



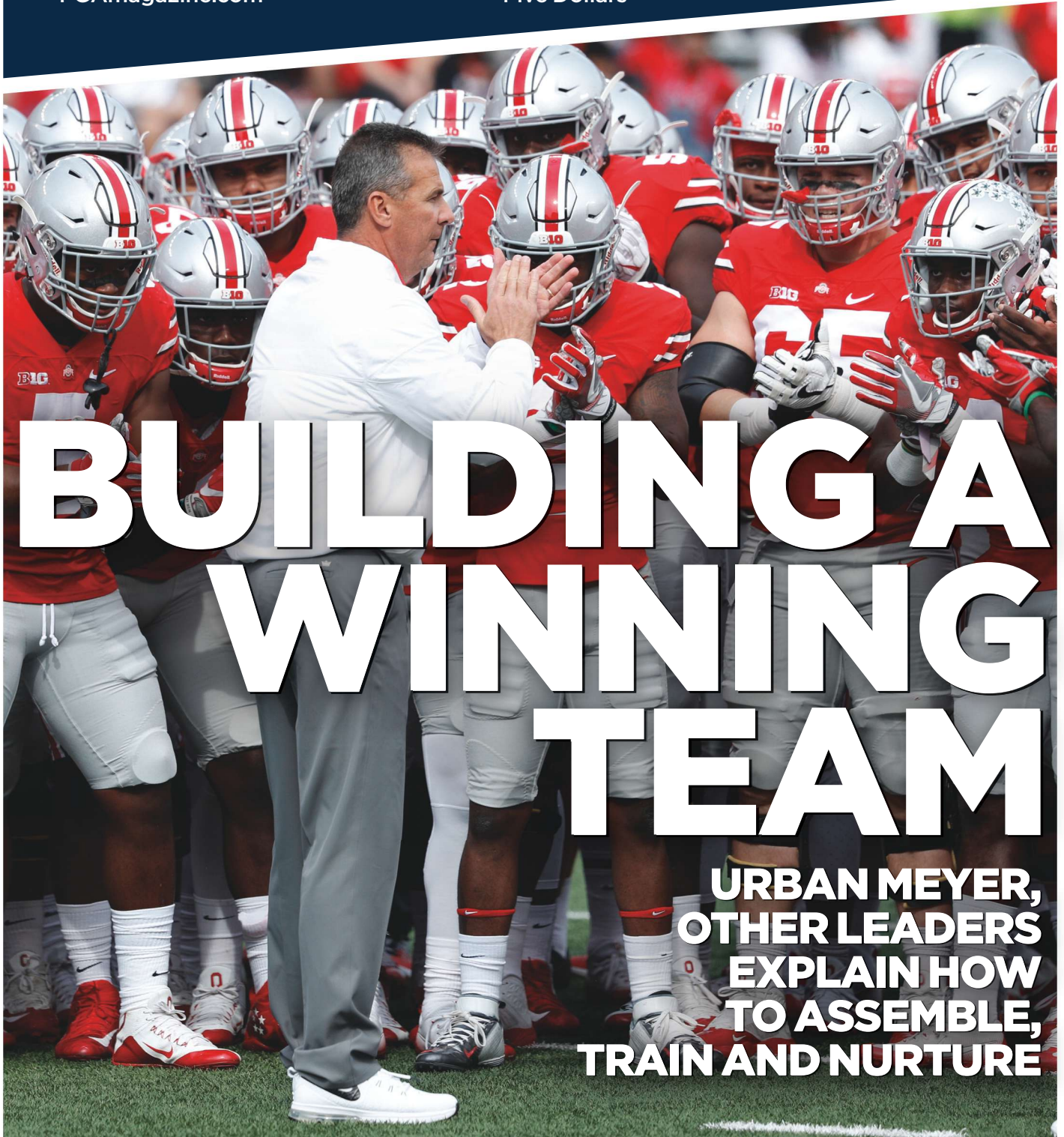
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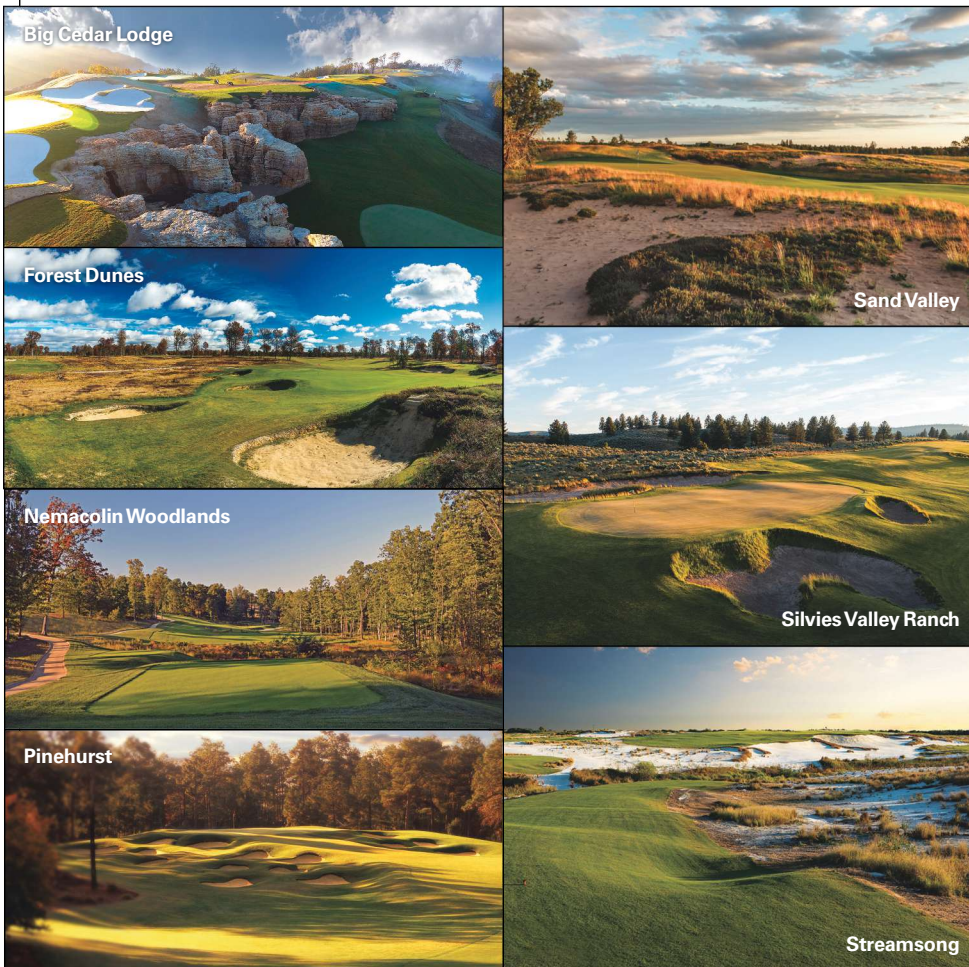


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# On the Itinerary

## At a Glance



■ **PGA National Resort & Spa** ([pgaresort.com](http://pgaresort.com)) reopened its Palmer Course last month after a major renovation. Working with Arnold Palmer Design, the resort modernized 62 bunkers, re-turfed the fairways, and rebuilt and re-grassed all 18 greens to build upon Palmer's original 1984 design.

■ **Reynolds Lake Oconee** ([reynoldslakeoconee.com](http://reynoldslakeoconee.com)) in Greensboro, Georgia, is offering a 5-Hour Makeover at its Reynolds Kingdom of Golf presented by TaylorMade. The package includes an immersive fitting for a full set of clubs, plus a two-hour game evaluation from a staff instructor.



■ **Rio Secco Golf Club** ([riosecco.net](http://riosecco.net)) has reopened for play after a renovation on the Las Vegas resort course. Architect Rees Jones oversaw the six-month project, which includes re-grassed greens, a bunker overhaul, an expansion of the practice facility, five new forward tees and a host of other minor renovations to enhance to golf experience.

■ **Mission Inn Resort & Club** ([missioninnresort.com](http://missioninnresort.com)) is hosting a Qualifying Tournament for PGA Tour Latinoamerica membership next month. The Jan. 9–12 event on the El Campeón course outside Orlando, Florida, is one of four qualifying sites for the 2018 season.

## A Look Back at 2017's Big-Name Openings

By Don Jozwiak, Senior Editor

As 2017 comes to a close, it will be remembered for the many attention-getting courses that opened during the year. New properties such as Wisconsin's **Sand Valley** and Oregon's **Silvies Valley Ranch** fully opened after preview play last year, while a number of established resorts added new layouts. That includes **Streamsong's** Black course in Florida, Mountain Top at Missouri's **Big Cedar Lodge**, Shepherd's Rock at Pennsylvania's **Nemacolin Woodlands**, The Cradle at **Pinehurst** in North Carolina, and The Loop at Michigan's **Forest Dunes**.

The common thread for most of these

high-profile openings is an emphasis on fun, with wide fairways and player-friendly features. The trend toward unique layouts and short courses also continues. For example, The Loop at Forest Dunes and Silvies Valley Ranch's Hankins and Craddock courses are both reversible, giving golfers a chance to play unique layouts on the same land on different days. The Cradle at Pinehurst, Big Cedar Lodge's Mountain Top design and Streamsong's Gauntlet putting course all provide golfers par-3 or putting courses that can be played quickly on the day of arrival or departure, or as a fun way to end a day with a golf group.