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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As 2022 comes to a close, I would like to thank all of the RHGC Board members for the great work that they have done this year. The RHGC Board is made up of volunteers that work very hard to provide its memberships with the best possible experience it can. If you would like to be a part of the **2023 Board** and make a difference, please see page 4 for more information on how to be a part of this great team.

I encourage everyone to attend the AGM at the Clubhouse on **Sunday, December 4 at 5:00 pm**, when the new Vice President and Treasurer will be announced. Light snacks will be served.

I ask for all members patience over the next two weeks with the course being closed because of the **Asian Development Tour (ADT) pro tournament**. This is a short term pain in order to have changes to the course that the Board has been requesting for some time. These changes include bunker and bunker faces are being upgraded, tee boxes to be flattened and made firmer, and greens to have restoration work done to improve their firmness and roll. The contract for the ADT tournament is for four years. I believe this is a positive for the Club in the long run. If you would like to volunteer at the ADT, please see page 2 for more details.

The **Membership Drive for 2023** is underway. Renewal forms were sent to all members personal email address. Please see page 5 for more information.

Looking forward to a great 2023.

See you on the course,  
Bruce Waldner



## 2022 RHGC Annual General Meeting

You are invited to attend the  
2022 RHGC Annual General  
Meeting (AGM) at the clubhouse on  
**December 4 at 5:00 pm.**



## Monthly Medal December 24, 2022

Registration opens soon  
on  
[golfgenius.com](http://golfgenius.com)



As the Asian Development Tour (ADT) event approaches, our commitment to our members is to share information as we receive it from the ADT Organizing Committee. We appreciate your patience as many things are coming together in a very short timeframe. This ADT event is the first of its kind and we are striving to do our part to support our members, the larger golfing community, and the Company, as we promote the game of golf in Saudi Arabia.

Please make note of the following event-related notices:

- **REMOVAL OF LOCKER ITEMS:** Members are requested to remove all personal items from the lockers and return all locker keys in your possession no later than December 3. After that date, all lockers will be cleared and remaining items will be removed and disposed of by janitorial staff. RHGC will not be responsible for the loss of any personal items. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.
- **COURSE CLOSURES:** Due to ADT preparations, RHGC will be closed based on the below schedule:

Dates	Description
Nov 27 – Dec 3	No play from blue tees and no bunker play (local rule)
Nov 27 – Dec 1	Course closed until 4:00 p.m.
Dec 2 - 3	Course open for play 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Dec 4 - 17	Course closed for play; driving range, practice putting green, chipping areas all closed

- **ADT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Saudi Aramco and SAGA are reaching out to everyone among our golf community to support this inaugural international tournament. Any interested volunteers should register through the following website: [2022 Asian Development Tour Event Volunteer Registration](https://www.arabiangolf.net/node/751). There are many volunteer positions required and available as listed below. These times are approximate, with the intent of 5-hour shifts. For any questions or more details on the roles, please contact [JEFF.MEISNER@ARAMCO.COM](mailto:JEFF.MEISNER@ARAMCO.COM)

Position	Dates	Times / Shifts
Player Registration	Dec 11	10am to 2pm
Greeters/Guides	Dec 12 - 16	5am to 10am / 10am to 3pm
Driving Range Attendants	Dec 12 - 16	5am to 10am / 10am to 3pm
Water Distribution	Dec 12 - 16	5am to 10am / 10am to 3pm
Static Scorers	Dec 14 - 16	7am to 12pm / 12am to 5pm
ForeCaddies	Dec 14 - 16	7am to 12pm / 12am to 5pm
Marshals/Ball Spotters	Dec 14 - 16	7am to 12pm / 12am to 5pm
Volunteer Transport Services	Dec 14 - 16	6am to 9am / 11am to 2pm
After-Play Course Maintenance – Divot Repair	Dec 14 - 15	5pm to 7pm

- **GOLF CART REMOVAL:** All members who have a golf cart parked at RHGC by the ATM in the upper parking lot are required to remove it from this area by **December 4**. Carts may be returned to this area on December 18, after the ADT tournament has completed. Any golf cart still parked in this area on December 6 will be removed by Industrial Security.
- **TEMPORARY LOCAL RULE: BUNKERS:** Please be advised that due to the requirements to carry out maintenance work on all bunkers for the upcoming Asian Development Tour (ADT) event, the following temporary local rule will be in immediate effect starting **November 27**. All bunkers including the bunker faces and edges throughout the course are to be considered ‘NO PLAY ZONES’, therefore, similar to local rule for the tree plantation areas, all bunkers are to be treated as an [abnormal course condition](#). Free relief must be taken if a ball comes to rest in a no play zone or the no play zone interferes with a player's intended stance. The nearest point of complete relief should be identified and a ball must be dropped in the relief area outside the no play zone. The relief area is one-club length from the nearest point of relief, not nearer to the hole. Players are not permitted to play in these no play zones (meaning all bunkers, bunker faces, and edges throughout the course).
- **SCORES FOR HANDICAP PURPOSES:** Please note that with immediate effect (Nov 27), and until the course returns to normal playing conditions after the ADT, no scores should be entered for handicap purposes.

**All ADT-related announcements will continue to be posted here: <https://www.arabiangolf.net/node/751>**



Last chance to join the fun! Purchase your Annual Golf Ball tickets at the ProShop today. Also, if you are facing any issues booking a hotel room at the Crowne Plaza, please email [Swatti.Khanna@ihg.com](mailto:Swatti.Khanna@ihg.com)

**TURKISH AIRLINE VOUCHER RAFFLE**

In addition to the incredible menu and live band at the Golf Ball, there will also be a raffle for roundtrip Turkish Airline tickets (DMM>IST). Raffle tickets will be 50 SAR each and you must attend the Golf Ball to be eligible for the draw.



# RHGC APPOINTED DIRECTORS

RHGC is seeking volunteers from the membership to support our activities, events, and projects. If you are interested in becoming a Board member for the 2023 year, there are a number of yearly appointed Board positions to consideration:

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Membership Director        | Social Director       |
| Tournament Director        | Media Director        |
| Grounds and Rules Director | Ladies' Golf Director |
| Handicap Director          | Junior Golf Director  |
| Facilities Director        |                       |

Appointed Board members will be selected by the 2023 RHGC Executive Board (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, & Secretary). The following incentives for Board members are included within the RHGC Constitution to encourage participation: 10 day advance tee time booking; 100% discount on the RHGC primary membership fee; and 100% discount on Recreation greens fee.

**Note:** If interested in a Board Directorship, do not pay your 2023 green fees until contacted by the Executive Board; paid green fees cannot be reimbursed.

If you are interested in volunteering for a Board position, please submit your name to the 2023 RHGC Secretary [Kevin Capstick](#) by email, and indicate your interest for a specific position. Please supply a paragraph about yourself, and include the qualities you have that will support your application. For example, please list any previous assistance at the RHGC events, or a particular skillset you might have. Please submit your email **by 3:00 pm on Wednesday, December 6.**

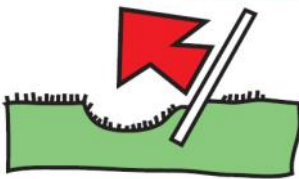
As per the Recreation Manual, to be considered for one of the above Director positions:

- You must be a RHGC member;
- A Saudi Aramco employee or a spouse of a Saudi Aramco employee;
- Directors must work in Dhahran, or have a mailbox located in Dhahran;
- Directors cannot serve simultaneously on two self-directed groups.

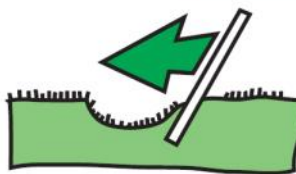


**Repair divots correctly:** do not push up the bottom of the depression as this tears the roots and kills the grass:

**Wrong:** Using the prongs as levers to push up the bottom of the depression



**Right:** Using the prongs to push grass at the edge of the depression toward the centre



## FROM THE PRO

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

### GOLF IN A WEEK

The next Golf in a Week class starts on **Sunday, Dec 18.** Classes are from 7-8 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 commences on **Sunday, Jan 8** for ages 8+. It will run Sun - Thu from 6-7 pm. The camp covers rules, etiquette, and golf swing mechanics in a group setting. All equipment and range balls are supplied. The cost is 400 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](mailto:stuarthurstfield@gmail.com) or WhatsApp +44 775 337 1547.

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

# 2023 Membership Renewal

2023 Membership Renewal forms have now gone out to all primary members' personal email addresses registered with RHGC. Attached in the emails are forms that are prefilled with your membership information. If you have not received an email, please first check your spam/junk folder, then contact the RHGC Membership Director at [RHGCMemberships@gmail.com](mailto:RHGCMemberships@gmail.com).

The deadline for renewals without penalty is January 31, 2023. Renewals made on February 1 to February 28, 2023 will be subject to a 250 SAR late fee. Renewals from March 1 to December 31, 2023 will be treated as a new membership application and will be subject to the 500 SAR initiation fee. You will also lose your place on the cart shed waiting list.

Cart shed holders must renew by January 31, 2023. Failure to renew your membership will result in your cart shed being reassigned to the next member on the cart shed waiting list.



# 2023 Community Championship

**Don't Miss Out !!**  
Community Championship is back  
Registration Closes Soon

If you haven't registered, sign up today. If you have registered thank you so much for your support.

Its going to be even bigger and better this year

Download the myCommunity app  
Register now Don't miss out

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

Community Championship

Golf will once again be apart of the 2023 Community Championships. In order to compete you must register for it via the myCommunity app. RHGC cannot supply any support on using the app or registering for the event. Please follow up with Community Services with regards to the app or registration. Registration closes on December 8.

Like last year, the tournament will be a low gross tournament. Qualifying tournaments for adult men and women divisions will be the December 2022 and the January 2023 medals. The lowest gross scores from one of these events will be used as the qualifying score. If you wish to participate in the finals of the Community Championships, you must compete in either the December or January medals. At this point we have not been told how many qualifiers that Dhahran will have for the Finals. The Finals will take place the first week in March.

If you have any questions regarding the Community Championships, please email: [cmnty.championship@aramco.com](mailto:cmnty.championship@aramco.com)



# Handicap Corner

As we come to a close of the RHGC 2022 season, below is a recap of some stats (as of November 27).

Number of GHIN Members - 404

- 52 are New in 2022
- 26 have No Handicap (NH)
- 76 or 19% are members with GHIN activation date of 10/15/2013 (when Club first implemented GHIN system)

Scores Posted: 12,748

By Type

Score Type	Count
H (Home 18H)	5,049
N (Combined 9H)	3,968
C (Competition)	2,959
A (Away)	369

Penalty Scores: 403

Total Rounds  
Rounds By Tee

Gender	Tee	CR	Count	
Male	Yellow	67.4/130)	61	
	White	70.2/133	12,229	Primary
	Blue	72.5/137	1,371	
		Subtotal	13,661	
Female	Red	71.5/129	2,325	Primary
	Yellow	72.9/131	65	
	White	76.5/135	42	
	Blue	79.1/140	2	
		Subtotal	2,434	
	<b>Total:</b>		<b>16,095</b>	

- ⇒Remember Post scores the same day you play
- ⇒Review your tee times before you play
  - If you don't play – please cancel tee time
  - If you plan to play only 9H make sure tee time is booked as 9H
  - If you forget and tee time has passed, contact [Handicap Director Stephen Vezendy](#)

[Click here](#) to view the full Tournament Results - Net (Dec 2021 to Nov 2022)

**Quote of the day**

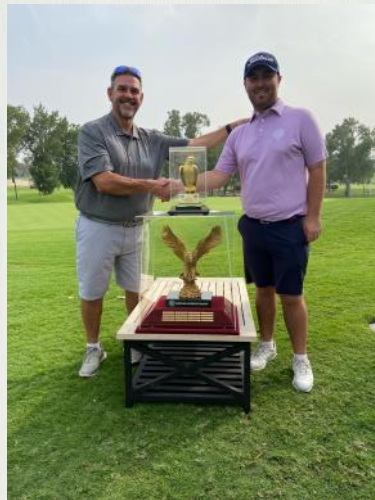
“But in the end it’s still a game of golf, and if at the end of the day you can’t shake hands with your opponents and still be friends, then you’ve missed the point.” — Payne Stewart

**REMINDER: Use of Mats at the Driving Range**

With the exception of when you are receiving a lesson in the teaching bays from the Golf Pro, the use of mats are currently in force at the driving range and must be used.



Congratulations to the winners of the 57th Annual SAIT:  
Ben Chamberlain, Rodny Masoud, and Abdelbaki Boukbira



**Ben Chamberlain**  
Overall Champion



**Rodny Masoud**  
Plate Division Champion



**Abdelbaki Boukbira**  
Low net Plate Champion

View the [full results here.](#)