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## Goat caddies (yes, goat caddies) are coming to Silvies Valley Ranch

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Move over Steve Williams, the real G.O.A.T. caddie is here. More specifically: the caddying goats are here. That's right, folks, In 2018, The Retreat & Links at Silvies Valley Ranch will offer guests goats at the resort's 7-hole challenge course, McVeigh's Gauntlet, this summer. Take that, Bandon Dunes!

This is:

- Not an Onion story
- Fantastic

The professionally trained American Range Goats were born and bred at [Silvies Valley Ranch](#). Seamus Golf has been tapped to design the custom got pack that will carry drinks, balls, tees, and a few clubs (players won't need anything close to a full set on the Gauntlet).

**"We're taking the golf experience at Silvies Valley Ranch to a new level in 2018," says Dr. Scott Campbell, veterinarian and owner of The Retreat & Links at Silvies Valley Ranch. "We've been developing an unprecedented caddie training program with our head caddie,**

**Bruce LeGoat, to ensure that he and his team are ready for the opening of The Gauntlet this summer.”**

**“We’re truly redefining both goat and golf operations at the ranch. Can you think of another course where its caddies were literally born, raised and fully educated on-property? We will get you a caddie who really knows the course and won’t give you any bad advice – and they work for peanuts!”**

Bruce LeGoat! Peanuts! This sounds like the greatest innovation in caddying since the rangefinder. If you’re not excited for the debut of the Gauntlet Goats, well, check your chest for a beating heart.



*Of course this good boy/girl is training hard through the winter for the important job ahead!*

The 7-hole short course was conceived so golfers and play a quick, care-free round, settle bets, and marvel at the scenery across a series of short par 3s and par 4s (with goats). The Retreat & Links at Silvies Valley Ranch opened for a preview in the summer of 2017. It features a 34-room, Western-

inspired, eco-resort, the expected range of top-notch dining and spa facilities, as well as two reversible Dan Hixson-designed 18-hole courses. In addition to the 7-hole McVeigh's Gauntlet, the property includes Chief Egan, a mountain meadow 9-hole par-3 course.

April marks the official opening season for The Retreat & Links at Silvie's Valley Ranch (although it doesn't sound like the goats will be in action until later in the year). We'll look forward to reports of four-hooved caddies' first loops.