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**Ten great  
designs**

## Designing for Excitement

Architects blend science, art to create titillating course features



Bonari Kogen Golf Club, Japan  
Hole 3, Par 5

**Successful golf course architecture shares a common denominator — *it excites players.* Crittenden GolfInc chooses 10 recent design features that stand out.**

**Architect:** GOLFPLAN — Fream & Dale  
**Course:** Bonari Kogen Golf Club, Japan  
**Feature:** Hole No. 3 (*above*)  
**Opened:** June 2000

An intimidating approach shot awaits golfers at Bonari Kogen Golf Club's Hole No. 3.

**F**rom conception to ceremonial opening, this course took about eight years to complete. A very involved and tedious local environmental approval process prolonged the construction process by several years, but as the snow melts, this course is emerging as the finest new private club in Japan.

The third hole, a double-dogleg par 5 of 550 yards, is distinctive. A roaring mountain stream parallels the entire hole from back tee to a precariously placed greensite, in a valley more than 150 feet below the edge of the fairway and greensite. There are four different approach opportunities from the five sets of tees. The undulating greensite is protected with bunkers six to ten feet deep. The correct alignment to the green for the third shot centers the dramatic Mt. Bandai volcano directly behind.

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