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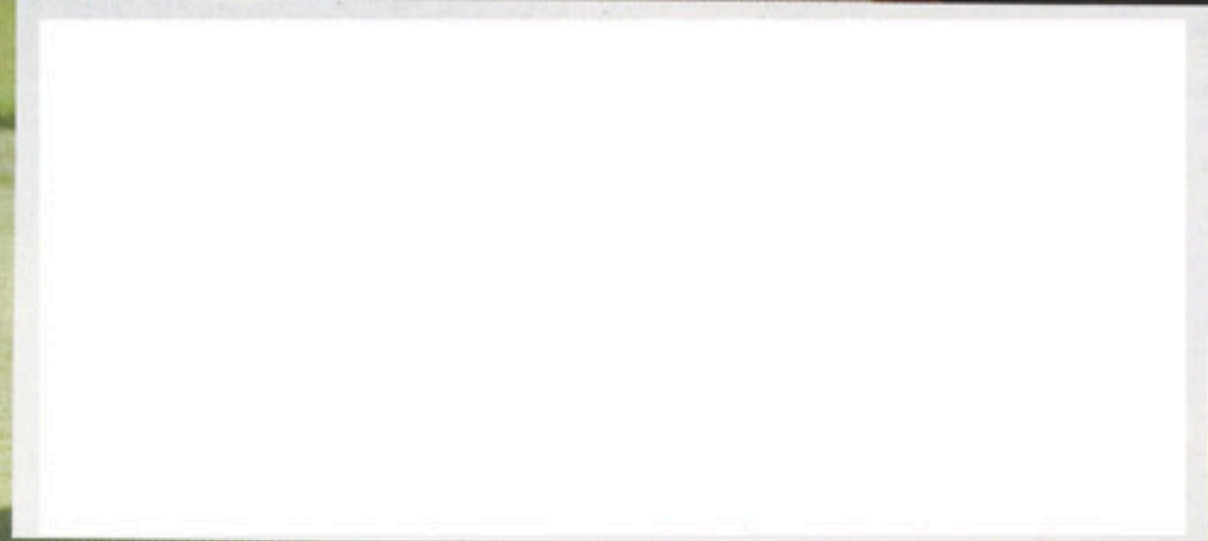
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HOW TO
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POWER
LOAD IT &
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RANKING
AMERICA'S
BEST NEW
COURSES

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SOMETHING *Old School*, SOMETHING *New* BY RON WHITTEN *Photo*





REALIZING

be bad

something

special. Dye

made 140

site visits.

As always, our survey was conducted using a panel of nearly 550 male and female golfers, who evaluated courses using five criteria:

- **Shot Values.**
- **Design Variety.**
- **Resistance to Weeding.**
- **Memorability.**
- **Aesthetics.**

To be eligible for 2009 Best New, a course must have officially opened between May 1, 2008, and April 30, 2009.

BEST NEW PUBLIC

This bear Pete Dye will it. French Lick was a job he tried to run down but couldn't.

Scared as the childless overachiever his domestic new course, Dye ratchets off a one-minute history of the place. A hundred years ago, the French Lick Resort was the Las Vegas of Indiana, but by the start of this century, it was more like Flint, Mich., run-down, trampled up, with little industry and lots of unemployment.

That's when William Cook, who made a fortune manufacturing wires for heart pacemakers, bought the resort and spent an estimated \$500 million refurbishing the French Lick Springs and West Baden Springs hotels, the latter with its famed lobby

BEST NEW

Public

1. **The Pete Dye Course at French Lick (Ind.) Resort**

Yards: 8,302
Par 72 Fee \$350
Designer: Pete Dye
888-936-9360
frenchlick.com

2. **Palouse Ridge G.C. at Washington State University**

Pullman, Wash.
Yards: 7,308
Par 72 Fee \$89
John Harbottle
509-335-4342
pullmanridge.com

3. **Tetherow G.C.**

Bend, Ore.
Yards: 7,298 Par 72
Fee \$175
David McLay Kidd
866-948-2582
tetherow.com

4. **Pound Ridge (N.Y.) G.C.**

Yards: 7,171 Par 72
Fee \$235
Perry Dye and Pete Dye
914-764-5771
poundridgegolf.com

5. **Blue Top Ridge at Riverside (Iowa)**

Yards: 7,505 Par 72
Fee \$80
Bess Jones
877-677-3456
riveride.com
blueatop.com

6. **Wild Rock G.C.**

Wisconsin Dells, Wis.
Yards: 7,414 Par 72
Fee \$95
Michael Hurdian and Dana Fry
608-253-4653
wildrockgolf.com

7. **Sand Hollow Resort**

(Championship)
Hurricane, Utah
Yards: 7,216
Par 72 Fee \$65
John Fought and Andrew Staples
435-656-4653
sandhollowresort.com

8. **Newport Dunes G.C. Port Aransas, Tex.**

Yards: 6,821
Par 71 Fee \$95
Arnold Palmer
Erik Lanner
newportdunes.com
714-465-5371
www.portaransasgolf.com

9. **Sweetgrass G.C.**

Harris, Mich. Yards: 7,275
Par 72 Fee \$75
Paul Albanese
800-682-6040
islandresortandcasinoc.com

10. **The Preserve on Kalamazoo**

Modena, Iowa
Yards: 5,988 Par 72
Fee \$99
Kevin Norby
847-724-1400
preserveonkalamazoo.com

BEST NEW

Private

1. **Pinewood National G.C.**

Morgantown, W.Va.
Yards: 7,368
Par 72
Fee \$100,000
Designer: John R. Breen,
J. Robert Gwynne
with Johnny Poff and
Dow Finsterwald
pinewoodnational.com

2. **Rock Creek Cattle Company**

Dear Lodge, Mont.
Yards: 7,466 Par 71
Fee \$100,000
Tom Deak
rockcreekcattlecompany.com

3. **Martin Camp**

Truckee, Calif.
Yards: 7,751 Par 72
Fee \$105,000
Tom Fazio
martincamp.com

4. **Cornerstone C.**

Montrose, Colo.
Yards: 7,945 Par 72
Fee \$95,000
Greg Norman
www.cornerstonec.com

5. **Trump National G.C. Bedminster (N.J.) (New)**

Yards: 7,511 Par 72
Fee \$750,000
Tommy Fazio
trumpnational.com

6. **The Idaho C.**

Sandpoint, Idaho
Yards: 7,089
Par 71 Fee \$30,000
Jack Nicklaus
idahoclub.com

9. **Sweetgrass G.C.**

Harris, Mich. Yards

7,275 Par 72 Fee \$75

Paul Albanese

800-682-6040

islandresortand

casino.com

11. **Inverloch G. & Boat C.**

Merry Hill, N.C. Yards: 7,254
Par 72 Fee \$25,000
Arnold Palmer and
Erik Lanner
inverlochgolfclub.com

12. **The C. at 12 Oaks**

Holly Springs, N.C. Yards: 7,132
Par 72 Fee \$75,000
Michael Nicklaus
with John Cope
12oaks.com

BEST NEW

Country Club

1. **Seagrass G. & Sporting C.**

Quilichno, B.C.
Yards: 7,372 Par 72
Fee \$5,000 per year
individual; \$10,000
per year corporate
(by invitation)
Designer: Rod
Whitman, Richard
Zink and
Armen Suny
seagrassclub.com

2. **Otter Creek G.C.**

Otterville, Ont.
Yards: 7,124 Par 72
Fee \$77,000
Kirkpatrick
519-879-9800
ottercreekgolfclub.com

3. **The C. at Tower Ranch**

Katowna, B.C.
Yards: 7,212
Par 72 Fee \$125
or \$10,000
Thomas McDermott
250-491-8211
golfatowermanc.com