

# ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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## President's Message

I want to congratulate all of the players for a job well done at the 2018 CEO Cup; some wonderful scores were put up. Thanks to the hard work of the Board, and so many volunteers, everything went very smoothly. The Board truly hopes you enjoyed yourself.

I enjoyed sitting and talking with our CEO Mr. Nasser and other members of Executive Management at the Awards Banquet. My wife, Jeannine, and I had the chance to discuss life, family, our love of food, and the long term planning and goals of RHGC. He and his management team were very impressed with what the Club is accomplishing and offered his assistance with any issues the Board may be having.

As we all know, Aramco rumors can run wild at times. I ask that you please contact a member of the Board should you see or hear anything rumor related to RHGC. It is important that we be able to get out in front of these potential rumors to ensure the integrity and reputation of RHGC.

Hit em' straight

-Ed Devlin



## From the Pro

A Junior Tour School will commence on Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> and will last for 5 weeks. The clinic will cover the fundamentals and basics (putting, irons, chipping, and woods) of the game and swing. All equipment and range balls will be supplied. Numbers are limited—only children aged 8 – 16 are permitted to take part in a Junior Clinic. The class runs for one hour each Saturday from 8:00 am – 9:00 am. The cost is 400 SAR and needs to be paid prior to the class commencing.

Stuart will be running the next "Golf in a Week" class starting on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Classes are an hour each day beginning at 7:00 pm. This is a 5 consecutive day course 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 9-10 AM. 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.

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 via email at:

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

March 1<sup>st</sup> — Ladies Classes Continues  
March 10<sup>th</sup> — Junior Tour School  
March 25<sup>th</sup> — Golf in a Week

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## Upcoming Tournament Information

### Bi-Monthly Medal

We are having our Bi-Monthly Stableford on **March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Registration on ForeTees is already open for the 7:00 AM shotgun start and 12:00 PM shotgun start. The pairings will be determined by the tournament committee. You must be a member in good standing of the Rolling Hills Golf Club for 2018, with 2018 membership fees paid, in order to participate in this bi-monthly Stableford.

Shawarmas will also be available for you to purchase at lunch time so bring your cash and an appetite.

### Junior Golf

Junior golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate in the Junior Golf Day on **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The day will start out at 10:30 with a putting contest. At 11:00 there will be a tournament with a Fun Division and a Competitive Division. Sign up is now open on ForeTees. See Page 4 for more details.

### St. Paddy's Golf

Of the evening of **March 15<sup>th</sup>**, RHGC will be hosting the second evening social event of the year. The March event will have a St. Paddy's Day theme. Sign up as a team of four. The course lights will be turned off and each team will be given glow balls to use. There is a cost of 400 SAR per team for this event. Any team that has not paid by 7:00 PM on March 12th will be replaced by teams on the waiting list. Additional dinner tickets may be purchased for 100 SAR per guest. Payments can be made up until March 12th at the Clubhouse. Sign up is now open on ForeTees. See page 7 for more details.

The [2018 Tournament Calendar](#) is available on the RHGC's website.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> — Junior Golf

March 10<sup>th</sup> — Bi-Monthly Medal

March 15<sup>th</sup> — St. Paddy's Golf



### Ask Carl

Q: I was playing in the CEO Cup and I told someone in my group the distance his ball was from the pin. Another person in our group said I was not allowed to do so because I am not allowed to give advice. Is that correct?

A: It is correct that you are not allowed to give advice, but the distance a ball is from the hole is not advice. General information is not considered advice. Telling someone the position of bunkers, location of the flagstick, a rule of golf, or the line of play on a blind shot are not considered giving advice. Here are some examples of giving advice. The first part is OK. The second part is not.

"You are 150 yards out, I would hit an 8 iron"

"You have a 1 foot putt, take your time"

"You can choose to hit the ball from the cart path or take a free drop. Take the drop"

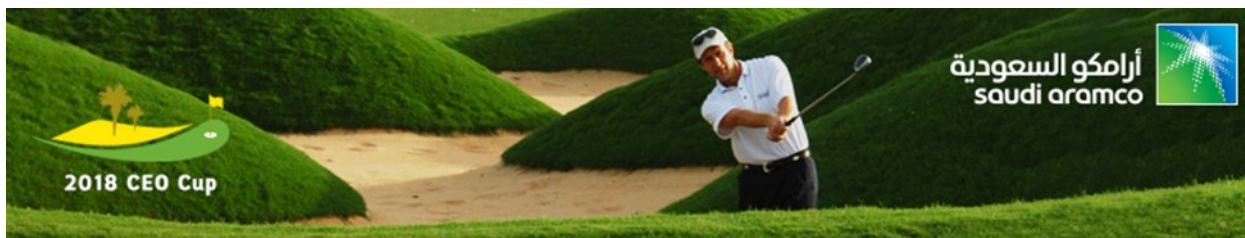
"There is a bunker in front of the green. Better club up"

Q: Now that the new cart sheds have been given out, how can I find where I am on the waiting list?

A: Check the [RHGC website](#). A new list has been published.

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

**CEO Cup Results**



Men's Champion—Tom Harneshaug 39pts



Women's Champion—Rosie Daud 37pts



Men's A Flight Winner—John Paul Scallon 38pts



Women's A Flight Winner—Soyun Yoon 32pts



Men's C Flight Winner—Bruce Waldner 36pts



Men's D Flight Winner—Azizi Ibrahim 35pts



**2018 CEO CUP CLUB WINNERS**

CLUB	NAME	POINTS
RHGC	Hakseon Kim	37
ANGC	Thomas Seymour	31
WASGC	Paul Stent	30
SSGC	Dan Bachman	33

\*Men's B Flight Winner Denis Richard—no photo available

## Junior Golf

# RHGC Junior Golf Event–March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

Junior golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate in the March Junior Golf Event. 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 Groups are made**

11:00 am — **Competitive Group heads to #1 Tee**

11:15 am — **Fun Groups head to course / back in Clubhouse by 1:00**

1:30 pm — **Competitive Group back in the Clubhouse for lunch and prizes**

2:00 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

\*\*Parents are welcome to come along and watch their children play. We are also seeking volunteers to marshal the younger golfers as they play.

### Who Can Play?

RHGC Club members ages 8-17 years old or those who have or are currently taking lessons from Stuart Hurstfield (RHGC Golf 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 June 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 or

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

**Junior Golf**  
DEVELOPING THE PLAYER, GROWING THE GAME™

## Handicap Corner

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

### RHGC Handicap Program

**Participation in the Handicap Program is completely voluntary.**

**If you are not participating and would like to, you must agree to abide by the responsibilities listed below, then contact the Handicap Director and opt in.**

**If you are participating and would like to stop, also please contact the Handicap Director.**

The reason for the Club's Handicap Program is to provide USGA certified handicaps which will in turn provide a level playing field for all participants in all club-sponsored events. These handicaps will also enable members to play in any USGA sanctioned- event worldwide. RHGC uses the USGA "GHIN" software to administer handicaps.

**The responsibilities of all members using this service provided by the Club are:**

1. If a member participates in the handicap system, he/she is expected and agrees to post all scores as appropriate – including rounds played at RHGC and at any other RCGA-USGA rated course. Note: Tournament scores are entered automatically, members should not post their own tournament scores.
2. When a member enters a gross score (other than Tournament Scores), he/she MUST take into account the maximum score that can be recorded per hole, known as Equitable Stroke Control (ESC). The table below lists the maximum strokes per hole based on the Course Handicap. Note: if you enter your gross scores hole-by-hole in GHIN, this ESC adjustment is done automatically by the software.

#### EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL

COURSE HANDICAP	MAXIMUM NUMBER ON ANY HOLE
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 or more	10

3. Members who are not in the Handicap System – or do not have a USGA certified handicap from another source – will not be allowed to enter any tournaments, leagues, or other Club-sponsored events for which a certified handicap is required.
4. Member's Handicaps and Recent Scores are posted after each handicap revision for Peer Review. Peer Review is essential in maintaining the integrity of the Handicap Program and is everyone's responsibility. Scores made while playing alone are no longer considered acceptable for handicap purposes, however, anyone accompanying a golfer during a round, including a caddie, would make the score acceptable.
5. A round of golf is a round of golf, whether a member personally chooses to designate it as just "playing for fun" or "practice" does not matter. Any round in which at least 13 holes are played should be posted as an 18-hole round for handicap purposes. Rounds of at least 7, but less than 13 holes played, should be posted as a 9-hole round. Un-played holes are entered as par plus any handicap strokes (i.e. net par).
6. The GHIN Handicap Software has the capability to record 9-hole scores as well as 18-hole scores. The software will automatically combine 9 holes scores (and automatically queue a 9 hole score, so there is no need to enter 9 holes scores in pairs.)
7. Match Play scores should be entered as well. For a conceded hole or putt, the "most likely" score should be posted. If you don't play a full 18 holes in your match, enter par plus any handicap strokes (i.e. net par) for the remaining holes.
8. If a member wants an unofficial "personal" handicap based on whatever scores he/she wants to selectively track, they should use one of the various Internet available services.

The Board of Directors and the Handicap Committee are totally committed to helping make your golfing experience at RHGC an enjoyable one. At the same time, we ask all members who use the handicap system to be cognizant of their individual responsibilities for using the system and for maintaining the integrity of their individual handicaps in accordance with the USGA Handicap Manual and the Club's Handicap Program. For further information on the Club's Handicap Policy go to [www.arabiangolf.net](http://www.arabiangolf.net), and on the USGA Handicap Manual go to <http://www.usga.org/Handicapping.html>.

## Oilman's Tournament



Rolling Hills Golf Club is pleased to announce and extend an invitation for the 2018 Oilman's Golf Tournament which will be hosted by the Rolling Hills Golf Club on April 20th, 2018. There will be 2 shotgun starts, 7:00am and 12:00 noon.

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 hosted by the Rolling Hills Golf Club in Dhahran, 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.

### **Registration:**

Registration is now open at [www.arabiangolf.net](http://www.arabiangolf.net).

Please use the Corporate tab if you are registering a Company/Vendor sponsored team.

Use the "Individual" tab to register non-Company/Vendor and non-exclusive Aramco player teams.

Registration for exclusive Aramco player teams will be available at a later time.

### **Volunteers**

We are actively looking for volunteers to help out at the Oilman's Tournament. We need check-in and registration help, on course drink cart, greeters, marshals, etc. If you would like to volunteer please contact me via email or mobile 0538508777.

Regards,  
Tim Billa,  
Oilman's Committee Chairman

## Grounds Update

Congratulations to the Rolling Hills Maintenance Staff who did a fantastic job preparing the course for the CEO Cup Tournament. The volunteers who helped marshal and keep up the pace of play did a great job as well and the Board really appreciates them taking their time to help the club.

Many of you may have heard that Jason Sexton (Rolling Hills Superintendent) has not been offered a new contract, yet. Aramco is working hard to fix issues with existing contracts that are not government compliant. Gardening and Community Services are doing their best to create a new contract and we are optimistic this will be resolved soon.

As I mentioned in the February Newsletter our top priority for 2018 is the removal of the Tamarisk “pine-weeds” that flank much of the course. The Rolling Hills Maintenance Staff and Gardening are on board with this effort and are working with the RHGC Board to prioritize the Tamarisk eradication. Holes 10 and 11 are first up and you will see progress over the next few weeks. Gardening has also agreed to purchase a “bush hog” mower that will be used to maintain the off-course area and prevent the inevitable intrusion of the Tamarisk. We also plan to line much of these areas with Cornucopia trees to further restrict the Tamarisk intrusion. It is difficult to predict the timeline for complete Tamarisk removal and for now we are thrilled to be moving in the right direction.

Another high priority is the enhancement of the driving range. We are investigating the removal of the pipeline that cuts across the range around the 75 yard area. We are also looking into the addition of distinctive greens/bunkers on the range to help gauge distance of your shots. Another idea we are exploring is the transfer of the chipping green to the driving range area and this will consolidate the Academy to a centralized area.

## Clubhouse

With the raining weather, the stairs to the clubhouse are slippery. Please use the hand rails going up and down the steps.

## Ladies Golf

February was a great month for our ladies. Congratulations to Rodziah Daud on her CEO Cup win and to Kerri Wethington on the February medal. At our fun tournament luncheon, Su Kalghatgi gave a talk on saris and gave us an opportunity to try some on from her amazing collection.



Come join us in March for golf, fun and friendship.

### **Rolling Hills Ladies League March Schedule**

#### **March 6 - Open Play**

Meet at the clubhouse at 7:30 and pair up. Record your skills!!

#### **March 13 - Open Play**

Meet at the clubhouse between 7:30 and pair up. Record your skills.

#### **March 20 – Fun Tournament**

Meet at the clubhouse at 7:30 for a 9 hole scramble and our potluck lunch will be hosted by Melinda Hall. Membership required.

#### **March 27 - Monthly Medal Stroke Play**

Meet at the clubhouse at 7:30. This is an 18 hole competition and you must be a member and have a valid handicap to play.



# DRIVE-IN MOVIE "THOR-RAGNAROK"

Sign up on ForeTees / Pay at Club House Feb 18 - Mar 5

SHOWTIME  
**7PM**

**RATED PG-13**

Bring your golf carts, blankets, and lawn chairs

March  
**8TH**

## ENJOY THE SHOW!

**SR25/PERSON**

Includes, movie, hot dogs, popcorn, drinks, and ice cream

**DRIVE IN**



# St. Paddy's Day Night Golf



## March 15<sup>th</sup>

Soup, Salad, and Socializing  
starting at 5:15 PM



Sign up a foursome to play Lights Out Night Golf on Foretees  
and then go to the Clubhouse to pay your team fee of 400 riyals/team.

**Dress up like a leprechaun —or at least wear green!**  
**Decorate your cart!**

Additional dinner tickets can be purchased at the Clubhouse for 100 riyals/person.  
Dinner will be served at about 8:30.

All team fees and guest dinner tickets must be purchased by March 11<sup>th</sup>  
or teams on the waiting list will be given the empty spots.

**May the luck of the Irish be with you!**



We're looking for volunteers to  
decorate and organize prizes.



Contact [Tamara.Tahir@aramco.com](mailto:Tamara.Tahir@aramco.com) to help.

There'll be ice cream for dessert, but the bakers among us are also invited  
to bring a dessert to share. Let the pictures below inspire (challenge) you.



## Golf Swap and Sale!

### March 10, 2018

Members are invited to set up a table to sell golf gear (or other sporting equipment) on the grassy area next to the clubhouse during the Monthly Medal. Suggested timings would be 10:30-1:00, but come and go as you like.

Contact [Tamara.Tahir@aramco.com](mailto:Tamara.Tahir@aramco.com) to reserve a table.

There is no charge for the table, but you will be responsible for setting it up and then breaking it down afterwards.

# 2018 UDH Open Tournament

Friday, April 13, 2018

Shotgun start at 9:00 AM



- Tournament is open to all golfers with an established handicap.
- Sign up fee of 350 SAR includes: Lunch for player, Tournament Goody Bag, & Tournament Prizes.
- To sign up you must visit <http://www.udhgolf.com/> and click on the tournament sign up page.  
Deadline for sign up is Tuesday, April 3, 2018.
- For more info please contact Greg Kortzman @ 055 358-6655 or [gregkort@yahoo.ca](mailto:gregkort@yahoo.ca).

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**BD 50** Fri & Sat

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*Rates are per person for 18 holes on championship course after 11am.  
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Weekend rate valid on public holidays.  
Saudi Aramco employee card must be presented to avail of these rates.  
Group enquiries can be forwarded to [a.dutson@theroyalgolfclub.com](mailto:a.dutson@theroyalgolfclub.com)*

