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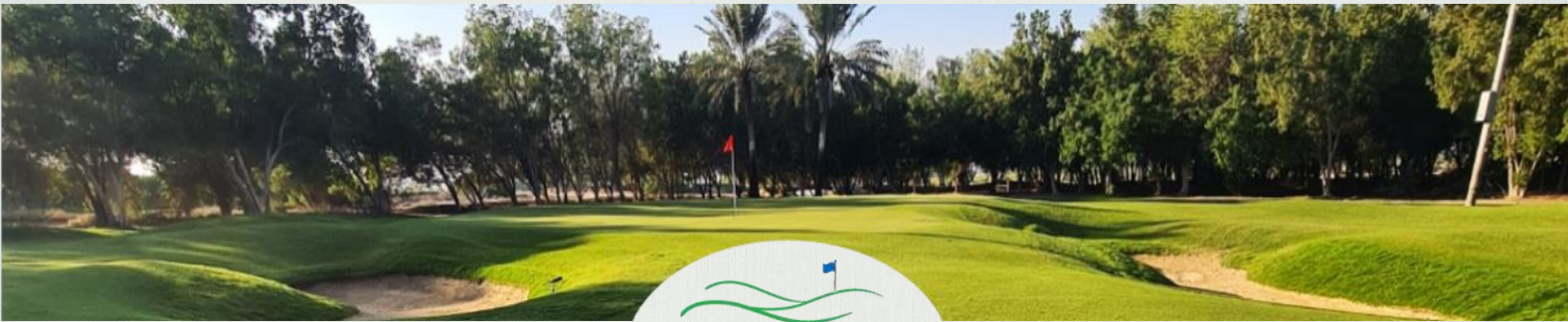
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While September brings some cooler temperatures, it also brings the humidity. Be sure to stay safe on the course by preparing for extreme temperatures and by also knowing your limits. See **page 4** for an article on additional sun safety measures.

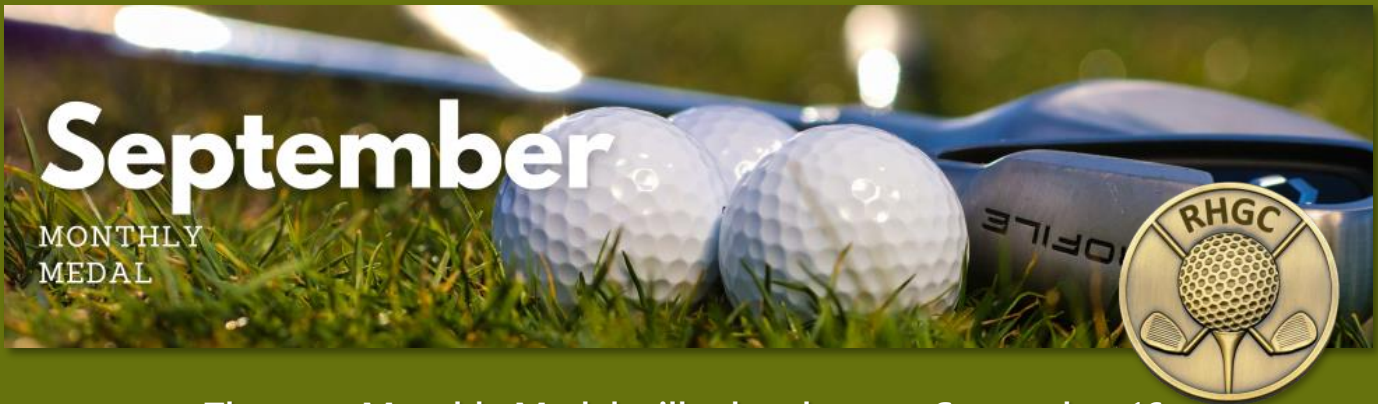
September will also see some changes to the golf course. You may have noticed workers on the course planting flowers, trees, and installing benches. Please be aware that these are Community Service projects (not RHGC projects). RHGC welcomes these changes and have requested to Community Services that they also consider including additional course enhancements such as flattening and repairing the tee boxes and improvements to the bunkers. The RHGC Board will share any updates as we receive them from Community Services.

Many members have contacted the RHGC Board regarding the increase number of foxes on the course. More and more foxes are making their homes on the course and particularly the bunkers. These Arabian Red Foxes have become increasingly more brazen, taking the occasional golf ball, club covers and sometimes items directly from golf carts. RHGC urges its members **not** to feed the foxes. Please see **page 4** for more information.

In previous years, Community Services had placed traps to relocate captured foxes to a safer environment. However, due to the Preservation of the Dhahran Geological Outcrops initiative, which extends to protecting the Arabian Red Foxes in Dhahran Camp, the Environmental Coordinator stated that no trapping will occur.

See you on the course,
Bruce Waldner
RHGC President





The next Monthly Medal will take place on September 16.
[Register now](#) before the September 12 deadline.



The Saudi National Day Tournament will take place on September 22.
[Register now](#) before the September 19 deadline.



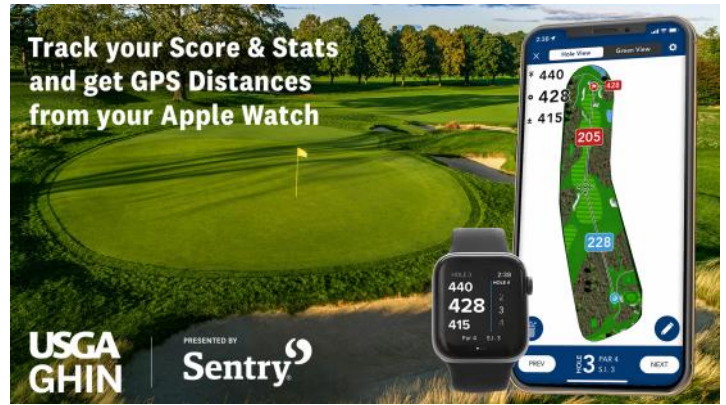
Registration for the 2023 Fall season of Tuesday Night League [is now open](#).
The season will run from October 3 – December 5, 2023 where the format will be Fourball Betterball.
This is a great way to hone your match play skills, so grab a partner and sign up today.
Be sure to register before the September 24 deadline.

HANDICAP CORNER



GHIN has an exciting “Games/Score Keeping” feature on their mobile app. This includes the ability to set up and track a match for your group (using net or gross score), the ability to keep score for your group, and the ability to transfer scores to other GHIN golfers for review and posting.

The “Play with GPS” button will now be labeled "Play with GPS/Games”. After selecting a course, you are prompted to select Match Play (Net), Match Play (Gross), Keep Score for Group, or Skip & Just Keep My Score (using existing "Play with GPS" flow).



Whatever the choice, you can continue to access GPS and add stats for yourself, and use Apple Watch features. You can keep score for yourself and up to 3 additional golfers, with the option to search/select/add golfers by last name or GHIN number, or manually add golfers. You can update the number of holes, starting hole, and score type, and drag/drop golfers above or below the "vs" line.

Whether or not you are playing a Match, you will be prompted to transfer scores to other GHIN golfers at the end of the round. Transferred scores will appear on their own app, with the opportunity to be reviewed, edited, and posted. If golfers have push notifications enabled, they will be prompted about a saved round. Otherwise, they can be viewed in the More Menu/Saved Rounds, or when clicking "Post Score" or "Play with GPS/Games".

If a golfer does not have a GHIN digital profile, they can still be added to a match and the score kept, but it will not be transferred for posting. Note, if you do have automatic updates enabled, you will need to manually update it, or uninstall and reinstall.



Click [here](#) to watch an instructional video on this Games and Score Keeping feature. For FAQs about GHIN click [here](#).

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

Quote of the day –

*“Achievements on the golf course are not what matters, decency and honesty are what matter.”
-Tiger Woods*

Lowest RHGC 18-H Scores Posted 2023 Season

Men
Blue Tees: Paul Stent, 68 (6/24/2023)
White Tees: Maaz BinSaad, 67 (4/26/2023 April Eid Eclectic)

Ladies
Red Tees: Soonhae Kim, 77 (7/15/2023 July MM)

Total RHGC Rounds from Jan 1 - Aug 21

		GHIN
Gender	Tee	Round Count
Female	Red (71.5/129)	1,703
	Yellow (72.9/131)	6
	White (76.5/135)	2
	Blue (79.1/140)	2
Male	Yellow (67.4/130)	36
	White (70.2/133)	6,813
	Blue (72.5/137)	909
Total Rounds:		9,471

Skin Cancer Awareness



A [recent study](#) from the University of South Australia has reported the risk to amateur golfers developing skin cancer is 2.4 times higher than that of the general population. As well as the consistent use of **sun block** or sunscreen, the study suggests wearing **wider brimmed hats**, as opposed to baseball caps, should be part of measures taken to help lower the risk.

As always, we ask all players at Rolling Hills Golf Club to consider their wellbeing, plan ahead, and take appropriate measures to keep safe. For wider reading, or additional information **please contact your medical provider.**

Foxes on the Course

We have seen a sharp increase in the number of foxes on the RHGC grounds and with it, an increase in brazen behavior from them.

It is very important for members under no circumstances to feed the foxes. Human food is not healthy for wildlife and encouraging foxes to rely on humans for food is doing them a disservice.



Foxes don't just take what they need, they take what is available and bury it on the course for later. Foxes are perfectly capable of finding their own food - they are well adapted to their environment and don't need human intervention to help forage. Furthermore, foxes can carry rabies and if a member were to be bitten, it could result in a very long and painful protocol along with very negative consequences for the foxes on the grounds and the RHGC membership as a whole.

To help protect the foxes, as well as our members, please do not feed or approach them. While cute, foxes are not domesticated animals - they are wild animals and as such, may bite or attack if they feel threatened. Members should keep their distance from them when on the golf course and in the community.



NINE & DINE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Hi Ladies,

I hope everyone had a lovely summer break. Please join us for Nine & Dine on September 27. More details will be sent via Golf Genius.

Cheers,
Angela Farley, Ladies' League Director



2023

November 17, 2023

We are pleased to announce and extend an invitation for the 9th Annual Oilman's Golf Tournament which will be hosted by the Rolling Hills Golf Club on November 17, 2023. There will be 2 shotgun starts: 7:00AM and 12:00PM.

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. The Oilman's Golf Tournament is an annual event which is hosted by Rolling Hills Golf Club in Dhahran, located inside the Saudi Aramco Community.

We would like to extend our appreciation for those who participated last year and look forward to having you participate again in this year's event. [Click here](#) to register or for more details.

Aramco contractors who sponsor teams are often looking for additional Aramco golfers to join their teams. If you would like to be waitlisted to play on a contractor sponsored team, please send your name to [David Bedford](#), RHGC VP and Oilman's Committee Chairman. As contractors register and request players, David will provide them names on a first come-first served basis.



Summer Holiday Postcards



From RHGC Member:
Johannes Vaartjes

This is hole 11 of the 'GC Grevelingenhout' in Bruinisse, in the province 'Zeeland' in the Netherlands. My in-laws have a holiday home nearby, and over the years, this has become my 'home course away from home'.

It's built on clay and has no irrigation system. The course was very dry and hard – it therefore played very tough, in combination with all the trees and water hazards. On the entire left hand side of this hole is a pear orchard, but it was too early in the year to 'borrow' any pears.

From RHGC Member:
Maaz Bin Saad

I entered three golf tournaments in Calgary over the summer, playing two junior tournaments — placing 5th and T3, and one amateur tournament spanning four days with a 36 hole cut. I placed T23 out of 70 high quality players.

Overall, all three tournaments were amazing and I was proud to represent Rolling Hills Golf Club at these events.





RHGC Junior Night Golf Event Friday, September 8

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, September 6 to ensure an accurate headcount for dinner.



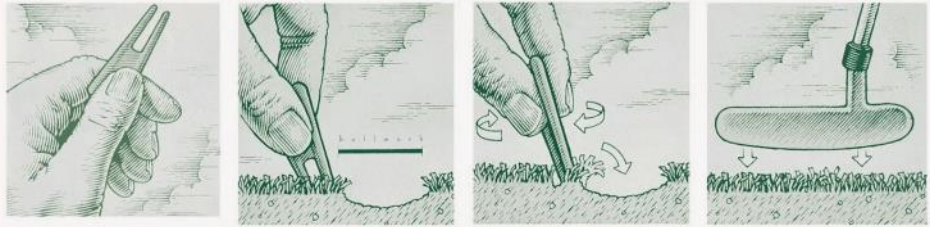
For more information,
any questions, or to volunteer as a
marshal, please contact:
Jake Rosenthal:
054 774 4309 (WhatsApp) or email
rhgcjuniorgolf@gmail.com

REMEMBER

Repair your ball marks 



- 1 Use a prolonged ball mark repair tool (preferably), knife, key or tee.
- 2 Insert at the edges of the mark - not the middle of the depression.
- 3 Bring the edges together with a gentle twisting motion, but don't lift the center. Try not to tear the grass.
- 4 Smooth the surface with a club or foot. You're done when it's a surface that you would putt over.



NEW DATE

2023 ANNUAL GOLF BALL
DECEMBER 1, 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.




Mark your calendars for the October 7 Monthly Medal

Registration to open soon on golfgenius.com

Upcoming Club Pro Activities

LADIES ROLL UP CLASS

Every Thursday, ladies are invited to join group sessions starting **Oct. 5 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, Sept. 17**. 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.

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.

JUNIOR TOUR SCHOOL

The Junior Tour School commences on **Sunday, Oct. 29** 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.



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

On July 29, RHGC hosted the Indonesian Golfers in Saudi Arabia (IGSA) as they held a farewell event for Mr. Abdoerrias M. Noer who retired in August after 15 years of service.



AUGUST MONTHLY MEDAL RESULTS

August 12, 2023

August Monthly Ace



Low Net
Ahmad Ba Im
68

August Monthly Ace



Low Gross
Gertjan De Jong
77

A Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	A	Steenkamp, Christoffel	73
2	A	Scallon, John-Paul	73
3	A	Hertlein, Les	73

B Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	B	Boukbira, Abdelbaki	73
2	B	Kim, Sammy	74
3	B	Kim, Yong Song	74

C Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	C	Pillai, Manu	69
2	C	Park, Junghyun	71
3	C	Simamora, Alfian	74

D Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	D	Kemalawati, Rahmi	70
2	D	Daud, Rodziah	70
3	D	Mahmood, Arslan	70

Closest to the Pin

Hole	Winner	Distance
4	Kim, Yong Song	9' 1"
8	Al-Mulaik, Fahad	4' 6"
11	D'Antoni, Gaetano	10' 3"

See full results [here](#)



2023 Race to the Hills Leaderboard Top 35

Current Rank	Previous Rank	Player	Events	Number of Wins	Points in this Event	Total Points	Points Behind Lead
1	-	Boukbira, Abdelbaki	8	2	9	54	
T2	T1	Syafron, Edward	6	2	0	46	8
T2	T9	Ba Im, Ahmad	7	2	11	46	8
4	3	Okafor, John	7	2	1	44	10
T5	T13	Pillai, Manu	7	1	11	42	12
T5	4	Chun, Soyoungh	4	2	0	42	12
T5	T11	De Jong, Gertjan	9	1	9	42	12
8	T11	Simamora, Alfian	5	1	7	41	13
T9	7	Haq, Nabeel	6	2	1	40	14
T9	T5	Lu, Feng	9	0	1	40	14
T9	T5	Abdul Razak, Mokhtarudin	4	2	0	40	14
12	8	Bedford, David	7	1	1	38	16
13	-	Iyinagoro, Odili	5	2	5	37	17
14	T9	Kang, Geonyoung	8	0	1	36	18
15	T17	Mahmood, Arslan	5	0	7	35	19
T16	T13	Kim, Hakseon	8	2	3	34	20
T16	T23	Park, Junghyun	7	0	9	34	20
18	T13	Musa, Ismaeel	5	1	1	33	21
19	T17	Romli, Gunawan	5	0	3	31	23
20	T32	Daud, Rodziah	8	1	9	30	24
21	T46	Kemalawati, Rahmi	6	1	11	29	25
T22	T17	Binsaad, Maaz	6	0	0	28	26
T22	T17	Lim, Do	4	1	0	28	26
T24	T21	Suriakusumah, Dicky	5	0	0	27	27
T24	T21	Tarihoran, Anton	5	0	0	27	27
T26	T23	Akinyose, Segun	4	0	0	26	28
T26	T23	Lee, Jae	8	0	1	26	28
T26	29	Evans, Simon	6	0	1	26	28
T26	T23	Ahn, Young Kyoung	8	0	1	26	28
T26	T23	Kim, Soonhae	7	1	1	26	28
T26	T23	Masoud, Rodney	6	1	0	26	28
T32	T39	Hertlein, Les	8	0	5	24	30
T32	T30	Abdullah, Zulkiflie	6	1	0	24	30
T32	T30	Abdkarim, Mohdghazali	6	1	0	24	30
35	T32	Hong, Sunmyoung	6	1	1	23	31

See full results [here](#)



5th Bahrain Amateur Open (A WAGR Counting Event)

12th to 14th October 2023

**** A Qualifier for the 2023 King Hamad Trophy ****

Entry Fee:

➤ Juniors/RGC Members BD45 ➤ RGC MW Members BD65 ➤ Guests BD120

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 50 gross scores and ties.

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

**** The closing date for entries is Saturday 30th of September 2023 ****

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

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