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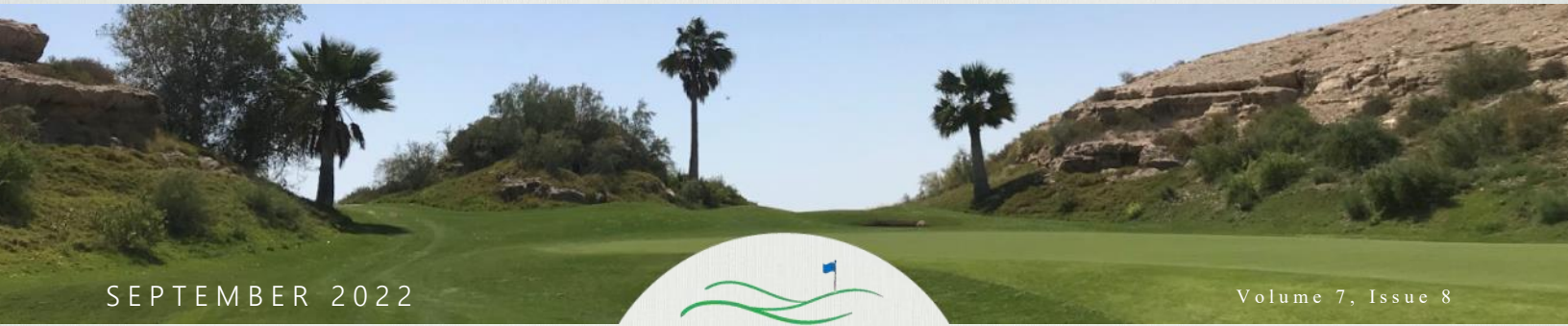
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DHAHRAN, SAUDI ARABIA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is just a few weeks away and this marks the start of a busy tournament run. Between now and the end of October, RHGC will be hosting seven tournaments including the Saudi National Day, the Oilman's, and the Club Championship. Look for more information about these three tournaments on page 8 of this newsletter. The others are listed on Tournament Calendar on website. Additionally, please be reminded that to play in RHGC tournaments, you need to complete the Code of Conduct agreement. All Primary and Spouse members have been sent an email via SurveyMonkey to complete the agreement.

The last day in September also marks the date when all cart owners are required to have their carts inspected, seat belts installed, and cart operator test passed. If you don't own a cart but rent through the Starter, you will be required to show your operator card when renting. We have been told by Community Services that come October 1, you will be able to drive your personal cart anywhere on camp as a vehicle. If you drive off the course without an inspection sticker, seatbelts installed, and carrying a valid cart operator license, you could be ticketed by Industrial Security. Cart Operator Cards will be printed out shortly and will be available for pickup at the Starter when they are available. Keep an eye out for this announcement.

See you on the course,
Bruce Waldner

Thank You

The RHGC Board wishes to thank two dedicated members as they step down from their roles:

Richard Reed, has been the Membership Director since 2020, stepping in to fill the vacated role. He's been a valuable Board member, managing and tracking our 600+ membership.

Janice Lim Anderson has worked at the ProShop since 2018 and also previously served as the Ladies League Co-director. She will be moving back to Canada in January 2023 when her husband Duncan Anderson retires next year.

Thank you Richard & Janice for all your contributions and support to the club throughout the years!





RHGC is hosting a RHGC Junior Golf Event on **September 10.**

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 by emailing 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

Ground Under Repair - Burnt Areas on Fairway

Due to irrigation issues, part of the course is not getting the required water which has resulted in many of the green areas of the course burning and dying in the sun. In an effort to protect these burnt areas, a decision has been taken to deem with immediate effect, all burnt areas on the fairways as GUR (Ground Under Repair).

Therefore, relief needs to be taken in line with rule 16:

16.1b (see [Rule 16](#)) Relief for Ball in General Area

If a player's ball is in the [general area](#) and there is interference by an [abnormal course condition](#) on the [course](#), the player may take free relief by [dropping](#) the original ball or another ball in this [relief area](#) (see [Rule 14.3](#)):



Reference Point: The [nearest point of complete relief](#) in the [general area](#).

Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: One [club-length](#), but with these limits:

- Must be in the [general area](#),
- Must not be nearer the [hole](#) than the reference point, and
- There must be complete relief from all interference by the [abnormal course condition](#).

If you have any questions please contact RHGCgroundsandrules@gmail.com



*Welcome back ladies!
I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer.*

*Exciting things are happening in TMLL... starting with a name change! TMLL will now become the **RHGC Ladies League**. This name signifies a change in our framework to be more inclusive to as many women as possible with varying schedules.*

The monthly calendar will now include the following:

- *Two fun tournaments each month: one evening and one daytime*
- *Two monthly lesson options: 8:30am Tuesday and 10am Saturday*
- *The Ladies Monthly Medal will now be played on a Saturday morning each month*

We anticipate this change will help accommodate many more women and we look forward to welcoming newcomers to our activities!



Monthly Medal



Morning Skills with Stuart



AM Fun Tournament

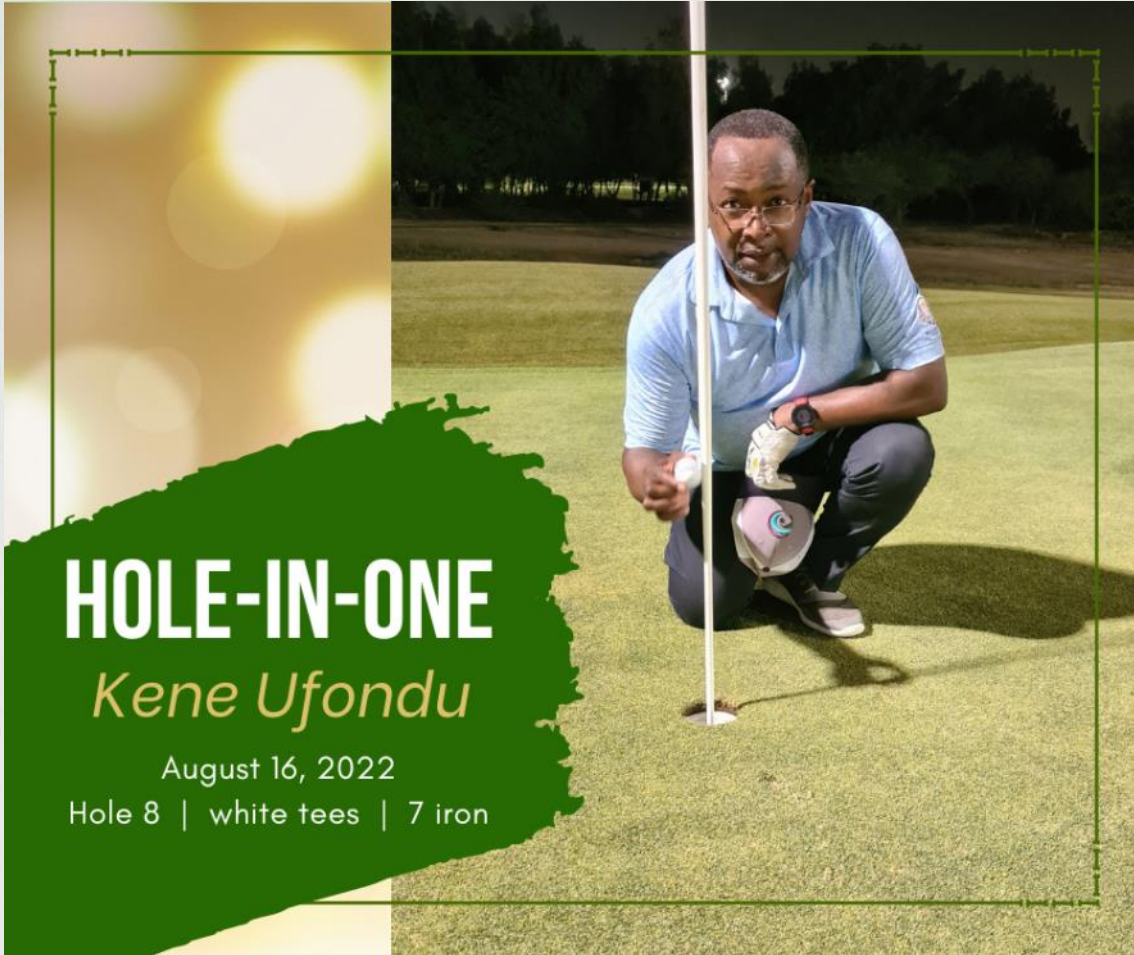


Morning Skills with Stuart



Nine & Dine Fun Tournament

*Angela Farley
Ladies Golf Director*



HOLE-IN-ONE

Kene Ufodu

August 16, 2022

Hole 8 | white tees | 7 iron

Congrats to the first 2022 hole-in-one at RHGC: by Kene Ufodu!
 Drilling & Workover employee, Kenechukwu O. Ufodu, recorded his first hole-in-one. The odds of an amateur golfer making a hole in one on a par 3 are roughly 12,500 to 1. Well done Kene!

REMINDER

While players should fill their divots with sand, the only place NOT to fill divots is on **tee boxes**. This is to avoid creating uneven tee boxes.

Please note tee box divots are filled by the ground crew each morning.



SEPTEMBER Monthly Medal September 17

Register now before
 September 12 at
golfgenius.com

NEW RHGC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

The RHGC Board is pleased to welcome **Dianne Le to** the team, as the new Membership Director. She hails from Calgary, Alberta and works as a Secretary in the Law Department.

Dianne has been with Aramco for 2.5 years, arriving just a few weeks before international borders shut down due to the global pandemic. She took advantage of those unusual times and started playing golf on a much more regular basis, reigniting her love for the game.

Dianne has appreciated how welcoming and kind the RHGC community has been and looks forward to meeting even more members, especially as part of her new role on the Board.
Welcome Dianne!



HANDICAP CORNER

Away Scores

Question: Do I need to post Away scores?

Answer: Yes, score must be posted as long as the round meets the criteria for an acceptable score (see [Rule 2.1 of the Rules of Handicapping](#)). Any rounds played on a course other than the Home course should receive an Away or “A” score-type when posting the score.

In GHIN you can search for Course under “Enter Course Name” then select the tees played and number of holes (9/18). If you cannot find Course, you can click “Manually Post Total Score” and you will need the slope and rating of Course, usually found on the scorecard.

3 Things to Know About 3 World Handicap System™ Safeguards

The World Handicap System includes three new safeguards that protect the integrity of your Handicap Index®. When the World Handicap System (WHS™) was implemented in January 2020, three new safeguards designed to protect the integrity of your Handicap Index® were built into the system. Now that more golfers are seeing these features come into play, here are three things to know about each one:

Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC)

1) The PCC is entirely based on scoring data.

Simply put, the PCC compares the actual scores made at a given course each day to the expected scores of the players who made them. If the number of players who score at or below their expected score is higher than anticipated, the course played easier. If the number of players who score at or below their expected score is lower than anticipated, the course played more difficult. PCC adjustments are applied automatically and clearly identified within a player’s scoring record.

2) The more scores, the better!

For the calculation to take place, at least 8 scores must be posted at a course by players with a Handicap Index of 36.0 or below – and the more scores that are posted, the more reliable the data becomes. The calculation also takes into consideration each player’s Course Handicap™ and the Course Rating™ and Slope Rating® of the tees that were played.

3) When you post matters!

The PCC takes place at the end of each day, so only scores posted on the day of play will contribute to the data pool. So, let’s all do our part by posting scores on the same day of play. With that said, if you forget to post on the same day, the result of the PCC will still be applied to your score when it is posted – as long as you post it to the appropriate date.

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HANDICAP CORNER

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Soft Cap and Hard Cap

1) It starts with your Low Handicap Index®.

A Low Handicap Index serves as the baseline for the cap procedure and is the lowest Handicap Index achieved by a player within the 365-day period preceding the most recent score in their scoring record. A player does not establish a Low Handicap Index until they have 20 scores in their scoring record.

2) The caps are applied automatically.

Each time your Handicap Index updates, the new value is compared to your Low Handicap Index and:

- If a 3.0 stroke increase takes place, the Soft Cap reduces the rate of upward movement of Handicap Index beyond 3.0 strokes by 50 percent.
- If a 5.0 stroke increase takes place (after the Soft Cap is applied) the Hard Cap prevents any additional upward movement of Handicap Index from taking place.

3) The Handicap Committee can override the cap – but only if necessary.

All of us as golfers experience a poor stretch from time to time – but since underlying ability does not typically change significantly over a short period, a player's Handicap Index usually works its way back toward their Low Handicap Index. However, if a player experiences an injury or illness that causes higher scores and the cap(s) to be applied, the Handicap Committee at their Home Club can override the cap by adjusting their Handicap Index to a level reflective of their current ability.

Exceptional Score Reduction (ESR)

1) A score 7 strokes or better than player's Handicap Index is considered exceptional.

WHS research shows that a player who shoots an exceptional score is more likely than others to score at/below their Handicap Index in subsequent rounds. As a result, the ESR is designed to better reflect demonstrated ability and player from having an advantage.

2) The procedure is simple.

When a score is between 7.0 and 9.9 strokes better than the player's Handicap Index at the time the round was played, their Handicap Index is reduced by 1 stroke. If the score is 10.0 strokes or better, their Handicap Index is reduced by 2 strokes.

3) The impact of the ESR diminishes over time.

When an ESR takes place, a -1 or -2 adjustment is applied to the most recent 20 score differentials in the player's scoring record. However, scores made from that point forward will not include the -1 or -2 adjustment – unless they are also exceptional – which allows the ESR to work itself out of the player's scoring record over time.

For more information or to learn more about World Handicap System, visit www.usga.org/whs.

If you have any questions or if you have any suggestions for future newsletter articles, please contact [Stephen Vezendy, Handicap Director](#).



Stay up-to-date on upcoming events and tournaments by visiting the [Tournament Calendar page](#) on the RHGC website

FROM THE PRO

Stuart Hurstfield, P.G.A. Member



GOLF IN A WEEK

The next Golf in a Week class starts on **Sunday, September 18**. 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.

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.*

GOLF CART SAFETY MANUAL & REQUIREMENTS



Community Services recently introduced a revised Golf Cart Safety Manual with updates to the safety standards for golf cart operation in all Company Communities. The safety manual specifies that all golf carts must undergo an annual mechanical and safety inspection. Please reference your Company email or visit the [RHGC website for details](#).

Additionally, Golf Cart Operator cards will be required to drive a golf cart. If you don't own a cart but rent through the Starter, you will be required to show your Operator card when renting. Community Services has indicated that beginning October 1, you will be able to drive your personal cart anywhere on camp as a vehicle.

Cart Operator Cards will be printed out shortly and will be available for pickup at the Starter for those who have successfully passed the Operator quiz. More details will be announced to members soon.

Summer golf excursions by RHGC members



Johannes Vaartjes at the Drentsche Golf & Country Club in Assen, The Netherlands. Picture taken by his friend, a former President of the club.



JD D'Antoni playing the world's oldest golf course the way it was intended, with original Hickory golf clubs at Musselburgh Links, Old Course in Scotland. The earliest documentation of golf being played on Musselburgh Links is from 1672, which has earned it the Guinness World Record for being the oldest golf course in the world.

Want to share a photo from your golf travels?
Send your photo and caption to rhgcmediadirector@gmail.com



**Saudi National Day
Tournament
Thursday, September 22, 2022**

Each year on September 23, Saudi National Day commemorates the unification of the Kingdom in 1932 by King Abdul Aziz bin Abdul Rahman Al Saud.

On Thursday, September 22, which is a national and company holiday, RHGC will host a Saudi National Day Tournament. The format will be an individual flighted Stableford and Team Event. Team scoring will be 1-2-3 WALTZ using USGA TM Live Scoring.

More information and registration details can be found on [Golf Genius](#).



Oilman's Golf Tournament
Rolling Hills Golf Club

The [8th Annual Oilman's Golf Tournament](#) will be hosted by the Rolling Hills Golf Club on October 7, 2022. There will be two shotgun starts: 7:00AM and 12:00 PM.

This tournament has been organized to promote and bolster the business relationships between the many contracting entities who work with Saudi Aramco by bringing together individuals who enjoy the sport of golf.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP October 21 & 22, 2022

The 2022 Club Championship will be held on October 21 & 22. The qualifying rounds will be held on the 21st and the Championship round will be on the 22nd:

DAY 1 FOR BOTH MEN'S & LADIES' DIVISION: Stroke play, no handicaps (gross scores only), no flights. Cut is 50% of the field plus ties, based on gross score.

DAY 2 MEN'S DIVISION - Qualifying players only. Stroke play, no handicaps (gross scores only), previous day scores carry forward. These players shall be equally divided into 4 Flights (based on Handicap Index), and will compete for the overall Club Championship and as well for their assigned flight.

DAY 2 LADIES' DIVISION - Qualifying players only. Stroke play, no handicaps (gross scores only), previous day scores carry forward. These qualifying players will compete for the overall Club Championship as well as for the Ladies' Flight.

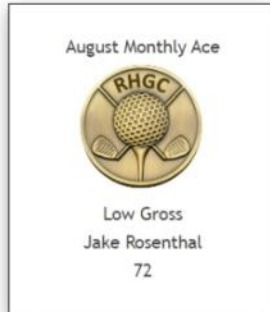
COMPETITION WINNERS - The Men's Club Champion will be the man returning the Low Gross score over 36 holes from the Championship Tees. The Women's Club Champion will be the woman returning the Low Gross score over 36 holes from the Championship Tees.

REGISTRATION

Tournament and registration details will be posted soon to Golf Genius.



AUGUST MONTHLY MEDAL RESULTS



Flighted Winners

A Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	A	Lee Kirk	67
2	A	Hakseon Kim	68
3	A	Yong Song Kim	72

B Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	B	Soonhae Kim	67
2	B	Mubarak Al-Ghamdi	68
3	B	Zaid Al-Amer	70

C Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	C	Insoon Kim	69
2	C	Jeong Ho Seo	70
3	C	Junghyun Park	71

D Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	D	Alfian Simamora	66
2	D	Usama Siddiqui	69
3	D	Feng Lu	71

E Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	D	John Okafor	66
2	D	Greg Gillam	68
3	D	Yeong Joo Kim	69

Closest to the Pin

Hole	Winner	Distance
4	Soonhae Kim	7' 0"
8	John-Paul Scallon	3' 8"
11	Duncan Anderson	3' 7"
14	Dwi Waspada	6' 7"

See full results [here](#)




Royal Golf Club
 BAHRAIN



4th Bahrain Amateur Open
 (A WAGR Counting Event)

13th to 15th October 2022

**** A Qualifier for the 2022 King Hamad Trophy ****

Entry Fee:

➤ Juniors BD50 ➤ RGC Members BD60 ➤ Guests BD105

Format:

54-hole individual Stroke Play with Gross & Net Divisions.
 Handicap Index Limit is 12.0. Entries will be limited to 104 players.
 A cut will be made after 36 holes for the leading 54 gross scores and ties.

For more information or to register, visit www.bahrainga.org

**** The closing date for entry will be Friday 30th of September 2022 ****

**** Any cancellation within 48 hours or No Show will be charged the full entry fee ****

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