPLETE



Hole No. 9 of the Adobe Course, after bunker and green renovation work.

Restoration of the 1928 classic course designed by William P. "Billy" Bell was officially complete at the beginning of the year. The course, originally built at the urging of gum tycoon William Wrigley, is among only four classic era layouts left in all of Arizona.

Under direction of associate designer, Patrick Burton, the par-71 course opened quietly to resort guests and members. New holes were routed for Nos. 1, 16, 17 and 18 — the 18th now being a dramatic par-5 finishing at Piestawa Peak.

Burton also assisted the course with a new bunker maintenance program. The bunkers, each restored and rebuilt in the spirit of Bell's original designs, will now be maintained with a more natural appearance.

"We used historical aerial images," said Burton. "The idea was to put back as much of what Bell had done as we possibly could."

## THE LINKS AT LAS PALOMAS SCHEDULES OPENING FOR LATE SUMMER

Rocky Point — Puerto Peñasco — will never be the same after June of this year. The 18-hole, par-72 "Links at Las Palomas" will debut after 18 months of record-breaking construction work.

"No one thought we could work this quickly in Mexico," commented Forrest Richardson, golf course architect of the sprawling 200-acre course. Richardson and his team used a full complement of equipment and shapers to transform the seaside site into an exciting, dunes-based layout.

Among the features at the 7,000 yard layout are native dunes, four lagoons and massive earthmoving on the flatter reaches of the site.



Turner Reaney, V.P., and Tim Taynor, lead shaper, review plans with golf course architect Forrest Richardson at the Links at Las Palomas in Sonora, Mexico

## WITCOMBE JOINS FIRM

ASGCA Member, Shane Witcombe, has joined Forrest Richardson & Assoc. as a design associate.

Witcombe was most recently with Greg Nash Designs where he completed several projects for Pulte/Del Webb.

## QUICK NEWS & DATES

**BUENAVENTURA GOLF COURSE to OPEN SAT., MARCH 18th**  
*Ventura, California*

**WIGWAM'S GOLD & BLUE COURSE RENOVATION WORK BEGINS in APRIL**  
*Work on the historic Robert Trent Jones, Sr. courses to include bunker and green work, and a new practice facility to be called "Wigwam University"*

**SADDLEBROOKE FINISHES PHASE II of RENOVATION**  
*Tucson — 18 holes are now complete to update SaddleBrooke Country Club's 27-holes*

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