

### Opening Day Tournament

This Shamble Tournament will take place on January 15.

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### January Monthly Medal

Event is on January 22 and registration is open.

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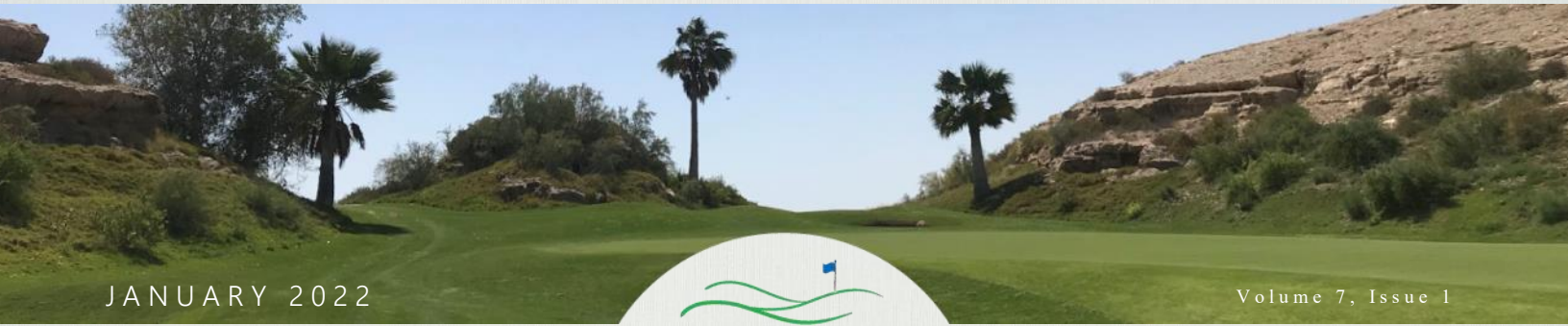
### Lessons from the Pro

Sign up for group or individual lessons kicking off in January.

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NEW YEAR  
NEW LOOK!



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The 2022 Board of Directors have been formed (see Page 9) and we are already hard at work

planning events and tournaments for the year.

Over the past two years, the Board has seen seven members become directors that have never served before. The fresh new faces bring lots of new exciting ideas and energy with them. Besides being a Board member, there are other ways that members can help make RHGC great.

The RHGC have various committees to help organize different aspects of running the Club. Many of our present Board members served on committees prior to becoming Board members. If you would like to be a

part of a committee or just help out as a volunteer at a tournament, let us know; we would very much appreciate the help (see Page 10).

We have seen some incredible weather for golfing over the last few weeks; hopefully it will last well into the new year. The end of the year saw Community Services lessening the restrictions on the golf course.

Golfers can now use rakes to rake bunkers, pull flagsticks, ride two in a cart, use range balls on the putting green/chipping area, and use the driving range without booking a time. I know it's been a while since we have been allowed to use rakes, but please use them each time you are in a bunker.

The three COVID protocols that are still in effect are showing the

Tawakkalna App to the starter, checking your temperature each time you arrive at the course, and wearing a mask while inside at the ProShop and Clubhouse.

The Opening Day Tournament this year is a Shamble. Shambles always prove to be a lot of fun. You can find out more about the Opening Day Tournament and what a shamble is on page 4 of this newsletter.

Remember, in order to play in the Opening Day Tournament you need to make sure you have paid your membership fees for 2022.



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### COVID SAFETY REMINDERS

- Show your Tawakkalna App to the starter
- Check your temperature each time you arrive at the course
- Wear a face mask while inside the Pro Shop and Clubhouse

## OPENING DAY TOURNAMENT



*Tee it up at the Opening Day Tournament on January 15*

Registration is now open and you can sign-up at the 2022-01-15 [Opening Day Registration Portal](#). Registration closes Sunday, January 9 at 6:00 pm. The format is a Team Red, White, Blue Shamble. See page 4 for tournament details.

## JANUARY MONTHLY MEDAL

The January Medal and the second leg in the 2022 Race to the Hills will take place on **January 22**. Registration is now open at the 2022-01-22 [January Monthly Medal Registration Portal](#).



## VALENTINE'S SCRAMBLE

Join us for this tournament on **February 17**. Sign up on the registration portal before February 13 with a mixed team of two women and two men, or as a mixed couple to be paired with another couple. More details to be coming soon!



## FROM THE PRO

*Stuart Hurstfield, P.G.A. Member*

### LADIES ROLL UP CLASS

Beginning **January 6**, ladies are invited to join Thursday morning group sessions from 9:00 -10:00 am for beginner and intermediate golfers. All equipment is supplied and instruction covers all the skills to get one out on the course! The cost is 90 SAR per person, per class and sign-up is at the Pro Shop.

### JUNIOR TOUR SCHOOL

The Junior Tour School will return on **January 8** and run each Saturday for four consecutive weeks. The classes are from 8:00 - 9:00 am and will cover rules, etiquette, and golf swing mechanics in a group setting. All equipment and range balls are supplied. The cost is 300 SAR. To register, please visit the Pro Shop.

### GOLF IN A WEEK

The next **Golf in a Week** class starts on January 23. Classes are from 5:00 - 6:00 pm and run for five consecutive days. These group sessions are ideal for beginner and intermediate golfers and covers all aspects of the game: safety, rules, etiquette, and swing technique. All equipment and range balls are supplied. The cost is 600 SAR. Please sign up in the Pro Shop.

### INDIVIDUAL LESSONS

Individual lessons incorporating GASP video analysis can be taken at times convenient to suit your schedule. Junior pricing is 30 minutes/150 SAR and Adults is 50 minutes/200 SAR. Email [stuarthurstfield@gmail.com](mailto:stuarthurstfield@gmail.com) or WhatsApp +44 775 337 1547 to register.

*Golf club repairs and re-gripping service available. Contact Stuart for details.*



### Updated ProShop Hours

Mondays to Thursdays: 11am to 6pm  
 Fridays, Saturdays and Holidays: 6am to 12pm  
 Sundays: Closed

# HANDICAP CORNER

As we embark on a new golfing year at RHGC in 2022, for those members carrying an official handicap index, we'd like to refresh players' main responsibilities.



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

- Act with integrity by following the Rules of Handicapping and refrain from using or circumventing, the Rules of Handicapping for the purpose of gaining an unfair advantage.
- 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 the player is a member.
- Ensure each golf club of which they are a member knows the details of all other golf clubs they are a member of, and which one is designated as their home club.
- 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
  - \* Record correct handicap on the scorecard in a stroke-play competition.
- Attempt to make the best score possible at each hole
- 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.
- Submit 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>
- Provide any new golf club with the full details of previous playing history, Handicap Index held, memberships and any other information relevant to their golfing ability.
- Play by the Rules of Golf
- Certify the scores of fellow players

For any questions, please email Handicap Director Stephen Vezendy at [rhgchandicaps@gmail.com](mailto:rhgchandicaps@gmail.com)

## TUESDAY MORNING LADIES LEAGUE (TMLL)



From TMLL Director, Angela Farley:

*Hope everyone had a great holiday and Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all at our events this year.*

*Please watch your emails for January rounds and we will have our first 2022 Fun Tournament and lunch in February.*

### Golf Genius App Required

The USA Tournament Manager App has been discontinued by the USGA. To play in RHGC tournaments, you are required to download and use the Golf Genius App on [IOS](#) or [Android](#).



### Tawakkalna App Required

Beginning February 1, Community Services requires all people accessing recreational facilities to have a booster shot for COVID-19, which includes the Rolling Hills Golf Course. You must show your Tawakkalna App at the Starter to access the:



- ProShop
- Clubhouse
- Course
- Driving range
- Chipping Green
- Putting Green

**Jan. 15**

**2022**



### **TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION**

Registration is now open and you can sign-up for this event at the [2022-01-15 Opening Day Registration Portal](#). Registration closes Sunday January 9, 6:00pm

You will be requested to register your entire team (4 players).

**All players must have their 2022 RHGC membership fees paid prior to registration.**

### **FORMAT**

"**RED, WHITE & BLUE SHAMBLE**" in which a team of golfers selects the one best drive among them after teeing off, then all four play their own golf balls from that position into the hole. You can think of a shamble as a scramble off the tee and then regular stroke play into the hole. The best 2 of 4 scores count towards the TEAM Score.

### **HANDICAP ALLOWANCE (75%)**

The individual playing handicap will be calculated by taking 75% of the player's course handicap based on their World Handicap System (WHS) Handicap Index. Playing Handicaps will be calculated based on the Slope of 133 and Course Rating of 70.2 (Whites Tees) for men and the Slope of 129 and Course Rating of 71.5 (Red Tees) for the ladies. The formula is **ROUND (((HCP Index \* (SR/113)) + (CR - Par))\*0.75)**. The maximum allowable playing handicap will be 26 for men and 32 for women.

### **RULES OF PLAY**

Men will play alternately from Red, White, and Blue Tees, and Ladies from the Red, Yellow and White tees.

That means, for example men will tee from the Red Tees on holes 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, & 16; White tees on holes 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17; and Blue tees on 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, and 18 and Ladies will tee from the Red Tees on holes 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, & 16; Yellow tees on holes 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17; and White tees on 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, and 18

All players tee off and the team chooses which shot to play (from the 4 tee shots).

The next shot must be played from within six (6) inches but no nearer to the hole.

NOTE: If the chosen ball comes to rest in the rough then all team shots must be played from the rough as well. Players can place their ball under this rule in all areas of the course.

Each player plays their own ball until it is holed out. Maximum score on any hole, for pace of play, will be net DOUBLE BOGEY.

Each player's tee shot must be used a minimum of three (3) times during the round. We don't have paper scorecards for this event, so you are on your honor.

### **CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

Play will be conducted according to the rules of the USGA, the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, and the Rolling Hill Golf Course Club Local Rules.

- Local Rule 7 (Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds (E-5)) does not apply.

### **EVENT CHECK IN**

COVID-19 Rules are in place so you must check in at the starter, show your Tawakkalna app, and have your temperature taken prior to entering the Golf Course.

Registration/check-in times will be announced on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Please make sure to have your team arrive and register at the CLUBHOUSE after checking in with the starter AT LEAST 20 minutes prior to your teams scheduled tee-time.

### **NO HARD SPIKES & DRESS CODE**

Rolling Hills Golf Club has a no "hard spikes" rule. All shirts must have collars. No tee shirts, sleeveless shirts, or cutoff shorts are allowed. Players will not be allowed to wear jeans on the course.

### **SCORE CARDS**

All Scoring will be via USGA TM utilizing the online scoring feature. No Paper cards will be handed out.

### **PACE OF PLAY**

We want everyone to enjoy themselves but also to maintain the pace of play. Remember to keep up with the team in front of you, not simply ahead of the team behind you! The lowest handicap golfer on each team is responsible to keep up speed of play for the team; do not spend more than a minute looking for lost balls. The event organizers are expecting all groups to complete the round in 4 hours. This is challenging in a tournament, but teams must take no more than 4 1/2 hours to complete play. If this playing time is not maintained by the morning group, it will be extremely difficult for the afternoon group to complete their round before dark. Rolling Hills Golf Club marshals will be on the course to monitor pace of play.

If your team falls behind the team in front of you by more than one full hole, the marshals will ask you to pick up the pace. If your team fails to comply with the marshal's instructions and does not speed up play, the marshals (at their sole discretion) may penalize the slow-playing team by causing them to miss the next hole and each player shall record a score of Net double bogey for that hole.

### **COURTESY AND PACE OF PLAY IS IMPORTANT!!!**

NOTE: Teams taking longer than 4 ½ hours may be asked to leave the course after that time and each player will record net double bogey as their score for any uncompleted holes. If there are a large number of teams unable to finish their round due to slow play, the organizers will either assign par to those teams for unfinished holes OR (at the organizers sole discretion) take the average score of other teams in their flight who did complete the hole & assign that score to the teams who did not complete the hole(s).



**The 2022 CEO Cup will be hosted by Rolling Hills Golf Club on Friday, February 11 and Saturday, February 12**

This year's event will have three shotgun tee time options, Friday AM/PM, and Saturday AM. The 2022 CEO Cup Tournament Committee will be coordinating all aspects of the golf event with your designated SAGA representative. This year's event will utilize a Stableford scoring format applying 75% of each player's playing 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 2022 CEO CUP and no green fees will be charged for this event.

**Registration**

CEO Cup registration is now open via Golf Genius at this link: [2022 CEO Cup Registration](#)  
Registration closes on February 3, 2022 at 6pm. Cancellations must be made no later than February 8.  
*Note: SAGA no-show policy is in effect for this tournament for all competitors.*

**Tee-Times**

This year's event will have three shotgun tee-time options, Friday AM/PM and Saturday AM.

**Conditions of Play**

Play will be conducted according to the rules of the USGA, the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, and the Rolling Hill Golf Course Club Local Rules.

- Local Rule 7 (Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds E-5) does not apply.
- Local Temporary Rule 3 (Foam Hole Insert: During casual golf, when a ball bounces out from the hole due to foam (or other material) insert please use your best judgement along with your fellow playing partners to determine if the ball would have holed out more than 50% of the time if there was no insert does not apply.

**Prizes & Handouts**

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- CEO Cup Winner Men's & Ladies (Most Stableford Points Overall)
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> - All Flights (Ladies 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Closest-to-Pin Skill Prizes
- Most Stableford Points RHGC, ANGC, WASGC, SSGC club winners to receive Pro Shop voucher



## 2022 - RHGC World Ryder Cup - March 18-19

Saudi Aramco

Have you renewed your membership for 2022? If so, sign up **TODAY** to play in the annual USA vs. ROW Ryder cup!

**March 18-19, 2022**

By popular request, the 2022 Ryder Cup event has moved up to March to take advantage of the great weather!



All golfers that have settled their membership for the new year can sign up **now** to play in the 2022 Ryder Cup Championship.

Go to the event portal: <https://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/rkwxak/>

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THE MOST POPULAR  
EVENT OF THE YEAR!**



# JUNIOR GOLF

RHGC is hosting a RHGC Junior Golf Event on **January 29**.  
Junior golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate.

10:00 – Driving/Putting Range (warmups)  
10:20 – Pairings are announced  
10:30 – Competitive Group heads to #1 Tee, Fun groups to follow  
12:30 – All Groups back in the Clubhouse for lunch and prizes  
1:00 – 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 against other Juniors.

**Who Can Play?** RHGC and Aramco Community Club members ages 8-17 years old or those who have or are currently taking lessons from Stuart Hurstfield (RHGC Golf Pro)

The tournament is free for all Junior RHGC members!

Junior golfers will need to supply their own golf clubs, golf balls and tees.

Sign up for the Junior Golf Event is currently available via Golf Genius or via email to [rhgcjuniorgolf@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:rhgcjuniorgolf@gmail.com)

*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.*



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Eligibility: Ages 8+



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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**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

Upcoming Events:

Opening Day  
Monthly Medals  
CEO Cup  
Ryder Cup

**No experience needed.  
Not all roles needed for all events**