

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

Many of you may have noticed the club's unusual opening time on April 30th. The vendor, as reported in the press, is in dire financial shape which has a direct effect on the maintenance staff. The Board is doing what it can to help out, but this is ultimately under Gardening's control. Hopefully the course will remain open, and I ask all members to help out where they can for those experiencing real hardship.

And speaking of hopeful, we have the prestigious President's Cup coming up in May. A little different; Day 1 is a two person scramble, and Day 2 is a two person team alternate shot competition.

Congratulations and a big thank you goes out to Tim Billa and the army of volunteers for a great Oilman's tournament. See the article on page 5 for a recap.

And lastly, we're still waiting for that USGA course rater to appear. He's experiencing some, let's call it challenges, getting his Saudi visa, but we're ever optimistic he'll appear. It will be interesting to see if our slope rating has changed since the last rating.

Take care, and see you out on the course.
Dave

Pro Shop Massive Clearance Sale!!

Time to make space for new arrivals, with massive discounts on a large amount of clothing, clubs and other items. Many items reduced to cost price or less. Hurry, to grab a bargain while stocks last. There is new clothing in stock from Crest Link, as well as push carts and cart bags from Fenix.

Ladies' Golf

Tuesday Morning Group—Tuesday morning Ladies' Golf has had another fun filled golfing month. Our monthly medal was held on 12th April. Congratulations to our winners: 1st. Sonia McFarlane 2nd Sally Lim and 3rd Angela Bryson. Our monthly fun tournament and luncheon will be held on Tuesday 26th April, we will be looking forward to a good turnout to give Marie Therese a good golfing send-off. We are always looking for new ladies to join our group and welcome players of all levels. Anyone interested in joining, please email Kerri (bkwethington@yahoo.com).

Ladies' Match Play—Liz Wilder has kindly volunteered her time and has organized a match play 9-hole format for all our lady golfers. Our first round of matches have now been completed. It has been a great success as it has allowed our working ladies to play with non-working ladies. Our golfers have also enjoyed learning about the match play format and playing just the 9-holes has encouraged some of our newer golfers to join in the fun.

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Upcoming Tournament Info

Bi-Monthly Medal

We are having our Bi-Monthly Medal on May 7, 2016. Registration at ForeTees is already open for AM – 6:30 shotgun start and PM – 12:00 noon shotgun start. The format will be STROKE play. Shawarmas will also be available for you to purchase at lunch time so bring your cash and an appetite.

President's Cup

The President's Cup will be held on May 20 and 21. This is a 2-day event, day 1 used as a qualifier for day 2. *****NOTE***** Only submit an entry if you can play both days. This is not a tournament for those who only want to play in the day 1 scramble.

Groupings will be determined by the Tournament Director. Please sign up as a two person team. If you do not have a playing partner and would like to sign up as a single, the Tournament Director will attempt to pair you with another player, but understand this is not guaranteed. Sorry, the format does not support mixed gender teams. Men or Women only teams.

Day 1 is a Two Person Scramble from tee until the ball is holed. This is similar to a Texas Scramble except with only 2 players. Men will play from the white tees and ladies from the red tees, each player needing a minimum of 7 drives. Teams will be playing with 75% handicaps. The top 50% of the field plus ties will advance to Day 2.

Day 2 is a Two Person Alternate Shot competition. A team of two players will alternate hitting the same ball from tee until the ball is holed. Players will also alternate hitting their tee shots, one player will tee off from the odd numbered holes and the other from the even. Teams will be playing with 100% of their handicaps.

The no-show policy will be enforced if you do not show up for Day 1 or if making the cut, Day 2, without proper notification. In case you're unclear what the no-show policy is, a no-show in this case means you will not be able to play in the June Bi-Monthly Stableford or RHGC Anniversary Tournament.

Team prizes will be awarded by flight. Breakfast and lunch is available both days. The flights will be determined based the number of participants. Special Skill Prizes to be determined.

May 7th — Bi-Monthly Medal

May 14th — Saudi Aramco Jr Open

May 20th & 21st — President's Cup

President's Cup Volunteers

Ice cold drinks! We're looking for volunteers to deliver cold juice and sodas to the players on the course for the President's Cup, May 20th and 21st. If you're not playing in the tournament, this is a great way to be involved! Email Tamara.Tahir@aramco.com if you'd like to volunteer in the morning or afternoon on either day.

Saudi Aramco Junior Open and Golf Day — Saturday, May 14th

Rolling Hills Golf Club invites all junior club members 8 – 18 years of age to participate in the upcoming Junior Tournament on May 14th. This tournament is out to Junior golfers from all Saudi Aramco Golf Clubs

In addition to the tournament, there will be a free golf clinic, a putting contest, and a chipping contest.

8:45 am to 9:30 am – [Free Junior Golf Clinic](#)

RHGC Pro Stuart Hurstfield will conduct a 45 minute clinic for junior golfers of all levels at the driving range. Stuart will cover many of the basics such as grip, stance and how to swing a golf club.

10:30 am to 10:00 am – [Putting/Chipping Contest](#)

Taking place on the practice putting green, there will be a longest putt made contest as well as closest to the hole for two putts (cumulative distance). There will also be a closest to the pin for chipping. There will be prizes for the winners.

10:00 am to 1:30 pm – [Golf & Lunch](#) (starting and finishing in the Clubhouse)

Sign up for each tournament is currently available on the ForeTees website.

For more information, or to volunteer as a marshal, please contact Clinton McGrath: +966-53-787-8480 or email at clintmcgrath@gmail.com

Speed of Play

The April newsletter published the times allotted to play each hole and the elapsed time to play the course starting on hole #1. These elapsed times have now been posted to the water coolers. Please check the elapsed time and compare to see if you are on time. These times have been calculated for a recreational group of 4 golfers, following the proper golf etiquette.

Etiquette as published by the R&A and USGA

- It is the groups responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If it loses a clear hole and it is delaying the group behind, it should invite the group behind to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group.
- Be ready to play, walk to your ball after the tee shot, asses your lie, check your yardage, select your club, take practice swing and be ready to hit IMMEDIATELY after the player farther away from the hole has hit.

Rule 10

- Establishes the order of play. For both Stroke play and Match play the ball farthest from the hole is played first. This eliminates any confusion about whose turn it is to play. (In stroke play there is no penalty for playing out of order, in match play a player playing out of order may be requested to replay the shot).

Handicap News

Score Recording Analysis

Per current Handicap Policy, the Handicap Committee performs a Score Recording Analysis every 3 months, comparing scores posted versus rounds booked. It is YOUR responsibly to make sure your tee time bookings and score postings are accurate. Penalty scores are given for non-compliance.

The following is an overview of the process:

The Score Recording Analysis calculates the percentage of Scores Posted vs Rounds Booked.

Rounds Booked

Foretees bookings at RHGC are counted as "1" for 18 holes and "0.5" for 9-holes

- If you only play 9-holes, make sure you click the 9-holes box. Rounds after 4:00pm are counted as 9 holes regardless of whether the box is checked or not
- If you play in a scramble or team event, select SCR (not REG) for your round type, as this type of event doesn't allow a player to complete an individual score, a score posting is not expected
- If you have a booking, and do not plan to play, remove yourself from the booking so the system knows a score will not be posted, not to mention it is common courtesy for your fellow playing partners.
- If you have a booking, and someone else is playing for you, make sure the name is changed. Otherwise you could get a penalty score since you have a missing score
- We ignore tee times when you play alone, and are the only player listed on the tee time. USGA rules require a marker to verify your score for it to qualify as a handicap score
- You are responsible for information in your tee time booking. Inaccurate data could lead to penalty scores.

Scores Posted

Counts relevant RHGC scores posted in GHIN

- Combined 9-hole Home scores take the date of the 2nd round entered and are denoted with "C1"
- Away scores are not used in this analysis
- Tournament scores are not used in this analysis

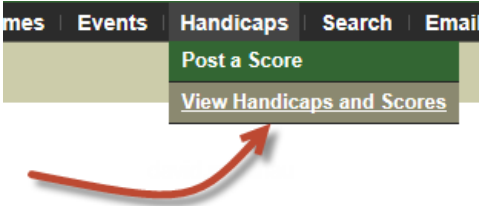
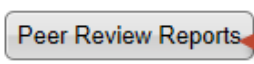
Finally, if you play, make sure you have a tee time, check in with the starter, and record your score. If you don't play cancel your tee time!

If you have any questions please contact Handicap Director Stephen Vezendy at rhgc.handicap.dir@gmail.com or stephen.vezendyjr@aramco.com.

Checking Handicap Information

A common question that gets asked of the Handicap Committee is, "How can I check my information?" There are a couple of ways to do this, as outlined below.

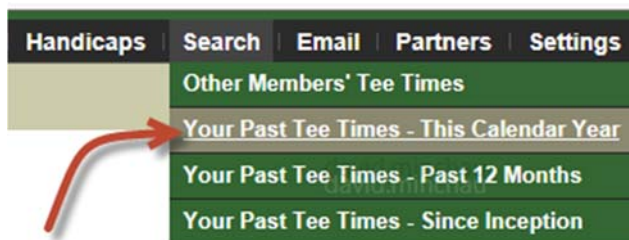
Method 1, Foretees "Peer Review Reports"

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Method 2 (best way, more work though)

"Search" your past tee-times in Foretees and use the GHIN website to view the scores you've entered and compare the two. Exact date match doesn't matter, as long as # of rounds matches # of scores, you should be ok.

- You should have 1 score for every 18holes (or 2x9holes)
- "CI" means it's a score of 2 9's Combined
- for SCR (scramble) rounds we do not expect a score
- for rounds you played alone and are only one listed on tee time, we do not expect a score




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To view your USGA Handicap Index, along with the last 20 scores used to calculate that Handicap Index®, enter your lookup into the fields below.

Information for golfers who were not on the GHIN server with "active" status at the beginning of the revision period will not be displayed in this section of GHIN.com. If golfers have recently become "active", they will appear in the next handicap revision.

Single Golfer Name & State Multi-Player

GHIN Number: 1480056

Note: Do not use a dash when entering your GHIN number.
For Example: 0001-111 is entered as 0001111.

Lookup

This is your USGA Handicap Index and scoring record at your golf club based on the latest revision

The Oilman's Tournament

April 8th saw Rolling Hills once again host The Oilman's Tournament. While the number of sponsored teams were down from the past years, RHGC members stepped up and supported the RHGC by entering their own teams. The

A Flight— Steve Vezendy, John-Paul Scallon, Don Marshall, Dennis Latendresse

B. Flight— Alejandro Ramirez, Domingo Ramos, Rueben Van Oel, Dhanraj Kunhiveetil

C Flight— Steve Porter, Kene Ufodu, David Bedford, Chris Jerez

The overall winners were Dennis Latendresse, Don Marshall, Steve Vezendy, and John-Paul Scallon. Congrats.



Oilman's Volunteer Thanks

An event like the Oilman's Tournament does not come together without the help of many volunteers. Volunteers were hard at work starting at 4:30 PM on Thursday and they made sure the tournament ran smoothly on Friday from 6:00 AM registration until 11:00 PM clean up and everything in between.

A big thank you goes to Anna Androski, Hyung Kwak, Neil Rees, Ed Cocos, Janice and Duncan Anderson, Amy Rivera, Yuko Schultz, Indra and Norm Betts, Marie Therese McClintic, Bev Ingram, and Melissa Brenner.

In the clubhouse, volunteers arranged tables and chairs, set up table decorations, registered players, and sold 50/50 tickets. We had volunteers working on the course: Ed and Neil ran the skill competition on Hole #1, and Anna drove the course to deliver cold drinks and fruit to the players. Desserts for the evening meal were compliments of Bev Ingram and Melissa Brenner.

We appreciate the time these volunteers contributed to make this tournament a success. Please thank them when you see them!

Hopefully you read this and think, "Hmm, I could've volunteered." Well, don't worry, you'll have your chance! We have tournaments coming up in the fall and we will be asking for volunteers then.

RHGC Membership Information

The current roster of members for RHGC is 596 representing a total of 31 nationalities. The following statistics may be of interest to our members:

- 446 members are registered with GHIN for handicap purposes.
- 343 members are “fully active” in that they maintain their handicap in GHIN and have paid full Green Fees for 2016.
- 153 of the RHGC membership are female.
- 297 members have Family membership with 299 on Single membership.
- 254 members qualify to be on the 2016 Cart Shed Waiting List (See website for full details)

Country	Number of Members
USA	269
Canada	90
UK	50
South Korea	33
Malaysia	30
Saudi Arabia	23
Indonesia	22
Ireland	8
New Zealand	7
Australia	7
South Africa	5
Columbia	4
Philippines	3
Germany	3
Mexico	3
Others	39
TOTAL	596

GHIN App Is Down

The GHIN Mobile app is currently under construction and not available for use. Members trying to access the app will receive one of the following messages depending on the device they are using.

- iPhone “No Membership Found”
- Android = “No Network Connection”

Please do not be alarmed regarding your account.

If you are currently in good standing with RHGC, then there is no impact to your membership status. The USGA is working to restore functionality to the GHIN Mobile app as quickly as possible.

In the interim, please use GHIN.com or the mobile version of the site for smartphones and tablets, <http://m.ghin.com/> to record your scores.