

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

I hope everyone is back in the swing of things! We had an extremely successful membership drive and I wanted to again thank Mel Rivera and Jane Kirk for all of their hard work. In addition, the work behind the scenes of Jeff Meisner, Dina Hancock, and Janice Anderson did not go unnoticed. I wanted to make sure that the members understand what a great job they did.

February will be a very busy month starting with the Saudi Invitational at Royal Greens this weekend. As most of you know, the CEO Cup will be the weekend of February 7th & 8th. We are looking for a huge turnout for the dinner so please make every effort to be there. Mid-month, we will have our Thursday Valentine Day social and also the Monthly Medal. I hope everyone enjoys the "Race to the Hills." We look forward to hearing your feedback.

The 2020 plan is already in motion starting with the new sod on the driving range. As a reminder, please use the mats as the sod will not settle if the mats are not used. We also are working on the tree planting and sand development outside of the rough areas. You will see the beginning of these changes on holes 8, 10, and 11.

We know the Pro Shop hours have been problematic but a solution is on the way. We ask you to remain patient as we work to finalize the schedule.

Lastly, we want to welcome Richard Henson to the group as he will be a special advisor to the Treasurer. He will be working to move the Pro Shop and the Clubhouse to a cashless system in the coming months.

Hit em Straight
-Ed Devlin

From the Pro

The next "Golf in a Week" class starts on February 23rd. 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 February 7th 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.

To register, you may contact Stuart at:
stuart.hurstfield@aramco.com

February 3th — Ladies' Classes Continues

February 7th — Junior Tour School

February 23rd — Golf in a Week

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Upcoming Tournament Information

CEO Cup

The CEO Cup will be held on **February 7th & 8th**. It will be an 18 hole Stableford tournament. There will be 3 Shotgun starts: **February 7th** at 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM and **February 8th** at 7:00 AM. Pairings will be by committee. Registration is now closed. See [page 3](#) for more details.

February Monthly Medal

We are having the February Monthly Medal on **February 15th**. The format will be STROKE play. Registration is now open via [Tournament Manager](#).

Abqaiq Open

See [page 9](#) for more details.

March Monthly Medal

We are having the March Medal on **March 7th**. The format will be STROKE play. Registration is now open via [Tournament Manager](#).

Udhailiyah Open

See [page 10](#) for more details.

Boy Scout Tournament

See [page 8](#) for more details.

The [2020 Tournament Calendar](#) is available on the RHGC's website.

February 7th & 8th — CEO Cup
 February 15th — Monthly Medal
 March 7th — Monthly Medal



Ask Carl

Q: How did my handicap drop by a couple strokes in January? I didn't even play in December!

A: With the introduction of the World Handicap System in January of 2020, the formula used to calculate a course handicap has changed. To calculate your handicap for any course you can use the following formula:

Handicap Index * Slope Rating /113 + Course Rating - Par for course

For example, for a player that has a handicap index of 12.3, this is how you would calculate the handicap for the white tees at Rolling Hills.

$$12.3 * 133 / 113 + 70.2 - 72 = 14.5 - 1.8 = 12.7 = 13$$

You can use this formula for any course you play as long as you know the slope rating and the course rating. This is usually displayed on most score cards.

2020 CEO Cup



Registration

Registration is now closed for the CEO Cup and there is a waiting list. Please contact Jeff Meisner (tournaments@arabiangolf.net) if you wish to be added to the waiting list.

Photography

Photographers will be on the course and at awards ceremony & dinner banquet. By participating in the tournament and attending the awards ceremony, you agree to the use and distribution of any photographs taken of you by the RHGC photographers.

Giveaway Items

Only those people that registered by December 12th, 2019 are guaranteed to receive the full set of giveaway items including shirts conforming to your size request. Giveaways for those that registered after December 12th will be provided in priority sequence. The shirt you receive is final and no requests for changes will be allowed.

Awards Ceremony & Dinner Banquet

All participants and their guests are encouraged to attend the awards ceremony & dinner banquet. Please show your support for the CEO's generosity and the effort put forth by your club. As in past years, the event will be held at the Plaza Conference Center (PCC) and the doors open at 5pm to begin registration.

Dinner Tickets

- Ticket sales begin January 23rd in the RHGC Proshop. Ticket sales will end on February 3rd. You may purchase tickets for friends and colleagues but you must provide a table selection for everyone when you purchase your tickets.
- Anyone attending the awards ceremony and dinner banquet must present a ticket during check-in.
- RHGC reserves the right to move people from one table to another in order to avoid small groups at tables. Please confirm your table assignment when you check-in at the PCC.
- Tickets cost SR 150 for players and non-playing guests and no tickets will be distributed without payment. The player's ticket fee is refundable. For RHGC members your refunds will be applied to your RHGC account. You then have the option of using the money to purchase ProShop items, food & beverage items in the clubhouse or receive a cash refund. For non-RHGC members, you will be able to pick up your refund in the ProShop. An announcement will be made when cash refunds are available for pick-up.
- No refunds will be provided to people that are no-shows.

2020 CEO Cup con't

Proshop Hours of Note

- Feb 1: Closed
- Feb 2: Closed
- Feb 3: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Attendance

- All winners (closest to the pin, club winners and flight winners) must be in attendance or your win is forfeited and ceded to the next person in the rankings.
- You must be present to win any of the fabulous raffle prizes. No raffle tickets will be provided if you show up to the dinner after 6pm.
- Parking will be available at the PCC. It is expected that we will have access to the covered parking that is part of the Ithra Center. No bus service will be provided to the event.

There may still be some volunteering opportunities to help with course marshaling and registration/check-in. If you care to help your club please contact the following people:

For marshaling contact Adam Fox (Adam.Fox@Aramco.com)

For registration/check-in contact Susan Hertlein (spalm20109@gmail.com)

Thank you.

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Les Hertlein

2020 CEO Cup Chairman

Grounds

Someone raised a good question regarding where bunker rakes should be placed. While there is no specific rule on bunker rake placement, the USGA and R&A have guidelines that we should follow:

- **Do not** leave in the bunker
- **Do not** leave in front of bunkers
- **Do not** leave on bunker slopes
- **Do leave** outside the bunker and parallel to the line of play (basically on the left and right sides)

Please read this link for more information.

<https://www.golfdigest.com/story/does-anyone-know-where-bunker-rakes-should-go>

Junior Golf

RHGC Junior Golf Event – February 22nd, 2020

Junior golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate in the January Junior Golf Event. Here is the schedule for the day:

- 9:00 am — **Driving/Putting Range (warmups)**
- 9:50 am — **Meeting in Clubhouse for pairings and rules**
- 10:15 am — **Competitive Group heads to #10 Tee**
- 10:15 am — **Fun Groups head to course / back in Clubhouse by 1:00**
- 1:00 pm — **Competitive Group back in the Clubhouse for lunch and prizes**
- 1:30 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 March Golf Event is currently available on the Tournament Manager 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 (WhatsApp) or

email at: cobylong@gmail.com

Junior Golf
DEVELOPING THE PLAYER, GROWING THE GAME™

2019 Players of the Year

Ladies' Gross



Soonhae Kim

Ladies' Net



Young Mi Kang

Men's Gross



Karam Chand

Men's Net



Gilroy Dolor

Flighted Match Winners

A Flight



John Paul Scallon

B Flight



Zaid Al-Amer

C Flight



Ahmed Daham

Match Play Winners

Singles



Ahmed Daham

Team



John Paul Scallon

Most Improved



Marc Elasmr



Kirk Mathews

2019 Hole in Ones

YoungKyoung Ahn



Hole 8
Blue Tees
7 Iron

John Sinesi



Hole 14
White Tees
7 Iron



Valentine's Day Scramble

February 13, 2020

Sign up on Tournament Manager with a mixed team of 2 women and 2 men.

Pay your 600 rigals/team entry fee at the Club House by February 10th.

Guest dinners may be purchased for 125 rigals.

Soup and salad will be served 5:15 PM onward
with Golf at 6:00 and a steak dinner to follow around 8:30 PM.



SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY

| MARCH 21 |
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IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

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TICKETS ON SALE FROM
10AM TO 2PM
ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

Jan 17, 18, 31
Feb 1, 7, 8, 14

January, 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

February, 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

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TROOP 1 - DHAHRAN, KSA
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Ain Nakhl G.C.

Abqaiq 31311, Saudi Arabia

Will host the 18th Annual Abqaiq Open on the 6th March 2020

You can sign up via our website at <http://www.abqaiqgolf.com/> Under
2020 Tournament Schedule

Please read the Open tournament information guidelines on our web site before signing up.



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SATURDAY
MARCH 21, 2020
9:00AM TEE TIME

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN
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