

THE NEXT CHAPTER OF DEVILS KNOB



HONORING THE PAST. SHAPING THE FUTURE.

For more than 50 years, Devils Knob has delivered one of the most unique mountain golf experiences in Virginia. As golf course architecture and maintenance practices continue to evolve, we are investing in thoughtful improvements that preserve the character of the course while enhancing playability, sustainability, and long-term course conditions.

Opened in the early 1970s, Devils Knob Golf Course was designed for a different era of golf. Over the decades, weather, mountain conditions, changing equipment, and evolving player expectations have transformed the way courses are built and maintained.

Today, Devils Knob features 43 bunkers, many of which have served the course for more than five decades. While these bunkers have been an important part of the course's identity, they also present opportunities for improvement.

Our bunker enhancement project is guided by a simple goal: *Create a more playable, sustainable, and distinctly mountain golf experience while preserving the beauty and challenge that make Devils Knob special.*

TRADITIONAL VS MODERN BUNKER



WHY CHANGE?

Many of Devils Knob's bunkers have served the course for decades. Over time, weather, erosion, drainage challenges, and evolving maintenance needs have created opportunities for improvement. Modern bunker design now emphasizes strategic placement, improved playability, easier maintenance, and a stronger connection to the natural landscape.

Today's leading golf courses are focusing on:

- Improved playability
- Better drainage
- More consistent playing conditions
- Simpler, cleaner bunker forms
- Long-term sustainability
- Stronger connection to the surrounding environment

SIMPLER SHAPES. SMARTER STRATEGY

Modern bunker design emphasizes cleaner forms and strategic placement rather than complexity.

By simplifying bunker shapes and focusing on purposeful positioning, bunkers become more visually impactful while maintaining their influence on how the course is played.

TRADITIONAL BUNKER



MODERN BUNKER



MODERN GOLF BUNKERS – vs. – FLAT BOTTOM BUNKERS

DESIGNED FOR BETTER PLAY. BUILT FOR A BETTER COURSE.

MODERN GOLF BUNKERS		FLAT BOTTOM BUNKERS	
NATURAL LOOK Contoured shapes that blend seamlessly with the landscape.	CROSS SECTION High lip / edge Steep, contoured face Sloped floor for drainage	UNNATURAL LOOK Uniform, boxy shapes stand out and look man-made.	CROSS SECTION Low lip / edge Steep, vertical face Flat bottom - poor drainage
VARIED LIES Shaped faces create different shot options and realistic challenges.		LIMITED LIES Flat bottoms limit shot variety and create repetitive challenges.	
BETTER DRAINAGE Sloped design moves water out, keeping bunkers playable sooner.		POOR DRAINAGE Water collects in flat areas, causing delays and washouts.	
LESS EROSION Steeper faces hold up better over time and with weather.		MORE EROSION Flat surfaces are more prone to washouts and bunker degradation.	
ENHANCED PLAYABILITY Encourages creativity and rewards skill.		REDUCED PLAYABILITY Less strategic value and a less enjoyable experience.	

BETTER DESIGN. BETTER CONDITIONS. BETTER GOLF.
 Modern bunker design improves drainage, reduces maintenance, and enhances the overall playing experience.

INVESTING IN OUR COURSE. ELEVATING YOUR GAME.

WHAT IS A FLAT BOTTOMED BUNKER?

Traditional bunkers often feature irregular floors and steep interior contours that can create inconsistent lies and drainage challenges.

Modern flat-bottom bunkers are designed to provide:

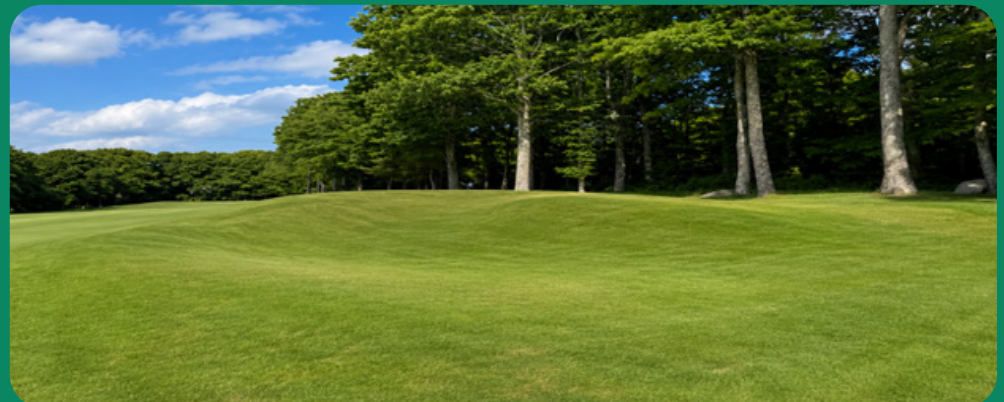
- More consistent playing conditions
- Improved drainage performance
- Reduced washouts
- Easier long-term maintenance
- Better bunker quality throughout the season

WHAT IS A GRASS BUNKER?

Grass bunkers use natural turf and landforms to create visual definition and strategic challenge without relying solely on sand. These features blend naturally into the mountain landscape and help reinforce the unique character of Devils Knob.

Benefits include:

- Natural appearance
- Reduced maintenance requirements
- Improved sustainability
- Enhanced connection to the surrounding terrain



WHAT YOU SEE FIRST

Phase One of Devils Knob Bunker Renovation

18 Greenside Bunker

Finishing Hole

- Smarter placement
- Improved approach conditions
- Better drainage
- Memorable finishing hole



9 Fescue Grass Conversion

- Better defined targets
- More strategic
- Improved playability
- Stronger visual impact



13 Fescue Grass Conversion

- Better drainage
- Improved playability
- Stronger visual impact
- Elevated overall experience



1 Fairway Bunker Conversion

- Improved sightlines
- Enhanced playability
- Naturalized design approach
- Strong first impression



1 Greenside Bunker

Opening Hole

- Refined bunker strategy
- Enhanced shot values
- Improved consistency
- Elevated overall experience