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The Coyote Golf Club Hosts the U19's

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Not surprisingly, Jeff Jarvis, the general manager at The Coyote Golf Club in Sundre, noted that the participants in the Alberta Golf U19 Championship are going to enjoy airing it out at his course because these young people can bomb it.

Topping out at just under 6,700 yards and since these young guns can launch missiles no matter what their starting point, it could very well be target practice all day long. And that, Jarvis agreed, is likely to happen. But, he added, there could be a few challenges they'll come across in the event.



While he wasn't exactly sure of how Alberta Golf will set the course up for the tournament, he could see tee blocks set to add some additional distance on the longer holes here."

The front nine calls for players to be cautious in not trying to overpower what's in front of them and ensuring their approach shots into greens leave good opportunities to score.

"I don't know all of the courses they play, but this course will probably be less of a challenge than other tracks, for sure," Jarvis continued, before teeing up a caveat. "We have 55 sand bunkers throughout, so that will prove to be quite a challenge for them.

The greens are big but are heavily protected and we're set within a bunch of Ponderosa pines. It's a beautiful track but not a bunch of elevation change, so I'm guessing that this will level the playing field in some ways. I just have a feeling the long ball hitters will have their day here. They'll have a good time!"

In regard to where players are going to be truly tested out there, Jarvis suggested that will likely happen during their second half of the round.

"The back nine is where it really starts to test them. Twelve is not a terribly long par four, but it forces them to think through their options. There is a creek that runs across the fairway," meaning that tee shot could well be one of those make-or-break spots during everyone's round.

Kyle Mulligan, one of the course's pros, agreed with Jeff's statement and chipped in with a description of what he sees as a pivotal stretch of holes.

"The back nine is where all the fun will happen starting with the 10th hole, which is a complete risk/reward par five," he proclaimed, noting a good tee shot could set up good things.

Mulligan also noted that No. 17 is another risk/reward test. It's a short par-4 that with a good drive a circle on the scorecard is possible. But, mishit that tee ball and trouble awaits on both sides of the green, so this should be more than just a 1-shot hole in order to have success which is the case for several holes here.

Then there's No. 18. "For those players feeling confident they will take a drive over the left-hand bunkers," leaving a possible wedge shot into the two-tier green. Otherwise, it's a long iron in and issues can arise with that kind of approach shot meaning a gamble here may or may not pay off.

Jarvis explained that for his club to host this major youth championship is a mantle to wear proudly moving forward.

"Well, this track was designed by Gary Browning as a resort course, so it is much more generous in terms of the fairways," he said of inviting targets off the tee. "But we have some plans leading up to that week that will definitely challenge them, It will reward the long ball hitters for sure, but they better be straight!"

"Yeah, it means a lot," he began about taking on that role in 2026. "The new ownership just took over what was formerly known as Coyote Creek and RV Resort. For so long The Coyote has been associated with an RV park. When people who have never played here come to play, they might not be expecting a whole lot but they are going to be surprised!

We have one of the nicest practice facilities. I would put it up there with most of them in Southern Alberta.

We have an unbelievable driving range and short game practice range," meaning those big hitters can loosen up prior to their round and along with honing their chipping and putting skills to hopefully set the bar high, and the scores low, in an attempt to walk away with this year's title. ■