

# ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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## Vice President's Message

The winding down of 2018 does not mean things are slowing down at RHGC. In December we have the Golf Ball & associated Tournament, the annual RHGC AGM and the Monthly Medal. Peeking ahead to January, we have our Opening Day Tournament, the OASIS Cup versus Dirab and a Monthly Medal. If you love golf and lots of it, you are in the right place!

The state of golf in Saudi Aramco remains very strong. Ed and I were fortunate to meet with Mr. Nabil Nuaim, Executive Director of Community Services. Our discussion with him left no doubt as to the Company's strong, continued commitment to golf in Saudi Aramco. Our RHGC Greenskeeper, Jason Sexton, should be back in Kingdom soon. Jason will move forward to complete the projects that will enhance our golfing experience. The Tamarisk removal project is back in full swing and I am sure you will have noticed some significant progress around the course. The plan to plant upwards of 15,000 new trees on the course has not changed.

Lastly, I want to thank all of the "Adopt-A-Hole" volunteers for stepping forward. These are your fellow members who will be picking up trash (including cigarette butts), raking bunkers, filling in divots and repairing pitch marks on the greens for their adopted holes. Please do your part and make their job easy. There is never any excuse for littering, failing to fill-in divots or rake bunkers. Always fix your pitch marks on the greens and maybe one other while you are at it.

-Les Hertlein

## From the Pro

The next "Golf in a Week" class starts on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Classes are an hour each day beginning at 7:00 pm and run for 5 consecutive days. Courses 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 9:00 -10:00. 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.

The Junior Tour School will return on Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup> and run each Saturday for 4 weeks. The classes are from 8:00am — 9:00. The schools will cover rules, etiquette, and golf swing mechanics. All equipment and range balls are supplied. The cost is 300SR.

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 at:

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

December 1<sup>st</sup> — Junior Tour School

December 6<sup>th</sup> — Ladies' Classes Continues

December 16<sup>th</sup> — Golf in a Week

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## Upcoming Tournament Information

### Golf Ball Tournament

In conjunction with the Golf Ball in Bahrain, the annual Golf Ball Tournament will take place at the Royal Golf Club in Riffa on **December 7th**. The format for the Tournament is a Shamble. All four golfers tee off, the best ball is selected, and all golfers play from that spot. However, from the 3rd shot on, all golfers play their own ball. Fee to play is 550 SAR and should be paid in the ProShop.

### Bi-Monthly Stableford

We are having our Bi-Monthly Stableford on **December 14<sup>th</sup>**. The December Stableford is actually the first event of the 2019 season. Points earned in this Stableford will count towards the 2019 Player of the year. Shawarmas will also be available for you to purchase at lunch time so bring your cash and an appetite. Registration is now open via [Tournament Manager](#).

### CEO Cup—Save the Date

The CEO Cup will be held on **February 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**. It will be an 18 hole Stableford tournament. There will be 3 Shotgun starts: **February 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM and **February 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00 AM. Pairings will be by committee. Registration is opens December 2<sup>nd</sup> on [Tournament Manager](#).

The [2019 Tournament Calendar](#) is available on the RHGC's website.

December 7<sup>th</sup> — Golf Ball Tournament  
 December 14<sup>th</sup> — Bi Monthly Stableford  
 February 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> — CEO Cup



### Ask Carl

Q: My ball landed in a tire tread impression from the Tamarix removal. Do I get a free drop?

A: Sorry but no. This is considered “rub of the green” and there is no relief. For complete details on relief from Tamarix removal please see page #4.

Q: Why is the first medal of 2019 in December of 2018?

A: In order to hand out Player of the Year awards at the year end AGM in December, it was decided that Player of the Year qualifying would run from December through until the end of November.

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

## Handicap Corner

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

### 2019 HC Quiz coming soon!

Starting in 2019 you will need to take the Handicap Quiz (and pass with 80%) to be eligible to play in tournaments. An accurate Handicap Index is key in creating a level playing field for tournament play, giving everyone a fair chance to be competitive. Hopefully the Quiz will give everyone some general knowledge about the USGA Handicap System and a better understanding of how their Handicap Index relates to their actual scores.

To get a head start on your “homework” for the Quiz check out the links below:

<http://www.usga.org/Handicapping.html>

<http://www.usga.org/Handicapping/handicap-manual.html#!rule-14367>

<http://www.usga.org/Handicapping/handicapping-101.html>

<http://www.usga.org/Handicapping/publications-25483.html>

<http://www.usga.org/handicapping-articles/how-well-should-you-play-25502.html>

## Establishing a Handicap Index<sup>®</sup>

A player does not establish a Handicap Index from a specific set of tees.

**ANYONE, ANYWHERE, FROM ANY SET OF TEES**

Myth Buster: One of the questions we get at the USGA is “Do I establish my handicap from a certain set of tees?”  
No, a player does not establish a Handicap Index from a set of tees. Here’s why:

**ENTER SCORES**

**STANDARD FORMULA APPLIED**

**RESULT: A PORTABLE HANDICAP INDEX**

**10.9 Handicap Index**

Adjusted Gross Score -  
USGA Course Rating™ x 113 / Slope Rating®  
= Handicap Differential™

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## Ground & Rules

The Tamarix removal is Continuing. The plan is to have all removed by October 2019. The removal has brought up some questions regarding relief. This was addressed in the April edition of the RHGC newsletter. Below you will find a recap of the relief rules.

Until we are finished with the Tamarix removal, we will regard all debris piles as immovable obstructions and Rule 24-2 "Immovable Obstruction" will apply. If you hit your ball into a debris pile (branches or other immovable obstructions) you are entitled to a free drop under Rule 24-2. You can drop your ball within 1 club length and no nearer to the hole.

If you want to consider the debris as a movable obstruction then Rule 24-1 "Movable Obstruction" can be applied. In this case you can lift your ball, move the debris, and then drop your ball at the same location with no penalty. Use your discretion and in general we don't want players hoisting branches and debris around so Rule 24-2 should be applied liberally until the Tamarix removal has been completed.

If you hit your ball into a debris pile that is in the water, play as normal, and you are not entitled to a free drop.

If you are in the dirt and your ball is resting in a tire track, this is considered "rub of the green" and you must play your ball as it lies.

## 2019 Membership Drive

If you were not able to attend either of RHGC's Membership Drive events, you can still renew your membership. Instructions, and forms, on how to do so can be found on the [RHGC Website](#).

Leaving Saudi Aramco sometime in 2019? Remember that RHGC membership fees are nonrefundable. However, unused portions of green fees can be refunded by Recreation upon leaving Saudi Aramco. Additionally, if you have a cart shed, you must return the key prior to your departure.



## Ladies' League

### Tuesday Morning Ladies' League December Schedule

**Dec. 4:** Fun Tournament & Luncheon – Show up at 07:30 and sign up by 08:00 AM at club house and we will pair up for 9 holes. No handicap required. (Sally will host luncheon at her house)

Please note that there will be an election for 2019.

**Dec. 11:** Monthly Medal – Stroke Play. Show up at 07:30 and sign up by 08:00 AM at club house and we will pair up for 18 holes. Handicap Required.

### ANNOUNCEMENT;

1. During luncheon, there will be skill prize awarding event as per the following schedule. However, no prize will be given to those who are not attending luncheon. (Note ; The skill prize will not be carried over to next month)

#### Skill Prize depending on handicap

For handicap, 30+ players	: 1 Ball per Par
For Handicap, 20 ~ 29 players	: 1 Ball per 2 Par, 1 Ball per Birdie
For Handicap under 20 players	: 1 Ball per 3 Par, 1 Ball per Birdie
For 14 putting or below per 9 hole	: 1 Ball

### 2. Monthly Luncheon Schedule

Luncheon will be held after the FUN TOURNAMENT every month, and the following is assigned luncheon schedule.

Dec. : Sally Lim

### Congratulation to the Ladies Eclectic Winners

1st Audrey Paar -12 total net to par

2nd Gina Kim -11 total net to par

T3rd Kelly Kyungah Seung -10 total net to par

T3rd Kim-Kyung-Sook Song -10 total net to par

## From the ProShop

Perfect  
stocking  
stuffers...



**GAUDI GOLF  
Wire Towel**

You can clean the dirty golf ball and club with Gaudi Golf Wire Towel easily by yourself!!

You can put the towel on your waist, it does not interrupt your play.  
Towel stretches 70cm.

**GAUDI Golf**

## Junior Golf

The November Junior Golf Event had beautiful weather and some great golf played by the Juniors.



This month we used the best ball scramble format which made for exciting scores. The team of Gavin Long, Mason Alles and Lincoln Ralls edged out the rest of the field with a 43. There were lots of great shots and stories to tell. Some of the Juniors looked to be playing better than their parents. The next event will take place in January.



## Movie Night

We had 30-40 members and guests attend our November Drive-in.

We had a new jumbo screen (thanks to Codi Long) and an awesome sound system (thanks to James McKeage).

Be on the lookout for a future movie night in January or February and let me know if you'd like to help out. We need folks to help set up/take down the screen and to make sure we've got the food and movie treats ready.

Tamara.Tahir@aramco.com



**Movie Night!**

## Golf Cart Wash

The Falcons Hockey cart wash was a great success, they raised over 1300 SAR. The RHGC community was very generous and encouraging. The Falcons washed many carts, a small golf trolley and had a few members give donations without having their carts washed. The best part was giving the Falcon players opportunities to be part of raising money for their club by volunteering. The Falcons leadership commented that RHGC is really providing a great opportunity for organizations to fund raise and build leadership in our future leaders.



# The Golf Ball

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018

*Crowne Plaza, Bahrain*

7PM UNTIL 2AM

SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE

MEMBERS - SR400 | GUESTS - SR450

DINNER, DOOR PRIZES, & DJ

HOUSE DRINKS UNTIL 11 PM



Ticket sales close  
on Tuesday,  
December 4th

TICKET SALES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> AT THE RHGC PROSHOP

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## Club Car Raffle

Main Draw – 150 SAR per ticket

The all New 2018 Tempo 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.

Buy your tickets now at the RHGC Pro Shop. A Maximum of 500 will be sold. That's right, you have an excellent 1 in 500 chance to win!!! Tickets are going fast.