

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

Ramadan Kareem!

As we approach the summer months, the course contractors will continue to work to clear the Tamarix weeds. We are working closely with Gardening, Recreation, and the Environmental and Land Protection Unit to ensure that the roots are entirely removed and then the soil is properly fertilized in preparation for the tree planting. The planting of the new trees will most likely occur in 2019. If any members have questions, please contact myself or Troy Thompson directly.

The Fox relocation is almost complete. We are confirmed to have 12-15 fox remaining on the course. Many have relocated to the desert areas on the left side of 10/11 and into the hills of 13 and 14. Gardening has confirmed a few small issues with burrowing in the sand traps on a few holes but for the most part the major issues seem to have been resolved.

The June/July/August Monthly Medals, Eid Eclectic's, and the Anniversary Tournament will be played this summer. The heat is certainly on, we encourage everyone to be careful, stay hydrated, and please report any cases where the water coolers are empty. For those going on vacation, have a safe trip and enjoy the time away.

Hit em' straight
-Ed Devlin



From the Pro

Stuart will be running the next "Golf in a Week" class starting on Sunday, June 24th. 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.

To register, you may contact Stuart via email at:

stuart.hurstfield@aramco.com

June 7th — Ladies' Classes Continues

June 24th — Golf in a Week

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Upcoming Tournament Information

Bi-Monthly Stableford

The Bi-Monthly Stableford is an Open Play event for Friday **June 8th** or Saturday **June 9th**. Sign up online, then book your own tee times to play with whomever you wish. ForeTees is already open for registration.

Id Al-Fitr Holiday Eclectic

This year's Eid Al Fitr Eclectic will occur from June 15th through to June 19th. 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 player partner initial the round once 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.

Sign-up on ForeTees is now open.

13th Anniversary Tournament

On June 30th the 13th Anniversary Tournament will take place. This year it is a 3-2-1 Cha Cha Cha format. This is a 4 player team event, which can be mixed gender. Each player plays his own ball, recording a gross score for every hole. One score card will be kept for each team. Each team will use the preprinted cards.

The strokes are to be taken in the order assigned on the score card. For example, a player with a 3 stroke handicap takes them on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd handicap holes.

Beginning on hole #1, the sum of the 3 best NET scores of the team will be used. On hole #2 the sum of the 2 best

NET scores of the team will be used. One hole#3 the best NET score of the team will be recorded will be used.

Repeat the above process for the remainder of the holes, using the 3 best NET scores for hole #4, 2 best NET score for hole #5, the best NET score for hole #6 and so on until the round is completed. As there will be a shotgun start, a team's starting hole might not be a 3 best NET score hole. For example, a team starting on hole #15 would only record the best NET score.

Upon completion total the scores, the card must be signed by the scorer, attested by one player and dated to avoid disqualification.

The Tournament Committee will enter all gross scores and lowest team score by flight will be declared the winner.

There will be three flights A-B-C, 1st, 2nd, 3rd place team winners.

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

June 8th & 9th — Bi-Monthly Stableford
 June 15th to 19th — Id Al-Fitr Holiday Eclectic
 June 30th — 13th Anniversary Tournament



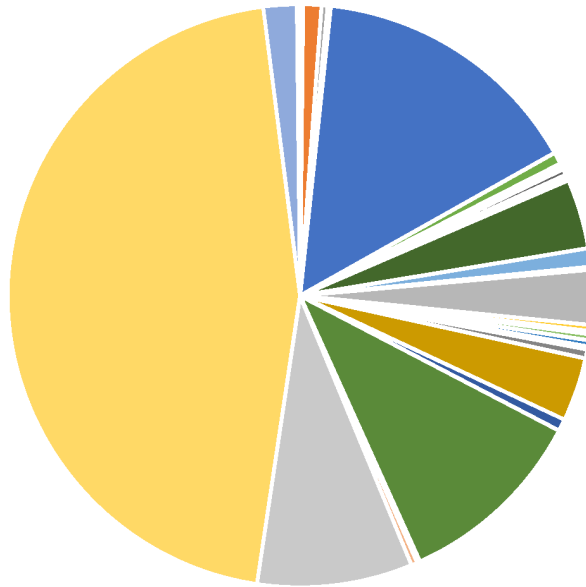
Ask Carl

- Q: Now that we enter live our bi-monthly medal's score into the USGA TM app, do we still need to enter our bi-monthly medal's score into GHIN or is it done automatically for us?
- A: Whether you use the USGA TM app or not during a monthly medal or Stableford, you should never enter the scores into GHIN. All tournament scores will be uploaded into GHIN by the Tournament Director.
- Q: How can I view past results of tournaments?
- A: The results of all tournaments held at Rolling Hills are posted on the Club's website: www.arabiangolf.net.

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

Membership

Rolling Hills Golf Club (RHGC) consists of many members from all corners of the world. We are truly a diverse group of golfers with many talents, coming from different professional disciplines and backgrounds. Our club is represented by the 30 countries as illustrated below.



Country	No.
Argentina	1
Australia	6
Austria	2
Bolivia	1
Canada	90
Columbia	4
Demark	1
German	2
Hungary	1
Philippines	3
France	1
India	1
Indonesia	23
Ireland	6
Lebanon	1

Country	No.
Malaysia	18
Mexico	2
Netherlands	1
New Zealand	2
Nigeria	2
Norway	1
Saudi Arabia	21
South Africa	4
South Korea	63
Spain	1
Trinidad & Tobago	2
UK	51
USA	271
Venezuela	11
Vietnam	1

This information is provided by the Membership Committee based on RHGC membership list 2018.

Handicap Corner

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

The Handicap Program document has been updated for 2018/19, please see below and also posted on the website.

Note: In an effort to have posted scores better represent the player's potential ability, we have reintroduced the "OTH" (other) flag when booking in Foretees. Please use this [sparingly](#) for rounds you play when scores are not acceptable for HC purposes (please refer to the April Newsletter for an article on "Acceptability of Scores", additionally, using a mulligan on one hole does not make the entire score unacceptable. Give yourself net par on any mulligan holes.. Previous Newsletters are available on the website at <http://www.arabiangolf.net/newsletters2018> . We expect this flag may be used by most people about 10% of the time, a few may use it as much as 25% of the time but we would not expect any higher usage than that. We will be monitoring this for usage and effectiveness.

RHGC Handicap Program

The RHGC Handicap Program exists to provide the club's members with 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. ***"Two basic premises underlie the USGA Handicap System, namely that each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played, and that the player will post every acceptable round for peer review. The player and the player's Handicap Committee have joint responsibility for adhering to these premises."*** The role of the RHGC Handicap Committee is to ensure the integrity and accuracy of all RHGC member Handicaps. By accomplishing these objectives our competitive events will be fair and more enjoyable for all who play.

RHGC uses the USGA "GHIN" software to administer handicaps. Members who do not have a current GHIN #, or do not have a USGA certified handicap from another source – will not be allowed to enter tournaments, leagues, or other Club-sponsored events for which a certified handicap is required. A member can get a GHIN # from the Handicap Committee by emailing handicaps@arabiangolf.net. To play competitive golf events associated with the Rolling Hills Golf Club, it is essential that each player conform to the player responsibilities outlined below.

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

1. Members must post scores of all acceptable rounds played under the Rules of Golf – including rounds played at RHGC or at any other RCGA-USGA rated course. 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. A round of golf played for practice or social (eg. playing with your children for fun) would not be considered acceptable. In these situations please book your tee time in Foretees using the "OTH" flag.

Note: Tournament scores are verified for accuracy and posted by the Handicap or Tournament Committee, members must not post their own tournament scores.

2. 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).
3. 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).
4. 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.
5. 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 max-

Handicap Corner Con't**EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL**

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

Note: if you enter your gross scores hole-by-hole in GHIN, this ESC adjustment is done automatically by the software.

6. All acceptable scores must be posted as soon as practical after the completion of a round. If a player fails to post a score the Handicap Committee may post the actual score made by the player, post a penalty score equal to the lowest/highest Handicap Differential in the player's scoring record, or post the actual score and a penalty score. If a member has 3 penalty scores as a result of failing to post scores, the member will be subject to suspension from the next RHGC event. If a member continues to not post scores or willingly attempts to avoid complying with the USGA Handicap System, the Handicap Committee reserves the right to withdraw that individual from the RHGC Handicap Program.
7. Inadvertent errors in posted scores should immediately be brought to the attention of the Handicap Committee for correction.
8. If a player manipulates his scores to influence his Handicap Index, the Committee shall adjust or withdraw his Handicap Index depending on the severity of the offense. Examples of manipulating scores include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Posting erroneous scores
 - Not adjusting hole scores
 - Deliberately reporting more strokes than scored
 - Deliberately taking extra strokes to inflate score
9. For the purpose of Peer Review, member's Handicaps are posted at the clubhouse and on the RHGC Website after each handicap revision. Handicaps and Recent Scores are also available at any time at www.ghin.com under "Handicap Lookup". Peer Review is essential in maintaining the integrity of the Handicap Program and is everyone's responsibility. A Peer Review Request of a player's handicap and scoring record may be made to the Handicap Committee by any member of the club at any time. The Handicap Committee will review the scoring record of the player, and if they determine that the system generated Index is not representative of the player's potential scoring ability a manual adjustment will be applied. The player's Index will then be denoted by an "M".
10. The Handicap Committee will do a general review of all tournament scores to ensure that the integrity of the USGA HC System is maintained.

The Board of Directors and the Handicap Committee are 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 while 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 USGA Handicap System go to <http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page.html> (Handicapping is under the "Playing" menu).

From the Pro Shop

The RHGC Board has approved the purchase of new point-of-sales (POS) for the Pro Shop. We will be upgrading its POS to ForeUp solution within the next couple of months.

This cloud based solution reduces dependency of PC based POS that we currently have, by allowing users to access the solution via web browser, it offers flexible accessibility. Another bonus is that ForeUp allows the club to integrate the Clubhouse POS as well.

The ForeUp solution also has Tee Time Management solution that we will test for the next few months to determine if we can replace ForeTees solution to track all members tee times, including all tournaments and special events. More announcements will follow.

The club also streamlined the pro shop admin roles for ForeTees to fit 5 profiles. The 5 profiles are:

- Staff
- Media
- Event
- Handicap
- Starter

On a separate note, the overall administration duties of ForeTees has switched from Lee Kirk to Edward Kim. We want to extend our gratitude to Lee Kirk who has been the administrator of ForeTees since 2009 and has graciously put together a set of turnover notes. We are sure that we speak for everyone when we say "Lee, thank you for the dedication and the services to the Rolling Hills Golf Club!"

Lastly, during May Board meeting, a motion 'that all Board members will now have 10 days advance booking' was made and approved.

Ladies' Golf

The Tuesday morning ladies league is now on summer break. League play will resume on September 25, 2018. Enjoy your summer!

Clubhouse News

Due to supply costs the following clubhouse items will increase:

- Hot dogs: 10 SAR increased to 15 SAR
- Sandwiches (chicken, tuna, cheese): 10 SAR increased to 12 SAR
- Tapsilog/tasilog: 30 SAR increased to 35 SAR
- Chicken wings w/ fries: 20 SAR increased to 25 SAR
- Cheeseburger: 20 SAR increased to 25 SAR
- Cheeseburger with fries: 25 SAR increased to 35 SAR
- Hand-cut French fries: 5 SAR increased to 10 SAR

Price increases will go into effect starting June 1st.

Grounds and Rules

The hot weather is here. Pay attention when on the course and make sure you are not showing signs of Heat Exhaustion or Heat Stroke. We have all seen guys suffer on the course and many ended up in the ER, myself included.

-Troy

**Theme of The Week
(Hot Weather)**

Know The Signs

Heat Exhaustion	Heat Stroke
Excessive Sweating	Headache
Cold, Pale, Clammy Skin	Possibly Unconscious
Fast, Weak Pulse	High Internal Temperature Above 103°F
Nausea or Vomiting	Rapid, Strong Pulse
Dizziness or Fainting	Nausea or Vomiting
Muscle Cramps	No Sweating
	Hot, Dry Skin

What To Do	What To Do
1. Move to a cooler location.	1. CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY
2. Lie down and loosen your clothing.	2. Move the person to a cooler environment.
3. Apply cool, wet cloths to as much of your body as possible.	3. Reduce the person's body temperature with cool cloths or even a bath.
4. Sip water.	4. Do NOT give fluids.
5. If you have vomited and it continues, seek medical attention immediately.	

The Golf Ball

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018
Crowne Plaza, Bahrain

7PM UNTIL 2AM
SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE
MEMBERS - SR400 | GUESTS - SR450
DINNER, DOOR PRIZES, & DJ
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Club Car Raffle

Main Draw – 150 SAR per ticket

The all New 2018 Temp Golf Cart from Club Car (with Solar Panel)

Secondary Draw

Anyone who buys 2 main draw tickets (at the same time) will automatically receive 1 entry for the Secondary draw. Anyone who buys 3-4 main draw tickets (at the same time) will automatically receive 2 entries for the Secondary draw. Anyone who buys 5 or more main draw tickets (at the same time) will automatically receive 3 entries for the Secondary draw.

The number and value of the prizes to be awarded for the secondary draw will be dependent on the number of primary tickets sold – in the past we have had gold, iPads, iPad iPhones as secondary prizes.

No tickets will be sold for this Secondary draw. If only 5 people buy 2 tickets on the Club Car, then there will only be 5 people in the Secondary Draw. You can only get into the Secondary draw if you purchase 2 or more of the Main Draw tickets.

The Draw will be held at the Golf Ball. You do not need to be present to win.

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