

## WOODLAND HILLS COUNTRY CLUB AND GEOFF SHACKELFORD BEGIN BUNKER RENOVATION PROJECT.

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Los Angeles, CA – Woodland Hills Country Club is pleased to announce that it has teamed with Geoff Shackelford, well-known golf course designer, to renovate its bunkers on its 1925 classic golf course. Woodland Hills Country Club's golf course was designed and built by renowned architect, William "Billy" Bell Sr., during the height of the "Golden Age" of golf course architecture.

"We are so pleased to partner with Geoff on this bunker project as he is the world expert on Billy Bell Sr. designs and 1920's classic golf courses," stated Phil Lopez, General Manager and Chief Operating Officer for WHCC. "Geoff has been involved in some great restorations and renovations at classic courses around the country and we wanted to return our bunkers to a more classic 1920's look and feel, while at the same time improving our playability characteristics."

"It's exciting to get a chance to bring back a little of Billy Bell's style to Woodland Hills Country Club," said Geoff Shackelford. "Many of these Bell courses have lost a bit of their classic feel, especially when you are talking about bunkers since he created some of the most distinctive in the history of golf architecture. Sadly, over 87 years a lot changes and it was time to reclaim the look and function that Bell was all about. Woodland Hills is one of his more remarkable engineering and design feats, so anything we can do to highlight his masterful touch here is an honor and should also make the golf here that much more fun."

General Manager, Phil Lopez went on to say, "This project is part of an overall improvement plan here at WHCC. We have made investments into our Clubhouse the last two years with redesigned Members' Bar and Dining Rooms. We are now turning our attention to the golf course. We recently completed a turf removal program on areas of the course not in play that allows us to be a more judicious consumer of a precious natural resource here in Southern California, water. Bunker renovation is the next step in that plan. Further improvements to our practice area and fairways will occur in the future."



### About Woodland Hills Country Club

Located in the West San Fernando Valley, just 20 minutes from downtown Los Angeles, Woodland Hills Country Club is a private equity golf club, opened at the height of the "Golden Age" of golf course architecture, in 1925. Designed by renowned architect William "Billy" Bell, Sr., a traditional golf course where the number of memberships is limited to ensure classic golf at its best. One of the few clubs left with no need for tee-times, quick rounds of golf and a walker friendly environment. WHCC is proud to have hosted USGA qualifying events for the Junior Amateur, Mid-Amateur and Senior Amateur. Known for its classic golf course, friendly membership and quality dining, WHCC is also home to numerous world class musicians who regularly stage incredible musical performances for members and guests. For additional news and information visit [www.woodlandhillsc.org](http://www.woodlandhillsc.org), become a Fan on Facebook, or contact Phil Lopez, General Manager at 818-347-1511.

### About Geoff Shackelford

Geoff Shackelford is the author of ten books on golf and course design, having consulted on the restoration of several classic courses including most recently, The Los Angeles Country Club's North Course and La Cumbre Country Club.

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