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Golf resort sprouts on historic ranch

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Golf architect Dan Hixson, who grew up in Lane County, has designed a remarkable golf property in Central Oregon that is scheduled to open in July.

The new golf complex at Silvies Valley Ranch will consist of two 18-hole courses that are reversible on a daily basis, a nine-hole course and a seven-hole course at the full-service resort.

After working on smaller redesign projects, Hixson's first major foray into golf course design was Bandon Crossings, south of Bandon, that opened in 2007 and he also designed the acclaimed Wine Valley Golf Club at Walla Walla that opened in 2009.

Silvies Valley Ranch, on Highway 395 north of Burns, was founded in 1883 and is a working ranch that raises certified organic cattle and American Range goats.

Hixson, who graduated from Cottage Grove High School, grew up playing the game at Hidden Valley Golf Course where his father, Harvey, was the head professional. He went on to play golf collegiately at Clackamas and Oregon State, played professionally and then worked as head professional at Columbia Edgewater Country Club in Portland from 1988 to 1999 before focusing on golf course design.