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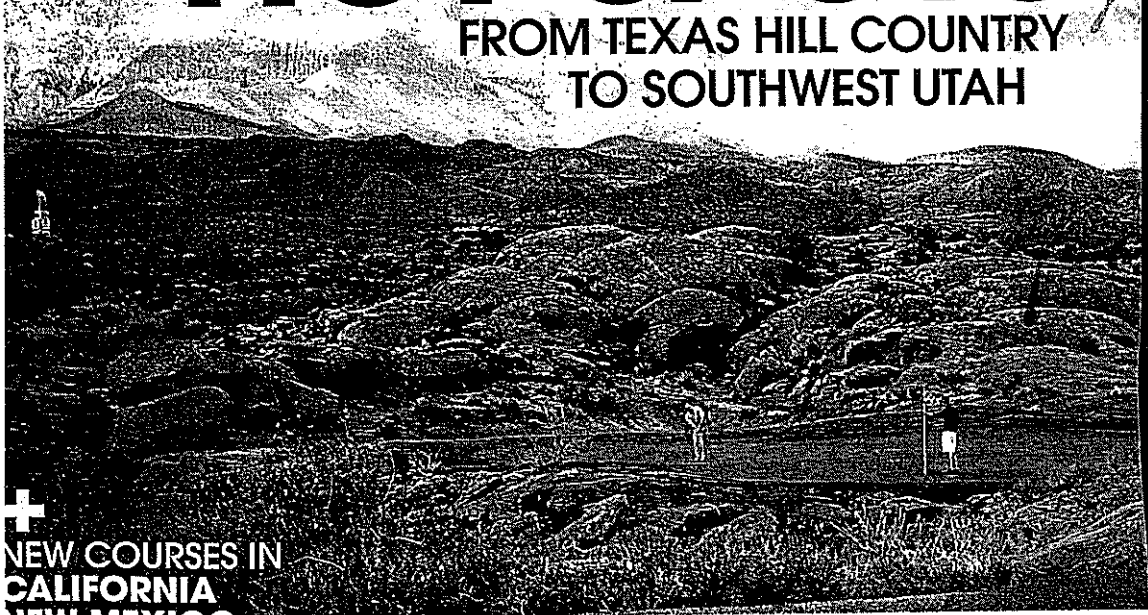
BRITISH ISLES UPDATE

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Spey Valley
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THE NEW HOT SPOTS

FROM TEXAS HILL COUNTRY
TO SOUTHWEST UTAH



+
NEW COURSES IN
CALIFORNIA
NEW MEXICO

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as A. W. Tillinghast's "Tiny Tim" par-three fourteenth from a 1912 revision, complete with its field of chocolate-drop mounds short and left of the green. The routing, the greens and most of the bunkers are the work of Donald Ross, who redesigned the course in 1923. ARCHITECT: Ron Forse. YARDAGE: 6,800. PAR: 72. GREENS FEES: \$125. TEE TIMES: 814-623-8100, bedfordspringsresort.com.

TEXAS

Butterfield Trail Golf Club, El Paso (public). Opening: June
Sited a three-iron shot away from El Paso International Airport, this forgiving Tom Fazio design twists and dips through desert ravines and microenvironments, continuously giving players shifting exposures to the wind and expansive views of the West Texas horizon. Each hole is named after a different stop on the Butterfield Overland Mail Company Trail, a twenty-eight-hundred-mile pre-Civil War stagecoach route that ran just south of the course property during its few years of delivering mail. ARCHITECT: Tom Fazio. YARDAGE: 7,307. PAR: 72. GREENS FEES: \$45-\$85. TEE TIMES: 915-780-5278, butterfieldtrailgolf.com.

VERMONT

Stowe Mountain Club, Stowe (resort). Opening: June
This quintessential New England mountain course, part of the new Spruce Peak luxury development at Stowe Mountain Resort, features tight, sloping fairways lined with pine and birch as well as a routing that spans nearly four hundred feet of elevation changes. Thinking "green" in true Vermont fashion, the course will recycle irrigation water through the resort's snowmaking

storage pond (which has a capacity of 117 million gallons) and will be the first in Vermont to receive certification from Audubon International. ARCHITECT: Bob Cupp. YARDAGE: 6,411. PAR: 72. GREENS FEES: \$110-\$150 (open to resort guests only). TEE TIMES: 802-253-4833, stowemountainclub.com.

WASHINGTON

Chambers Bay, University Place (public). Opening: late June
On a site that over the years housed a paper mill and a gravel quarry, among other things, Robert Trent Jones Jr. has fashioned a links-style design with eye-popping views across Puget Sound. Jones transformed a largely clear-cut nine-hundred-acre property into a dramatic setting of canyons, ridges, moguls and dunes that frame the course. The routing switches back and forth across the sloping site, climaxing at the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth holes, all of which play along the sound. ARCHITECT: Robert Trent Jones Jr. YARDAGE: 7,585. PAR: 72. GREENS FEES: \$60-\$150. TEE TIMES: 253-460-4653, chambersbaygolf.com.

INTERNATIONAL CANADA

Tabiano Golf Course Kamloops, British Columbia (public). Opening: late June
Located at an ideal stopover point between Banff and Jasper National Parks, Tabiano is the newest in a growing number of premier golf destinations in Western Canada. The wide-open thousand-acre property lies on a bluff overlooking stark, silvery Kamloops Lake, and holes play across deep fissures in the terrain. Five of them are set hard by the cliffs and offer spellbinding scenery, but sweeping ground contour

Tiger Woods has announced plans to begin his much-anticipated course-design career. Woods's AJ Ruywya course in Dubai, scheduled for completion in 2009, will be part of an exclusive residential community that bears his name. . . . Davis Love III and Phil Mickelson are each designing a course in the private development of Diamante Cabo, near Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. The Love, eighteen, the first of the two, could open as early as December. Mickelson, who's also undertaking projects in California and North Carolina, plans to design just ten courses in all. . . . A Tom Fazio layout at Bachmann Springs Resort, a holistic desert retreat near Tombstone, Arizona, is due to open this fall. . . . A Jack Nicklaus Signature course with holes along the Potomac River is slated to open in autumn as part of a Northern Virginia community called Harbor Station.

and ragged-edged bunkers help keep a player's focus on the task at hand. ARCHITECT: Thomas McBroom. YARDAGE: 7,328. PAR: 72. GREENS FEE: \$130. TEE TIMES: 877-373-2218, tobianoiliving.com.

—Derek Duncan

Prime spots (from left): Chambers Bay, overlooking Puget Sound; Vermont's Stowe Mountain Club



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