

# **Bali Hai**

## **A Tropical Golf Oasis Resting in** the Shadows of The Strip Resorts

About 4,000 trees. 2,500 stands of towering palms, and more than 100,000 imported tropical plants were rooted during the construction of the Brian Curley/Lee Schmidt design. Fairways are framed with volcanic rock and rough white sand.

#### "It's comforting

that we've had two winters doesn't alter the trend that



how painful, we can live without oil. We

**The famous phrase** "drive for show, putt for dough" implies that tee shots are fun to watch, but putting is where the rubber quoted, "Billy Walters is who I would select



LAS VEGAS STRIP, NEVADA: The mid/late 1990s saw a pivot of branding casinos along the Strip to specific themes. For example, New York/New York mimics the iconic landmarks of "The Big Apple," and The Venetian showcases architectural replicas of "The City of Canals." Mandalay Bay was no exception. When the \$1 billion resort opened, its South Seas motif reinvigorated the southern end of Las Vegas Boulevard.

Not long after Mandalay Bay welcomed its first guests, Bali Hai Golf Club (about a driver plus five-iron from Mandalay Bay and across the street from the iconic Welcome to Las Vegas greeting sign) opened for play. The name refers to a mystical island, visible on the horizon but never reachable, which

was purposeful. The goal? To create a common theme and promote its proximity to the second largest resort on the Strip (Mandalay Bay with 4,750 rooms).

#### THAT PERSONAL TOUCH

"I love the golf business," touted Billy Walters, owner of Bali Hai Golf Club and a living legend

among sports bettors worldwide. "After all, booking a tee time provides a very different emotional response than scheduling a dentist appointment!

"Las Vegas provides the best variety of food, shopping, and entertainment on earth, no matter your budget. Before all the over-the-top activities and concerts came to town, its success was interactions between staff and guests.

"Unfortunately, Vegas is losing those exchanges," lamented Walters. "My viewpoint is people are everything. At Bali Hai, we haven't lost that personal touch. With so many taking up golf for the first time in recent years, I think focusing on the person is more important than ever."

Attention to service has been noticed. The Southern Nevada Hotel Concierge Association, dedicated to providing the highest level of assistance to visitors, has ranked Bali Hai for the past decade "Best Course in Town."

For information on tee times, visit <u>BaliHaiGolfClub.com</u>.

### Walking Distance to:

- Future stadium of a MLB team (now under construction): 15 minutes
- Allegiant Stadium (home of the NFL Las Vegas Raiders): **25 minutes**
- Vegas Golden Knights): 30 minutes