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THE LINKS AT SILVIES VALLEY RANCH TOPS GOLF DIGEST'S BEST NEW COURSES RANKINGS FOR 2018

The Golf Experience at Silvies Valley Ranch Continues to Rank Among the Best

SENECA, OREGON – Jan. 8, 2018 – Following its inaugural golf season, the Hankins Course and the Craddock Course at Silvies Valley Ranch have been recognized by <u>Golf Digest</u> as two of the top four Best New Courses of 2018. This is the first time that any property had two new courses ranked in the top five in a single year. Silvies provides an unrivaled golf experience for players of every skill level, with four golf courses – the Hankins and Craddock Courses (the first 18-hole reversible courses built by Dan Hixson), McVeigh's Gauntlet, a stunning 7-hole challenge ridge course voted the Best New Golf Experience by GOLF Magazine, and Chief Egan, a mountain meadow 9-hole par 3 course. Silvies is already known as a swank western destination with outdoor adventures such as horseback riding, bicycle trails and pistol shooting, gourmet food and the largest scotch collection in 14 counties.

Past President of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, Sean Hoolehan, joined the Silvies agronomy team this year and found a superintendent's dream. "There really is no other place like Silvies in the golf world," said Hoolehan. "I played most of the great golf courses in the United States, and many in Europe, in my 40 years in golf course management. Nowhere else will you find an experience like this. You've got to see it and play it to believe it – it is amazing!"

Silvies is open year-round and just recently launched a new winter golf experience for its guests called Cool Golf, which incorporates tennis balls and oversized cups. The retreat also recently opened the <u>Rocking Heart Spa</u>, a brand new 17,000 square-foot facility that features luxurious single and couples massages, treatment rooms, a manicure/pedicure salon, steam saunas, indoor and outdoor hot tubs, a half-Olympic length lap pool, the latest in fitness equipment, an indoor rock-climbing wall and relaxation room.

In addition, guests at Silvies can also enjoy a wide array of winter activities, including snowshoeing, ice fishing, Clydesdale sleigh rides, and cross-country skiing. Silvies indulges guests with downhome western ranch service and top of the line food and amenities for those looking for once in a lifetime adventures on and off the golf courses.

For availability and reservations, please call 1-800-745-8437, email info@silvies.us or visit_www.silvies.us

About Silvies Valley Ranch

<u>Silvies Valley Ranch</u>, founded in 1883, is an ecologically sustainable Western livestock ranch and Guest Retreat with herds of healthy wildlife, cattle and goats. In many ways, it sets the standard for the nation in best ranching, guest and environmental practices. Made up of 140,000 acres of deeded and leased National Forest lands in and surrounding Silvies Valley, Oregon, the property is made up of mountain meadows, Ponderosa Pine forest, the Silvies River, 12 other named creeks and drainages and is home to

over 100 species of wildlife, over 4500 cattle, 3000 goats, 50 horses and hundreds of species of wildflowers.

<u>The Retreat & Links</u> at Silvies Valley Ranch is the boutique 34-room eco-resort, complete with luxurious accommodations, fine dining, an executive conference center and full-service <u>Rocking Heart Spa</u> on the northwest corner of the ranch. The ranch also provides an incomparable golf experience for players of every skill level, with 4 golf courses – the reversable <u>Hankins</u> and <u>Craddock Courses</u>, two award-winning 18-hole courses. <u>McVeigh's Gauntlet</u>, a stunning 7-hole ridge course, and <u>Chief Egan</u>, a mountain meadow 9-hole par 3 course. Merging lodge, golf and spa amenities with amazing western adventures such as horseback riding, bicycle trails, pistol shoots, wagon/sleigh rides and other activities, intertwined with an<u>authentic Western ranch</u>, Silvies Valley Ranch is simply amazing. Each and every stay brings a new experience of a lifetime! To book your own Silvies adventure, visit <u>www.silvies.us</u>.

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