

## Silvies Valley Ranch Announces Inaugural Claire Owens Invitational

Golf tournament aimed at celebrating female golfers taking place as part of grand opening of new reversible putting experience

**SILVIES, Oregon – April 20, 2022 –** Registration is now open for the inaugural Claire Owens Invitational at <u>The Links at Silvies Valley Ranch</u>. The golf tournament, taking place June 4 - 5, 2022, is aimed at celebrating female golfers and all they bring to the sport. The Invitational also marks the grand opening of Claire's Course, the highly anticipated 18-hole reversible putting course.

To enter, players must register on the Silvies website with a team of four and pay an entry fee of \$150 per person. The entry fee includes three rounds of golf, a farm-to-table dinner on June 4, and a special awards lunch on June 5. Registration will be open until May 20, 2022. The Claire Owen's Invitational is named for Claire Owens, the first woman to play golf in Silvies Valley in about 1900. Claire was also a member of the Silvies School Board, and legend has it that she was coach of the Silvies Golf Team. Claire's homestead is located about a mile south of the courses, and her family's cabin still remains.

"This first of its kind putting course will be the perfect complement to our other award winning golf courses, and our guests can't wait to try it out!," said Sean Hoolehan, Silvies General Manager.



The new putting course is the brainchild of golf course designer Dan Hixson, who is responsible for the resort's other 18-hole reversible design, <u>Craddock</u> and <u>Hankins</u>, which were both named among the top four <u>best new golf courses to open in 2018 by Golf Digest</u>. This is the first reversible putting course in the world, and is referred to as Claire's Courses Orange going west and Black going east. Golfers-play through others going the opposite direction at the same time.

Silvies, a 140,000 acre cattle ranch and eco-resort now featuring six award-winning golf experiences, will open its golf season this April 30th - and the famous goat caddies are ready! For more information on Silvies Valley Ranch or Claire's Course, please call 1-800-SILVIES (745-8437), email <a href="mailto:info@silvies.us">info@silvies.us</a> or visit <a href="www.silvies.us">www.silvies.us</a>.

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## **About The Retreat at Silvies Valley Ranch**

The Retreat is a boutique 46 room eco-resort, complete with western chic accommodations, fine dining, a small conference center, full-service fitness center, spa, and member owned eco cabins. The ranch provides fun, award-winning golf experiences for players of all skill levels, with two reversible 18-hole championship courses – the Hankins and Craddock Courses – McVeigh's Gauntlet, a stunning 7-hole ridge course, Chief Egan, a mountain meadow 9-hole par-3 course, and Claire's Courses, two reversible 18 hole putting courses. Merging lodge and spa amenities with an amazing, diverse golf experience, intertwined with an authentic Western cattle and goat ranch, a trip to Silvies Valley Ranch is the ultimate Western luxury vacation. Each and every stay brings you the experience of a lifetime.

<u>Silvies Valley Ranch</u>, founded in 1883, is an ecologically sustainable Western livestock ranch and guest retreat with abundant herds of healthy wildlife, cattle and goats. In many ways, it sets the standard for sustainable ranching and environmental practices, with all cuisine centered around the ranches' own organic, grass fed beef & chevon (goat). Keeping with its sustainability ethic, the clubhouse and all member owned cabins are completely off the grid, with stand alone solar and gray water systems and insect control from the residents of over 5.000 bird houses. Made up of 150,000 acres of deeded and leased forest lands in and surrounding Silvies Valley, Oregon, the Ranch and Retreat is home to countless wildlife species, mountain meadows, Ponderosa Pine forest, the Silvies River, and 12 other creeks and streams. The experience is "Simply Amazing".

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