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## Gentlemen,

I am pleased to announce and extend an invitation for the 4th Annual Oilman's Golf Tournament which will be hosted by the Rolling Hills Golf Club on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. There will be 2 shotgun starts at 7am and noon (12pm).

This tournament has been organized to promote and bolster the business relationships between the many contracting entities who work with Saudi Aramco by bringing together individuals who enjoy the sport of golf. The Oilman's Golf Tournament is an annual event which is hosted by Rolling Hills Golf Club in Dhahran, and the event will take place at Rolling Hills Golf Course located inside the Saudi Aramco Community in Dhahran, KSA.

We would like to extend our appreciation for those that participated last year and look forward to having you participate again in this year's event. It is our vision that The Oilman's Golf Tournament will be a long lasting and prestigious event in which we will see returning teams as well as new teams in the years to come.

#### **FORMAT**

The format is a team "**Texas**" scramble, with each team comprised of four players, however, consideration will be given in teams for the bolstering and nurturing of business relationships among the Aramco employees and those representatives from our Contracting entities. Each player must have an established golf handicap. The teams will be split into "flights" based on team handicap thus there will be A, B, C and D flights.

# **HANDICAP ALLOWANCE (10% of Team total)**

The team handicap allowance is calculated by taking 10% of the total team playing handicaps (i.e. if team players handicaps total 72 then the team handicap is 7.20). The maximum allowable player handicap will be 26 for men and 32 for women.

Decisions by tournament organizing committee on handicaps will be made on / before April 6<sup>th</sup> & notices of any changes sent to the relevant team captain. Any disputes regarding the handicaps must be resolved before April 7<sup>th</sup>.



# **General Rules:**

The entry fees paid covers green fees, range balls, and all meals including the awards dinner which will be held at the Rolling Hills Golf Club for each player in the four-member team. **Entries fees are 4000 SAR per team** and can be paid at the Rolling Hills Golf Club Pro Shop located inside of the Saudi Aramco Community – Dhahran, KSA.

The cost for the awards dinner for guests (or spouses) is SR 100 & reservations can be made via the Tournament Chairperson <a href="mailto:rhgcoilmansgolftournament@gmail.com">rhgcoilmansgolftournament@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:bingram36@hotmail.com">bingram36@hotmail.com</a>. For those playing in the tournament as part of a team, the cost of the awards meal is included in the team entry fee.

#### **TEAM REGISTRATION**

Team registration will commence immediately and the cutoff for registrations or changes to team participants will be on Wednesday April 6th, 2016. Registration can be completed at <a href="www.arabiangolf.com">www.arabiangolf.com</a> and clicking on the <a href="mailto:Oilman's">Oilman's</a> tab at the top of the page. For additional inquiries or assistance please direct such to Tim Billa, Tournament Chairperson (<a href="mailto:rhgcoilmansgolftournament@gmail.com">rhgcoilmansgolftournament@gmail.com</a>) via email.

The Contractor/Company representatives are urged to submit their registration early to avoid confusion or complications. Since the team spots are limited there will be many players wanting to participate and we will try to ensure that there are no teams without 4 players.

We ask that the registration form be completed in its entirety. Each team should indicate their preference on the team registration form for a morning or afternoon tee time. The morning and afternoon times will be filled based on first-come basis. We will endeavor to give everyone their preferred time but some shifting to make the tournament work is reserved to the Tournament Committee.

Payment for teams **MUST** be received at the Rolling Hills Golf Club Pro Shop prior to April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016. If you have not made payment by that date or provision for payment, then your team may be disqualified & we will replace it w/ a team from the waiting list. The only forms of payment which can be received is Cash, we cannot accept or process any company credit cards payments.

### **RULES**

Men will play from the white tees, and ladies from the red tees; (tee assignments will be confirmed on the day by the organizers).

**This is a Texas Scramble or Best Ball Scramble**, all players will tee the ball then the best shot is chosen and all players hit from that spot. The next shot must be played from within one club length but **no nearer to the hole**. If the chosen ball comes to rest in the rough then all team shots **must** be played from the rough as well. Players can place their ball under this rule in all areas of the course **EXCEPT** hazards. Shots in the sand hazard must be dropped from shoulder height and no greater than one club length from the original spot. This format is repeated until the balled is holed. Each team must use 3 drives from each player. The player's shot used should be indicated by placing the player's initials on the score card next to each hole the player's tee shot was used.

In the event of an incomplete team on the day of the tournament, the organizers reserve the right to replace any "no-show" with a player of their choice. This will not result in a change in overall handicap



rating of the team, either up or down. If a team has only 3 players, then each player will be required to play four (4) tee shots and the handicaps will be averaged to create a 4<sup>th</sup> virtual player. All other rules will remain the same.

No player from the morning flight can play as a substitute for an afternoon team or vice versa.

## **MULLIGAN (FREE SHOT)**

**One Mulligan per player is included in the team entry fee.** This entitles each player to play **one** additional shot anywhere during the round (i.e. drive, fairway or putt). The mulligan shot must be indicated on the scorecard with an "M" and the player's initials next to the hole it was used.

Teams taking extra mulligans will be disqualified. Mulligans MUST be taken immediately after the 1<sup>st</sup> shot – **once the cart moves forward the mulligan is out of play**. Driving BACK to the location of the previous shot will be played under the rules of golf (lost ball, out-of-bounds, etc.) and penalty assessed.

#### **REGISTRATION**

Event registration for both tee times will be at Rolling Hills Golf Club - Club House.

Registration/check-in times will be notified by organizers to teams prior to the tournament day. Please make sure to have your team arrive and sign in AT LEAST 60 minutes prior to scheduled start of round.

There will be practice balls available on the range for warm-up.

#### **NO HARD SPIKES & DRESS CODE**

Rolling Hills Golf Club has a no "hard spikes" rule. Please know that we now have showers and lockers available for guest inside of our Club House.

**All shirts must have collars**. No tee shirts, sleeveless shirts, or cutoff shorts are allowed. Players will not be allowed to wear jeans on the course.

#### SCORE CARDS

The lowest handicap golfer on each team is responsible to keep the score card, **sign it**, and turn it in to the Rolling Hills Golf Club Tournament Director immediately after play. **Failure to turn in a scorecard w/in 30 minutes after completion of play will result in team disqualification.** 

### **PACE OF PLAY**

We want everyone to enjoy themselves but also to maintain the pace of play. Remember to keep up with the team in front of you not simply ahead of the team behind you! The lowest handicap golfer on each team is responsible to keep up speed of play for the team; do not spend more than a minute looking for lost balls. Rolling Hills is expecting all groups to make a 4:00 playing time for your round. This is challenging in a tournament, but teams must take no more than 4 1/2 hours to complete play. If this playing time is not maintained by the morning group, it will be extremely difficult for the afternoon group to complete their round before dark. Rolling Hills Golf Club marshals will be on the course to monitor pace of play. If your team falls behind the team in front of you by more than one full hole, the marshals will



ask you to pick up the pace. If your team fails to comply with the marshals instructions and does not speed up play, the marshals (at their sole discretion) may penalize the slow-playing team by causing them to miss the next hole and record a score of 3 over par.

### COURTESY AND PACE OF PLAY IS IMPORTANT!!!

NOTE: Teams taking longer than 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours in the morning may be asked to leave the course after that time and take par as their score for any uncompleted holes. If there is a large number of teams unable to finish their round due to slow play the organizers will either assign par to that team for unfinished holes OR (at the organizers sole discretion) take the average score of other teams in their flight who did complete a hole & assign that to that team.

Any team captain who experiences slow play in front of his group is URGED to call the Tournament Chairperson & ask for a Marshall to help expedite play. +966 538508777

## **PRIZES**

 $\underline{\text{Trophies}}$  – Each player on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams in each flight will be awarded trophies at the awards dinner. The overall winning team will have their team name engraved and placed on an Oilman's Golf Tournament Trophy which will be displayed and updated each year with the current year's winning team.

<u>Door Prizes</u> – We will have skill prizes on designated holes to include closest to the pin, long drive and Chairperson's Drive flag, but these are entirely dependent upon Sponsor donations.

### **HANDOUTS**

In addition to the golf & dinner, each player will receive a "goody bag" with golf-related give-away items.

**FOOD & REFRESHMENTS:** Snacks & food will be available on the course. All food & refreshments at this event will be provided by Rolling Hills Golf Club.

# **AWARDS DINNER:**

The tournament organizers will try to minimize the "talk time" to allow everyone time to enjoy their dinner. However, our flight and individual (skills prizes) winners will be recognized, our sponsors will be acknowledged and prizes will be given.

The awards ceremony will be conducted at the dinner which will be at the Rolling Hills Golf Club on the evening of April 8th.

The dinner theme is casual as this will be held at the Rolling Hills Golf Club - Club House.

The dinner is included in the tournament entry fee for each golfer. Additional dinner tickets for guests can be purchased, in advance, by contacting the Tournament Chairperson. The cost per guest is SR 100.



#### **SPONSORSHIP**

Being that Rolling Hills Golf Club is a self directed group and recognized by the Saudi Aramco Recreation Department we cannot receive or entertain cash sponsorships, prizes or gifts. However, those companies wishing to sponsor gifts, merchandise or other event related materials can inquire and do so through our Pro Shop. Please Contact the Tournament Chairperson for further information regarding sponsoring opportunities. We will have several sponsor options for consideration for the event.

#### **HOW TO GET TO THE COURSE**

If you're uncertain as to directions, ask at time of team entry.....or try "Google Earth" or inquire with the Tournament Chairperson for a map to Rolling Hills Golf Club.

## **Community Access**

Access to the Aramco Community must be organized by one or both of the Aramco playing partners for each team so please coordinate with the respective Aramco players to assure that they gain the necessary information for our internal VMS request and approval process.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Points of Contact:

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The Oilman's Golf Tournament will be an annual event that you will not want to miss. We look forward to your response and participation in the 2016 Oilman's Golf Tournament hosted by the Rolling Hills Golf Club – Dhahran, KSA.

Regards,

Tim Billa RHGC Oilman's Golf Tournament Chairperson