

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

The question I pose to all of us, "Is this the new normal". Everyone keeps asking "When are we going back to..." Right now we feel we are about as normal as we may ever be. Our Tournaments are not going to be shotguns, our tournaments will have carry away food only, our tournament calendar may continue to be a work in progress, food will need to be prepared outside and may have a slightly higher cost to account for the higher cost of food, labor, and tax in Saudi Arabia.

What we know is we are doing all that we can to keep the club running like normal but we really need the entire village to make this a reality. We need everyone to enter through the starter area and not jump flower beds or barriers. We need all of us to get the word out that the golf course is currently for members only and to join if you want to be a part of the SDG. We need all of us to help to make sure that we are using mats only at the range as too many are just hitting off the grass and destroying the hard work done by maintenance and we need everyone to post all of their scores or use the "OTH" button should it just have been a fun round.

This President's message is a plea to be part of the solution and help the board by replacing ball marks and fixing divots. By informing the ProShop of items that you may want as they can order them for you. To ensure that your dependents are following the rules about cart usage, range usage, and check in. And finally, to continue wearing masks, using the hand sanitizer before and after rounds, and to continue to respect the Environmental Protection Rules on the handling of food and social distancing in the clubhouse.

-Ed Devlin

From the Pro

The next "Golf in a Week" class starts on February 21st. 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.

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 Friday 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:

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

February 4th — Ladies' Classes Continues

February 5th — Junior Tour School

February 21st — Golf in a Week

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Upcoming Tournament Information

Monthly Medal

The third leg of the Race to the Hills is happening on **February 13th**. Registration is now open via [Tournament Manager](#).

Valentine's Lunar New Year Golf & Social

On the evening of **February 11th**, RHGC will be hosting the first of many evening social events. The first will have a Valentine's/Lunar New Year theme and will be geared towards couples. Sign-up is already open in [Tournament Manager](#). Sign up with your spouse or a fellow golfer to play a scramble on February 11th. Sign up is limited. Please see details on page 9 and make your payment in the ProShop by February 8th. Contact Tamara to help with decor and door prizes ttahir@saeslearning.com

CEO Cup—Save the Date

The CEO Cup will be held on **March 5th & 6th**. It will be an 18 hole Stableford tournament. There will be 3 slots of tee times starts: **March 5th** 6:30 AM—8:20 AM, 11:00 AM—12:50 PM and 12:00 PM and **March 6th** 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.

February 11th — Valentine's / Lunar New Year Event
 February 13th — Monthly Medal
 March 5th & 6th — CEO Cup



Ask Carl

Q: I have heard that I no longer need to make an appointment to go to the ProShop. Is that correct?

A: Yes, you can go to the ProShop during ProShop hours. If there are more than 2 patrons in the pro shop, you will have to wait your turn. Masks are mandatory.

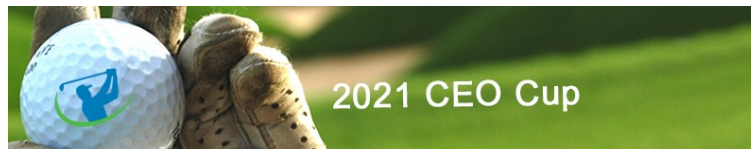
Q: Someone told me that we are not supposed to use sand on the tee boxes to fill divots. Is that correct?

A: Yes. It is better to not fill tee box divots. The maintenance crew has been filling the divots and with all of them clustered in one area they fill the divots quickly and correctly.

Q: How often are the bunkers turned over? The sand from bunker to bunker is very inconsistent.

A: The bunkers are turned over about every 2 weeks.

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.



Limited spots are still available for this year's CEO Cup Tournament scheduled for March 5th and 6th at Rolling Hills Golf Club. Registration will close on February 28th at 4pm. Please remember that this year the tee times will be managed as staggered tee times for Friday AM and PM groups and Saturday AM. Additionally, there will be no CEO Cup dinner at the Plaza as in years past due to COVID-19 restrictions. There will be a Winner's Luncheon at the RHGC Clubhouse for the winners, Executive guests and RHGC Board members on March 6th at 2pm. Please use the following link to register for the [2021 CEO Cup tournament](#).

Ladies' Golf

Our Tuesday Morning Ladies League (TMLL) successfully started 2021 with an Open Play on Jan 19th. This format is designed to encourage ladies of all abilities, whether new to the game or an experienced player, to enjoy either 9 or 18 holes in a relaxed environment and meet new players, whilst practicing and developing their skills.

We look forward to welcoming many more new ladies throughout our season and will be hosting a variety of events both on Tuesday mornings and other evening tournaments throughout the year. Please look out for the weekly invites and monthly communications that you'll receive which will give fuller details.

Stuart, our Club Pro will also be supporting us throughout the year with a monthly skills clinic after the first Open Play of every month.

If you're interested in joining or would like any further information then please contact:

Amanda Henson at RHGCladiesdirector@gmail.com or

Nicky Liao RHGCladiestreasurer@gmail.com.



Ladies from TMLL after our Year End Fun Tournament.

Junior Golf

RHGC Junior Golf Event – February 20th, 2021

Junior golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate in the February 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.

Greens Fees

None - Free for all junior RHGC members! 75SR for those who are not members of the community Golf Club.

Equipment Needed

Golf clubs, golf balls and tees.

Sign-Up

Sign up for the September Golf Event is currently available on the Tournament Management (TM) website, or via email to rhgcjuniorgolf@gmail.com

For more information, any questions, or to volunteer as a marshal, please contact:

Jake Rosenthal: 054 774 4309 (WhatsApp) or email at: rhgcjuniorgolf@gmail.com

REMINDER: Due to current policy regarding non-family members sharing a golf cart, all participants will be expected to walk and carry their clubs

If a participant's parent chooses to use their own or rent a cart, then the participant can ride with them, but no other participants may ride in that cart

Please ensure all participants arrive with a mask and check-in at the starter shed prior to going to the driving range

Junior Golf
DEVELOPING THE PLAYER, GROWING THE GAME™

Board News

RHGC Board would like to thank Les Hertlein, Coby Long, and Sally Lim for being on the RHGC Board in 2020. Les has served as Vice President for the past 4 years. Coby has been running Junior Golf for the past 4 years as well. Sally did a great job for her lead in running the Ladies' league 2020. They all will be missed.



Vice President
Les Hertlein



Junior Golf
Coby Long



Ladies' Golf
Sally Lim

Fortunately, we have some great new members joining the Board. Tim Billa was voted in as Vice President in the past election. Christian Svendsen won the position of Treasurer, also in the last election. We also are lucky to have 2 great new appointed Board Directors. The new Junior Golf Director is Jake Rosenthal. Jake has been an active committee member of Junior Golf the past few years. The new Director of Ladies' Golf is Amanda Henson.



Vice President
Tim Billa



Treasurer
Christian Svendsen



Junior Golf
Jake Rosenthal



Ladies' Golf
Amanda Henson

There are still opportunities for members to contribute to the success of the Club. Many of the active Board members served on various committees prior to becoming a Board member. If you would like to serve on one of the many committees that the RHGC has, please contact us at RHGCBoard@gmail.com.

Membership Information

As a result of the ongoing travel restrictions, the deadline of January 31st to renew your membership or have your account be considered delinquent has been extended until February 15th.

If you cannot meet the new deadline please send an email to RHGCMemberships@gmail.com explaining your situation.

Members who do not renew by that date lose the following privileges:

1. You will be asked to vacate your cart shed (if you have one)
2. You will be removed from the Cart Shed Waitlist and placed at the bottom of the list when you do renew.
3. You will be suspended in ForeTees, as current community services regulations require that you be an active member in order to utilize the facilities and to be able to pay green fees (Annual or Monthly).

Membership Renewal - What to bring to the ProShop (2 copies of each of the below forms):

- Membership Form (Pre-Filled out)
- Signed Cart Shed Agreement (if you have a cart shed)

Golf Cart Registration Form (if you own a golf cart)

The forms are available for download @ <https://www.arabiangolf.net/node/43>. These forms are fillable. Please fill them in online and print them. It is very hard to read hand written forms.

The ProShop is open from 11am to 7pm, Monday thru Thursday and 6:30am to 10:30am on weekends and holidays. No appointment required. Maximum two customers in the shop at any one time.

The 2021 Membership Dues have been approved by the Board. There is a change to the Family Membership Fee structure as shown below.

MEMBERSHIP FEES STRUCTURE (2021)

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP

PRIMARY MEMBER: 1000 SAR

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

PRIMARY MEMBER: 1000 SAR (*Required*)

SPOUSE: 250 SAR (*Required*)

EACH DEPENDENT MALE: (UNDER 22) 50 SAR (*Optional*)

EACH DEPENDENT FEMALE: (UNDER 25) 50 SAR (*Optional*)

RETIREE MEMBERSHIP

RETIRE MEMBER: 800 SAR

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

JUNIOR MEMBER: 250 SAR

CART SHED RENTAL

YEARLY FEE: 750 SAR

Golf Cart Registration

Recreation and Security have requested that all golf carts must undergo annual registration. If you own a golf cart, please fill out the attached Golf Cart 2021 Registration Form in full. Bring this form with you when you renew your Membership to receive your new 2021/22 Golf Cart Sticker.

Handicap Corner

As we embark on a new golfing year at RHGC in 2021, for those members carrying an official handicap index, we'd like to refresh what your main responsibilities are.

Player Responsibilities

In order to comply with requirements of the *Rules of Handicapping*, a player is expected to:

1. Act with integrity by following the Rules of Handicapping and to refrain from using, or circumventing, the Rules of Handicapping for the purpose of gaining an unfair advantage.
2. Have only one Handicap Index from a single scoring record, which is managed by the player's home club in accordance with the Rules of Handicapping.

Note: This Handicap Index will apply elsewhere, including at all other golf clubs of which the player is a member.

3. Ensure each Golf Club of which they are a member knows the details of
 - All other Golf Clubs that they are a member of, an
 - Which Golf Club that they have designated to be their home Club.
4. Ensure that, prior to playing a round in an authorized format of play, they
 - Know their current Handicap Index,
 - Inform the Handicap Committee or the Committee in charge of the competition of any discrepancies with their Handicap Index
 - Know the holes where handicap strokes are to be given or received, and
 - Record their correct handicap on the scorecard in a stroke-play competition.
5. Attempt to make the best score possible at each hole
6. Where applicable, ensure all acceptable scores are submitted for handicap purposes, including scores from outside the player's home jurisdiction. Acceptable scores should be submitted
 - Before midnight on the day of play, and
 - In the correct chronological order.
7. Submit only acceptable scores to provide reasonable evidence of their demonstrated ability.
 - Important reminder... One of the main basic premises underlying the World Handicap System (WHS), is "each player will try to make the best score at each hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played". So remember, not all scores are acceptable for handicap purposes. For example, a round of golf played for practice or social (e.g. playing with your kids for fun) where you are not adhering to this premise would not be considered acceptable. In this situation book your tee time in Foretees using "OTH". For other types of scores not acceptable for handicap purposes see <https://www.arabiangolf.net/node/467>
8. Provide any new golf club with the full details of their previous playing history, Handicap Index held, memberships and any other information relevant to their golfing ability.
9. Play by the Rules of Golf
10. Certify the scores of fellow players.

If you have any questions please contact the Handicap Committee at rhgchandicaps@gmail.com.

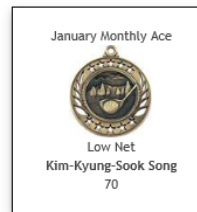
Driving Range

During the winter months, the driving range is restricted to mats only. This is due to the difficulty of having the grass grow in the colder climate. However, some members feel that their wants are above that of the Club and continue to hit off the grass as shown by the pictures below.



Any member caught hitting off the grass will face disciplinary actions from the Board which could result in their membership privileges being suspended for a period of time.

January Monthly Medal Results



Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	A	Lee, Jae	36	38	74
2	A	Christensen, Jon	36	38	74
3	A	Bolarinwa, Simeon	33	43	76

B Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	B	Steenkamp, Christoffel	38	35	73
2	B	Kim, Soonhae	35	38	73
3	B	Suryantara, Handy	35	38	73

C Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	C	Al-Almer, Zaid	35	36	71
2	C	Romli, Gunawan	38	35	73
3	C	Boukbira, Abdelbaki	36	37	73

D Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	D	Ali, Razzally	34	36	70
2	D	Kang, Geonyoung	39	33	72
3	D	Vaartjes, Johannes	39	36	75

E Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	E	Evans, Simon	33	37	70
2	E	Samilin, Karisma	36	35	71
3	E	Lee, Sungun	37	36	73

Race to the Hills Top 5

Rank	Player	Tournaments	Wins	Points
1	Ali, Razally	2	0	32
2	Steenkamp, Christo	2	2	30
3	Evans, Simon	2	1	27
4	Song, Kim-Kyung-Sook	2	1	26
5	Pillai, Manu	1	1	25

Valentine's Lunar New Year Scramble!



Thursday, February 11, 2021



Sign up on Tournament Manager with a mixed team of 2 women and 2 men, or as a mixed couple to be paired with another couple.

Sign ups open Monday, January 25th and close Monday, February 8th

125 riyals per person payable at the Pro Shop by February 8th

Soup and salad will be served 5:15 PM onward

with Golf at 6:00 and a Korean dinner to follow around 8:30 PM



2021
Year of the Ox

Only RHGC Members may attend. Golfing spots are limited.

You may sign up for the dinner on Tournament Manager even if you don't golf. Seating for dinner will be assigned and attendees are requested to maintain safe social distancing.



Volunteers needed for table décor and organizing door prizes.

Email: ttahir@saeslearning.com

Safwa's Specials

Rolling Hills Golf Course Clubhouse Patio

To place an order, Whatsapp only, 050 597 2659

Monday

Whatsapp pre-order by 3PM, recommended

Shawarmas.....10 SAR

Tuesday

Something new is coming!

Wednesday

Whatsapp pre-order by Tuesday evening

Rotisserie Chicken and Fries

Whole Chicken.....60 SAR

Half Chicken.....35 SAR

Extra Fries.....15 SAR

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

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

- Breakfast Sandwich: Egg, and Cheese.....20 SAR
- Filipino Breakfast Silog: Beef or Chicken, Garlic Fried Rice, 2Fried Eggs.....45 SAR

(Burger and Fries, 45 SAR each, available with a minimum order of 10 burgers)



- ♦ Required temperature check at Starter next to Pro Shop, then proceed to back patio of the RHGC Clubhouse
- ♦ Non-members may order but are not allowed entry to Clubhouse (per EPD rules)
- ♦ Cash payment (only) on the back patio
- ♦ Pre-orders recommended, but only required for rotisserie chicken

Wear a mask and maintain a safe distance. Correct change appreciated.

Weekday meals are ready beginning at 3PM until sold out.