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## Ultra-privates, muni rebuilds and resort additions highlight new golf courses coming in 2017

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2017 looks to be an exciting year for new golf courses in North America. From Mexico to many regions of the United States, there are more than a dozen new and entirely rebuilt courses worth mentioning.

Behind them are some of the best golf course architects in the business, including the team of Ben Crenshaw and Bill Coore, as well as Rees Jones, who has been especially busy as of late. These courses feature a little bit of everything: affordable short courses, additions to golf resorts and exclusive, high-end privates. A couple are also bouncing back from Mother Nature's wrath.

The end of 2016 saw some very high-profile destination courses open, from The Loop at Forest Dunes (Tom Doak) to Sand Valley (Coore & Crenshaw) and Mossy Oak (Gil Hanse), as well as Tom Weiskopf's revamp of the North Course at Torrey Pines and renovations to Pete Dye's Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass. Also this fall, Davis Love III opened Atlantic Dunes at Sea Pines Resort and Rees Jones revamped the historic Ocean Course at the Breakers.

2017 has plenty of promise of its own. If you love seeking out the latest courses, put these grand openings on your radar.



*The new 12-hole Gary Player course at Big Cedar Lodge in Hollister, Mo., promises to be stunning  
(Courtesy of Big Cedar Lodge)*

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## 12-hole Gary Player family course at Big Cedar Lodge and Top of the Rock

A new 12-hole course designed by Gary Player is set to open this spring at Johnny Morris' Big Cedar Lodge in Hollister, Mo., near Branson. The course will wind through "breathtaking rock formations and showcase some of the most dramatic views in the Ozarks," according to the website. The course will join the Tom Fazio-designed Buffalo Ridge Springs, an 18-hole championship course that opened in 1999, and the terrific par 3 course, Top of the Rock. Top of the Rock and Buffalo Ridge Springs golf courses are now home to the PGA Champions Tour Big Cedar Lodge Legends of Golf Tournament. Coore & Crenshaw are also currently working on the Ridge Course at Buffalo Ridge, a totally new layout built on the former site of Murder Rock Golf Club.



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Aerial shot of our 12-hole, family style short-course at [@BigCedarLodge](#) opening in 2017! Designed for families and those learning the game.

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