

# ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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## President's Message

"If something was really important, fate made sure it somehow came back to you and gave you another chance" -Sarah Dessen

I can say that is great to be back. 2020 has certainly been one to remember (forget) but let's hope that there is some light at the end of the tunnel. We have a very full tournament schedule in the fall and I know so many of us are excited to get back out there. I am in the process of meeting with all of the board members and I hope to be up to speed after the board meeting on August 9.

Below is email to best reach me for matters relating to the President.

[Rhgcpresident@gmail.com](mailto:Rhgcpresident@gmail.com)

Please be safe and have a very enjoyable EID holiday

Hit em straight

Ed



## Ask Carl

Q: Why did someone tie the barricades by the lower cart sheds together with rope? I need to be able to open them so I can get to the hole 1 tee box when I'm running late for my 3:04 tee time.

A: The barricades had to be tied together because people kept opening them to bypass the one and only approved entrance between the chipping green and starter shack. If you recall, one of the stipulations for RHGC reopening was that we had to control access to the course and take temperatures before allowing players to proceed. Bypassing the approved entrance and check in procedure puts the club at risk of getting closed again, and we all remember how that went back in March. If you don't have enough time to check in before your tee time, you need to either book a later tee time or leave work earlier.

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.

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## Grounds

Rolling Hills is looking great and thanks to the hard work by Jason Sexton and the Maintenance Crew it is getting better by the day. Everyone has seen the extensive attention to grooming the greens with aerating, verticutting, and needle tine work. The hard work will pay off in a big way and by this fall the greens will be spectacular.

Please continue fixing pitch-marks on the greens and help educate those who are new to golf on the proper procedures. Take the time to view the below video and see if you are practicing the proper technique for repairing ball marks on the greens. You might be surprised...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0GAEnoKHYc>

We continue to see a lot of issues with irrigation. There are a large number of irrigation heads leaking like below and the maintenance crew are well aware of these problems. New irrigation heads and supplies have been ordered and the procurement system is painfully slow. Until the new material has arrived please do not drive your cart in the wet grass as you will cause damage.



I leave you with a picture looking back at hole 15 tee box. The landscaping is an example of the direction we are moving and with time the waste areas outside the rough will be beautiful.



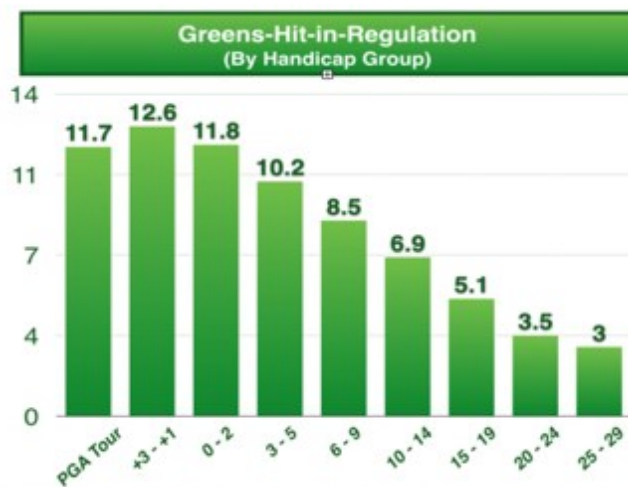
## Handicap Corner

### How Many Greens in Regulation Should You Hit Based on Your Handicap?

As we head into the Eid Holiday, some of us will be playing a lot of golf instead of traveling like we normally do. So thought it would be fun to share an interesting article I came across recently. Happy reading

**How many greens in regulation should you be hitting based on your golf handicap? Take a look at the graph below, courtesy of ShotByShot.com.** For those unsure exactly what a green in regulation means, this is when you either hit the green on a par-3 with your tee shot, a par-4 in one or two shots, and a par-5 in one, two or three shots.

The GIR numbers below represent the number hit by each handicap group in the rounds when they play to their handicap...



You may be wondering how the +3 to +1 and 0-2 categories hit more greens in regulation than a PGA Tour Pro? This is down to the dramatic difference in the length of the courses played by professionals and amateurs. It also alludes to the fact Pros tend to attack more pins and go for birdies while amateurs typically learn to play to the heart of a green for more consistency.

### New GHIN Handicap Index and Course Handicap Report

Starting in 2020 with the WHS, handicap indexes are automatically recalculated every day, however, it is not practical to post course handicaps daily. However, a new GHIN report has been made available, so periodically we will run this report and post it on our website. See <https://www.arabiangolf.net/node/39> for the most recent report.

Note: You can always review your current handicap index by going to the GHIN website or downloading the GHIN app on your mobile phone, and then using the GHIN Course Handicap Calculator at <https://www.ghin.com/handicap-calculator/select-course>.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Vezendy, Handicap Director at [rhgchandicaps@gmail.com](mailto:rhgchandicaps@gmail.com).

# The Golf Ball

The 2020 Golf Ball in Bahrain has been cancelled, but we look forward to seeing everyone on the dance floor in December 2021!

*Dinner, Door, & Us  
(House drinks until 1am)*

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Ticket Sales begin September 28<sup>th</sup> at the RHGC ProShop  
Crowne Plaza special rates

Double Occupancy = Standard Room - 50++, Deluxe Room - 55++

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