

# ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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## President's Message

As May and Ramadan approach we can look back to what was a very busy beginning of the year. We have lots to celebrate and with those celebrations we have many board members and volunteers to thank for all that they do. I am happy to announce that Jeff Meisner was nominated by Rolling Hills as our SDG "Volunteer of the Year." Jeff is the hardest working man at RHGC and spends hundreds of hours working to make sure that our events are memorable for all. I am happy to announce that on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Jeff won Self Directed Group Volunteer of the Year. Congratulation Jeff from all of our members, you are a truly special person and we would not be the club we are without you.

As you may have seen the Tamarisk removal is about complete. The contractors are working to meet their April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. This will conclude the Phase 1 process. Phase 2 will include the cleaning and rolling of the sand areas outside of the rough. Once this rolling is concluded we will determine how much additional sand/slate/clay/shell would need to be brought in. Trees will then be planted and then the final sand laid down. In addition, the club will be looking at many of the greens, tee boxes, and sand traps to ensure the best possible play.

Lastly, I want to applaud Jeff Meisner, Jeff Hancock, Tamara Tahir, and the entire Oilman's committee for a very fun and successful event back on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April. The weather cooperated and scores were low. Congrats to our own Tony Rios, Jeff Hancock, Jeff Meisner, and Tom Coghill for winning the overall Oilman's Prize.

Hit em Straight  
-Ed Devlin

## From the Pro

The next "Golf in a Week" class starts on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Classes are an hour each day beginning at 7:00 pm and run for 5 consecutive days. Courses aimed at beginner and intermediate golfers. It covers all aspects of the game: Safety, Rules, Etiquette, Swing Method, and an on course Texas scramble. All equipment and range balls are supplied. The cost is 600 SAR. Please sign up in the Pro Shop.

Stuart offers a ladies' only class each Thursday morning from 9:00 -10:00. All equipment is supplied and there is free coffee on arrival. It is ideal for either the beginner or intermediate golfer as it covers all the skills to get one out on the course! The cost is 90 SAR per person per class.

The Junior Tour School will return on Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> and run each Saturday for 4 weeks. The classes are from 8:00am — 9:00. The schools will cover rules, etiquette, and golf swing mechanics. All equipment and range balls are supplied. The cost is 300SR.

Individual Lessons can be taken any day at times convenient — for more information on lesson prices, or to register, you may contact Stuart at:

[stuart.hurstfield@aramco.com](mailto:stuart.hurstfield@aramco.com)

May 2<sup>nd</sup> — Ladies' Classes Continues

May 3<sup>rd</sup> — Junior Tour School

May 26<sup>th</sup> — Golf in a Week

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## Upcoming Tournament Information

### Bi-Monthly Medal

We are having our Bi-Monthly Medal on **May 4<sup>th</sup>**. Registration is now open via [Tournament Manager](#).

### Id Al-Fitr Holiday Eclectic

This year's Eid Al Fitr Eclectic will occur from **June 4<sup>th</sup>** through to **June 9<sup>th</sup>**. Golfers can play a maximum of 5 rounds. Golfers must declare to their playing partners before they begin the round that it will be a tournament round that will count towards the Eclectic Score. Golfers should have their player partner initial the round once the round is completed. The round must be recorded on the tournament scorecard. Each day will be represented on the card. You must record the score for that day in the appropriate location. For a round to count towards your eclectic score, you must complete at least 14 of 18 holes of the round.

Sign-up on Tournament Manager.

The [2019 Tournament Calendar](#) is available on the RHGC's website.

May 4<sup>th</sup> — Bi-Monthly Medal  
June 4th-9th — Id Al-Fitr Eclectic



### Ask Carl

**Q:** I thought with the new rules you can ground you club in a bunker. I was playing in a match play event and my opponent said I lost the hole because I grounded my club. I said I could under the new rules. Who is right?

**A:** While you both are, kind of. Under the new rules, you can ground your club in a bunker without penalty but you cannot ground your club while playing a bunker shot. I know, you're now saying "What?" First the no-no's; you cannot take a practice swing in the bunker and touch the sand. Also, you cannot touch the sand at address or on your backswing. Additionally, you can not use your club to test the sand in the bunker. By now you might be asking so when can I ground a club. You can ground it if it is helping you balance getting in/out of a bunker. If you accidentally ground the club while walking in the bunker you will not be penalized.

**Q:** What is the deal with the yellow ropes at the driving range. Do we have to stay in them? I was there the other night and I saw guys hitting outside them.

**A:** Yes you have to stay inside the ropes at the driving range.

If you would like Carl to answer a question, please email a Board member and they will make sure Carl gets it. Which is nice.

## Junior Golf

# RHGC Jr Golf Event – May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Junior golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate. Here is the schedule for the day:

- 10:00 am — **Driving/Putting Range (warmups)**
- 10:30 am — **Meeting in Clubhouse for pairings and rules**
- 10:40 am — **Competitive Group heads to #1 or #10 Tee**
- 11:00 am — **Fun Groups head to course**
- 1:00 pm — **All groups back in the Clubhouse for lunch and prizes**
- 1:45 pm — **Finish: Golfers are free to go**

**Fun Division** For younger and less experienced juniors that just want to have fun playing a few holes of golf on the course

**Competitive Division** For the older and more experienced juniors that want to test their golf skills on the course and compete for medals

### Who Can Play?

RHGC and Aramco Community Club members ages 8-17 years old or those who have or are currently taking lessons from Stuart Hurstfield (RHGC Golf Pro) or Community Club Pro.

### Greens Fees

None - Free for all junior RHGC members!

75SR for non members

### Equipment Needed

Golf clubs, golf balls and tees. If needed, there will be a limited number of junior golf club sets available for use for free.

### Sign-Up

Sign up for the May Golf Event is currently available on the [ForeTees](#) website, or via email if the player does not have a handicap.

**For more information ,or to volunteer as a marshal, please contact:**

[Coby Long](#) : 054 838 0576 (WhatsApp) or

email at: [cobylong@gmail.com](mailto:cobylong@gmail.com)

## Recreation Recognition

Rolling Hills Golf Club was recognized at the Self Directed Group luncheon on April 24<sup>th</sup> as 1 of 4 Outstanding Self Directed Groups out of the 52 self directed groups at Saudi Aramco. This is a wonderful honour for Rolling Hills Golf Club. Steve Vezendy needs to be recognized for doing all of the work to ensure that RHGC came in compliance on our application; we could not have accomplished this without him.



On a second note, as mentioned in the President's Message, we are proud to announce that Jeff Meisner was chosen as the Self Directed Group Volunteer of the Year. This is a great and well deserved honour for Jeff and we could not be more proud of him and all that he has accomplished. He is such a hard worker for our club, we do not know where he finds the energy! Congratulations Jeff!



## Handicap Corner

Please contact the [Handicap Director](mailto:rhgchandicaps@gmail.com) (rhgchandicaps@gmail.com or handicaps@arabiangolf.net) if you have any questions.

### Equitable Stroke Control (ESC score)

We've had a lot of questions lately about Equitable Stroke Control and whether everyone knows how to post their correct score. So here is a refresher on how it works and what score you should be posting to the HC system. For your convenience there's even column on the Score Card for you to enter this score.

### Entering the correct score into the HC (GHIN) System

When recording scores in the HC system, they should be your **ESC Score** (Equitable Stroke Control Score) and **not** simply your actual total.

For Handicap Calculations, everyone has a maximum number of strokes allowed per hole. This maximum changes depending on your handicap but there is a simple rule of thumb to help you remember what your maximum is. Except for single digit players (who should know better) **your maximum strokes per hole is 6 + the first digit of your handicap**. For example, if your handicap is 40 then your max strokes per hole is 10 (6+4), if your handicap is 23 then your max per hole is 8 (6+2). See sample score cards below for further clarification.

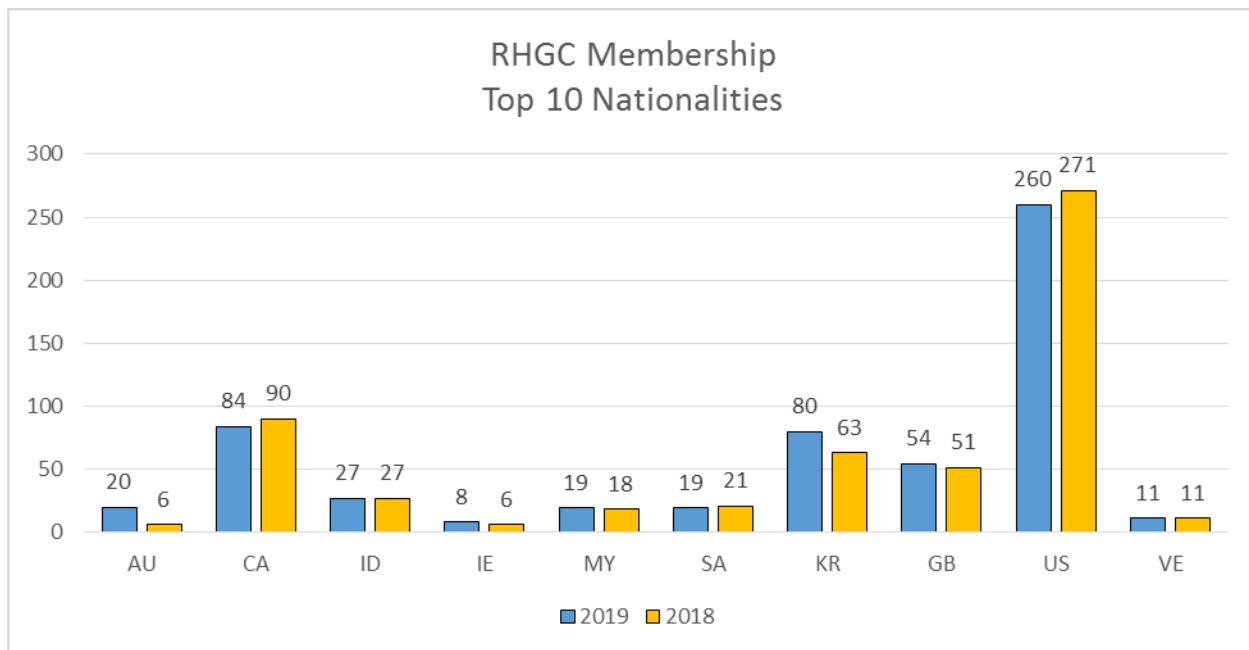
**REDUCE** the score on “blow up” holes as shown below.

You should be entering the number in **RED**.

If your Handicap is 40 (ladies only) then your max per hole is 10, 6+4 (4 being the first digit of your handicap).																						
HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	OUT	TOTAL
SCORE	6	8	12	5	6	9	8	6	11	71	8	5	10	8	5	7	7	13	6	69	71	140
ESC SCORE	6	8	10	5	6	9	8	6	10	68	8	5	10	8	5	7	7	10	6	66	68	134
If your Handicap is 30 - 39, then your max per hole is 9, 6+3 (3 being the first digit of your handicap).																						
HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	OUT	TOTAL
SCORE	6	10	9	5	6	7	5	12	6	66	7	5	10	6	4	11	6	10	5	64	66	130
ESC SCORE	6	9	9	5	6	7	5	9	6	62	7	5	9	6	4	9	6	9	5	60	62	122
If your Handicap is 20 - 29, then your max per hole is 8, 6+2 (2 being the first digit of your handicap).																						
HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	OUT	TOTAL
SCORE	6	8	9	5	6	5	10	5	6	60	6	4	9	4	4	5	9	7	6	54	60	114
ESC SCORE	6	8	8	5	6	5	8	5	6	57	6	4	8	4	4	5	8	7	6	52	57	109
If your Handicap is 10 - 19, then your max per hole is 7, 6+1 (1 being the first digit of your handicap).																						
HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	OUT	TOTAL
SCORE	5	5	8	4	5	5	4	4	4	44	5	3	6	4	3	4	9	6	4	44	44	88
ESC SCORE	5	5	7	4	5	5	4	4	4	43	5	3	6	4	3	4	7	6	4	42	43	85
If your Handicap is < 10, then your max per hole is double bogey.																						
HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	OUT	TOTAL
PAR	4	5	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	36	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	36	36	72
SCORE	4	4	4	6	5	7	4	3	4	41	7	3	5	4	4	4	4	5	4	40	41	81
ESC SCORE	4	4	4	5	5	7	4	3	4	40	6	3	5	4	4	4	4	5	4	39	40	79

### Membership

Rolling Hills Golf Club (RHGC) consists of many members from all corners of the world. We are truly a diverse group of golfers with many talents, coming from different professional disciplines and background. Our club is represented by 30 countries as illustrated below:



Country	No.
Argentina	1
Australia	10
Austria	3
Bolivia	1
Canada	84
Columbia	7
Denmark	1
France	1
Germany	2
Hungary	1
Indonesia	27
Ireland	8
Lebanon	1
Malaysian	19
Mexico	6

Country	No.
Netherlands	1
New Zealand	2
Nigeria	2
Norway	2
Philippines	3
Portugal	1
Saudi Arabia	19
South Africa	5
South Korea	80
Spain	2
Trinidad & Tobago	2
UK	54
USA	260
Venezuela	11
Vietnam	1

*This information is provided by the Membership Committee based on RHGC membership list 2018/2019.*

