

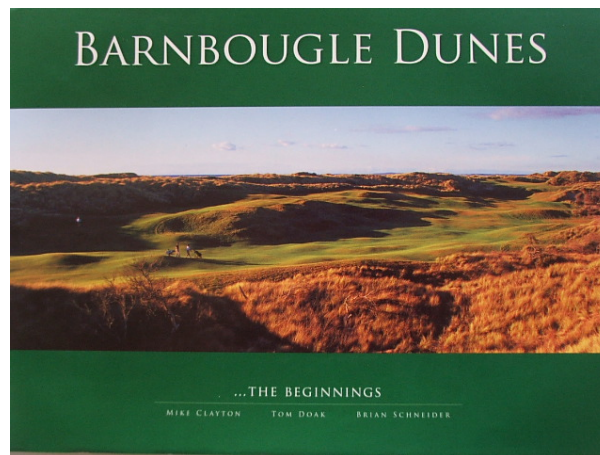
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### **Barnbougle Dunes Golf Club History**

Barnbougle Dunes is a links course built in 1994 in Tasmania. Although it is a new course, it is currently ranked as one of the fifty best courses in the world, deservedly so in our opinion. Barnbougle is situated on the northern shore of Tasmania, bordering Bass Strait, the body of water that separates the rustic island-state from the mainland.

*Barnbougle Dunes...The Beginnings* was written by Mike Clayton, Tom Doak and Brian Schneider and published in Tasmania in 2005. All three authors worked on the design and construction of the course so the book gives an insider's view.



The 68 page book includes a hole-by-hole analysis of the course and color pictures of each hole including some two-page spreads that are stunning. The color of the light in this part of the world is special given the latitude of Tasmania so the pictures have an unworldly quality to them.

The fourth hole in particular is a world-class par four of only 280 meters. Like the short par four 10<sup>th</sup> hole at Royal Melbourne, it is a special hole. There is a massive wind blown bunker on the right side of the hole and the shot to the large and wildly undulating green is blind. The walk from the fourth green to the fifth tee is one of the most special in all of golf, along Bass Strait. The book captures the essence of this windswept and rustic area perfectly.

Mike Keiser, the owner of Bandon Dunes was one of the brains behind the building of Barnbougle Dunes and he seems to have figured out the formula to take spectacular land in a remote location and convert it into a renowned golfing destination.