

# ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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## President's Message

As the end of the year approaches I want to take this opportunity to thank Stephen Vezendy and Kurt Janssen for all of their time and effort as members of the RHGC board. I continue to be amazed at the work ethic of each member of the team and we would not be where we are today without their contributions. At this time I would like to welcome Jeff Hancock and Adam Fox to the board. They have big shoes to fill but we know they will be up to the task.

It was a very busy November and again the board led by Jeff Meisner and Tamara Tahir really stepped up. We have been getting raved reviews from the players in the SAIT and the Turkey Shoot is always a fun way to end the year. Congratulations to our own Othman Al-Mulla on a stunning 4 birdie in 5 hole run to win the SAIT! Hopefully this is the beginning of great things to come.

The AGM is coming on Dec 8 and we encourage you to vote online for the new constitution and the 2020 budget. The new constitution is part of the recreation requirement that we review and revise every 5 years.

The Golf Ball and the Golf Ball golf outing will be on Dec 6 in Bahrain. It has always been a great time and an opportunity to celebrate. Thanks again to Tamara and her committee on a job well done as it looks like it will be another amazing day.

Hit Em Straight

Ed Devlin

## From the Pro

The next "Golf in a Week" class starts on December 15<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 Friday January 10<sup>th</sup> and run each Friday 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 — check out the website for more information on lesson prices [www.arabiangolf.net](http://www.arabiangolf.net).

To register, you may contact Stuart at:

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

December 5<sup>th</sup> — Ladies' Classes Continues

December 15<sup>th</sup> — Golf in a Week

January 10<sup>th</sup> — Junior Tour School

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## Upcoming Tournament Information

### Golf Ball Tournament

In conjunction with the Golf Ball in Bahrain, the annual Golf Ball Tournament will take place at the Royal Golf Club in Riffa on **December 6th**. The format for the Tournament is a Texas Scramble. All four golfers tee off, the best ball is selected, and all golfers play from that spot. Fee to play is 650 SAR and should be paid in the ProShop.

### Bi-Monthly Stableford

We are having our Bi-Monthly Stableford on **December 14<sup>th</sup>**. The December Stableford is actually the first event of the 2020 season. Points earned in this Stableford will count towards the 2020 Player of the year. Registration is now open via [Tournament Manager](#).

### CEO Cup—Save the Date

The CEO Cup will be held on **February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**. It will be an 18 hole Stableford tournament. There will be 3 Shotgun starts: **February 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM and **February 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 AM. Pairings will be by committee. Registration is opens December 1<sup>st</sup> on [Tournament Manager](#).

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

December 6<sup>th</sup> — Golf Ball Tournament  
 December 14<sup>th</sup> — Bi Monthly Stableford  
 February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> — CEO Cup



### Ask Carl

Q: Why doesn't RHGC allow me to bring a guest on the course to golf?

A: It is not RHGC preventing you. Remember the RHGC does not run the golf course; Recreation does. As such, the golf course is no different than any other facility, such as the bowling alley or swimming pool, that requires participants to have 11+ Saudi Aramco issued identification cards.

Q: The group in front of me is playing really slow, what should I do?

A: If the group in front of you is not keeping up to the group in front of them, the best thing to do is call the Starter (876-6009) and ask them to call the Marshall and report the slow play. If the group is playing slow, the Marshall will ask them to pick up the pace or request that they let you play through.

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.

## Handicap Corner

There is a Handicap Bulletin Board in the Club House, please stop by and enjoy some interesting reading!

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

## World Handicap System coming January 1, 2020

This is an excellent link for Players to get information on the new World Handicap System

<https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/handicapping/world-handicap-system/world-handicap-system-resources-for-players.html>

See the following on some of the major changes.

**WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM**

**Maximum Hole Score for Handicap Purposes**

The Handicap Index should always reflect your demonstrated ability.

But on occasion even the best golfers have bad days and bad holes.

15.6

FOR 15.6 HANDICAP INDEX

PAR 5 8 MAX

Ensuring bad holes don't impact your Handicap Index too severely.

Working out your Net Double Bogey score on a hole is simple and calculated as follows:

Par (of the Hole) + 2 STROKES + HANDICAP STROKES RECEIVED

The Net Double Bogey Adjustment sets a maximum score on any hole for handicap purposes.

...but thanks to the Net Double Bogey adjustment you can still submit an acceptable score for handicap purposes.

A bad hole might mean you can no longer win the competition...

That keeps your game, and the game of everyone else on the course, moving along.

Where the format of play allows, you should pick up your ball when you reach this maximum hole score.

FOR 15.6 HANDICAP INDEX

PAR 5 8 MAX

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# Handicap Corner con't

## WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

### Timely Submission of Scores

The prompt submission of acceptable scores from authorized formats of play is an important part of ensuring the integrity of your Handicap Index

In the most serious cases, such as repeated failure to submit acceptable scores, the Handicap Committee has discretion to apply an additional penalty score, reset the player's Handicap Index or consider other disciplinary procedures

If you fail to submit a score promptly when required, the Handicap Committee will determine whether there was a valid reason, such as forgetfulness or injury

If the reason was valid and an acceptable score is still discoverable, that score will be posted to your scoring record and your Handicap Index updated

If the score is not discoverable, the Handicap Committee may post a penalty score

If there was no valid reason and an acceptable score is discoverable, the Handicap Committee will post that score to your scoring record.

**Penalty**

**RESET 28.5**

**Penalty**

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## WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

### Responsive Handicap Index Updates

Updated daily, your Handicap Index is designed to give you a responsive, real-time reflection of your demonstrated golfing ability.

By submitting scores as soon as possible after your round, you ensure your score is incorporated into the course's daily playing conditions calculation.

Even when playing away from your home club, you should submit your score promptly.

However many times you play today - and wherever you play your round - your updated Handicap Index should be ready for you to use tomorrow, or soon after, giving you the strokes you need to enjoy your game.

If playing another round before your Handicap Index is updated, the Handicap Committee can decide which Playing Handicap will be used for that round.

If you are unable to submit your score on the day of play, the Playing Conditions Calculation for the day will still be applied when your score is submitted.

**15.6**

**15.2**

**54.0**

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**14**

**15**

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## Grounds

Finally, cooler temperatures are upon us... The grass will soon be dormant and that leads to exceptionally fast greens and matted rough. It also means there will be little to no grass growth. Players are reminded this time of year it is especially important to fix ball marks on the greens and place sand in divots. Both are foundational to proper golf course etiquette. If you see someone neglecting proper etiquette you are encouraged to educate the player. Think of it as a teaching moment. Not all players are aware of these protocols so please do your part in spreading proper etiquette.

The driving range grass is under construction. Please do not interfere with the area under modifications and hit off the grass areas to the side. At some point the crew will finish the middle section and move to the flank areas. We'll be moving to artificial mats soon and nobody will be allowed to hit golf balls off the newly sodded grass.

- Troy





## From the ProShop

### Credits/Vouchers:

Just a reminder that our Tournament calendar runs from December 1st to November 30th of the following year. All prizes won in a form of Pro Shop vouchers issued during this period will expire on the last day of December.

For 2019, all vouchers credited to your Pro Shop account between December 1st, 2018 and November 30th, 2019 will expire on December 31st, 2019. We encourage you not to wait till December to use your vouchers.

For those of you with December 2019 prize voucher, the Pro Shop will add them in January 2020 after all the balance have been cleared. However, if you are planning to make a purchase using your 2019 December prize voucher, please let me know and I will add it to your current balance. However, any unused balance will be cleared on December 31, 2019.

Money transfers between member accounts are not permitted.

### Year-End Sale

Selected items are marked with Red and Yellow dots to extend discounts in the Pro Shop.

Red dot offers 50% discount and the Yellow dot offers 25% discount from the marked/registered price.

These offers are good until the end of the year.

- Hats
- Heritage Accessories
- Apparels
- Select Shoes



## Recognition of Eagle Scouts

On Tuesday November 26, 2019 the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Chaz and Gavin Long was held at the Rolling Hill Golf Club clubhouse. The Eagle Scout Rank is the highest rank that a Boy Scout can earn in their Scouting career, less than 5% of all Scouts ever achieve this rank.

To earn their Eagle Rank one of the requirements the scout has to do is a project for an organization within the community. Chaz and Gavin both individually did their service projects for the Rolling Hills Golf Club community. Chaz's project was the directional signs that are placed throughout the golf course. Gavin's project was building yard games, (corn hole, ladder golf and washer toss) for the social aspect of the golf club. Chaz and Gavin both participate in the Jr. Golf Program put on by the golf club and felt it important to be able to give back.



This is a great accomplishment for these boys and their family. It is our honor to be able to help in recognizing them at their special ceremony.

Congratulations Chaz and Gavin!