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Big splash: the closing hole at Faldo's Roco Ki

COURSE OF THE MONTH

Roco Ki

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic (resort).

Opening: October

This inspired Nick Faldo design takes its name from a Taino Indian phrase for "honoring the land," and the designation is apt. Spread across 2,500 acres originally settled by the dominant pre-Columbian tribe on the island that came to be known as Hispaniola, the course gambols from the Atlantic headlands through mangrove forests and an elevated sawgrass plain before returning to the bluffs overlooking the sea. The par-three seventeenth recalls the seventh at Pebble Beach: Buffeted by wind and surf, it's a downhill pitch to a perilous peninsula green. Not to be outdone, the par-five eighteenth leaps twice across ocean chasms. The course is the first of several planned for the Westin Roco Ki Beach & Golf Resort, scheduled to open in spring 2009. —Derek Duncan

ARCHITECT: Nick Faldo. YARDAGE: 7,075. PAR: 72. GREEN FEES: \$225-\$400. TEE TIMES: 888-476-2654, rocoki.com.

CALIFORNIA

Martis Camp, Truckee (private).

Opened: June 28

Residents of Martis Camp, an exclusive new Lake Tahoe community between Truckee and the north shore, can opt to have access to this Tom Fazio course (as well as to the Northstar-at-Tahoe ski resort). Fazio draped flowing fairways onto gradual mountain slopes and cut others through forests of tall ponderosa pine, imbuing many of the holes with a postcard quality. Sugar-white bunkers serve as the primary hazards.

ARCHITECT: Tom Fazio. YARDAGE: 7,707. PAR: 72. MEMBERSHIP INQUIRIES: 530-550-3200, martiscamp.com.

IOWA

The Preserve at Honey Creek Resort, Moravia (resort). Opened: August

Located in the newly developed Honey Creek State Park, this southern Iowa