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### DIGITAL COLLECTION: MANAGING BUNKERS

Managing bunkers is a significant aspect of golf course maintenance. Over the years, there has been considerable evolution in the design, construction, and maintenance of bunkers. Additionally, there has been a shift in the perception of bunkers from being seen as dangerous areas to be avoided to safe havens where golfers can strategically position themselves. Bunkers are a vital feature of the course, designed to challenge and enhance the strategic aspect of the game.

However, bunkers require considerable attention and maintenance. Keeping them in good condition is crucial for both aesthetic appeal and functionality. The objective of this article is to address common bunker issues and offer tips to conserve resources.

#### Managing Turfgrass on Salt-Affected Soils

Managing turfgrass on salt-affected soils is challenging for many in the West Region. However, nature may offer a solution in an unconventional grass species - one which is working well in low-unconventional grass species that are well adapted to saline environments.

#### Managing Aesthetic or Strategic Features

Bunkers may be described as aesthetic or strategic features by some. Golf course superintendents might describe bunkers as "money pits" that consume endless resources. Furthermore, golfers may view bunkers as dangerous areas to be avoided. In contrast, architects might describe bunkers as aesthetic or strategic features.

The USGA defines a bunker as a hazard consisting of a prepared area of ground, often a hollow, from which turf or soil has been removed and constructed. Bunkers are a critical component of the golf course experience, providing challenges and opportunities for strategic play.

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