

ROGER PACKARD

(1947 -)

BACKGROUND

Son of golf architect Edward Lawrence Packard. Graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in Landscape Architecture. Worked summers during college in course construction for The Wadsworth Company, the nation's largest golf course contractor. Upon graduation, joined his father's firm and took an active role in all subsequent designs.

Took over major responsibility for the firm when his father retired. Designed several notable layouts, including Sweetwater C.C. in Texas (the first championship layout designed primarily for women and home of the LPGA for a number of years).

In the late 1980s, was joined on selected designs by two-time U.S. Open champion Andy North as a design consultant.

DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

Has retained much of the philosophy of his father, including careful consideration of playability and maintainability of courses. Tends to experiment more, with bolder bunkering styles, island greens and water hazards edged with rock, wood or metal bulkheads.

IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS

Very eclectic, with few recognizable trademarks. Bunkers range from round pot bunkers to long serpentine ones. Normally uses elaborately shaped tee boxes, four or more per hole. Has water hazards very close to fairways, a bit farther from greens. His island green tends to be a green on a large island, complete with two or three bunkers.