

Volunteer a few hours this month for the Oilman's Tournament

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Sign up to play and then to dine!

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See the winners of October's Medal

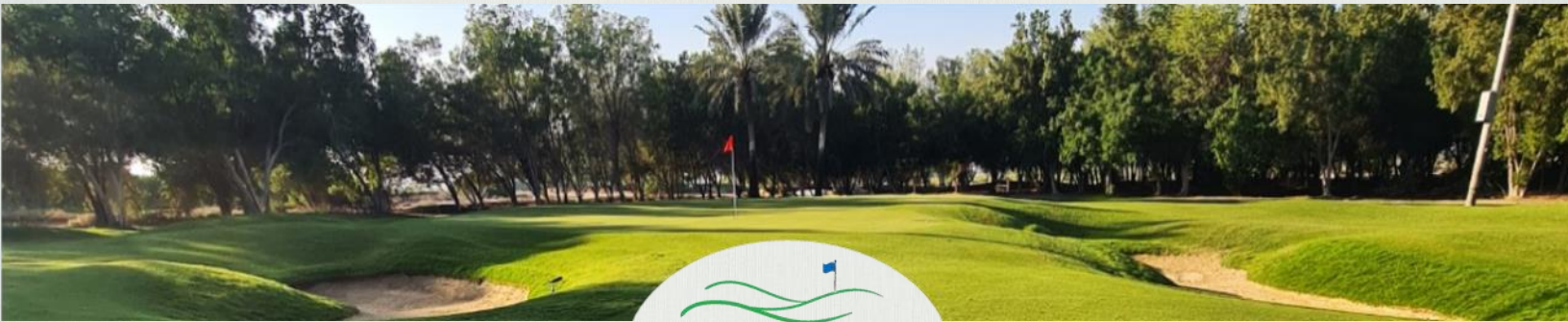
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ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB



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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm sure you've all found the cooler weather a welcoming change, especially during the evening rounds lately. With the weather changing, we see the start of the busy tournament season, where along with the championship rounds of the year-long Match Play Series, the finals of the Race-to-the-Hills competitions, and the Fall Season of Tuesday Night League (TNL) coming to an end, the following major events are also scheduled:

- Nov 17 – Oilman's Tournament
- Dec 15-16 – Club Championships
- Jan 20 – Opening Day
- Feb 3 – Race to Georgia (see page 10)
- Feb 9-10 – Ryder Cup
- Feb 23-24 – Community Championships
- Mar 1-2 – CEO Cup
- Apr 26-27 – President's Cup

Watch out for announcements and registrations for each event, and if not playing, think about **volunteering to help out**, these tournaments can't run without the help of many volunteers.

The improved weather also means more golfers are enjoying the ability to walk the course during their rounds, without suffering dehydration! Please keep in mind that **pace of play** is still important when walking. Review the [RHGC Website](#) for additional information where it shows each 9 holes should be played in no more than 2:05 hours each.

As a reminder and announced in last month's newsletter, in line with the Asian Development Tour (ADT) event, to be held at RHGC from November 28 – December 3, the course will be

closed during the following dates/times:

- Nov 5-9: One of the two nines will be closed in the morning with normal tee times after 3pm
- Nov 10-11: Normal tee times
- Nov 12-16: Front 9 tee times only after 3pm
- Nov 17: Course open for Oilman's Tournament
- Nov 18-Dec 3: Course fully closed for ADT prep and event

Have you reserved a table for this year's highly anticipated **Golf Ball**, scheduled for December 8 at the Crowne Plaza in Bahrain? Last year's event was amazing and we're expecting this years event to be even better! See page 5 for details, and get into the Proshop to reserve your table (10 people/table). This year, we are also bringing back the [Golf Ball Tournament](#), to be held at the Royal Golf Club in Bahrain on the morning of December 8 - see page 6 for details on that event, with registration now open. Book early to avoid disappointment, the Golf Ball will be advertised to attendees of the Oilman's (over 200 players!), so make sure you don't miss out.

Lastly, if you want to get more involved at RHGC, this is the time of the year to do it. The **2023 Elections** are underway. Both the positions of President and Secretary are open for nomination. If you feel you could contribute in either of these positions, or know someone that could, [click here](#) for more details. Better hurry up, nominations close on November 2. Don't forget to cast your vote when that opens on November 13. Winners of the election will be announced at the **Annual General Meeting**, scheduled for December 3.

See you on the course,
David Bedford, RHGC Vice President



2023

November 17, 2023

The 9th Annual Oilman's Golf Tournament will be hosted by the Rolling Hills Golf Club on November 17, 2023. This tournament has been organized to promote and bolster the business relationships between the many contracting entities who work with Aramco by bringing together individuals who enjoy the sport of golf.

An event this size also requires significant support from volunteers, from handing out swag, to marshalling, and staffing the clubhouse. If you have a few hours to spare on November 17, and wish to know more about the specific volunteer opportunities, please contact [Nabeel Haq](#).



Volunteers Needed

TURKEY SHOOT

Saturday, November 11

Register now via Golf Genius
before the Nov. 7 deadline





Hello ladies,
Welcome to the beginning of better temperatures! Below are the Ladies' League events for the rest of 2023. Please join us for the Tuesday and Saturday morning skills session this month and the Nine & Dine on November 15.

I wish everyone a wonderful winter holiday.

Cheers,
Angela Farley
Ladies' League Director



Sat AM Skills with Stuart



Tue AM Skills with Stuart



Nine & Dine evening event





HANDICAP CORNER

SNEAK PEEK: 2024 Updates To World Handicap System



The World Handicap System™ (WHS™) is being updated effective January 2024. There are four key changes being implemented in 2024:

Treatment of Nine-Hole Scores: When a player posts a nine-hole score, the WHS will automatically calculate an 18-hole Score Differential™ for the round, based on the player's nine-hole Score Differential and their current Handicap Index®, allowing the nine-hole round to be considered in the player's Handicap Index calculation right away.

The Score Differential will be a combination of the nine holes played along with an expected score based on the player's Handicap Index. It is important to note that the expected score is based on the average Score Differential of a player with a given Handicap Index and a normal distribution of scores — so it is not specific to each player. The expected score is not course specific and not related to the nine-holes played. e.g. it is not “back nine” of a course if the nine-hole score played was the front nine.

Note 1: If fewer than nine holes are played, the score is not acceptable for handicap purposes.

Note 2: Play of a rated nine is required for a score to be acceptable for handicap purposes.

Difference from 2023: The above is significantly different than what has happened historically when a player has posted a nine-hole score. An 18-hole Score Differential has been created by combining two nine-hole Score Differentials. This resulted in a nine-hole score **waiting** to be combined, sometimes for a significant time until another nine-hole score has been posted. The new procedure will be far more responsive and equitable.

10-17 Hole Scores: Rounds of 10 to 17 holes receive an 18-hole Score Differential with an expected score value for holes not played. When 10-17 holes have been played, a value is calculated from the holes played (must include a rated nine). Then, the expected score procedure is used for any holes not played. Lastly, these values are added to determine the 18-hole Score Differential.

Note: The player will be required to post their score hole by hole when 10-17 holes are played, so the appropriate Score Differential can be calculated from the holes that were played to combine with the expected score for the holes not played. Score posting tools will provide this capability.

Difference from 2023: The new procedure differs from what is in place today. Currently, when 10 to 13 holes are played, scores made on holes 10 through 13 are disregarded and a nine-hole score is posted. When 14-17 holes are played, net par is used for the remaining holes to allow an 18-hole score to be posted. The new procedure generally eliminates the use of net par for holes not played.

Reduced Minimum Course Length for Score-Posting Purposes: There will be an updated low-end limit for courses to be issued a Course Rating™ and Slope Rating™ of 1,500 yards for 18 holes or 750 yards for nine holes. This is a reduction from the current minimums of 3,000 yards for 18 holes and 1,500 yards for nine holes..

Handicap Review: Handicap Review is an integral part of WHS. Handicap administration software will include additional reports, analysis and notifications to identify players with abnormal scores and provide recommended actions for the Handicap Director/Committee to consider. In certain scenarios, this will include a recommended amount of adjustment to the Handicap Index. This enhancement does not preclude a Handicap Director/Committee from acting in relation to the Handicap Index for other reasons.

Note: [per our Golf Association, this feature will not be available in GHIN until sometime in the first quarter of 2024, so it won't be ready in early Jan. 2024 like the others.](#)

More information to come later as we find out more details. Should you have any questions, or need any information corrected, please contact Stephen Vezendy, Handicap Director at rhgchandicaps@gmail.com.

Quote of the Day

“To some golfers the greatest handicap is the ability to add correctly” - Unknown



2023 RHGC
Golf Ball

December 8, 7:00 PM
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Bahrain
Dinner | Drinks | Music

Celebrate the season

Dine and dance the night away at the Annual Golf Ball

Cost per person:

Members 450 SAR | Non-members 550 SAR

Buffet dinner and unlimited selected spirited beverages included.

Cash bar for premium drinks.

Purchase your tickets at the RHGC ProShop.

Special room rates available by contacting Crowne Plaza directly at +973 17 531 122 and informing them you are attending the Rolling Hills Annual Golf Ball. Cost for standard room is 45 BD (single occupancy) and 50 BD (double occupancy) and a deluxe room is 50 BD (single occupancy) and 55 BD (double occupancy), not including service charge, government levy & VAT. Breakfast included.



2023 RHGC

Golf Ball Tournament

December 8
Royal Golf Club, Riffa, Bahrain

**Register on Golf Genius for
this daytime tournament at
Royal Golf Club in Bahrain.
More details to follow.**



Community championship

Community Championship - Golf

Community Services has recently announced the **Third Annual Community Championship**. Please note that the **Golf Community Championship Finals** will take place at Rolling Hills Golf Course on:

February 23 – Men's, Women's, Junior Finals
February 24 – Mixed Finals

There will be a RHGC **Qualifying Tournament** on January 26 with registration to open after December. For details about the qualifying format, [click here](#).

For more information about the Community Championship, please contact Community Services or access the myCommunity App.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP December 15 & 16, 2023

The 2023 Club Championship will be held on December 15 & 16. The qualifying rounds will be held on the 15th and the Championship round will be on the 16th.

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



Upcoming Club Pro Activities

LADIES ROLL UP CLASS

Every Thursday, ladies are invited to join 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, Dec. 10**. 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, Dec. 17** 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.



ENTRY FEE

- Sar 400 (includes Polo Shirt, sleeve of balls, tees, and lunch)

Entry Cutoff date: Friday, November 3

FORMAT

- Stroke play
- Maximum handicap: Men 24 and Women 28
- Open tournament for all nationalities
- Limited Golf Carts available upon request

GROSS & NET PRIZES

- 1st - Scotty Cameron Putters
- 2nd - Odyssey Putters
- 3rd - Titleist Wedges

SKILL PRIZES

- Nearest to the Pin
- A player is only allowed to win one skill prize

06:30 - 08:30 AM | Registration

09:00 AM | Shotgun Start

01:00 PM | Lunch and Awarding



To register please use QR or contact:

Manuel Garcia garcialarosa@yahoo.com +966 50 602 5613

Transportation is being organized for RHGC members who are playing in the 24th Abqaiq Open, taking place on November 10. To reserve your spot on the bus, please [contact David Bedford](#). It will depart the RHGC parking lot at 7:30am.

OCTOBER MONTHLY MEDAL RESULTS

October 7, 2023



Flighted Winners

A Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	A	Abang, Taib	71
2	A	Bin Saad, Maaz	74
3	A	Syafron, Edward	75

B Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	B	Keaveney, Michael	70
2	B	Harneshaug, Tom	70
3	B	Koziol, Kris	71

C Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	C	Lim, Do	72
2	C	Musa, Ismaeel	73
3	C	Kang, Geonyoung	73

D Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	D	Suriakusumah, Dicky	71
2	D	Pandiangan, Juni	71
3	D	Simamora, Alfian	72

E Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	C	Lee, Myung Hwa	71
2	C	Kim, Yeong Joo	73
3	C	Kemalawati, Rahmi	74

Closest to the Pin

Hole	Winner	Distance
4	Ha, Borim	1' 8"
8	Torres, Russel	8' 7"
11	Tahir, Tamara	8' 7"
14	Prawira, Dzulkarnaen	1' 8"

See full results [here](#)



SAVE THE DATE: February 3, 2024

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RACE TO GEORGIA USA



The 2023 – 2024 Race to Georgia started last month in Saudi Arabia with a strong pool of 85 players competing for honours at the at Dirab Golf Club. This is the first of 13 qualifying rounds for this popular season long series of events held in Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE, which attracted over 1,500 golfers last season.

The qualifying rounds are open to all amateur golfers; men, women, as well as a junior division, with a maximum handicap allowance of 24 for men and 36 for women.

All events will be played in a Stableford format with 75 percent of registered handicaps, with sanctioning from the respective official golfing authorities; Saudi Arabian Golf Federation, Bahrain Golf Association and Emirates Golf Federation.

The RHGC qualifying even twill take place on **February 3, 2023 at Rolling Hills Golf Course** in Dhahran. More details will follow in the coming months.

From each qualifying event, the category winners and runners-up will qualify to attend the Regional Finals to be held in Dubai at the Montgomerie Golf Club (for UAE qualifiers) on Sunday March 3, 2024, and at the Riyadh Golf Club (for KSA, Bahrain and Qatar qualifiers) on Saturday, March 9,2024.

The ultimate winners of the finals will win an all-expenses trip to the World Final of the Race to Georgia to be held during The Masters week. Part of the prize is a two-day visit to attend The Masters week as a patron.

Keith Watson, the Tournament Series Organiser on behalf of REZA Hygiene, said: “We are all very excited with the growth and interest in this tournament with the ‘Bucket List’ trip to the US World Final and a visit to The Masters. We thank all the participating golf clubs and golfers for their support – many of whom are traditional regulars of the Race to Georgia. Due to the growing interest and awareness of the Race to Georgia, the series has been expanded this season to include Qatar, at Doha Golf Club.”

The series is powered by REZA Hygiene, a leading hygiene solution provider throughout the GCC, whose core mission with their Race to Georgia initiative remains the same; to help promote golf's growth in the region, especially in line with Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030. The 2023 – 2024 Race to Georgia is sponsored and supported by Zahid Group KSA, PAPA JOHNS, EMAAR Hospitality, GOLFTEC UAE, DYSON and Rezaroma.