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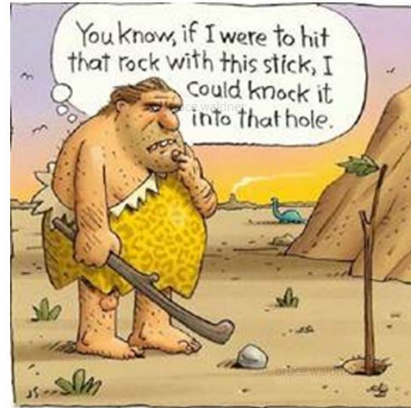
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President's Message

Hello RHGC!

I hope you all are enjoying the long hot summer!

Please take note of the article on the upcoming Xerox Challenge. This is a qualifier for the regional tournament in Dubai, open to SAGA club members. It should be a great event, so stay tuned for more details and updates.



How Man Learned to Swear.

Pro Shop Massive Clearance Sale!!

The Summer Sale is still on but not for long; when it's gone, it's gone. Better grab a bargain now. Heading home? RHGC logoed items make great gifts for friends and family back home. Know someone with a birthday coming up? How about a nice RHGC logoed shirt? There are many items reduced to cost or less. Don't forget that there are new items in stock from Crest Link as well as push carts and cart bags from Fenix.

From the Pro

Stuart will be running the next "Golf in a Week" class starting on September 18th and finishing on September 22nd. Classes are an hour each day beginning at 7:00 pm. Each class will address a different aspect of the game. The cost is 600 SAR per person.

He will also be offering a Junior Clinic beginning on Wednesday September 21st lasting for 5 weeks. The clinic will cover the fundamentals and basics (putting, irons, chipping, and woods) of the game and swing.

Only children aged 8 – 16 are permitted to part in a Junior Clinic. The class runs for one hour each Wednesday from 4:00 pm — 5:00 pm. The cost is 400 SAR and needs to be paid in cash to Stuart.

To register, you may contact Stuart via email at:

stuart.hurstfield@aramco.com

September 18th - 22nd — Golf in a Week
September 21st — Junior Clinic

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Upcoming Tournament Information

August Bi-Monthly Stableford

The medal is an Open Play event for Friday August 26th or Saturday August 27th. Sign up online, then book your own tee times to play with whomever you wish. Bookings for the weekend will open up on ForeTees on Monday August 22nd / Tuesday August 23rd .

September Bi-Monthly Medal

We are having our Bi-Monthly Medal on September 3rd, 2016. Registration on ForeTees is already open for the 6:30 AM shotgun start and 12:00 PM 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.

Eid Al Adha Eclectic

This year's Eid Al Adha Eclectic will occur during Friday, September 9th through to Tuesday, September 13th. 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 playing partner initial the round after 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.

Ryder Cup

This year's Ryder Cup will take place on September 30th and October 1st. Team USA's Captain is Edward Devlin III while Team ROW's Captain is Michael Henry. Team ROW has won the past three Ryder Cups.

Four-Ball Match Play: Friday September 30th with 6:30 AM Shotgun Start

Foursome Match Play: (Alternating Shot) Friday, September 30th with 1:00pm Shotgun Start

Singles Match Play: Saturday, October 1st with 7:00 AM Shotgun Start



August 26th – 27th — Bi-Monthly Stableford

September 3rd — Bi-Monthly Medal

September 9th – 13th — Eid Al Adha Eclectic

September 30th – October 1st — Ryder Cup



Ask Carl

- Q:** I hit my ball into the water hazard on hole #3 and it was lying in some tall grass. My playing partner said I was not allowed to touch the grass with my club because you are not allowed to ground your club in a hazard. Is that correct?
- A:** While your partner is correct you cannot ground your club in a hazard, he was not correct about touching the tall grass. There is no penalty for touching anything that is growing with a practice swing or backswing before your club strikes the ball when it is lying in a hazard. For more information about this see Decision 14-4/4.
- Q:** I went to book a time on Foretees for me and my buddy but his name was not there. What's the deal? He is an Aramco employee.
- A:** The Foretees online booking system is for Rolling Hills Golf Club members only. Bookings by non-members must be done by telephone to the Starter. Members playing with non-members can book a time online for themselves and then call the Starter and request that a non-member be added.

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

Handicap News

Acceptable Scores

Q. What scores are acceptable for handicap posting purposes?

A. Almost all scores are acceptable because of the basic premise of the USGA Handicap System which states that every player will try to make the best score at each hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played, and that the player will post every acceptable round for peer review. Therefore, all of the following are acceptable scores:

- When at least seven holes are played (7-12 holes are posted as a 9-hole score; 13 or more are posted as an 18-hole score)
- Scores on all courses with a valid Course Rating and Slope Rating
- Scores in all forms of competition: match play, stroke play, and team competitions where each player play their own ball
- Scores made under The Rules of Golf
- Scores played under the local rule of "preferred lies"

Q. What scores are unacceptable for handicap purposes?

A. Scores made under the following conditions are not acceptable for handicap purposes and must not be entered in the player's scoring record:

- When fewer than seven holes are played
- When made on a golf course in an area in which an inactive season is in effect
- When, as a condition of the competition, the maximum number of clubs allowed is less than 14, or types of clubs are limited as, for example, in a competition that allows only iron clubs
- When scores are made on a course with no USGA Course Rating or Slope Rating
- When a player uses non-conforming clubs, non-conforming balls, or non-conforming tees; or when a player incurs a second breach of Rule 14-3
- When a player plays alone
- When a player ignores one or more Rules of Golf and fails to post an adjusted hole score as required under Section 4-1 and 4-2, or fails to record the appropriate penalty for a breach of rule

17 Excuses for Not Turning in a Score

A little dated, but we still hear some of these excuses today!

Golf Digest, November, 1987

1. I was playing with my wife.	10. I was on vacation.
2. I didn't know the Course Rating.	11. I don't turn in scores from Myrtle Beach
3. I didn't know the Slope Rating.	12. We were bumping the ball.
4. I was in another state	13. We played the back nine first.
5. I was playing in a match and picked up twice.	14. My club takes only home-course scores
6. I only played 16 holes.	15. Tees weren't really the blues and they weren't really the whites so there was no course rating.
7. I just got lucky.	16. The weather was bad.
8. I was using rental clubs.	17. It was Sunday and I was walking my dog.
9. It was my second 18 of the day.	

Post your acceptable scores!

If you have a questions related to RHGC Handicap Policy and Program, please contact Handicap Director Stephen Vezendy at rhgc.handicap.dir@gmail.com or stephen.vezendyjr@aramco.com.

Ground & Rules

Know The Rules: Ball in a water hazard

There are lots of opportunities on the Rolling Hills course to hit a ball out of a water hazard. Here are some do's and don'ts if you plan to attempt this.

Don'ts:

- Don't touch the ground in the hazard with your club, or you will incur a penalty. Note that there are exceptions, such as to prevent yourself falling.
- Don't touch the water with your club, even on the backswing.
- Don't touch or move any loose impediments in the hazard, such as moving pebbles in the hazard with your feet whilst taking a firm stance.
- Don't move a loose impediment on your backswing.
- Don't wash your club in the water if your ball is still in the hazard after you have made your stroke.
- Don't forget that you may still drop outside the hazard for a penalty of one stroke.

Do's:

- You may use your club to stop falling (Exception 1a to Rule 13-4).
- You may take more than one club in the bunker (Exception 1b to Rule 13-4).
- You may touch anything growing in the hazard with practice swings or your backswing (Note to Rule 13-4).
- You may remove any movable obstruction from the hazard, such as a tin can (Rule 24-1).
- You may search for a ball in water in a water hazard by probing with a club and there is no penalty if you cause it to move while doing so, but the ball must be replaced (Rule 12-1c).
- You may play a ball that is moving in water, but don't wait for it to move to a more advantageous position (Rule 14-6).

2016 Xerox Corporate Golf Challenge

The Rolling Hills Golf Club is very happy to welcome back the Xerox Corporate Golf Challenge. The Xerox Corporate Golf Challenge is the oldest corporate golf tournament in the Middle East. Throughout 2016, Xerox will host 16 qualifying tournaments at various courses in the Middle East. RHGC was lucky enough to be selected to host one of these qualifying rounds. The tournament will take place on Saturday October 8th. The format for the tournament is a two person better ball Stableford using $\frac{3}{4}$ of one's handicap index. The maximum handicaps for the tournament are men - 28 and ladies - 36.



All participants will receive a Xerox golf shirt, a sleeve of logoed golf balls, and will attend a free buffet lunch hosted by Xerox. There will also be 6 skill prizes up for grab during the qualifying tournament. In order to play in the qualifying tournament, you must be a Saudi Aramco employee, a contractor, or a retired employee that is now a business owner. Also, one does not need to be a member of the RHGC in order to play in the qualifying tournament. Registration will open soon through the official Website of the Challenge: www.xeroxcgc.com. The entry fee for the tournament will be 350 SAR per player. Your registration will not be confirmed until payment is received at the RHGC Pro Shop. More information regarding the tournament will be sent out shortly.

The top two teams qualify to play in the Grand Final at the Jack Nicklaus designed Al Zorah Golf Club in Ajman, United Arab Emirates. The Grand Final will take place on December 17th and 18th so this means that qualifiers will have to miss some work in order to participate. The RHGC will subsidize the airline tickets and hotel for the qualifying teams and Xerox will provide airport transfers in UAE, 36-holes of golf, welcome reception and prize giving lunch.

This is not the first time that RHGC has hosted this qualifying event. The last time a qualifying round was held at Rolling Hills was 2013 and it was won by Troy Thompson and Mike Ferguson. This qualifying tournament RHGC will be allowed to send two teams to the Grand Final instead of just one.