

On Course

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

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DEVELOPING THE WIN-WIN-WIN PROJECT

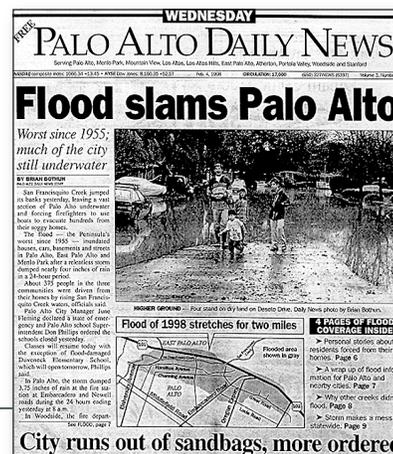
Hole 11 of the totally “reinvented” Baylands Golf Links, Silicon Valley

We always strive for multiple “wins” in golf course redevelopment. Their is the great balance of economics *vs* investment, and to this we must consider sustainability — environmental, conservation, habitat and the game itself.

In Palo Alto, California our reinvention of an old municipal course strikes home with multiple “wins” — demonstrating how the open space of a golf course can solve multiple problems for a community.

Transformed into the new Baylands Golf Links, the trifecta of results can be summarized as follows:

- 1 ... *The reconfigured course made way for a crucial flood control project*
- 2 ... *We carved out 10.5 acres for future recreation needs, an invaluable parcel of land*
- 3 ... *The new course sports new wetland acreage & more than 40 acres of grassland habitat that now fits into to the San Francisco Bay ecosystem*



Palo Alto and its neighbors have been plagued by life threatening flooding that will now be resolved thanks to creative re-planning of the golf course open space



THE GROUND GAME

In order to handle a highly complex \$10 million golf course rebuild, you need detailed plans and a commitment to living with the land. “I spent more than 100 days on the site,” notes Forrest Richardson. “It was a labor of love in every detail — and every golf hole has its own personality to carry its weight and make the course fun and challenging.”

Finalizing a bunker at Baylands Golf Links

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