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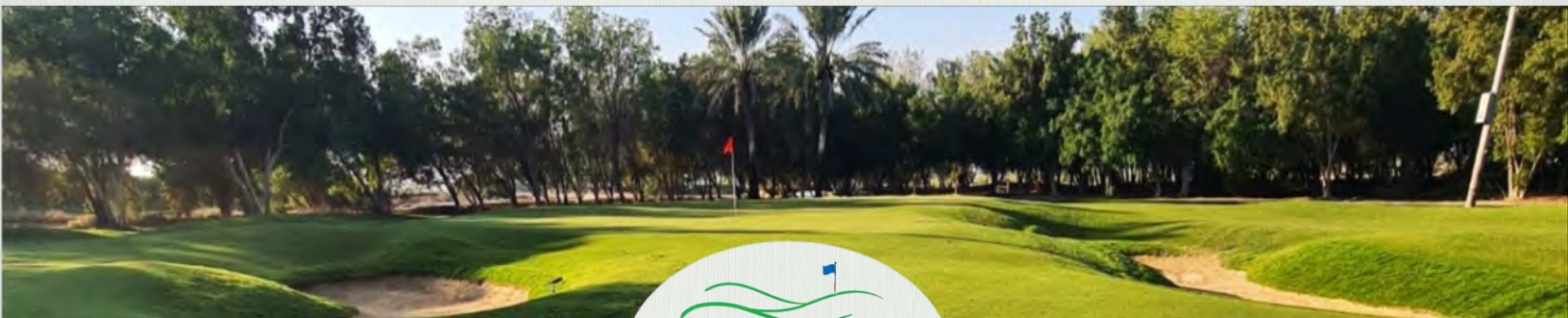
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since we are currently in the holy month of Ramadan, I would like to wish Ramadan Kareem to all of our Muslim members and their families! RHGC has worked with Recreation to keep the course open late so the golf is available after Isha prayer. The last tee time is now 10:00pm.

If you are planning to be in Kingdom during the Eid Holiday, be sure to sign up for the Eclectic tournament. See page 2 for details. Also in April is The President's Cup - it is happening the last weekend of April. It is a fun format so pick a playing partner and sign up. Please see page 2 in this newsletter for more information.

RHGC would like to welcome its newest Board member, Tristan Walker. Tristan will be the new RHGC Media Director. I'm sure you will get to know him well as you will be receiving a few emails from him :)

If you are looking to sharpen up your game, RHGC members have discounted lessons from our Pro. See below for prices. To register contact Stuart at [stuarthurstfield@gmail.com](mailto:stuarthurstfield@gmail.com) or WhatsApp +44 775 337 1547.



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50 minute lesson for 1 Adult	200 SAR	100 SAR
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See you on the course,  
Bruce Waldner, RHGC President





## UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS APRIL



### ◇ Eid Eclectic: April 9-14, 2024

- ◇ Up to 6 rounds can be played during the tournament period where the best score of each hole will be counted as the final eclectic score
- ◇ Sign-up Closes on April 8, 2024



### ◇ April Monthly Medal: Saturday April 20, 2024

- ◇ Sign-up closes on April 16, 2024



### ◇ President's Cup: April 26-27, 2024

- ◇ 2 Day event with teams consisting of 2 Players
- ◇ Best ball of the 2 players in the team is counted per hole for day 1 and alternating shot of the 2 players in the team for Day 2
- ◇ Stableford with 75% handicap applied, 50% plus ties go through to Day 2
- ◇ Sign-up Closes on April 23, 2024

**Sign-ups are open. Click [here](#) to register or go to Golf Genius.**



# TUESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

The 2024 Winter Season of Tuesday Night League (TNL) finished on March 12<sup>th</sup>. We had a great turnout this season with 20 teams (40 players) split into 2 divisions (Blue and White). Each team played all the teams within their division once throughout the season, with points awarded to the team that won (1 point) and any teams that ended with a tie (1/2 point). This season we awarded the teams finishing 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> with Proshop credit. Congratulations to the teams of Young Ahn/Sanghee In (White league) and Gary Collins/Brad Born (Blue league) for winning their respective divisions (see pics below). Both teams won their division by just 1/2 a point, showing just how competitive each division was. Several countbacks were also required to separate the remaining podium finishers. Well done to everyone who played and I hope to see most of you return for the Fall Season that will commence in October (keep an eye out for registration notices). The tables below show all the winning teams.



BLUE LEAGUE		TNL - FALL 2023 STANDINGS				
Primary Player 1	Primary Player 2	Played	Won	Tied	Lost	Points
Brad Born	Gary Collins	9	7	1	1	7.5
David Bedford	Cooper Harrelson	9	7	0	2	7.0
JP Scallon	Sam Flack	9	4	4	1	6.0
Christo Steenkamp	Tracey Jackson	9	5	0	4	5.0

WHITE LEAGUE		TNL - FALL 2023 STANDINGS				
Primary Player 1	Primary Player 2	Played	Won	Tied	Lost	Points
YoungKyoung Ahn	Sanghee In	9	6	1	2	6.5
Jonathan Mosquera	Carlos Patino	9	5	2	2	6.0
John Sinesi	Hayden Ponsford	9	5	1	3	5.5
Gustav Gatzanis	Matt Aubert	9	5	1	3	5.5

TNL is a Match Play based league, so it's great practice for the big RHGC tournaments like Ryder Cup and the year long Match Play Series. If you'd like any information about TNL, please reach out to the league coordinator, David Bedford.



## Flighted Winners

### A Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	A	Lee, Jae	77
2	A	Oh, Jeon	77
3	A	Kim, Sammy	78

### B Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	B	Choi, Chulsoon	75
2	B	Tarihoran, Anton	77
3	B	Simamora, Alfian	78

### C Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	C	Temaga, John	77
2	C	Ponsford, Hayden	78
3	C	Yoon, Soyun	78

### D Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	D	Lu, Feng	77
2	D	Pillai, Manu	76
3	D	Michelangeli, Juan	78

### E Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	E	Hong, Sunmyoung	73
2	E	Song, Kim-Kyung-Sook	76
3	E	Song, Jae-Sang	76

### Closest to the Pin

Hole	Winner	Distance
4	Yoon, Soyun	5' 10"
8	Kwak, Hyung	11' 5"
11	Glennie, Kyle	32' 10"
14	Waldner, Bruce	19' 1"



Registration for the Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup, to be played on May 10<sup>th</sup>, is now open: [2024 Turkish Airlines World Cup Event](#).

The competition will be an individual stableford format. The best net stableford winner from each qualifying event will join the Grand Final as a guest of Turkish Airlines\*. The maximum handicap index for both men and women will be 24.0. IF the tournament fills up and we have a waiting list, preferences will be given to competitors with an active playing handicap index of 24.0 or less.

The Grand Final will take place between Sunday, December 1st to Saturday, December 7th in Turkey.

The prize includes:

- Participation in the Grand Final of the Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup
- Round Trip Business Class flights to Turkey with Turkish Airlines
- 5 nights accommodation at Gloria Serenity Hotel
- The finalist winner will have hospitality at the Turkish Airlines Open



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Rolling Hills Golf Club  
Date: 10<sup>th</sup> May  
Registration/Breakfast: 05:30AM  
Group Photograph & Tournament Briefing: 06:10AM  
Shotgun Start: 06:30AM  
Lunch & Award Ceremony: 11:30AM

Leading players at the Grand Final of the Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup will have the opportunity to progress to play in the Pro-Am at the Turkish Airlines Open with a leading European Tour professional. Past winners have had the once in a lifetime opportunity to partner modern day greats of the game, including Rory McIlroy and 14-time Major Champion, Tiger Woods.

- Due to the limited number of participants, entries will be accepted on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

### Terms and Conditions

- \* In order to be eligible to play in the Grand Finals, the winner must have an active handicap and must have completed THREE Handicap Qualifying Scores (as defined by the relevant handicap governing body) within the 12 months prior to the date of the qualifying event.

The RHGC board in collaboration with the club professional, Stuart Hurtsfield, are pleased to offer an exclusive 50% discount on golf lessons to all Rolling Hills Golf Club members. Whether you are looking to refine your swing or perfect your putting skills, these discounted lessons provide a great chance to elevate your game. See below for the discounted rates:

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50 minute lesson for 1 Adult	200 SAR	100 SAR
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This offer is available until June 30, 2024.

In addition to the discounted lessons, the RHGC club professional will provide a free one-hour teaching clinic, per month, covering subjects such as putting, chipping and bunker play to members. Each clinic will include discussion as to rules, etiquette and pace of play. The next class will be **Sunday, April 28th at 6 pm**. Classes will be limited to 20 persons, and there will be a waiting list if anyone drops out. So, get that booked early with the Golf Pro. Please keep an eye out for future dates in the monthly RHGC Newsletter.

To take advantage of these discounted golf lessons and free on-hour teaching clinics and to make the most of your membership benefits, register at [stuarthurstfield@gmail.com](mailto:stuarthurstfield@gmail.com) or WhatsApp +44 775 337 1547, and include your RHGC membership number in the booking.

## FROM THE CLUB PRO...

STUART HURSTFIELD P.G.A. MEMBER

### SIMPLE TIPS TO LAG PUTTS

Often the ball comes to rest a distance from the green. The ground is flat and consistent making the putter a good alternative to chipping.

The saying goes "A bad putt usually finishes closer than a bad chip shot."

#### 1. Assess The Situation

Firstly, check that the lie is suitable ideally sitting up with no obstructions. For severe slopes, get a closer look at the green and where the flag is to determine where you don't want your next putt. Use positive and achievable goals. For example, imagine a circle around the hole the size of a trash can.

#### 2. The Address/Starting Position

Check that the putter is at right angles to your intended line by picking a spot in front of the ball. Avoid tension. Soft hands will allow the use of the wrists creating a second lever for a more short and controlled putting stroke.

#### 3. Swing Technique

Use both the wrists and shoulders. This will encourage a more centered contact. The ball will roll out better thus improving distance control. The putter is the most important club to strike correctly.





Please come join us for  
**Juniors Golf Night**

Alex Hollander  
Junior Golf Director

**MAY 6**  
Respond By

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**MAY 10**  
Juniors Night Golf



Rolling Hills  
Junior Golf

# JUNIORS NIGHT GOLF

FOR JUNIOR GOLFERS AGES 8-17 OF ALL SKILL LEVELS!

**10 MAY 2024**  
Please respond by May 6th

**WHO CAN PLAY?**  
Free For Club Members and all juniors currently taking lessons from Stuart Hurstfield

DETAILS	AGENDA
<b>Competitive Division:</b> For older/more experienced golfers who want to compete	<b>6:00 PM</b> Driving Range/Putting Warm up
<b>Fun Division:</b> For beginners/juniors who just want to have fun!	<b>6:20 PM</b> Pairings Announced
<b>All golfers must bring their own clubs, balls, and tees</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b> Competitive groups head out to 1st Tee
	<b>6:40 PM</b> Fun groups head out to 1st Tee
	<b>8:30 PM</b> All groups back to clubhouse for results, prizes, and snacks

**Register Now:**  
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Nine & Dine

Our March Nine & Dine served as a Masalma for Ellen and Sue, longtime members and volunteers who have done a lot over the years to support the Ladies' League, as well as RHGC in general. They will be missed! RHGC Ladies had the privilege of joining sessions presented by Golf Saudi Ambassadors Cammila Lennarth and Marianne Skarpnord at the end of February. We also had 19 ladies from the Golf Saudi Ladies' Golf program join our February Nine & Dine with many of them planning to become members.

The Tuesday Morning Ladies League (TMLL) hosts scrambles and social rounds of golf and is eager to welcome any ladies who would like to golf during the daytime.

Our April Nine & Dine will be a day late on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Be on the lookout for sign ups...you'll want to get on the list before it fills up! Email [rhgcladiesdirector@gmail.com](mailto:rhgcladiesdirector@gmail.com) to be added to the WhatsApp group where we organize the social side of golf!

Peggy and Tamara



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### St. Paddy's Day—Feeling Lucky

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day "Feeling Lucky" Social Event in style with night golf, delicious food, and fierce competition for best-dressed team, but more on that later. Night golf was challenging with only glow balls and blinking LEDs on the golf course to "light the way." Flight A off the back were represented well on the leaderboard with a tie at the top. The countback left the team of Steenkamp, Alfano, Wilson, and Scallon narrowly taking 1<sup>st</sup> and the team of Thompson, Feeney, Evans, and Idermark-Boyd finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>. Flight B was also competitive, with the team of Masoud, Duffield, Manaub, and Hollingworth finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, the team of Ponsford, Gatzanis, Cummings, and Parent. Dinner was a chicken and brisket taco bar with scrumptious Arabic BBQ seasonings, but the festivities were just beginning. The best-decorated golf cart competition was a landslide for the single but worthy competitor, Alex Hollander. Finally in convincing fashion, the RHGC Ladies comprised of Kelly, Quinn, Sullivan, and Lundberg needed no luck to sweep away the competition and win the coveted best-dressed foursome prize.





# CINCO DE MAYO

THURSDAY, MAY 2

You won't want to miss the next RHGC Social Event: a limited-field Cinco de Mayo "Par Tres Twister." The event will include a 9 hole, 4-person scramble, par-3 setup under the lights; and yes, of course, the music, food, and fun will take center stage afterwards. The cost per person will be 100SAR cash to be paid in the ProShop starting April 2. Also, online signups begin April 2.



*Save the Date*

## ANNUAL GOLF BALL

DECEMBER 6, 2024

Mark your calendars for the 2024 Golf Ball Tournament in the morning at the Royal Golf Club in Bahrain, followed by the Golf Ball evening event at the Crowne Plaza

