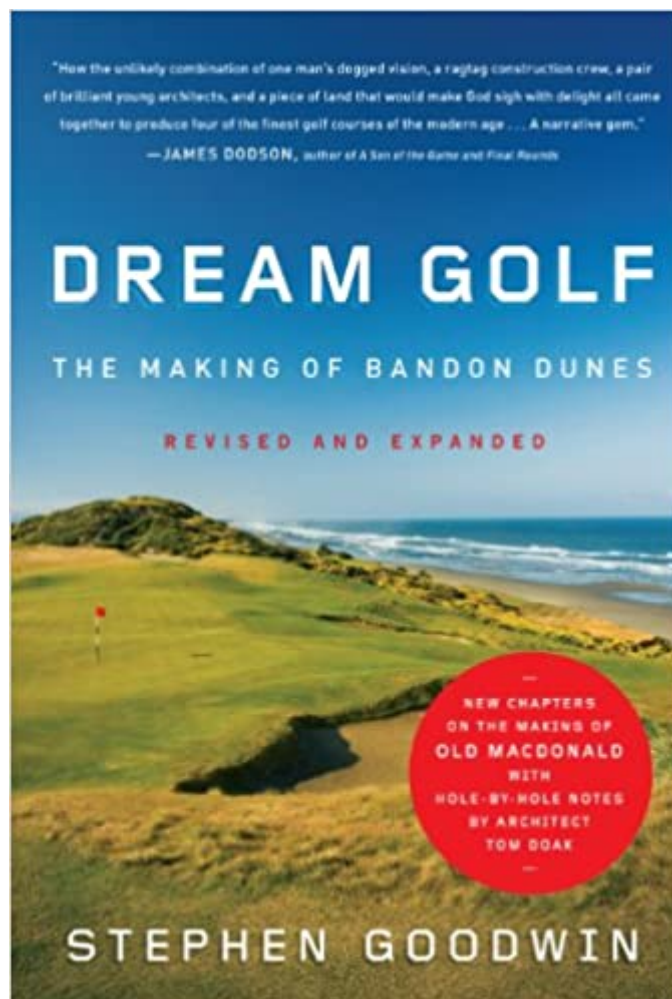


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# Dream Golf: The Making Of Bandon Dunes, Revised And Expanded



## Synopsis

On a wild, windblown bluff high above the Pacific sits one of America's premier golfing destinations, Bandon Dunes. Golf enthusiast Mike Keiser had the dream of building this British-style "links" course on a stretch of Oregon's rugged coast, and *Dream Golf* is the first all-inclusive account of how he turned his passion into a reality. Now, in this updated and expanded edition, golf writer Stephen Goodwin revisits Bandon Dunes and introduces readers to Keiser's latest effort there, a new course named Old Macdonald that will present golfers with a more rugged, untamed version of the game. This "new" approach to the sport is, in fact, a return to the game's origins, with a very deep bow to Charles Blair Macdonald (1856–1939), the father of American golf course architecture and one of the founders of the U.S. Golf Association. This highly anticipated fourth course, designed by renowned golf course architect Tom Doak along with Jim Urbina as detailed in *Dream Golf* will further enhance Bandon Dunes' reputation as a place where golf really does seem to capture the ancient magic of the game.

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## Customer Reviews

Goodwin (*Breaking Her Fall*) brings a passion for golf and a fluid narrative style to his account of one man's quest to create a British-style links course on a gorse-choked, craggy expanse of land on the Oregon coast. Mike Keiser was a successful entrepreneur whose company, Recycled Paper Greetings, afforded him the possibility of laying out \$2.4 million in cash for what most people viewed as a dubious project at best. Goodwin deftly breaks down the differences between traditional, modern and postmodern golf course architecture, and relays the revelatory experiences in Great

Britain that gave Keiser a love of rolling, sandy, seaside courses. He portrays Keiser as visionary, humble, generous and dynamic, though readers may wonder if he's too reverent or close to his subject (for instance, Goodwin makes no mention of Keiser's thoughts on golf courses' tendency to wreak havoc on the land, which is strange considering Keiser founded an environmentally friendly greeting-card company). Although chapters on the intricacies of development might be of interest only to businesspeople and planners, Goodwin's lively writing and clear descriptions make for an apt chronicle for golf fans of the making of Bandon Dunes, which, since its 1999 opening, has been considered one of the world's premier courses. Photos. (May 19) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Bandon Dunes is a golf resort on the remote southern Oregon coast, a region that defies all common assumptions about where to build both golf courses and resorts: it's sparsely populated and relatively inaccessible from any large urban areas (five hours from Portland and more from San Francisco). The story of how Mike Keiser, a golf-loving, greeting-card millionaire from Chicago, fell in love with the rugged, windblown site (it reminded him of Scottish and Irish linksland) and transformed it into not one but three world-class golf courses will appeal to golfers and lovers of golf history on multiple levels: as a crash course in golf-course architecture; as an insider's look at how golf holes are designed and constructed; and as a surprisingly inspirational account of how a golf course built the old-fashioned way can inspire a "sense of the sublime" in all who trod its fairways. Author Goodwin compares Keiser to Jay Gatsby and claims that, in Bandon Dunes, Keiser found something "commensurate to his capacity for wonder." Readers with a passion for golf will share that wonder as they read this very special book. Bill Ott Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I'm headed to Bandon on a buddies trip and this book was on the "must read" prior to heading there. While it is very interesting to get a glimpse into the how and the why of course design and construction, the aspect of the book that annoyed me a bit was how smitten the writer was with Mike Keiser, the businessman at the head of Bandon. Yes he was an entrepreneur with a vision and this must be admired, but he's also a shrewd businessman who is running a business for profit. It's not all rainbows and butterflies as this book sometimes makes him out to be. That said, I absolutely enjoyed the chapters that focused on the course designers (Doak and Kidd) and how the course layout and design was created. I'm surprised just how little is written about the third course (Bandon

Trails) but this course seems to get the least love from golf aficionados so perhaps it's appropriate. I still recommend this book to anyone headed to Bandon but would have appreciated a little less fluff and bit more substance.

Great and easy read about the making of Bandon Dunes, the people and the twists and turns as the Resort has evolved to the current four 18's (and the fun to play 13 hole Preserve course). I just got back from golfing at Bandon Dunes and while reading the book I found myself comparing how I first felt when seeing the Resort, playing the courses and just taking in the whole place. A place for golfers by golfers! In particular, I really liked the hole by hole descriptions contained in the book and recalling how I played that particular hole or rather how I SHOULD have played that particular hole. I highly recommend this engaging book for anyone who enjoys golf and a good read.

Terrific read for anyone with even a passing interest in golf, particularly links golf. Provides a nicely condensed history of links golf in the United States written in an entertaining style along with a truly great American story of determination, risk taking and leveraging the collective spirit of everyone involved in building great golf courses accessible to all. A must read if you are planning a golfing trip to Bandon. This will make your visit all the more enjoyable and meaningful. Don't forget to bring a camera!

Fascinating story about the man who made Brandon Dunes and the other courses there possible, the risks, passion, and vision behind it. The end of the book lacks the gripping feel of the start - but I was glad to read it all.

If you love golf and love to know how amazing things came to be, this is a fascinating read. The spirit and courage it took to build a dream like Bandon Dunes Golf Resort takes a special person and special timing, and this book shares how that all came together. Now let's go play!

A must read for golf architecture buffs and people with interest in Brandon dunes. A superb entrepreneurial portrait of a man who has made a major contribution to global golf for the rest of time.

Anyone who loves golf course architecture would likely enjoy this book. From the philosophy behind the construction to the different crews and architects involved, Bandon Dunes is a real triumph of

love over money in building golf courses. I really enjoyed every part of this book, and am re-reading sections. What this man did is transcendent. I think this book captures that joy and sense of accomplishment everyone involved in the golf complex at Bandon Dunes must have. Only thing I could wish for would be hole diagrams and more pictures to go along with the story of the construction. But great read all the way to the end.

Best golf book I have ever read. Makes the dream that is Bandon become reality. Not only a story abt the making of Bandon but about the history of golf and golf architecture and the people who were not afraid to take chances. Most of all the story is about Mike Keiser who will go down in the history books forever.

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