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ROLLING HILLS GOLF COURSE



DHAHRAN, SAUDI ARABIA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With April, we start to see a change to warmer weather here in the Kingdom. The dormant grass do begins to grow again and our course comes to life again. Please treat the course with care and be sure to follow **the 3 Rs** – rake, refill, and repair.

This upcoming month is also Ramadan; I want to wish all our Muslim members and their families **Ramadan Kareem!**

With COVID restrictions lessening, the Board has been **working with Recreation** to bring coolers with drinking water back to the course. Tamimi is assessing the total needs around the course, and also all the walking trails, and they will supply the course with as many coolers as possible based on their manpower. However, everyone is still required to **show their Tawakkalna app** each time they enter the course. Work continues on the Clubhouse; we have been told that renovations will be completed by April 9.

Congratulations to Tom Harneshaug, Captain of Team ROW, for winning the **Ryder Cup**. Thanks to Les Hertlein for being Captain of Team USA and for all the hours that he and Tom spent organizing their teams. More about the Ryder Cup can be found on page 11.

Lastly, congratulations to Rodny Masound and Soonhae Kim for winning the first ever **Community Championship** in golf. More can be found on the Community Championships on page 8.

See you on the course,
Bruce Waldner





April
Monthly Medal

April 16, 2022

Register before April 11 at
golfgenius.com

**CLOSED FOR
MAINTENANCE**

The RHGC course will be closed for some routine maintenance in April; please see the below times.

- **Back 9: April 17-20**
- **Front 9: April 24-27**, there will be no golf after work and the lights will remain off.

The driving range, putting green, and chipping area will remain open throughout.



**FROM THE
PRO**

Stuart Hurstfield, P.G.A. Member

**LADIES
ROLL UP CLASS**

Every **Thursday morning**, ladies are invited to join Thursday morning group sessions from 9-10 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 ProShop.

**GOLF
IN A WEEK**

The next Golf in a Week class starts on **Sunday, April 24**. Classes are from 6-7 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. Sign up at the ProShop.

**JUNIOR
TOUR SCHOOL**

The Junior Tour School will start on **April 9** and run each Saturday for four consecutive weeks. The classes are from 8-9 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 ProShop.

**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. Register at stuarthurstfield@gmail.com or WhatsApp +44 775 337 1547.

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



RHGC JUNIOR GOLF

Junior Golf Event April 9

Junior golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate in the April RHGC Junior Golf Event. This tournament is free for all Junior RHGC members.

- 10:00 am Driving/Putting Range (warmups)
- 10:20 am Pairings are announced
- 10:30 am Competitive Group heads to #1 Tee, Fun groups to follow
- 12:30 pm Score review and golfers are free to go

Fun Division: For younger and less experienced juniors who just want to have fun playing a few holes of golf on the course.

Competitive Division: For the older and more experienced juniors who 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.

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

Register before 4pm on April 6 at [Golf Genius](#) or by emailing rhgcjuniorgolf@gmail.com


For more information, any questions, or to volunteer as a marshal, please email [Jake Rosenthal](#) or WhatsApp 054 774 4309.



Pace of Play

Pace of Play is an important aspect of playing golf. In 2019, rules relating to Pace of Play were updated to recommend:

- Taking no longer than 40 seconds to make a stroke (and usually you should be able to play more quickly than that)
- To implement 'Ready Golf' in stroke play

Click on the image to the right to watch a 1-minute clip for details 



TUESDAY MORNING LADIES LEAGUE (TMLL)



The TMLL group had a bit of a quiet month - between the Saudi Ladies Tournament in Jeddah and Spring Break. A big shout out to those who went to Jeddah to volunteer — Thank you! I hope to see everyone out in April - we have a busy month.

Please contact me with any questions.
Angela Farley
Director TMLL



Open Play & Skills with Stuart



Monthly Medal



Evening Fun Event & Social



Fun Tournament & Social



Open Play & Skills with Stuart

Handicap Corner

For RHGC members who have a GHIN number maintained by Rolling Hills Golf Club, here are some important things you should know:

What is a Golf Handicap?

In short, a golf handicap is the true measure, undeniable by math, of how good at golf you are. According to the USGA a handicap index is described as, “The measure of a player’s demonstrated ability calculated against the Slope Rating of a golf course of standard playing difficulty (that is, a course with a Slope Rating of 113).” In other words, a golf handicap is a formulated number given to you based on golf scores that you’ve shot. Those scores are compared against the course’s difficulty (rating/slope). If you carry an official handicap through USGA GHIN (or another one of golf’s governing bodies), your handicap index is automatically calculated when you post your scores, and your index updates the next day.

What is GHIN?

GHIN ([Golf Handicap Information Network](#), pronounced “jin”) is a World Handicap System (WHS) handicapping computational service provided by the USGA through authorized associations and clubs. A golfer must belong to a golf club to obtain a USGA Handicap Index after which they will get a GHIN Number. Your unique GHIN number gives you the ability to post scores from which your Handicap Index is calculated.



Book Accurate Tee Times

Before you play a round at RHGC, you must book a Tee Time using ForeTees. Make sure your Tee Time is accurate BEFORE you play.

- If your round is planned to be a 9-hole round, you must select 9-holes when booking your tee time. Otherwise, the system will expect an 18-hole score to be entered, and you may ultimately have a penalty (“P”) score entered to your scoring record.
- If you are planning to play a non-acceptable handicap round, you must select Other (OTH) or Scramble (SCR). Otherwise the system will expect a score to be entered, and you may ultimately have a penalty (“P”) score entered to your scoring record.
- Don’t assume the system will handle this. Every member when they book or have someone else book a tee time, receives an email (to the members ForeTees email on record) with their tee time details. This is the member’s opportunity to quickly review for accuracy. Check your ForeTees account to ensure your email is accurate.

Posting Your Scores

- You should only post acceptable rounds for handicap purposes. [See Rule 2 - Scores Acceptable for Handicap Purposes of RHGC Handicap Program document](#). The scores a player submits for handicap purposes are at the core of the calculation of their handicap index. Rule 2 covers the conditions a score must satisfy for it to be acceptable for handicap purposes, providing confidence that it will produce reasonable evidence of the player’s ability and, ultimately, a handicap index that is reflective of demonstrated ability.
- **Adjustment of Hole Scores.** [See Rule 3 of RHGC Handicap Program document](#). A score for handicap purposes should not be overly influenced by one or two bad holes that are not reflective of a player’s demonstrated ability. In addition, incomplete scores and/or scores where a player did not hole out on every hole can provide reasonable evidence of the player’s ability and can be used for handicap purposes. Rule 3 covers the circumstances where scores may be acceptable and how scores should be adjusted.

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Handicap Corner (continued)

- **Scores must be posted on same day it was played.**
[See Rule 4 – Submitting a Score of RHGC Handicap Program document.](#) This Rule covers the process for the submission of acceptable scores for handicap purposes, both to obtain an initial handicap index and to maintain an established handicap index. Timely submission of scores by a player, or anyone else responsible or authorized to submit scores on their behalf, allows for responsive updates and provides a real-time measure of the player's golfing ability. The Rules of Handicapping rely on the accurate and timely submission of all acceptable scores.
- You can post your scores in one of two ways:
 - i) The USGA GHIN mobile. The app lets you post your scores, calculate course handicap, view score history and more. Download the free app from the App Store or Google Play;
 - ii) Online at www.ghin.com

Handicap Index Calculation

[See Rule 5 of RHGC Handicap Program document.](#)

A player's handicap index should represent their demonstrated ability and, where appropriate, be responsive to scores that are inconsistent with their demonstrated ability. Rule 5 covers the process of calculating a handicap index and incorporates several safeguards needed to help ensure that a player's handicap index remains reflective of their ability and that equity is retained for all golfers. Most of these are systematically handled by the GHIN system.

- Golf Handicaps Are Updated Daily. Under WHS, golf handicap indexes are updated any day after a golfer posts a new score (for RHGC GHIN currently runs about 9am KSA time). The best 8 of last 20 posted scores count towards your golf handicap. One caveat is for tournament play. RHGC Tournament Committee will establish a cutoff date for handicaps.
- Each round posted will have a Differential calculated. This is essentially your handicap index based on that specific round played. It's important to remember it doesn't reflect your average score, but your best potential for a round.
- For new GHIN members: A minimum of three 18-hole or six 9-hole scores posted are all that's needed to calculate and establish your handicap index.

WHS has other safeguards which every golfer should know, here are links to good videos:

- [Soft Cap and Hard Cap](#) (The golf handicap system will cap upward movement)
- [Playing Conditions Calculation](#) (PCC)
- [Exceptional Score Reduction](#)

Course Handicap and Playing Handicap

[See Rule 6 of RHGC Program document](#) or [Handicap Reference Guide](#) for more information.

The Course Handicap calculation converts a handicap index to the number of strokes a player requires to play any golf course with a Course Rating and Slope Rating. This allows portability of a player's handicap index wherever they play. In some forms of competitions, handicap allowances are used to adjust Course Handicaps to make the competitions equitable, the adjusted Course Handicap will be referred to as Playing Handicap.

If you have any questions, please email RGC Handicap Director Stephen Vezendy at rhgchandicaps@gmail.com.

For those of you interested in a short reference document click here: [Handicap Reference Guide](#).

Or for slide decks of the four Sections of the WHS click here: [WHS PowerPoints](#).



RHGC Code of Conduct

Earlier this year, Rolling Hills Golf Club (RHGC) implemented a new Code of Conduct.

Background

1. Under the Rules of Golf: Standards of Player Conduct (1.2a): All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game:
 - Acting with integrity, for example, by following the Rules, applying all penalties and being honest in all aspects of play;
 - Showing consideration to others, for example, by playing at a prompt pace, looking out for the safety of others, and not distracting the play of another player;
 - Taking good care of the course, for example, by repairing ball-marks on greens, filling in divots with sand, smoothing bunkers, and not causing unnecessary damage to the course.
2. There is no penalty under the Rules of Golf for breaching Rule 1.2a, however the RHGC Committee may disqualify a player for acting contrary to the spirit of the game or has committed serious misconduct.
3. Penalties other than disqualification may only be imposed for player misconduct if those penalties are adopted as part of a Code of Conduct established by the Committee, as per 1.2b (Rules of Golf).

Overview & Reporting Violations

1. This Code of Conduct applies to all members whether during Competitions or General play or whenever the Course facilities are being used. Players may be warned, penalized, or disqualified for violations of the Code of Conduct.
2. A high standard of behavior is expected at all times when members, their guests and/or visitors are at the Course.
3. Members, guests and visitors are bound by this Code of Conduct upon:
 - Payment of the RHGC membership and/or green fees;
 - Payment of an entrance fee for an event at the Course;
 - When using the Course facilities for any other reason.
4. All players have a responsibility to monitor the behavior of their playing partners on the Course and to ensure the Code of Conduct is adhered to.
5. **General Play:** In the event a violation is noted during general play, a report to the RHGC President at rhgcpresident@gmail.com should be made, upon completion of that round.
6. **Tournaments:** In the event a violation is noted during tournament play, a report to the Tournament Committee should be made, upon completion of that round.
7. The RHGC President will establish a tracking mechanism to capture all warnings, breaches, penalties and/or disqualifications by member for monitoring and use by the Committee. For general play, incidents emailed to RHGC President will be logged as warning unless the incident warrants.

Click [here](#) for link to full Code of Conduct document approved by RHGC Board.





Community championship



The Community Championship began in January with qualifying matches in 12 sports for adults and eight sports for youth. Teams and individual athletes from Abqaiq to Jeddah, and Dhahran to ‘Udhailiyah have advanced to through playoffs and then the finals, which ran from March 26 - 31. Much like a mini-Olympics, the championships have brought new energy and interest to the dozens of self-directed sports groups in our communities.

On March 29 & 30, RHGC hosted the golf portion of the Community Championship. The tournament was a low gross cumulative score. There were a total of 14 golfers in the Men’s Division and four in the Ladies’ Division. From RHGC:

Men’s Division RHGC Participants

- Young Kyoung Ahn
- Ed Devlin
- Nabeel Haq
- Chris Padilla
- Kevin Capstick
- Jeff Meisner
- Steve Farley
- Rodny Masoud

Ladies’ Division RHGC Participants

- Myungjin Lee
- Rodziah Daud
- Soonhae Kim
- Janice Anderson



RHGC was well-represented and swept the podiums in both divisions:

Men’s Division	Name	R1	R2	Total Gross
Gold	Rodney Masoud	74	84	158
Silver	Edward Devlin	77	85	162
Bronze	Young Kyoung Ahn	88	78	166

Ladies’ Division	Name	R1	R2	Total Gross
Gold	Soonhae Kim	84	83	167
Silver	Janice Lim-Anderson	93	87	180
Bronze	Rodziah Daud	95	95	190

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Ladies FIRST



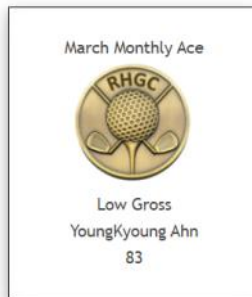
We had another great turnout of volunteers this year who joined us in flying to Jeddah and staying in King Abdullah Economic City for the Ladies European tour at the Royal Greens Golf & Country Club. We look forward to hopefully seeing some new faces out there next year and again, thank you to everyone who came out and volunteered with us this year!



An appreciation photo of our volunteers was posted on Aramco Saudi Ladies International's official Instagram page!



MARCH MONTHLY MEDAL RESULTS



Flighted Winners

A Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	A	Kim, Soonhae	36	37	73
2	A	Syafron, Edward	39	37	76
3	A	Kim, Hakseon	38	40	78

B Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	B	Boukbira, Abdelbaki	37	35	72
2	B	Lee, Jae	37	35	72
T3	B	Ba Im, Ahmad	37	38	75
T3	B	Al-Mulaik, Fahad	37	38	75

C Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	C	Musa, Ismaeel	33	38	71
2	C	Isichei, Obi	36	37	73
3	C	Seo, Jeong Ho	39	36	73

D Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	D	Kim, Hyun Kil	35	38	73
T2	D	Al-Khayyal, Abdulaziz	40	34	74
T2	D	Abdul Razak, Mokhtarudin	40	34	74
3	D	Lee, Myungjin	40	34	74

E Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	E	Okafor, John	35	39	74
2	E	In, Sanghee	34	40	74
3	E	Saar, Muhammad	38	39	77

Closest to the Pin

Hole	Winner	Distance
4	Boukbira, Abdelbaki	11' 8"
8	Bolarinwa, Simeon	10' 2"
8	Abdkarim, Mohdghazali	10' 1"
14	Smith, Derrick	10' 10"

See full results [here](#)

RYDER CUP 2022 RECAP



March 4th & 5th, 2022

Submitted by Nicole Waldner Thoen, RHGC Intern

Team ROW won the Ryder cup this year! It was great to see everyone so enthusiastic and patriotic. The first day was beautiful and warm with a little bit of humidity. Day two was also beautiful, until about 2pm when the wind picked up and a wall of sand descended upon the golf course.

Taken at 9:30 AM



Taken at 3:00 PM



Ryder Cup was the first tournament and event I had the opportunity to be a part of during my internship with RHGC. It was great to see so many people welcome me during those two days, and have them wish me luck on my future endeavors. I felt such a strong sense of community from both members who were playing and volunteers who helped me learn the ropes. It was a great tournament to start out with and I can't wait to see what else RHGC has in store for me.

