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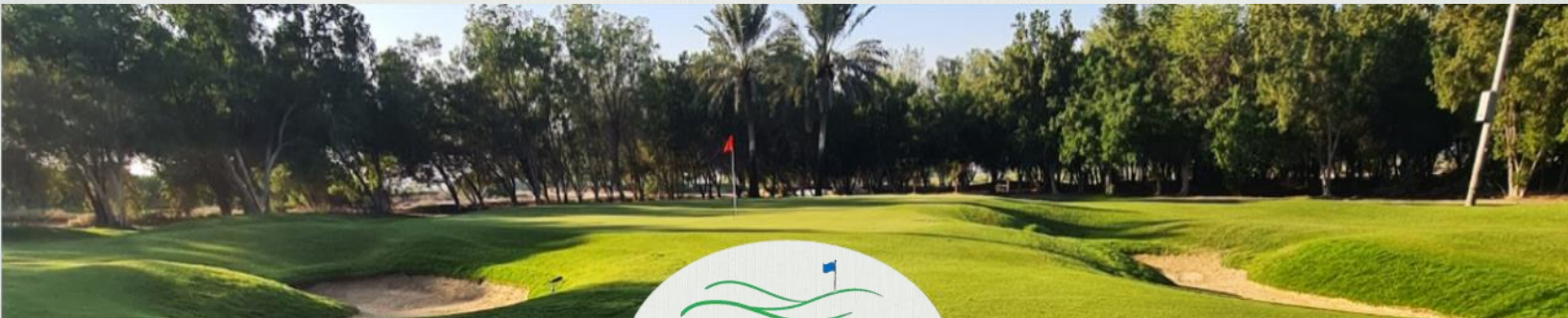
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Eid Mubarak to everyone! I hope that everyone had a great Eid break. The Eid Eclectic tournament was a great success, and congrats goes to David Bedford and William Quaye for winning their flights. You can see the full list of winners on page 7.

Speaking of tournaments, each Monthly Medal now has open sign-ups. This means that you are able to not only pick your playing partners, but your tee time as well. Hopefully this will encourage more people to play in the medals. The next Monthly Medal is this weekend, on May 6 (registration link on page 2).

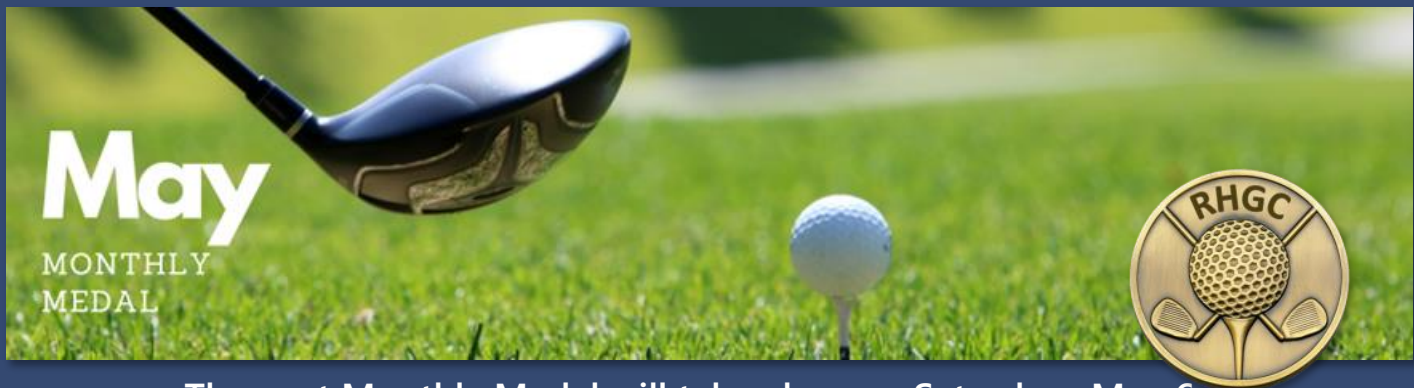
With May, comes the warmer weather. I encourage everyone to drink lots of water in order to stay hydrated while out on the course. I'm pleased to announce that RHGC is able to offer free ice for its members once again. Each weekend, after 7:00am, a yellow cooler is placed on the patio with ice, for players to help themselves and stay cool.

I would like to thank RHGC member Greg Gillam, for making a ball sweeper for the practice chipping area. To see his work, visit the chipping area or check out page 9.

The best RHGC tournament (in my opinion) is happening the second weekend of May – The President's Cup. It is a fun format so pick a playing partner and sign up. Please see page 2 in this newsletter for more information.

See you on the course,
Bruce Waldner, RHGC President





The next Monthly Medal will take place on Saturday, May 6
 To register before the May 3 deadline, [click here](#).
 To review the Conditions of Play for Monthly Medals, [click here](#).



The President's Cup is a two-day event, with teams of two golfers. Day 1 is a qualifying day, with top 50% plus ties proceeding to Day 2 (President's Team proceeds to Day 2 regardless of placing).

Day 1:

- 75% handicap, Stableford, each golfer plays own ball
- Best ball of the two in the Team is counted each hole
- Skill prizes for Nearest to Pin on the Par-3s and Longest Drive for Men/Ladies, as well as closest to President's drive on 1

Day 2:

- 75% handicap of the average of the Team
- Stableford, Alternating Shot
- 1 Player will tee off the Odd tees and the other will tee off the Even tees, with alternating shots until the ball is holed

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

President's Cup Volunteers needed!

What better way to spend time around the activity we love, than to be a part of the action even when not playing. If you're playing in the afternoon, you can always help us in the morning and vice versa.

We're looking to fill several positions for a shotgun start on Friday, May 12, both morning & afternoon, and the morning of Saturday, May 13. The volunteer roles are for Front & Back Nine roaming Marshalls and Specific Hole Marshalls (to be assigned). Contact [Tournament Co-Director Nabeel Haq](#) to find out more about volunteering at the President's Cup or for other volunteer opportunities throughout the year.



Thank you all for your participation during April, our events were well attended! The following is the May schedule:

*Skills with Stuart: Saturday, May 6 at 9am & Tuesday, May 9 at 8am
 Nine & Dine: May 9 from 5pm to 9pm
 Morning Scramble: May 16 at 7:50am*

Hope to see everyone out as this will be our last month of events until the fall.

Cheers - Angela Farley, Ladies' League Director



**Sat AM Skills
at 9am**



**Tue AM Skills
at 8am**



**Nine &
Dine at 5pm**



**Morning
Scramble at
7:50am**

HANDICAP CORNER

POSTING SCORES

The Rules of Handicapping rely on the accurate and timely submission of acceptable scores. For members that participate in the [RHGC Handicap Program](#), all acceptable scores must be posted before midnight local time on the day of play.

With the handicap index calculation using your last 20 scores, and the best eight differentials being averaged out to calculate your WHS handicap index, it is clear the more scores you can submit the more accurate your handicap will be. But it is important only acceptable rounds are entered for handicap purposes.

VIDEO IN FOCUS

I encourage all to click [here](#) to watch video on this topic from an earlier newsletter. Submitting only acceptable scores helps to ensure the accuracy of your Handicap Index.

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR TEE TIMES

Your round at RHGC **must** be pre-registered electronically by booking a tee time in ForeTees. It's important golfers understand their tee time in ForeTees represents player's intent for score entry of acceptable scores for handicap purposes.

Any general play tee times booked as "REG" and not played alone, require a score entry. If your intent is to play a non-acceptable round, book as "OTH" or "SCR".

- You are responsible for information in your tee time booking. Please review before your round. Inaccurate data could lead to a missing score, and ultimately a penalty score.
- If you play 9-holes, make sure to click the 9-hole box. If not, then for score recording purposes, the system is expecting an 18-hole score.
- If you play in a Scramble (or similar format e.g., shamble) where you are not playing your own ball, book it as round type "SCR" so the system knows a score for handicap purposes is not expected.
- If you play in a round that is deemed unacceptable for handicap purposes for other reasons, book it as round type "OTH" so the system knows a score for handicap purposes is not expected.
- If you have a tee time and don't plan to play, please cancel before the round so the system is not expecting a score, not to mention it is common courtesy for your fellow players.
- If you have a tee time and someone else is substituting for you, please make sure the name is changed before the round. Otherwise, the system is expecting a score for you.
- After your tee time passes, if your information is not accurate, you must contact someone to update ForeTees after the fact. This is why it is important to check before you play, as you can correct beforehand. If however, you need corrections, contact rhgchandicaps@gmail.com.

See table below for more details on acceptable scores.

Acceptable Round for handicap purposes		Example non-acceptable rounds	
Score is acceptable for handicap purposes if round played: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In an Authorized format of play, e.g., Individual Stroke Play, Individual Match Play, Four-Ball Match Play, etc. • In accordance with the Rules of Golf • With at least one other person • On golf course with current Course and Slope Rating (for RHGC we have current ratings in GHIN system) • Over minimum number of holes required for 9- or 18-hole round to be acceptable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 holes for 9H • 14 holes for 18H 	ForeTees: "REG" For these rounds score entry is required, unless you "played alone" with nobody to verify round was acceptable or to check your score entry	Score can't be verified by another person (played alone) Player does not play their own ball in Scramble – book as "SCR" in ForeTees For other non-acceptable rounds book as "OTH": <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player does not play their own ball in other formats, e.g., foursomes (alternate shot), etc. • While being coached on the course • Using non-conforming equipment • Number or types of clubs used is restricted (e.g., 3 club tourney) • Playing for fun, hitting mulligans and extra practice shots • Away scores where courses don't have current Course and Slope rating • Not playing required number of holes 	ForeTees: "SCR" or "OTH" or rounds played alone Marked as "No Post" in ForeTees Automated score matching against GHIN does not expect a score to be posted. Score not to be posted in GHIN Make sure you click "9-hole" box when making tee time for 9-holes

HANDICAP CORNER

(continued)

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

Peer Review is essential in maintaining the integrity of the Handicap Program and is everyone's responsibility. Peer Review starts with "self-review".

SELF-REVIEW

- We recognize that anyone can occasionally forget to post a score. And sometimes inadvertent errors made in tee times and/or score postings, which lead to a missing score on your record.
- Per the Rules of Handicapping, any errors or omissions to a player's scoring record should immediately be brought to the attention of Handicap Director for review and potential correction. But you cannot do this if you do not review your own data.
- ForeTees has a Handicap Peer Review option to review your own missing scores (under "Handicaps / View Handicaps and Scores / Peer Review Reports"). Also, if you post an unacceptable round (e.g., playing alone) it will show up as "unmatched posting".
- Your Recent Scores posted are also available for review at any time in the GHIN system.

MONITORING BY HANDICAP DIRECTOR/COMMITTEE

Score postings are monitored for compliance. RHGC has an automated process where ForeTees tee time bookings are matched with GHIN score postings, and a Missed Score Posting Report is regularly monitored and reviewed. Penalty scores are posted when a player fails to submit an acceptable score in a timely manner.

Also, periodic reviews are done based on requested peer reviews by members or reviews of selected player scoring records for any data anomalies noted. We will also be reviewing scoring records of new members in 2023, for purposes of education.

Should you have any questions, or need any information corrected, please contact Stephen Vezendy, Handicap Director at rhgchandicaps@gmail.com.

Quote of the Day

**"Golf is a game of ego, but it is also a game of integrity.
The most important thing is you do what is right when no one is looking"** – Tom Watson

THE 6 WORST THINGS CAUSED BY STANDING TOO CLOSE TO THE BALL



- 1 Slices**
one of the most common problems
- 2 Shanks**
worst and most unpredictable shots
- 3 Inaccuracy**
usually caused by incorrect distance from the ball
- 4 Slow Swings**
loss of swing speed, also depends on golf club used
- 5 Inconsistency**
leads to inconsistent hits which is very frustrating for golfers
- 6 Incorrect Posture**
causes a host of its own problems

[Click here for details.](#)

GOLFWATERTON



Mark your calendars
for the June
Monthly Medal
taking place on June 10
Registration to open soon on
golfgenius.com

FROM THE Club Pro

Stuart Hurstfield, P.G.A. Member

Simple Tips To Better Golf: Plugged Lie In The Bunker

A plugged or buried ball in the bunker requires a different technique than the regular splash shot. Again, the key to the success relies on the address position:

- Use you're most lofted club, a SW or LW
- Utilize the sharp leading edge by setting the clubface square to target
- Ball position should be central and weight should favor the lead foot
- Hinge wrists early, to create a steep angle of attack, thus shocking the ball out
- Typically, the follow through is restricted by the sand



Upcoming Activities

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, May 21**. 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, May 7** 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.

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



EID ECLECTIC

Congrats to the April 2023 Eid Eclectic Winners. See the [full results here](#).



A Flight

1st Place: David Bedford, -10

2nd Place: John-Paul Scallon, -8

3rd Place: Maaz Binsaad, -6

B Flight

1st Place: William Quaye, -2

2nd Place: John Sinesi, E

3rd Place: Cooper Harrelson, +1



2023 CEO Cup

May 26 - 27



The 2023 CEO Cup will be held at Rolling Hills Golf Course on Friday, **May 26 and Saturday, May 27, 2023**. This year's event will have two tee time slots: Friday 6:30 AM and Saturday 6:30 AM.

The CEO Cup Tournament Committee will be coordinating all aspects of the golf event with your designated representative. The event will utilize a Stableford scoring format applying 75% of each player's established handicap.

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 2023 CEO CUP and no green fees will be charged for this event.

Details & Registration: For more details and to register, [click here](#).



RHGC Junior Night Golf Event Friday, May 19

Junior golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate—we look forward to seeing everyone out there! Parents are encouraged to join their children for this event as this is a great opportunity to spend time together.

- 5:45pm – Meet inside clubhouse for dinner and pairings
- 6:10pm – All players go to driving range for warmups
- 6:30pm – Competitive Group heads to #1 Tee, Fun groups to follow

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. Please ensure signup is completed by Wednesday, May 17 to ensure an accurate headcount for dinner.



For more information,
any questions, or to volunteer as a
marshal, please contact:
Jake Rosenthal:
054 774 4309 (WhatsApp) or email
rhgcjuniorgolf@gmail.com



Thanks to RHGC member Greg Gillam for making a ball sweeper for the chipping practice area. It makes collecting balls on the green so much easier!

It can be found leaning against the big boulder next to the green. Please return it to the same place when you have finished using it.

CINCO de MAYO QUIZ NIGHT & TACO BAR
THURSDAY, MAY 4

Come test your knowledge at the Quiz Night at the bar!
Register at the bar!
Person,

Sorry **EVENT**
CANCELLED



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

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly Medals each month

President's Cup May 12-13

Fall Tournaments Sept - Nov

Save the Date

2023 ANNUAL GOLF BALL DECEMBER 8, 2023

Mark your calendars for the 2023 Golf Ball Tournament in the morning at the Royal Golf Club in Bahrain, followed by the Golf Ball evening event at the Manama Crowne Plaza.

APRIL MONTHLY MEDAL RESULTS

April 8, 2023



Flighted Winners

A Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	A	Kim, Hakseon	68
2	A	Ahn, YoungKyoung	72
3	A	Kirk, Lee	73

B Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	B	Haq, Nabeel	70
2	B	Boukbira, Abdetbaki	70
3	B	Vezendy, Stephen	72

C Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	C	Park, Junghyun	69
2	C	Hayer, Soyoung	72
3	C	Kim, Saewoong	73

D Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	D	Chun, Soyoung	68
2	D	Jung, Seung	69
3	D	Pillai, Manu	70

E Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	E	Okafor, John	67
2	E	Kim, Yeong Joo	69
3	E	Patel, Amar	70

Closest to the Pin

Hole	Winner	Distance
4	Flack, Sam	7' 7"
8	Gbinije, Harold	5' 7"
11	Yoon, Soyun	9' 10"
14	Pillai, Manu	13' 4"

See full results [here](#)

Aramco Retiree Golf Group Teed it Up at TPC Sawgrass and World Golf Village, Ponte Vedra, Florida



Photo above with World Golf Village Golfer Hall of Fame exhibit tower in the background includes L to R front row kneeling, Troy Thompson, Mike Haas, John Bova, Don Padgett, Jon Grosch and Mike Fischer, who lives in nearby St. Augustine with a condo located off the 8th green. Back row standing L to R includes Robert Ross, Mel Knotts, Thomas Hogan, Andy Thompson, Don Marshall, Roger Thompson, Doug Melton, Brad Coy, Dan Cook, Taichien Dickerson, Gregg Skinner, Wayne Giles, Ed Devlin, Ike Bellaci, Chad Giness, Jon Cavanaugh, Noel Giness, Rick Yakel, and Geraldine and Carl Gossard

The Aramco Retiree Golf Group held their eighth overall and first 2023 event in Ponte Vedra, Florida at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa, March 27-31, 2023. It was a fun-filled five days of activities including four rounds of golf at TPC Sawgrass Stadium and Dye’s Valley courses, World Golf Village Slammer & Squire, and King & Bear golf courses. The evenings began with the group meeting up at the Marriott Sawgrass to visit with old and new friends, recounting their day’s golf games, listening to people’s recent Aramco Reunion memories, and groups heading out to some great restaurants nearby. Read the full article on the [Aramco Expats website here](#).

GOLF STATISTIC: AVERAGE PUTTS PER ROUND

Scratch Handicap vs. 18 Handicap
Average Putts Per Round



Scratch

- 1 putts: 5.2
- 2 putts: 11.5
- 3 putts+: 1.3

18-handicap

- 1 putts: 3.1
- 2 putts: 11.1
- 3 putts+: 3.7

Source: [Scratch Vs 18 Handicap - How The Stats Compare | Golf Monthly](#)