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BELVOIR SET FOR FIRST GENDER EQUAL CHAMPS

Golf Victoria pleased to announce Belvoir Park Golf Club will host the inaugural Victorian Country Pairs Championships on Sunday November 11th, 2018.

Victorian golf's newest event comes to Bendigo on the back of the continued success of the Vic Open - the only professional golf tournament that showcases the male and female game with equal prizemoney on the same course at the same time.

The Victorian Country Pairs Championships is open to any registered golfer with a handicap, regardless of gender, age or ability and will be sanctioned as a Golf Victoria Junior Averages event for boys and girls under the age of 18.

A re-modelling of the Belvoir Park Open Junior Tournament, the Victorian Country Pairs Championships hopes to attract juniors, their parents, grandparents and family friends – as well as the average club golfer.

The event will not carry major trophies that are gender-related, meaning mums and dads can play with their kids or friends without gender restriction. Females can play with males or other females and vice versa.

All scoring will be gender neutralised, by way of an adjustment to the female scores on the day. As the Belvoir Park Golf Course is rated two (2) shots harder for women as it is for men, all female scores will have an additional two points added (per player) in the stableford aggregate competition.

“In line with Golf Australia’s Vision 2025 strategy for female participation and gender equity in the game, this event and the leadership of Belvoir Park’s match committee needs to be commended.” says Mark Bamford, Golf Victoria’s Regional Development.

“We hope that this is the example all golf clubs, regardless of location, can take to their own administrations in playing the game week-in, week-out, on their home course as well as in future tournaments.”

The 2018 VICTORIA COUNTRY PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

When: Sunday 11th November 2018

Where: Belvoir Park Golf Club, 77 Belvoir Park Rd Ravenswood, Bendigo

Time: 10:00am

Cost: \$25 per player, includes afternoon tea

Entries: On-Line at www.golfvic.org.au or by telephoning Belvoir Park GC on (03) 5435-3370

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