ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

The weather has just been beautiful these last few weeks. I hope everyone is enjoying the time out on the course. I wish to congratulate Jake Rosenthal and Soonhae Kim as our 2021 Club Champions. It was a wonderful weekend of golf and both will represent the club well this year.

We also had October Glow Ball and the Turkey Shoot this past weekend. Alyson Capstick and Angie Farley organized the fantastic meal and prizes for Night Golf. Thanks so much to Tamara, Tracey, and Christo for putting together so many events in such a short period of time.

Elections are fast approaching. We are still accepting nominations for President and Secretary. In addition, the Grounds Director's position is open for 2022. If you are interested in this position, please let me know so I can share with the Executive Board.

Lastly the 56th Annual SAIT is on Nov 19 and 20. If you meet the handicap requirement, and are interested in playing, please sign up under events on the Tournament Manager. Have a great November and do not forget that the final AGM meeting will be on Dec 5, please put it on your calendar.

Hit 'em straight

Ed Devlin

From the Pro

The next "Golf in a Week" class starts on November 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 start on Saturday November 6th and run each Friday for 4 weeks. The classes are from 8:00am — 9:00am. 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

November 4th — Ladies' Classes Continues

November 6th — Junior Tour School

November 21st — Golf in a Week

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Upcoming Tournament Information

Race to the Hills

The final leg of the Race to the Hills is here! The finale will be held on **November 27th.**

Those that made the cut for the Race to the Hills will be competing during the regular Monthly Medal.

Points earned during the October Playoff will be carried over into the November Finale.

56th Annual SAIT

The Rolling Hills Golf Club is pleased to announce the 56th Anniversary of the Saudi Aramco Invitational Tournament, sponsored by the Saudi Aramco Golf Association (SAGA) and hosted by the Rolling Hills Golf Club of Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. This year's tournament will take place on November 19th & 20th. Registration is now open.

See page 16 for more details.

The 2021 Tournament Calendar is available on the RHGC's website.

November 19th & 20th— SAIT November 27th — Race to the Hills



Ask Carl

- Q: How can I get copies of pictures that are taken at RHGC events?
- A: You can view and download pictures from the RHGC Photo Gallery that is found on the RHGC Website.
- Q: How do I get a copy of the current Cart Shed List?
- A: The current Cart Shed list can also be found out the RHGC Website <u>Cart Shed List</u>.

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 RHGC Club Championship Results





Ladies' A Flight

Place	Name	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross
1	Lim-Anderson, Janice	+39	91	92	183
2	Yoon, Soyun	+44	96	92	188
3	Tahir, Tamara	+44	94	94	188

Men's A Flight

Place	Name	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross
1	Scallon, John-Paul	+10	77	77	154
2	Smith, Derrick	+12	79	77	156
3	Kim. Yong Song	+15	78	81	159

Men's B Flight

Place	Name	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Net
1	Lee, Jae	+20	80	84	164
2	Kim, Hakseon	+23	86	81	167
3	Bolarinwa, Simeon	+25	85	84	169

Men's C Flight

Place	Name	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Net
1	Vezendy, Stephen	+25	82	87	169
2	Burke, Michael	+29	84	89	173
17	Ramos, Domingo	+30	84	90	174

Men's D Flight

Place	Name	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Net
1	Boukbira, Abdelbaki	+32	86	90	176
2	Dolor, Gilroy	+34	88	90	178
3	Oh, Johnseungjun	+36	90	90	180

Tournament Manager results link: click here

2021 October Medal





A Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	A	Ahn, YoungKyoung	32	39	71
2	A	Stewart, Nik	37	35	72
3	A	McKeage, James	36	36	72

B Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	В	Khan, Minhaj	33	35	68
2	В	Temaga, John	33	35	68
3	В	Bolarinwa, Simeon	38	32	70

C Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	C.	Mun, Sang Jin	36	31	67
2	C	Wang, Yugo	35	34	69
3	С	Boukbira, Abdelbaki	34	35	69

D Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	D	Kim, Insoon	34	36	70
2	D	Romli, Gunawan	33	37	70
3	D	Isichei, Obi	35	36	71

E Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	E	Evans, Simon	33	38	71
2	E	Gratia, Paolo	39	34	73
3	E	Simamora, Alfian	35	38	73

Race to the Hills Round 1 — Top 5

Rank	Player	To Par Net	Total Net
1	Kemalawati, Rahmi	-1	71
2	Bolarinwa, Simeon	E	72
3	Ahn, YoungKyoung	E	72
4	Boukbira, Abdelbaki	+1	73
5	Kang, Geonyoung	+2	74

Special VIP Visitor

The Consul General of the Philippines, Mr. Rommel Romato, and other Philippine Embassy team members, were in Dhahran in October. The Philippine Ambassador, Mr. Adnan Alonto, was set to attend but had to withdraw. RHGC had the privilege of hosting Mr. Romato and having him play the course on October 22nd. It was a great round of golf for all. After golf everyone attending the event enjoyed a fabulous catered dinner down at the gazebo.

The Philippine Embassy extended their gratitude for our generosity and hospitality for accommodating as well as granting them the use of the Rolling Hills Golf Club facilities. The team was amazed at its sophistication and they are sincerely proud for having had the opportunity to use RHGC.

They also hope that they would be given an equal chance in the future, if a situation calls for it, especially when the Philippine Ambassador can visit next time. The RHGC grounds crew met with the Filipino Team from Riyadh. Even the caterer of the dinner felt privileged as many of the catering team were also from the Philippines.

Executive Board members were present throughout the day as was Gil Dolor, Wayne Magaway, Chris Padilla, Jericho Pacho, Ben Silva, Russel Torres, and Amar Patel to represent our membership proudly.



BOARD ELECTIONS 2022-23

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB BOARD

Nominations are requested from active members for the Rolling Hills Golf Club Board positions of:

- PRESIDENT
- SECRETARY

All nominations must be submitted to the Nominating Committee Les Hertlein (les.hertlein@aramco.com) or Mark Williams (Mark.Williams@aramco.com) on or before 4:00 pm on Thursday, November 4th, 2021. Once received, all nominee names and their bios and photographs will be posted on the https:// www.arabiangolf.net website once the call for nominations has closed. One can find this information through a link located on the main menu bar of the RHGC home page. Please do not nominate anyone without asking their permission to do so.

Only members in good standing may submit nominations and all nominees must meet the following requirements:

- An active, primary member, in good standing of Rolling Hills Golf Club and a regular Saudi Aramco emplovee
- Nominated by an active member of Rolling Hills Golf Club
- Able to serve for 2-year term starting January 1, 2022 and attend Board meetings. Board meetings generally occur on the 2nd Sunday of each month
- Willing to attend major Club events as well as spend personal time planning and organizing Club events
- Willing to uphold the RHGC Constitution & Bylaws
- The nominees Bio may be used as a platform to describe a candidate's view on improvements or changes they would like to make if elected (if applicable)
- Agrees not use Company email lists or club-based email lists for campaigning purposes
- Agrees not to hang campaign posters or distribute any campaign flyers

A member of the Nominating Committee will contact all nominees to confirm their nomination and anyone wishing to withdraw his or her nomination may do so prior to November 12th, 2020.

TimeLine for the elections:

Monday, October 11th – Call for nominations opens

Thursday, November 4th, at 1:00 pm – Call for nominations closes
Thursday, November 11th, at 4:00 pm – Deadline for receipt of all nominee bios (inclusive of photographs)

Monday, November 15th, Voting begins. Votes will be collected and tabulated using Survey Monkey **Thursday, November 25**th, at 4:00 pm – Voting ends

Sunday December 5th - Election results announced at RHGC AGM Sunday, December 12th, at 4:00 pm – deadline for receipt of votes if election run-off is required

<u>INCENTIVES FOR THE 2022 - 2023 RHGC BOARD PARTICIPATION:</u>

To encourage more active participation in the operations of the RHGC, the following incentives for active Board members as per the RHGC Constitution—Section 7.6 are as follows:

- 10 day advance tee time booking
- 100% discount on the RHGC primary membership fee (free membership)
- 100% discount on the Recreation greens fee (free greens fee)

Tim Billa, Chairman of the Election Committee

2022 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Rolling Hills Golf Club will begin accepting 2022 membership renewals on December 1st, 2021. The deadline for renewals is January 31st, 2022.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

By December 1st, all current primary members will have received via their email address registered in USGA TM/Golf Genius a prefilled 2022 Membership Form. Note: Please make sure your email address you use for USGA TM/GolfGenius is active and correct.

Please make any adjustments required on the membership form and ensure that all the fields are filled out. Please note the following, if you forget your printed forms, or they are not filled out completely, your membership renewal will not be processed.

What to bring (2 copies of each of the below forms):

- Membership Form Membership forms must NOT be handwritten. Please use your computer to complete the forms.
- Signed Cart Shed Agreement (if you have a cart shed)
- Completed Green Fees form
- Golf Cart Registration Form (if you own a golf cart)

There will no changes to the Membership Fee Structure from 2021

GOLF CART REGISTRATION

Recreation and Security have requested that all golf carts must undergo registration. If you own a golf cart, please fill out the attached Golf Cart 2021/22 Registration Form in full. Bring this form with you when you renew your Membership to receive your 2021/22 Golf Cart Sticker. Any golf cart without a 2021/22 Sticker will not be allowed to be used on the golf course. If you already have a 2021/2022 Sticker, the form should be prefilled for you. Please check it for accuracy and make any updates required..

HANDICAP CORNER

Understanding Course Ratings

The USGA Course Rating System™ is designed to ensure that the rating of a course is in proper relation to the ratings of other courses. If this is not achieved, players at courses rated too low will be over-handicapped, and vice versa.

Accuracy and consistency are the keys to effective course rating. A course must first be accurately measured, and the measured length must be corrected for factors that affect the playing length, which are roll, changes in elevation, forced lay-ups, doglegs, wind, and altitude. Obstacles that affect playing difficulty must then be evaluated in accordance with established standards. These standards reduce subjectivity in course rating.

What is a Course Rating?

Course Rating is an indication of the difficulty of a particular set of tees on a golf course for the Scratch Player (0.0 Handicap Index) under normal course and weather conditions. The Course Rating is expressed in strokes to one decimal point and represents the expected score for a Scratch Player. (Ex. 73.2). A Course Rating is based on measured length, effective playing length corrections, and 10 obstacle factors to the extent that they affect the scoring ability of a scratch player.

The Course Rating System™ provides procedures for determining a Bogey Rating based on the expected performance of the bogey player. This rating is used in conjunction with a Course Rating to calculate a Slope Rating.

What is a Slope Rating?

Slope Rating is an indication of the RELATIVE DIFFICULTY of a particular set of tees on a golf course for players who are NOT scratch players compared to player who are scratch players. The difference between the Course Rating and Bogey Rating is used in the determination of the Slope Rating. A golf course of standard relative difficulty has a Slope Rating of 113. Basically, the higher the handicap of the player, the more Slope Rating will affect their play.

Through the collection of extensive empirical data from players and golf holes, the factors that affect the difficulty of a golf hole have been evaluated and assigned numerical values that yield an accurate Course Rating and Slope Rating when applied to the entire course.

How does the Course Rating process work?

Raters don't actually calculate the ratings. They gather the raw data used by the Course Rating System™ that then calculates the Course Rating and Slope Rating. Course Raters evaluate the 10 Obstacle Factors laid out in the Course Rating System. These obstacle factors are; topography, fairway, green target, recoverability and rough, bunkers, crossing of penalty areas, lateral obstacles, trees and green surface. On each hole these factors are assigned a value between 1 and 10 by the raters. The data is then recorded on the rater's worksheet called a Form One or F1 for scratch and bogey golfers.

Each tee set then needs to be evaluated for men and women players. The team proceeds as golfers would play the hole, tee to green. They make their measurements and confer to reach a consensus on rating values before proceeding to the next hole. A rating takes about the same time it would take a foursome to play the golf course.

HANDICAP CORNER (CONTINUED)

What factors are involved in Course Rating?

- Yardage is the predominant factor in determining a USGA Course Rating.
- Effective Playing Length is the corrected length of a golf course after factoring in roll, changes in elevation, doglegs and or forced lay-ups, prevailing wind and altitude.
- Obstacle Factors such as (Bunkers, penalty areas, trees, etc..) These obstacle factors are measured on a 0 to 10 scale. See table below

Length	Obstacles (Difficulty Factors)			
Measured length of hole	Topography	Crossing Obstacles		
Roll	Fairway	Lateral Obstacles		
Elevation	Green Target	Trees		
Doglegs/Forced Lay-ups	Recoverability from Rough	Green Surface		
Wind	Bunkers	(Psychological)		
Altitude				

OBSTACLE RATING SUMMARY TABLE			
Rating	Evaluation		
0	Obstacle does not exist.		
1	Obstacle exists but is generally out of play.		
2	Obstacle is much less significant than average.		
3	Obstacle is less significant than average.		
4	Obstacle is of average significance.		
5	Obstacle is more significant than average.		
6	Obstacle is much more significant than average		
7 to 10	Obstacle is of extreme significance.		

USGA standards call for courses to be re-rated every 10 years, or if it is a new golf course, every 3 years for the first 10. A course must also be re-rated if significant changes have been made. These changes might include re-location of tee boxes, alterations to green surfaces and sizes, and removal and / or addition of bunkers, hazards, Out of Bounds, and trees.

For more information watch this short video click here .

For more information or to learn more about the World Handicap System, visit www.usga.org/whs. If you have any questions please email rhgchandicaps@gmail.com.

RULES CORNER

We have two Rules to highlight this month.

Rule in Focus: Accidentally moving ball when searching for it under Rule 7.4

Golf is a game of honor, one that prides itself on the players' ability to self-police. Not every player upholds those values, but last year during the second round of the 2020 PGA Championship, Rory McIlroy proved he's a cut above the rest.

Here's what happened: After hitting his ball in the right rough on the par-3 3rd hole, the camera crew following his feature group advanced up the hole. Along the way, an on-course reporter accidentally stepped on Rory's ball.

Some players would consider this great news. Under USGA Rule 7 the player has a free pass to replace their ball based on an "estimate" of where it was initially. It's an important rule for your own sake when you're out on the course...

Under Rule 7.4, if a player accidentally moves his or her ball while searching for it:

- The player gets no penalty for causing it to move, and
- The ball is always replaced; if the exact spot is not known, the player will replace the ball on the estimated original spot (including on, under or against any attached natural or man-made objects which the ball had been at rest under or against).

A rules official came over and pointed to an area where Rory could put his ball. So he did, except something wasn't quite right. He thought the lie was too good, and not where he thought the ball would've ended up.

"I don't think it was as visible as that," he said. It wouldn't have been fair to play his ball from a lie that good, so he asked for a worse lie — which he got.

He played his shot — it was a tough one — and it resulted in a bogey. Golf fans praised Rory's classy actions and he instantly rose even higher in their estimations.

Rule in Focus: Penalty for lifting or deliberately touching your ball under Rule 9.4b

Your ball is in the rough and you can't quite see the number or your identifying marks on it, so you need to rotate it or lift it up to check it is yours. Simple? Before the 2019 rules revision you had to call your opponent / fellow competitor to allow them the chance to witness your actions. Under the current Rules of Golf, you don't need to do that now, but you must mark the ball before you touch it or you will incur an immediate 1 stroke penalty for lifting or deliberately touching your ball under Rule 9.4b.

This is probably one of the most regularly broken rules. It is so easy when searching to find a ball and then lift it to see if it is yours without marking it first. If you ACCIDENTALLY move your ball during a search that is OK (but you must place it back in position, including the lie it was it – which probably wasn't great if you couldn't see the ball first). However, having found a ball the act of rotating it or picking it up cannot be described as accidental so the penalty for DELIBERATELY touching your ball will apply if it is yours. Of course you must also replace in exactly the same position before playing it.

Watch this video for an explanation. Click here.

If you have any questions please email rhgchandicaps@gmail.com.

Junior Golf

October Event Scores



November Jr. Golf Event

Junior Golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate.

Casper Soudant	44
Samuel Gustas	48
Gethin Evans	49

December 4th, 2021

Start: 10:00 - Driving/Putting Range (warmups)

10:20 - Group pairings announced

10:30 - Competitive Groups head to #1 Tee, Fun groups to follow

12:45 - All Groups back in the Clubhouse for lunch and prizes

Finish: 1:30 - Golfers are free to go

<u>Fun Division</u> - For younger and less experienced juniors that just want to have fun playing a few holes of golf on the course

<u>Competitive Division</u>: For the older and more experienced juniors that want to test their golf skills on the course and compete against other juniors

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 - Free for all junior RHGC members and 75 SAR for non-members

Equipment Needed - Golf clubs, golf balls and tees.

Sign-Up

Sign up for the November 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

<u>REMINDER:</u> 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





Ladies' Golf

Congratulations to Soonhae from all the players in TMLL on becoming the 2021 Ladies Club Champion. A fantastic 2 rounds of golf and a worthy Ladies Champion.

At the end of September we enjoyed an evening Team Scramble. Four teams fought it out and the occasion proved to be both fun and a lovely opportunity for many of us to meet and play with new people.

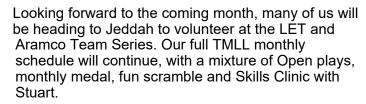


Congratulations to Brenda, Di & Rosie, pictured left, the evening's triumphant team.

After play, it was great to have dinner in the refurbished Club House and ponder missed putts!

If you're up for it, we'll be organising another similar evening game on November 24th, and I look forward to welcoming as many of the lady golfers as can make it.

Please look out for the invites and sign up!



Below are some pictures taken from our recent Ma Salama team scramble and lunch for Brenda. We wish her and Mark all the best on their return home to Australia.



Amanda rhqcladiesdirector@gmail.com





Halloween Night Golf 2021



Live Music Nights

On October 21st and 22nd, RHGC hosted live music nights. Two bands for the Saudi Aramco self-directed group Dhahran Community Baand performed each night. LimeWednesday and Sandstorm took the stage on the 21st and the 22nd saw LimeWednesday perform again with Key'dup. LimeWednesday is an international hard rock quartet that plays high – energy original music. Key'dup's influence are Amy Winehouse and Bar Marley. All bands played to sold-out audiences both nights. Needless to say, everyone had a great time.









56TH ANNUAL SAUDI ARAMCO INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

November 18th, 19th & 20th, 2021

Rolling Hills Golf Club is proud to announce it will be the host and host facility for the 56th Annual SAIT Golf Tournament.

Selected professional and amateur golfers ages 16+ will be considered for entry into the field. Playing handicaps will be limited to WHS Handicap Index of 14.9.

Players in the WHS Handicap Index range from 8.2 and below will be competing in the Championship 2 day low gross competition exclusively.

Players with a WHS Handicap Index of 8.3 and above will compete in the Plate two day low gross competition. A player with a WHS Handicap Index of 8.3 or above may opt to play in the Championship competition at the time of registration however, such player will compete for the Championship Competition exclusively.

- Thursday, November 18 On-site registration opens, course is open for practice.
- Friday, November 19 Round 1
- Saturday, November 20 Round 2, awards ceremony

Championship 36 Hole Competition:	1 st	Place Gross
		Place Gross
	3^{rd}	Place Gross
	4 th	Place Gross
	∽ th	Place Gross

Place Gross

1st Place Gross **Plate 36 Hole Competition:**

1st Place Net 2nd Place Gross Place Gross Place Gross

Skill Prizes: To Be Announced

> **Entry fees: SAGA Golf Members SR 500** Non SAGA Members SR 750

Registration Portal

Opens October 1st @ 7:00AM

Volunteering

Contact Tracey Jackson at:

TJACKSON1178@YAHOO.COM or via Whatsapp: 0506232066



Did you know it takes more than 20 volunteers to put on each and every event at RHGC?

We are seeking volunteers for several of the upcoming events. The weather will be great, so what better way to spend time around the activity we love than to be a part of the action even when not playing!

These events don't happen without the support of our volunteers!

What's needed:

Registration Assistance
Gift Distribution / Swag
Marshalls—LOTS OF THEM!
Lunch Assistance
Photographers

When needed:

Monthly Medal / Race to the Hills
Club Championship
Turkey Shoot
Saudi Aramco Invitational Tournament
No experience needed.
Not all roles needed for all events

Let's Par Tee at the Clubhouse! December 3, 2021

There will be two separate events on December 3rd:

A golf event during the day and a catered dinner with live music in the evening. Be on the lookout for flyers with more information including the timing for signing up on Tournament Manager and paying at the Pro Shop.

Are you curious to know what kind of scramble we'll play? Do you want to know what's for dinner? Are you hoping there are door prizes like we always have in Bahrain? YOU can help with the answers to all of these questions! Please contact rhgcsocialdirector@gmail.com to volunteer to help with the planning and preparation needed for this event. Events like these can only happen when we have members get involved!