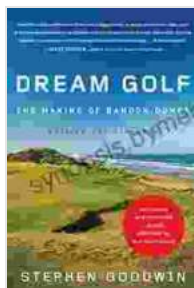


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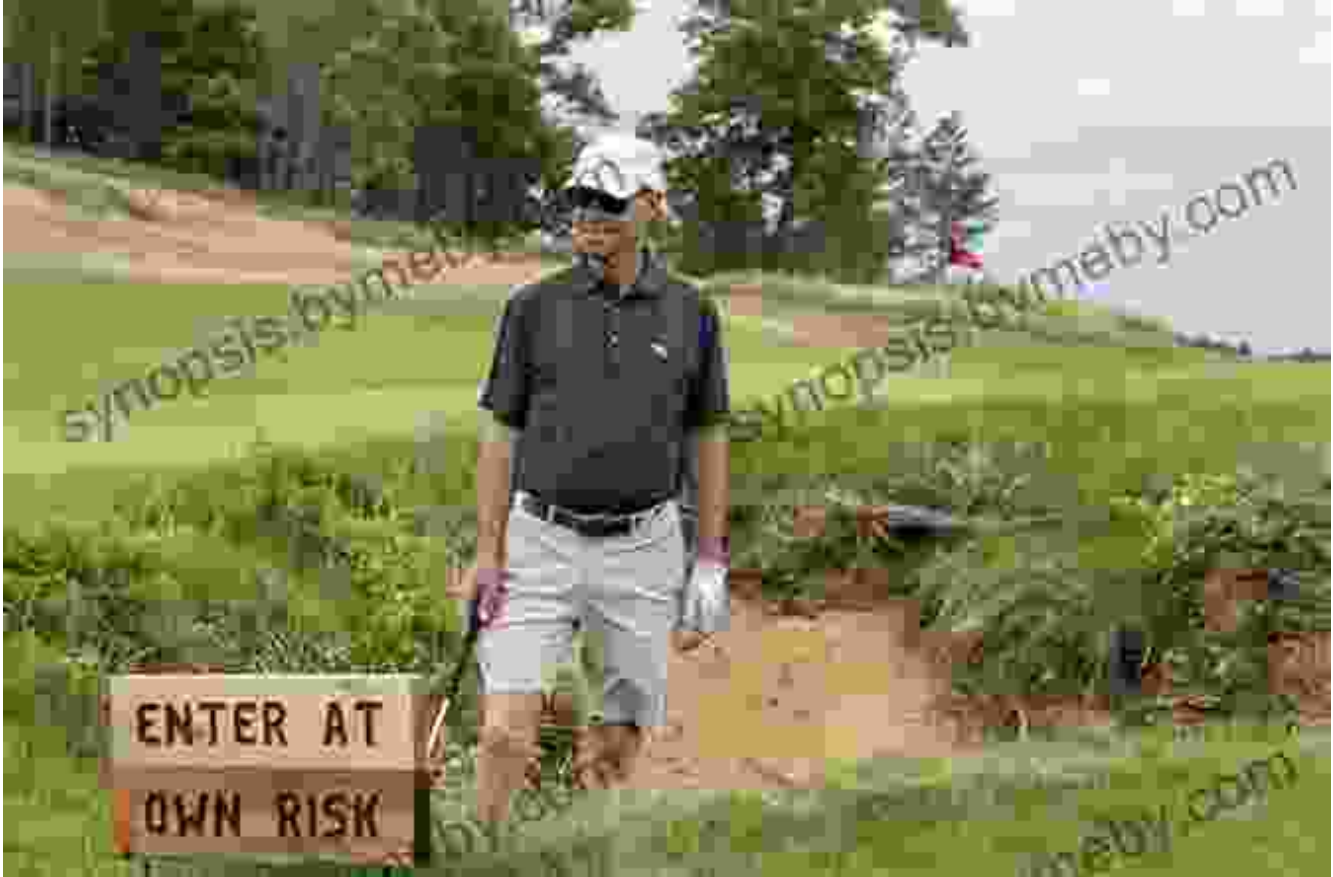


Nestled along the rugged coastline of Oregon, Bandon Dunes Golf Resort has emerged as a true sanctuary for golfers worldwide. With five championship golf courses, including the iconic Bandon Dunes, Pacific Dunes, and Old Macdonald, the resort has garnered widespread acclaim for its breathtaking scenery, challenging layouts, and unparalleled playing experience. But how did this golfing paradise come to be? The answer lies in the extraordinary vision of Mike Keiser and the collaborative efforts of some of the world's most renowned golf course architects.

The Dream Takes Shape

The genesis of Bandon Dunes can be traced back to the early 1990s when Mike Keiser, a successful businessman with a passion for golf, embarked on a quest to create a world-class golf destination on the remote shores of Oregon. Keiser, a passionate student of golf architecture, recognized the

potential of the windswept dunes and towering fescue grasses that defined the landscape. He envisioned a series of courses that would challenge and inspire golfers of all levels while showcasing the natural beauty of the site.



Collaboration and Innovation

To bring his dream to life, Keiser assembled a team of the most respected and innovative golf course architects of the era. Led by David McLay Kidd, Tom Doak, Bill Coore, and Ben Crenshaw, these architects worked in close collaboration with Keiser to create courses that respected the natural contours of the land and embraced the unique characteristics of the site.

- **David McLay Kidd**, known for his bold and imaginative designs, was responsible for the layout of Bandon Dunes, the resort's signature course. With its dramatic elevation changes, towering dunes, and

panoramic ocean views, Bandon Dunes quickly established itself as one of the most challenging and visually stunning courses in the world.

- **Tom Doak**, a master of classic golf architecture, designed Pacific Dunes, a course that pays homage to the golden age of golf course design. With its rolling fairways, strategically placed bunkers, and subtle greens, Pacific Dunes offers a timeless and enjoyable golfing experience.
- **Bill Coore** and **Ben Crenshaw**, a renowned design duo, collaborated on Old Macdonald, a course that celebrates the legacy of C.B. Macdonald, one of the pioneers of American golf course architecture. With its wide fairways, deep bunkers, and undulating greens, Old Macdonald is a true test of golf and a must-play for any serious golfer.

Challenges and Triumphs

The construction of Bandon Dunes Golf Resort was far from easy. The remote location, coupled with the challenging terrain, presented the architects with numerous obstacles. However, through persistence and ingenuity, they overcame these challenges and created a golf destination that surpassed all expectations.



A Golfing Paradise

When Bandon Dunes Golf Resort opened its doors in 1999, it was an immediate sensation. Golfers from around the world flocked to experience the resort's breathtaking courses and unparalleled atmosphere. The resort's reputation continued to grow over the years, with accolades pouring in from golf publications, critics, and players alike.



Dream Golf: The Book

The story of Bandon Dunes is captured in the recently published book, "Dream Golf: The Making of Bandon Dunes." Written by renowned golf journalist James Dodson, the book provides an intimate look into the creation of this golfing paradise. Through interviews with Mike Keiser, the architects, and others involved in the project, Dodson tells the tale of vision, collaboration, and triumph that led to the birth of Bandon Dunes.

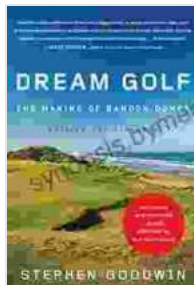


Legacy and Impact

Bandon Dunes Golf Resort has had a profound impact on the world of golf. It has not only established Oregon as a premier golf destination but has also inspired a new generation of golfers and architects. The resort's commitment to environmental sustainability, community involvement, and the preservation of the game's traditions has earned it widespread respect and admiration.

Bandon Dunes Golf Resort is a testament to the power of vision, collaboration, and the pursuit of excellence. It is a place where golfers can challenge themselves on some of the finest courses in the world while

immersing themselves in the breathtaking beauty of the Oregon coast. And now, with the release of "Dream Golf: The Making of Bandon Dunes," the story behind this golfing paradise can be shared with generations to come.

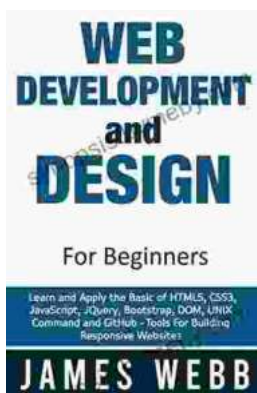


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