

5 of 2015's Most Important Golf Course Renovations

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The golf course construction boom of the 1980s, 90s and early 2000s may be over, but that doesn't mean that opportunities to be among the first to play a "new" golf course have dried up.

Indeed, in order to keep their own businesses afloat, golf course architects – upstarts and veterans alike – are pouring their talents into the project of turning existing layouts into their best selves.

In fact, for the last few years, the bulk of the most exciting golf course work has come in the form of renovation and restoration, and that trend seems primed to continue.

Here are five golf course renovations and restorations that caught our eye this year:

Quail Lodge & Golf Club – Carmel, Calif.



The most striking aspect of the renovations at Quail Lodge is undoubtedly the rustic, eye-catching bunkering. (Quail Lodge & Club)

Architect Todd Eckenrode isn't exactly a household name. But even though his Origins Golf Design firm's portfolio is small, it is impressive. Their original design at Barona Creek Resort & Casino outside of San Diego is regarded as one of the Golden State's best public-accessible layouts, and their renovation work at a number of California private courses has garnered high praise from architecture aficionados. So it's no surprise that since reopening, Quail Lodge, just 20 minutes east of Pebble Beach, has been a hit with visitors. Previously often-overlooked, the course is now a great inland option for those visiting Monterey. [Reopened: September, 2015](#)