

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB



DHAHRAN, SAUDI ARABIA

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

RHGC is only a month into 2023, but so much has happened and so much is going on. **Congratulations to Soonhae Kim who won the Race to Georgia** tournament this past weekend. Soonhae, plus runner up Graham Cain, and Simon Evans who won the raffle, will be going to Dubai in February to play in the qualifying tournament for a chance to go to the Masters in April.

As announced earlier, the **2023 Ryder Cup** will now be Team USA-Canada vs Team ROW. This should provide added excitement and a more equal playing field. For more on the Ryder Cup, please see page 2. Also, the first social event for 2023 is happening on February 9. The **Valentine’s Couples Golf** will be a catered event which promises some amazing entrees. Have a look at page 10 for the menu and on how to sign up.

RHGC is actively looking for **volunteers to be part of various RHGC committees**. Many of the present RHGC Board members started out being on a RHGC committee. Please see page 3 for more information on how you can help out RHGC.

See you on the course,
Bruce Waldner



Upcoming
Monthly
Medals

FEBRUARY 11 & MARCH 11

Visit Golf Genius
to register

ST. PATRICK'S GOLF NIGHT
MARCH 16, 2023

Come celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with a 9-hole, four-person scramble, glow-in-the-dark balls, dinner and prizes.
Registration opens Sunday, February 5 on [Golf Genius](#).



The 2023 Ryder Cup will take place on March 3 & 4

As one of RHGC’s biggest and most anticipated events, you won’t want to miss the chance to register as part of the new team format of **USA-Canada vs. ROW.**

Captains are **Steve Vezendy** for Team USA-Canada and **Jeon Oh** for Team ROW.

We are only four weeks away from teeing these matches up!
Register now to reserve your spot, while also selecting your “Playing Availability” preferences:

- Friday AM (Four-Ball)
- Friday PM (Alternate Shot)
- Saturday (Singles)
- or all three

Registration is currently [open here.](#)



27th Annual Golf Tournament
AmCham Saudi Arabia & AMEX Saudi Arabia

RHGC members are invited by the US Business Sports Committee to the following event on March 9 & 10 at Dirab Golf & Country Club in Riyadh:

The American Chamber of Commerce Saudi Arabia and American Express Saudi Arabia are proud to invite you to the 27th Annual Golf Tournament on March 9 and 10, 2023. The events will be hosted at the Dirab Golf & Country Club and the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

<p>Golf Tournament Ticket March 9 + Ceremony March 10</p> <p>Includes: 18 holes of four-ball Texas scramble golf, cart fee, door prizes, lunch, refreshments on March 9 & Awards Ceremony on March 10</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$220</p>	<p>Golf Tournament Ticket March 10 + Ceremony March 10</p> <p>Includes: 18 holes of four-ball Texas scramble golf, cart fee, door prizes, lunch, refreshments & Awards Ceremony on March 10</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$220</p>	<p>Spectator Ticket + Awards Ceremony Banquet Ticket</p> <p>Includes access to Dirab as a spectator, on-course activities, breakfast at Dirab on March 9 and 10 & Awards ceremony on March 10</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$95</p>
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For details, visit the [event webpage](#) or contact Shohreh Shadmand, Sports Committee Program Director at sports@amchamksa.com



It's a great time to get more involved in the upcoming season as a volunteer. RHGC has a full schedule ahead and any help from you will ensure smooth running of club activities. RHGC could not function without this amazing and critical support!

Please continue to volunteer or consider stepping up this year with a few hours of your time. There are different volunteer opportunities based on interest, availability, and level of commitment.

To find out more, or if you know which committee you would like to join, please email the [RHGC Secretary](#).

Tournament Committee: Help out in planning upcoming major tournaments and discuss any circumstances surrounding the event, to ensure smooth and effective running of the tournament. Additional volunteer opportunities also include serving as roaming marshals, on-course hole marshals, supporting registration & gift distribution, and more.

Social Committee: Support in developing and planning several social events throughout the year.

Ladies' Golf Committee: Help with monthly Ladies' League events, with planning, and hosting.

Jr. Golf Committee: The Junior Golf Committee meets to discuss various items related to event formats, changes to the event schedule, and food/beverage options for each monthly event. Committee members also assist the day of the event with groupings, swag/food distribution, and ensuring the participants are following the course rules and etiquette.

Handicap Committee: To meet the definition of a Golf Club and remain authorized to use the World Handicap System, RHGC must have a Handicap Committee of at least three people. It is chaired by Handicap Director, and their job to ensure WHS Rules of Handicapping are followed; accurate Handicap Indexes are issued including the timely submission of acceptable scores; and to offer support and education to its members. For RHGC, committee members are used in two situations 1) where voting is needed (e.g., handicap index adjustments) or 2) assisting the Handicap Director with performing his/her required tasks, as needed or during leave.

Grounds & Rules Committee: This committee supports with Local Rules updates and helping answer questions arising during general play.

Trophy Committee: This committee manages the trophy/trophies distribution of the tournament. They help plan the budget, identify the vendor, and approve the design and look of trophies.

Media Committee: If you enjoy creating graphics and event announcements, publishing website and social media posts, designing newsletters, or have photography and video skills, joining the Media Committee is a great way to get more involved at RHGC. This team is focused on sharing updates and news with our members, as well as promoting RHGC activities and the game of golf for all.

Hi Ladies, it's hard to believe January over. With the rain this month, it was a challenge, but we at least had our Nine & Dine and Masalama for Janice. She will be missed in our golf community!

Hope to see each of you for the February events.

Angela Farley
Ladies' Golf Director



Tues AM Skills
at 9am



Tues Morning
Scramble



Sat AM Skills
at 10am



LL Monthly
Medal

DID YOU KNOW?

It takes more than 20 volunteers to put on each and every RHGC event?

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!

Contact Nabeel Haq at:
NABEELHAQ@HOTMAIL.COM
WhatsApp: 050 514 6213

WHAT'S NEEDED

- Volunteer Committee Members
- Marshals
- Registration & Gift Distribution
- Lunch Assistance
- Photographers

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monthly Medals each month
- Ryder Cup March 3-4
- President' Cup May 12-13

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

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.
NOT ALL ROLES NEEDED
FOR ALL EVENTS.



JUNIOR GOLF EVENT ON FEBRUARY 18

RHGC is hosting a RHGC Junior Golf Event on **February 18**. 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 Tournament Manager, 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

RHGC PRO

Stuart Hurstfield, P.G.A (AA) Professional - Rolling Hills Golf Course

STUART JOHN HURSTFIELD, CELEBRATES 25 YEARS AS PGA MEMBER

2023 sees Stuart celebrating his 10th year at Rolling Hills and 25th year as a member of the Professional Golfers Association of Great Britain and Ireland. He was introduced to the game by his father at the age of 10, when asked to caddy at his local Golf Club Padeswood & Buckley in North Wales, U.K. Before long, he was the course record holder and a member of the County and North Wales Squad, with the Flintshire and North Wales Youths championships to his credit. He gained a wealth of experience competing in many of the major amateur events, including the British Amateur, British Youths, British Boys, and the Peter MCavoy trophy—the eventual winner being world number one Lee Westwood.

On turning professional, Stuart was delighted to win 4th place while studying with the P.G.A among over 400 of his peers. Since achieving full membership, he has gained a wide range of experiences including two years in the U.S.A as a club fitter for Titleist and Cobra. He has also been part of the game improvement center at the Open Golf Championship. With his continued interest in golf swing mechanics, he regularly attends seminars and classes and is now a certified Titleist TPI fitness and Junior and Golf Mechanics Coach.

From experience, his coaching philosophy is to Keep it Simple So Achievable! His aim is to help every golfer improve, thus extending their enjoyment in what is surely one of the greatest games. All his golf lessons incorporate GASP video technology, giving accurate feedback and can be scheduled early mornings, afternoons, and late evenings, every day except Friday. He also offers a re-gripping and club repair service.

Please contact Stuart with any questions:

Email: stuarthurstfield@gmail.com WhatsApp at +44 775 337 1547



UPCOMING CLASSES

LADIES ROLL UP CLASS

Every Thursday, 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, Feb 26**. 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, March 5** for ages 8+. It will run Sun - Thu from 6-7 pm. The classes cover 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 or WhatsApp +44 775 337 1547.

From the PRO

Stuart Hurstfield, P.G.A (AA) Professional - Rolling Hills Golf Course

Simple Tips to Better Golf: the Grip

The correct hold on the golf club is essential in creating a repeatable, powerful and efficient hit. This is always demonstrated by professionals and elite amateurs.

For a right-handed golfer, position the handle from the start of the little finger of the left hand so it passes diagonally across the fingers. Avoid using the palms or life lines this will inhibit mobility.

The thumb of the left hand will rest on the top right side of the handle so 2 ½ knuckles are visible.

The little finger of the right hand will overlap the first finger of the left, with the right thumb resting on the top left side of the handle. Grip pressure should be comfortable.



HANDICAP CORNER

Annual GHIN Reconciliation

Annually, based on our contract with our Allied Golf Association, we reconcile active members in GHIN Handicap System (GHIN) to our RHGC Master Membership Roster in Golf Genius, maintained by Membership Director. By February 28, 2023, Handicap Director will make “inactive” in GHIN any RHGC member who has not renewed and paid their RHGC membership. This is because on March 1st we are billed the full annual rate for the total number of golfers active in GHIN. So, if you are a member with a GHIN handicap index, and you haven’t done so already, don’t delay any further renewing your RHGC membership and paying your dues.

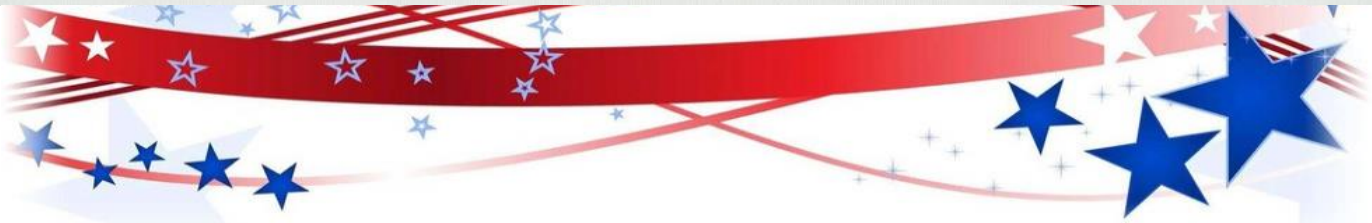
Rules of Handicapping Quiz

Test your knowledge on the Rules of Handicapping by taking this short 5 question quiz. [Click here.](#)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“The most important shot in golf is the next one.” Ben Hogan

If you have any questions about the [handicap program](#) at RHGC, please feel free to email RHGC Handicap Director [Stephen Vezendy](#).



OPENING DAY TOURNAMENT WINNERS

January 21, 2023

PLACE	TEAM
1	Odili Iyinagoro, John Okafor, William Quaye, Ifeanyi Uche
2	Ick Soo Kim, Jeff Meisner, Tamara Tahir, Eric Wood
3	Nabeel Haq, Faisal Siddiqi, David Stephenson, Saad Yousaf

Closest to the Pin

HOLE	WINNER	DISTANCE
4	Tamara Tahir	7' 4"
8	Maaz Binsaad	2' 3"
11	Benedict Silva	7' 11"
14	Ali Al-Ajmi	9' 8"



The Race to Georgia, powered by REZA Hygiene, is a series of Amateur Golf qualifying events being held at golf clubs across the GCC, culminating with category winners playing in the Regional Final in Dubai on February 25.

RHGC hosted their qualifying tournament on January 27 and over 85 golfers participated. Congrats to the winners, who will advance to the Regional Final! Then the winners of the Grand Regional Final will advance to compete in a World Final tournament in the USA and attend as patrons at the 2023 Masters.

Congratulations to winner Soonhae Kim and runner up Graham Cain



DID YOU KNOW?

The average number of ball marks made on greens per round is 8 per golfer. Assuming only 130 rounds are played each day on average on a course, greens receive 1,040, impressions daily which means 31,000 per month or more than 374,400 per year.

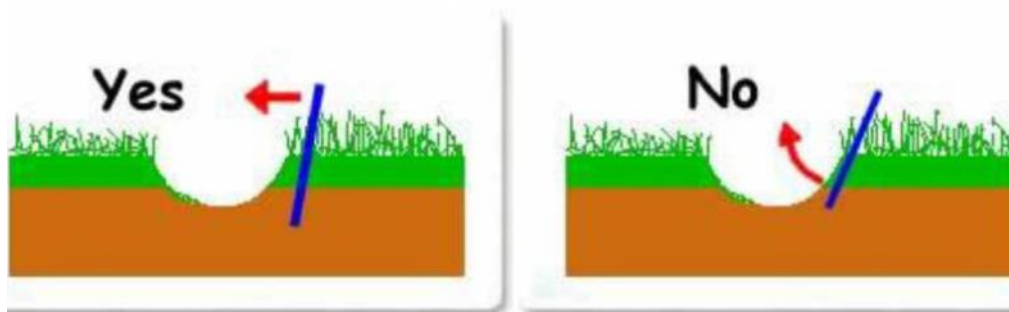
At Rolling Hills, we play up to 123 rounds per day. Are you wondering how to make a putt under these conditions or recently said to yourself, “How did that putt miss?”

REPAIR YOUR PITCHMARKS

When correctly repaired, a pitchmark will recover in 24 hours.
However, if left unrepaired for two hours or incorrectly repaired,
it can take as long as two months to recover.
Unrepaired pitchmarks are also breeding grounds for disease and infections.

PLEASE REPAIR YOUR PITCHMARKS.

HOW TO REPAIR A PITCHMARK



Correct Method

Incorrect Method

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Valentine's Social Event

Tee times start at 5:30pm, followed by a catered dinner:

MENU

Canapes and bread basket

Tomato bisque with gorgonzola cheese sippets

Rocco salad with goat cheese, walnuts, cranberries and raspberry vinaigrette

Main course choices:

(1) tenderloin steak, (2) vegetable lasagna, or (3) chicken breast with goat cheese and sun dried tomatoes in a butter garlic sauce

Potatoes au gratin

Green beans & carrot strips

Coffee & dessert trio: rich chocolate pot, sticky toffee pudding, fruit kebab

Cost 300 SAR per couple

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BE MINE 

Register at rhgc-2023-02-09valentinessocial.golfgenius.com



Congrats to the first 2023 hole-in-one at RHGC by

Paul Stent

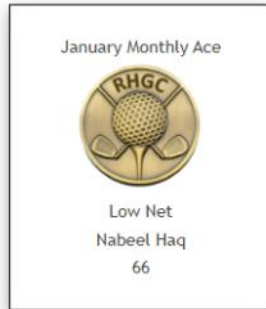
January 20, 2023

Hole 11 | blue tees | 4 iron



JANUARY MONTHLY MEDAL RESULTS

January 28, 2023



Flighted Winners

A Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	A	Bedford, David	72
2	A	Steenkamp, Christoffel	75
3	A	Scallon, John-Paul	75

B Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	B	Ba Im, Ahmad	70
2	B	Akinyose, Segun	71
3	B	Kim, Sammy	71

C Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	C	Meisner, Jeff	71
2	C	Weale, Gareth	75
3	C	Suriakusumah, Dicky	76

D Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	D	Simamora, Alfian	68
2	D	Evans, Simon	69
3	D	Kim, Insoon	70

E Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	D	Chun, Soyounng	70
2	D	Uche, Ifeanyi	71
3	D	Hong, Sunmyoung	73

Closest to the Pin

Hole	Winner	Distance
4	Song, Youngwook	1' 8"
8	De Jong, Gertjan	2' 9"
11	Tahir, Tamara	12' 0"
14	Bolarinwa, Simeon	8' 5"

See full results [here](#)