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A special bridge, due to be finished in July, will allow golf carts to cross State Hwy. 361 to get from one side of the Newport Dunes Golf Course to the other without disrupting traffic. The course is the only Gulf-side golf course in Texas.

## Newport Dunes to offer Gulfside golf this summer

**T**he Newport Dunes Golf Course at the Newport Beach and Golf residential development is expected to open in late summer or early fall.

The 18-hole links style golf course is an Arnold Palmer Signature course, which means the world-famous pro golfer has been overseeing decisions involved in how the course was designed and built. It is being built by Texas Gulf & Harbor, Ltd.

The course is on both sides of State Hwy. 361 on more than 200 acres south of Beach Access Road 1A. A bridge linking the course will span the highway. It is expected to be completed by mid-July, weather and traffic permitting.

On a visit to the course last year, Palmer was asked if he has ever seen a course like Newport Dunes. His reply was, "Not in America."

He's seen golf courses around the world, and while standing on the t-box to hole 14 at Newport Dunes he was asked if he had ever seen a hole like it.

"Yes, Pebble Beach," the golf great replied.

The course will:

- be a par 71 course with more than 7,000 yards of fairways and greens.

- be a links-style course. Links courses can vary some in appearance, but a traditional links course likely will be seaside, with sandy soil, a natural layout, natural seaside grasses, few if any trees, and many small, deep bunkers.

- be open to the public.

Palmer's signature on the course is significant in the world of golf. He owns 92 professional championships, 62 of them on the PGA Tour. He has won four Masters and two British Open titles, and one U.S. Open crown. He was the PGA Tour leading money winner in 1958, 1960, 1962 and 1963.

He is a member of the world, American, PGA and college golf halls of fame, and he was named the Associated Press Athlete of the Decade for 1960 through 1969.



Arnold Palmer

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