

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

2021 is upon us and we can only hope it brings better times than what we saw in 2020. At the same time we need to remain vigilant to protect our community, club, and all of our members.

A new year brings a new tournament schedule. Jeff Meisner has done a great job of putting everything together. The "Race to the Hills" is back on in 2021 and we have already started in December, so don't forget to sign up for the January Monthly Medal on January 23rd. We also have the opening day tournament on January 16th. The Portal should open shortly, grab you team as it should be fun.

Great news, our Club Pro Stuart Hurtsfield is back in Kingdom and will be starting giving lessons shortly. See below for more information.

Lastly, we are in the process of the phase 4 (year 4) RHGC makeover. The first 3 years have gone very well thanks to Jason Sexton and his team, gardening and community services. This year we will focus on the range, cart path roads, tree planting, and beautification. The RHGC is looking forward to another great year so please do not forget to turn in your membership forms ASAP!

Hit em Straight

-Ed Devlin

From the Pro

The next "Golf in a Week" class starts on January 25th. 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 5th and run each Friday 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:

stuarthurtsfield@gmail.com or WhatsApp +44-775-337-1547

January 14th — Ladies' Classes Continues

February 5th — Junior Tour School

January 25th — Golf in a Week

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Upcoming Tournament Information

Opening Day Tournament

The 2021 Opening Day Scramble format this year a Florida Scramble an will take place on **January 16th**. You may pick your own four person team or join an existing one. There will be three mixed-gender flights. Please note: in order to play in the opening day scramble you must be a member in good standing of the Rolling Hills Golf Club for 2021 with 2021 membership fees paid. Sign-up is already open in [Tournament Manager](#)..

Monthly Medal

The second leg of the Race to the Hills is happening on **January 23rd**. Registration is now open via [Tournament Manager](#).

CEO Cup—Save the Date

The CEO Cup will be held on **February 26th & 27th**. It will be an 18 hole Stableford tournament. There will be 3 slots of tee times starts: **February 26th** 6:30 AM—8:20 AM, 11:00 AM—12:50 PM and 12:00 PM and **February 27th** 6:30 AM—8:20. Pairings will be by committee. Registration is now open through [Tournament Manager](#). See [page 3](#) for more details.

The [2021 Tournament Calendar](#) is available on the RHGC's website.

January 16th — Opening Day Tournament
 January 23rd — Monthly Medal
 February 26th & 27th — CEO Cup



Ask Carl

Q: Why do , as a primary member have to pay yearly green fees in order to play at Rolling Hill? I cant I just pay cash or a monthly fee?

A: This is not a RHGC policy. This is set by Community Service and Recreation.

Q: If I get a new cart shed, why do I have to pay the entire year's rental fee when it has already been paid for by another member?

A: It is RHGC policy for each new cart shed owner to pay for the entire year's fee. However, a member after being offered a new shed feels that there is not enough time in the year to warrant paying an entire year's fee, they not have to accept a shed. If they choose, that can pass on the shed and wait for the next shed to come available. Members that choose this route will not lose their place on the cart shed waiting list.

Q: Where can I get my clubs regripped or repaired?

A: RHGC's club professional Stuart Hurtsfield is back in Kingdom and will be happy to look after your needs.

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.

2021 CEO Cup



Initial Announcement

2021 CEO CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT February 26th and 27th, 2021

The 2021 CEO Cup will be hosted by Rolling Hills Golf Club on Friday, February 26th and Saturday, February 27th, 2020. This year's event will have 3 tee-time slots wherein you can sign-up (Friday 07:00AM, Friday 12:00noon and Saturday 07:00AM). The 2021 CEO Cup Tournament Committee will be coordinating all aspects of the golf event with your designated representative. This year's event will utilize a Stableford scoring format applying 75% of each player's established handicap. We are planning four (4) men's flights and, depending on participation level, two (2) ladies flights.

Eligibility

Any Saudi Aramco employee or dependent, 16 years of age and over, whom is a member in good standing at any of the SAGA golf clubs, holding a current handicap at one of the clubs.

Fees

There is no entry fee for 2021 CEO CUP and no green fees will be charged for this event.

Registration

CEO Cup registration will be done via Tournament Manager. Please follow this link to register: [CEO Cup 2020](#). Registration closes on February 19th, 2021 @ 4pm. Cancellations must be made no later than February 21st.

Note: SAGA no-show policy is in effect for this tournament for all competitors.

Tee-Times

There will be three slotted starts, Friday 6:30 AM—8:20 AM, Friday 11:00 AM—12:50 PM, and Saturday 6:30 AM—8:20. Draws will be arranged to maximize golf cart utilization.

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Handicaps

RHGC Golfers holding current handicaps are eligible to play. Handicap indexes must be provided on the attached data sheet. Handicaps will be limited to 36 for men and 40 for ladies.

Rules & Decisions

The competition will be played under USGA/R&A rules in addition to RHGC Local Rules. Any dispute or doubtful point on the rules will be referred to the Tournament Grounds and Rules Committee whose decision will be final. Ties in the competition will be settled by USGA Countback (Rule 3.5)

Prizes & Handouts

Prizes will be awarded as follows;

- CEO Cup Winner Men's & Ladies (Most Stableford Points Overall)
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th - All Flights (Ladies 1st, 2nd and 3rd)
- Closest-to-Pin Skill Prizes*
- Most Stableford Points RHGC, ANGC, WASGC, SSGC club winners to receive Proshop voucher

*Competitors are eligible for one skill prize only.

Breakfast & Lunch

Lunch will available for all Friday competitors and breakfast will be available for Saturday competitors. Water and soda will be available during the tournament. There will be no cost to the competitors for food or drink.

Dinner & Award Presentation

As in years past, a dinner and awards presentation will follow the competition on the evening of Saturday, February 27th - and it is anticipated many members of Executive Management will be in attendance. This dinner banquet and awards ceremony will be held at the Plaza Conference Center (PCC) in Dhahran, and all competitors and spouses/guests are welcome and encouraged to attend. There will be a guarantee fee of 150 SAR for competitors who are attending the dinner, which shall be refunded vis credit to your RHGC account upon presentation of their Player banquet ticket. Non-playing spouses or dinner guests may purchase a dinner ticket for 150 SAR. Tickets will be available starting Thursday, February 5th and may be purchased from the RHGC Proshop. The PCC doors will be open starting at 5:00PM on February 27th, 2021. Reception will between 5:30 – 6:00PM. Further details of the program will follow as they become available.

Cordially on behalf of the 2021 CEO Cup Organizing Committee,

Tim

Tim Billa

2021 CEO Cup Chairman

Junior Golf

RHGC Junior Golf Event – January 30th, 2021

Junior golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate in the January 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 Group heads to #1 Tee**
- 11:00 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:

email at: RHGCBoard@gmail.com

Junior Golf
DEVELOPING THE PLAYER, GROWING THE GAME™

Tournament Policy

Eligibility

You must be a member in good standing, with an active GHIN handicap. All event participants must be of age 16 or higher to compete in all RHGC and SAGA Events on the date of the event. RHGC has a well established Junior program for members under the age of 16.

Handicaps

With the advent of the World Handicapping System on January 1st, 2020, Handicaps Indexes will be locked for events on the Wednesday prior to the event. Tournament eligible scores will be posted by the tournament committee immediately after the tabulation of the results for the event. We encourage all members to abide by the posting rules for the new World Handicapping system and post their eligible scores immediately upon completion of their non-tournament round.

Starting Time

All players are expected to tee-off at their designated starting time. If the player arrives, at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7.

Penalty: The penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole to be played in match play or two strokes in stroke play. Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

Suspension of Play

When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue playing immediately, mark their ball position and not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play.

Penalty: If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is disqualified unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7.

Scorecard

In stroke play, the Committee will provide each competitor with a scorecard containing the date, name, and handicap. In stroke play, the Committee is responsible for the addition of scores and the application of the handicap recorded on the scorecard. The competitor is responsible for ensuring that the correct hole by hole gross scores are recorded on the card, accuracy of the handicap and signatures of marker and player. If a player withdraws from tournament, "WD" should be noted on card, the reason for withdraw, and gross scores recorded for holes played.

In four-ball stroke play, the Committee is responsible for recording the better-ball score for each hole and in the process applying the handicaps recorded on the scorecard, and adding the better-ball scores. The competitor is responsible for ensuring that the correct hole by hole gross scores are recorded on the card, accuracy of the handicap and signatures of marker and player.

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Decision on Ties

Match Play Competitions

A match that ends all square should be played off hole by hole until one side wins a hole. The play-off should start on the hole where the match began. In a handicap match, handicap strokes should be allowed as in the prescribed round.

Stroke-Play Competitions

In either a scratch or handicap stroke-play competition the winner will be determined on the basis of the best score for the last nine holes. If the tying players have the same score for the last nine, determine the winner on the basis of the last six holes, last three holes and finally the 18th hole. When this method is used in a competition with a multiple tee start, the "last nine holes, last six holes, etc." is considered to be holes 10-18, 13-18, etc.

No Show

The RHGC Tournament Committee has instituted a policy to address the incidence of Members registering for Tournament competition and not showing up at their respective registered event or withdrawing from competition for reasons that are unjustified. The policy is designed with the objective of respecting the spirit of competition and the integrity of our tournament results, while also recognizing that considerable time and effort are invested by volunteers in organizing these events. The policy also takes into account that cancellations are sometimes necessary due to medical conditions, unexpected work-related issues, or other emergencies that cannot be avoided. The policy is structured in two parts: (1) the "No Show" policy, and (2) the "Unjustified Withdrawal" policy.

Notification

Competitors are required to notify the RHGC Tournament Committee of their withdrawal from a tournament prior to the start of the event. . **If it is necessary to withdraw after the event closing time, competitors must contact the committee via an SMS text message.** Failure to comply with this requirement will result in a preliminary determination that the Member violated the No Show policy. The circumstances surrounding a Member's inability to comply, such as verifiable medical injury, will be taken into account by the Committee in its final determination of violation. The No Show policy applies to ALL RHGC organized tournaments.

Tournament Director's Mobile (Jeff Meisner):+966 56 045 0576

Please state your name in the text message

Suspension:

<i>First Offense</i>	2 Tournament (Consecutive) Ban from RHGC/SAGA Competitions*
<i>Second Offense</i>	4 Tournament (Consecutive) Ban from RHGC/SAGA Competitions*
<i>Third Offense</i>	6 Month Ban from RHGC/SAGA Competitions*

(*) RHGC/SAGA Competitions defined as tournaments scheduled in the RHGC Tournament Calendar. The start of suspension from RHGC/SAGA Competitions is at the discretion of the RHGC Executive Board. All rulings are final.

Exception: None

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Unjustified Withdrawal

An Unjustified Withdrawal may occur in cases where the Member withdraws during the competition due to poor play or lack of ambition to play or does not return their scorecard after completion of the competition. Incomplete scorecards will be given to the Handicap Committee for the determination of the final score. The suspension applies to ALL tournaments including open play format and any round of a multi-round competition.

Exception: None

Suspension:

<i>First Offense</i>	1 Tournament (Consecutive) Ban from RHGC/SAGA Competitions*
<i>Second Offense</i>	2 Tournament (Consecutive) Ban from RHGC/SAGA Competitions*
<i>Third Offense</i>	4 Month Ban from RHGC/SAGA Competitions*

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Notification

No Show

Players will be notified of the penalty by e-mail immediately following the competition. The Player has 48 hours to dispute the penalty at which point the Tournament Committee will make its final decision and communicate back to the player via e-mail.

Withdrawal

The player will be notified of the penalty by e-mail immediately following the competition. The player has 48 hours to dispute the penalty at which point the Tournament Committee will ask the fellow competitors about the players' claim to withdrawal. The Tournament Committee will make its final decision and communicate back to the player via email.

Record Keeping

The following will be issued next to the player's name in the tournament results based on the situation.

No Show (NS): If a player does not show up for tee time without contacting the Tournament Committee, it will be recorded as a No Show (NS).

Withdrawal (WD): If a player withdraws during the tournament, it will be recorded as a Withdrawal (WD).

No Card (NC): If a player begins the tournament, and for any reason fails to turn in a signed scorecard for a completed round, it will be recorded as a No Card (NC). It will also be considered under the Unjustified Withdrawal policy noted above.

Disqualification (DQ): If a player is disqualified, it will be recorded as a Disqualification (DQ).

Safwa's Specials

Rolling Hills Golf Course Clubhouse Patio
 To place an order, Whatsapp 050 597 2659

Monday Shawarmas.....10 SAR
 Whatsapp pre-order by 3PM, recommended, not required



Tuesday Burger and Fries.....45 SAR
 Extra Fries.....15 SAR
 1/3 pound (150g) fresh ground burger
 Fresh, hand-cut fries
 Add 5SAR for cheese and/or grilled onion
 Whatsapp to pre-order, recommended, not required.



Wednesday Rotisserie Chicken and Fries
 Whole Chicken.....60 SAR
 Half Chicken.....35 SAR
 Extra Fries.....15 SAR



Whatsapp pre-order Tuesday evening with pick up time request. (Every effort will be made to fill orders placed after Tuesday evening, but no guarantee.)

Friday and Saturday Breakfast and Lunch (7:30-1:00)

(Prayer break Friday, 11:30-12:00)
 Limited availability

- Breakfast Sandwich: Egg and Cheese.....18 SAR
- Breakfast Burrito with Homemade Salsa.....25 SAR
- Burger and Fries.....45 SAR

- ♦ Non-members may order
- ♦ Required temperature check at the shop, then proceed to back patio of the RHC
- ♦ Cash payment (45 SAR)
- ♦ Non-members not allowed to use (per EPD rules)
- ♦ Pre-orders recommended but only required for rotisserie chicken

Fillipino Breakfast is back on the weekends!
 45 SAR

Wear a mask and maintain a safe distance. Correct change appreciated.
 Weekday meals are ready beginning at 3PM until sold out.

MENU AND PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Classifieds

FOR SALE

1994 EZGO ELECTRIC GOLF CART

12,000 SAR

- Clean, looks new, Battery operated golf cart for sale.
- Newly installed batteries (with invoice). Average life anywhere from 3-5 years depending on usage and maintenance.
- Already have the 2021 sticker on it.
- New Tires
- Sand bottles
- Original seat covers no rip clean
- Contact Nabeel Haq at 0505146213 or email HAQNK@aramco.com



If you would like to sell a golf related item in the RHGC Classifieds, please contact Bruce Waldner.