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From the Oregon coast to the Idaho mountains, there will be even more golf holes to choose from...

Bear Mountain Ranch near Chelan, Wash., and the new Juniper Golf Club in Redmond, Ore., will be unveiled, while White Horse near Kingston, Wash., will wait until 2006 to be entirely open to the public.

Idaho's biggest contribution to the collection of new courses will be **Tamarack**. The course in Central Idaho is taking advantage of a perfect setting between Tamarack Mountain and Lake Cascade.

Robert Trent Jones II did the design, and his name will be prevalent in the Northwest for the next couple of years as Chambers Bay near Tacoma, Wash., is expected to make a grand entrance in 2007.

Tamarack will include more than 100 bunkers, tree-lined fairways and large greens in the sweeping meadow in Donnelly, Idaho. There will be four sets of tees, ranging from 5,400 to 7,340 yards when the course opens this summer.

Golf at Tamarack will take some lessons from its ski partners at the year-round Idaho resort and rate the tee boxes by ability in the same fashion as is done with ski slopes. There will be double black diamond, black

diamond, blue and green tee boxes.

Bandon Trails already is making plenty of waves, and landing on the cover of national magazines. Trails will not cling to the cliffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean as its two brethren courses, Bandon Dunes and Pacific Dunes.

Trails instead will wind its way inland, over the dunes, through the meadows and into the forest, but always with the scent of the ocean in the air and the sounds and scenes of the waves nearby.

While Bandon Dunes is reminiscent of Scottish links golf and Pacific Dunes reminds most of rugged Irish seaside golf, Bandon Trails will bring everyone back home to the best that Pacific Northwest golf has to offer.

Coore, for one, has said he's thrilled with the layout. "The site is extremely unique. It's characterized by inland, rolling dune land as well as exposed sand with beach grasses and ocean vistas."

Crenshaw also has been impressed. "You hear about it, but until you see it, you just don't realize that it is such a special place."

A special place also is in the works

between Roslyn and Cle Elum. When it is all said and done, **Suncadia** also will boast 54 remarkable holes.

There is much eagerness for Tumble Creek, designed by Tom Doak, who lately has become possibly the hottest course architect in the world. After Pacific Dunes netted rave reviews for Doak, he opened Cape Kidnappers in New Zealand to even more acclaim.

Tumble Creek is on a plateau alongside the Cle Elum River, a bit upstream from The Prospector Course that opened last summer at 7,111 yards.

Chelan's **Bear Mountain Ranch** is set to open in April if the weather cooperates.

Every hole on the course has views of Lake Chelan and there will be five sets of tees, ranging from 7,231 yards to 5,063 yards on the par-72. Greens fees are expected to range between \$50 and \$70 with carts included.

Even farther east, into the northwest corner of Montana, is **Phantom Hills**, which has been open for a year on ranch land outside of Missoula.

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