

Architectural digest

We asked four top designers about their most recent U.S. courses that you can play—and what's next. (Pete Dye was quick to correct: "You guys always screw that up. I'm a builder—not a designer.") M.O.

	PETE DYE	JACK NICKLAUS	TOM DOAK	TOM FAZIO
NEW	A Heron Point at Sea Pines, Hilton Head (remodel)	B Old Corkscrew Golf Club, Estero, Fla.	C Ballyneal, Holyoke, Colo.	D Butterfield Trail, El Paso
COMMENT FROM DESIGNER	"I recontoured it and got rid of forced carries. I did a pretty good job on the whole thing. It looks like a golf course."	"Probably the most enjoyable aspect is that it doesn't have any residential around it, which is a rarity for golf in Florida."	"On 1,000 acres of dunes 2½ hours from Denver. It's private, but accepting limited outside play by potential members."	"El Paso is booming, and it's close to the airport if you're on your way in or out of town."
CONTACT	seapines.com, 866-561-8802	oldcorkscrew.com, 239-949-4700	ballyneal.com, 970-854-5900	butterfieldtrailgolf.com, 915-772-1038
SUGGESTED LODGING	Inn at Harbour Town, seapines.com	Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa, coconutpoint.hyatt.com	Golden Plains Motel, goldenplainsmotel.com	Any one of seven airport hotels such as Marriott or Wyndham
TOP GOLF NEARBY	Harbour Town Golf Links ★★★★★½ seapines.com	Tiburón Golf Club Black ★★★★★½ Gold ★★★★★½ tiburongcnaples.com	Wild Horse Golf Club ★★★★★½ in Nebraska, playwildhorse.com	Painted Dunes Desert G. Cse. ★★★★★½ painteddunes.com
NEXT PROJECT	The Pete Dye Course at French Lick Resort in Indiana. Opens in spring 2009.	Dove Mountain, Marana, Ariz., will host 2009 WGC Accenture Match Play Ch.	Old Macdonald at Bandon Dunes: 10 holes in 2009, all 18 in summer 2010.	Genesis Point near Savannah, Ga., opens in fall 2009.



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TRAVEL TROUBLE

TAKING THE 'LUG' OUT OF YOUR LUGGAGE



Q Have you ever shipped your clubs instead of lugging them through the airport?

PAUL RAMOS / MILLIS, MASS.

A I've always preferred to keep my friends close, my enemies closer and my golf bag in the belly of the plane I'm on. Plus, I assumed shipping was too expensive. But I might have

been wrong. Shipping a golf bag from Florida to California in five business days costs about \$60. Shorter distances cost less; doing it in fewer days costs more. Call FedEx or UPS for shipping labels or print them from fedex.com or ups.com. At Pebble Beach, golf concierge Suzanne Orlando will handle the paperwork if you arrive without

it. Lance Gephart of Pinehurst will supply packing material and a box if you don't have a travel bag. "People who come here are already spending a lot of money," he says. "It's the least we can do."



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