52nd ANNUAL SAUDI ARAMCO INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
November 23 - 25, 2017

The Saudi Aramco Golf Association (SAGA) is pleased to announce the 52nd edition of the Saudi Aramco Invitational Tournament (SAIT). The 52nd Annual SAIT will be held at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia on November 24 - 25, 2017.

Selected professional and amateur golfers will be considered for entry into the field. Playing Handicaps will be limited to USGA Handicap Index of 12.4. Players in the USGA handicap index range from 6.1 and below will be competing in the Championship 2 day low gross competition exclusively. Players with a USGA handicap index of 6.2 and above will compete in the Plate 2 day low gross competition. A player with a USGA handicap index of 6.2 or above may opt to play in the Championship competition at the time of registration however, such player will compete for the Championship competition exclusively.

The Entry Fee is SR 500 for SAGA Members, and SR 750 for non-SAGA Members. Entry Fees include a gift bag containing commemorative items as well as breakfast and lunch on November 24 and 25. There is also an excellent range of trophies and prizes, details of which can be found in the Conditions of Play.

The Conditions of Play and (tentative) Schedule of Events are attached. Event entries can only be made On-Line (no paper or other entries permitted). Please ensure that you register on-line no later than **November 16, 2017** (see Conditions of Play for more details on registration). Shortly thereafter, your invitation to play will be confirmed, at which time your entry fee will be due and payable in order to secure your spot in the field.

We look forward to what promises to be a memorable event.

The Saudi Aramco Golf Association and
The 2017 SAIT Organizing Committee

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Program

Thursday, November 23

8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Rolling Hills Golf Club open for practice to all competitors.
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Registration – RHGC Clubhouse
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Players meeting at RHGC Clubhouse

Friday, November 24

5:30 AM	Breakfast served, and driving range open for practice
6:30 AM	Tee-off 52nd Saudi Aramco Invitational Tournament
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Buffet lunch served in RHGC Clubhouse
5:00 PM	Friday Final Round pairings and announcements
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Reception/snacks served outside the RHGC Clubhouse

Saturday, November 25

5:30 AM	Breakfast served, and driving range open for practice
7:00 AM	Tee-off (hole #1) for Championship Round
7:00 AM	Tee-off (hole #10) for Plate Competition
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Buffet lunch served in RHGC Clubhouse
3:00 PM	Awards presentation – RHGC Clubhouse.

* Minor program time revisions may occur but these will be confirmed at Registration.

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Conditions of Play

1. ENTRIES

1.1 Entry fee of SR 500 per entrant for SAGA Members, and SR 750 per entrant for non-SAGA Members. **Deadline for receipt of application is November 16, 2017. Entry fees shall be due upon notification that application has been accepted.**

1.2 Application must be completed on-line
http://www.arabiangolf.net/form/sait-registration
(Contact us at SAITgolfTournament@gmail.com)

1.3 The field size will be determined based upon the number of applicants responding to this invitation and in accordance with RHGC's goal of securing participation from a wide number of different golf clubs in the region. Applicants are advised that the number of participants accepted per golf club may be limited based on the overall response. Applicants must provide a club certified handicap at the time of registration. Should an accepted entrant withdraw, alternates will be immediately notified. Entry fees will be refunded at the earliest opportunity to alternates who cannot be accommodated in the tournament.

1.4 The SAIT Tournament Committee ("Committee") reserves the right to limit and/or restrict the number of entrants from any one golf club, federation or society. These limitations will be communicated to the respective club representative after the deadline of November 16, 2017.

2. QUALIFICATIONS

2.1 Open to professional and amateur golfers who are current members of a golf club, federation or society, as determined by the Committee.

2.2 A valid handicap certificate and/or letter from club officer or authorized representative must be submitted to the Committee during registration.

Clubs may submit a composite listing of handicaps for multiple entrants. CONGU Handicaps will be converted to Playing Handicaps as per USGA and EGA recommendations. . Players in the USGA handicap index range from 6.1 and below will be competing in the Championship 2 day low gross competition exclusively. Players with a USGA handicap index of 6.2 and above will compete in the Plate 2 day low gross competition. A player with a USGA handicap index of 6.2 or above may opt to play in the Championship competition at the time of registration however, such player will compete for the Championship competition exclusively. **Players MUST play off their current handicap on the day of the competition**. Current handicaps must be presented to the Committee at time of registration.

3. RULES

3.1 Play will be conducted according to the rules of the USGA, the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, the Saudi Aramco Golf Association (SAGA) Sec IV, and Rolling Hills Golf Club Local Rules. A copy of pertinent Section IV Administration rules in SAGA and RHGC Local Rules will be provided to each competitor at registration.

4. PLAY

4.1 Stroke Play over 36 holes on Friday November 24 and Saturday November 25, 2017.

4.2 First day ties at the last position will be based on published count-back rules. In the Championship competition, gross scores for both days will be totaled to determine the winner. In the Plate competition, gross scores for both days will be totaled to determine the winner

4.3 Assigned tee-times for Saturday's Championship and Plate Competitions will be first from highest gross score to lowest gross score.

4.4 All competitors will walk, either carrying their bag or pulling clubs in a trolley. Players who wish to use caddies are permitted to do so but are responsible for arranging them. Players must ensure that their caddies adhere to golf etiquette and customary golf club dress codes.

5. DECISIONS

5.1 The decisions of the Committee on all matters of competition play shall be final.

6. DRAW

6.1 The draw for the first round will be made by lot, except where possible, visitors will be paired with an RHGC Member. The draw will be posted at the Rolling Hills Golf Clubhouse on Thursday, November 23, 2017.

7. STARTING

7.1 Players shall report to the registration table 30 minutes before their assigned tee-time. Players are requested to present themselves to the Starter **15 minutes** before the start of play. Order of play will be governed by the Draw. The player must start at time designated by the Committee. Penalties may be imposed for violation of this rule, including disqualification.

8. PRACTICE

8.1 All competitors may practice on the course on Thursday, November 23, 2017. In accordance with the rules of golf, no practice will be permitted on the competition course during the Tournament days of November 24 and 25. The driving range will be available free of charge to all competitors throughout the Tournament.

9. TIES

9.1 Players tied for first place in the Championship competition only will participate in a sudden death play-off starting at the 18th hole. Play will alternate between holes 18 and 9 until there is a winner.

9.2 Other ties will be decided by count back under USGA Rule 33-6, Stroke Play.

10. PRIZES

10.1 The 52nd Saudi Aramco Invitational Tournament Champion will be the person returning the lowest gross score over 36 holes.

Championship Competition: 36-Hole: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th place gross

Plate Competition: 36-Hole: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place gross, 1st and 2nd place low net.

Skill Prizes: Day 1 & 2: Longest Drive and Closest to Pin. Holes will be announced. Players are eligible to win only one prize in each category.