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Dàlat at 1200 Family Pairs set for July 29-31

One of Vietnam's best new courses, The Dàlat at 1200, will play host to a new amateur event this July dubbed The Dàlat at 1200 Family Pairs.

The 36-hole tournament will be played on July 29-31 and will feature two-person teams comprising family members of separate generations. The better-ball stableford tournament will be played on The Dàlat at 1200's spectacular course, designed by Myanmar golf legend Kyi Hla Han and carved into the heart of the picturesque Da Ron Valley. The exclusive country club and private estate development is located just 15 minutes from Dà Lat's Lien Khuong Airport.

Tim Orgill, founder of Hong Kong-based event organisers Impact Golf Management Group, noted: "Junior golf in Asia continues to go from strength to strength – but there are precious few tournaments that encourage family participation. This is what makes The Dàlat at 1200 Family Pairs unique. Bringing together entrants from a

wide range of ages for two rounds over a truly first-class course is going to be special."

Entry fee for the event is priced at US\$1,500 per team and includes two competition rounds, one practice round,

three nights' twin-share accommodation, ground transfers, welcome dinner and closing barbecue.

Log on to www.dalatfamilypairs.com for details.



Ba Na Hills opens for play

Former World No 1 Luke Donald's first ever course design project, the Ba Na Hills Golf Club in central Vietnam, opened for play late last month.

Located at the foot of a mountain range less than half an hour's drive from Danang, the par-72 course measures 7,858 yards from the championship tees, making it one of the longest courses in Vietnam. Unlike the three other Danang courses, Ba Na Hills will play away from the coastline at elevation and in a cooler setting.



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"This is an important addition to one of the best new golf destinations in Asia," said Donald, who held the top spot in the rankings between May 2011 and March 2012. "The large rolling hills, stunning mountain backdrop

and adjacent river at Ba Na Hills will provide golfers with the ideal complement to the existing courses in the area."

With five sets of tees, generous landing areas and high-density MiniVerde putting surfaces, the course is well positioned to attract players of all skill levels.

"I think people are going to really be taken by the diverse mix of natural topography and vegetation out here as well. From the rose lily trees to the wispy redtop grass, there's an incomparable beauty to the landscape, especially with the Truong Son Mountains always looming," said the club's general manager, Jack Hedges.

"The entire course can be illuminated, so you can play a full round even after the sun goes down. I think that will be a real draw in the warmer months, especially for overseas guests or those who maybe aren't used to golfing in tropical climates," he added.

Ba Na Hills is managed by IMG and owned by Vietnam's Sun Group. For more information, visit banahillsgolf.com.

Make-A-Wish Golf to benefit stricken children

The sixth edition of the Make-A-Wish Malaysia Golf Tournament will be held at Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club on the afternoon of Thursday, May 26.

The entry fee for the event is set at RM6,000 per flight with proceeds going to the foundation's activities, which seek to fulfil the wishes of children stricken with life-threatening illnesses.

"Money raised from our golf tournament helps fund about 30% of our annual wishes. Whether it is Ali who wishes for a bicycle, Sarah wishing to touch a dolphin or Sanjay who wishes to be a chef – every wish is unique. No two wishes are the same," said Make-A-Wish Malaysia CEO Irene Tan.

"For a child with a life threatening illness, their wish day represents the myriad possibilities he or she can only dream of. For their family, it's a gift to watch their beloved child outside the hospital and laughing again. Having a wish granted helps the child build resilience," she added.

Call 03-2011 3300 or email info@makeawish.org.my for more information.