



# RHGC NEWSLETTER

## Hole-In-One Club Grows



At ten past 7 p.m. on May 28, 2025, Yazeed Alghamdi sunk his first hole in one on RHGC's Hole 4.

Congrats and welcome to the Hole-In-One Club, Yazeed.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

21  
JUNE

**21ST  
ANNIVERSARY  
TOURNAMENT**

28  
JUNE

**JUNE MEDAL**

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MONOCHROME  
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AUGUST 15TH\***

November 21  
The Diplomat Radisson Blu Bahrain







## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May was an action-packed month at RHGC, marked by two of the year's most anticipated tournaments and the exciting announcement of new year-end plans.

The 2025 President's Cup showcased thrilling team play across all flights. Congratulations to our champions:

- Flight A: Capstick/Balzer
- Flight B: Soyoung/Sunmyoung
- Flight C: Simamora/Aritonang

Each pairing brought exceptional teamwork and resilience to the course, earning their spots at the top in a highly competitive field.

Hot on its heels came the 2025 CEO Cup, one of Aramco's most prestigious individual honors. A round of applause to Razally Ali, crowned the Men's Champion, and Soyoung Chun, who took home the Ladies Champion title with poise and consistency.

We also wrapped up another strong Monthly Medal competition. Kudos to Hank Falck, who took Low Gross honors, and Michael Colm Lynch, who claimed Low Net. Full results for all May competitions can be found on page 3.

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to unveil some exciting changes to our year-end festivities. The 2025 RHGC Gala Dinner & Dance is set for November 21st in Bahrain—a reimagined celebration of



David Bedford  
RHGC President

the season with tickets now on sale (see page 4). Earlier that day, members can tee it up in the RHGC Year-End Shootout (which was formerly known as the Golf Ball Tournament) at RGC Bahrain.

With RHGC closed for AIT preparations, this gives members a great opportunity to still play a competitive round of golf, followed by food, fun, and, of course, dancing. The updated event calendar is now available on the RHGC website.

Before the summer break officially begins, the Anniversary Tournament is taking place on June 21, celebrating the opening of RHGC's grass course back in June 2004. Teams of four will compete for this fun and meaningful event.

As we step into the summer heat, we urge all members to take care on the course. Stay hydrated, seek shade whenever possible, and listen to your body. If you feel any symptoms of heat stress, please stop—no round is worth risking your health.

Here's to a great finish to the first half of the year—and even more to come!

**David Bedford**  
RHGC President





## MAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### 2025 President's Cup

May 2-3, 2025

Flight A: Capstick/Balzer

Flight B: Soyoung/Sunmyoung

Flight C: Simamora/Aritonang



### SAGA CEO Cup | May 9-10, 2025



### SAGA CEO Cup Winners

Women's Champion: Soyoung Chun

Men's Champion: Razally Ali

Flight A: Ick Soo Kim

Flight B: Mohd Raji MatYaacob

Flight C: Kamal Ariffin

Flight D: Uche Ifeanyi

Ladies Flight Winner: Myung Jin Lee

SAGA Club Champion (Dhahran)

- Edward Syafron

### May Medal

May 17, 2025

Ladies Flight: Juni Pandiangan

Flight A: Gertjan De Jong

Flight B: Hakseon Kim

Flight C: Sunmyoung Hong

Flight D: Michael Colm Lynch

**\*For more events click here\***







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**ANNUAL GALA:**  
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**MEMBERS ٥٠٠ 450**  
**NON-MEMBERS ٥٠٠ 550**



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## FUN FACTS



**Kevin Capstick**  
RHGC Secretary

As golf enthusiasts, we're often familiar with the sport's rich history in Scotland. However, the game has a fascinating story to tell in the East. In this edition of "Fun Facts," we'll delve into the history and development of golf in these regions, highlighting the key milestones, challenges, and successes that have shaped the sport into what it is today.

### **Early Beginnings: Golf in Japan**

Golf was first introduced to Japan in 1903, when a group of British expatriates established the Kobe Golf Club in Hyogo Prefecture. The sport gained popularity slowly, with the first Japanese golf tournament held in 1913. However, it wasn't until after World War II that golf began to flourish in Japan, with the country's first professional golf tour established in 1973. Today, Japan is home to over 2,400 golf courses, with many of its players competing at the highest levels, including major champions like Hideki Matsuyama and Hinako Shibuno.

### **Korea's Golf Boom**

Golf was introduced to Korea in the 1920s, but it wasn't until the 1980s that the sport began to experience rapid growth. The construction of new golf courses, coupled with government initiatives to promote the game, helped to fuel a golf boom in Korea. Today, the country is home to over 400 golf courses, with many of its players dominating international competitions. Korean golfers like Se Ri Pak, K.J. Choi, and Inbee Park have become household names, inspiring a new generation of golfers in the country.

### **Thailand's Golf Tourism**

Thailand has long been a popular destination for golf tourists, with its warm climate, beautiful courses, and affordable prices making it an attractive option for travelers. The country's first golf course, the Royal Bangkok Sports Club, was established in 1901, but it wasn't until the 1990s that golf tourism began to take off. Today, Thailand is home to over 200 golf courses, with many of its resorts and courses designed by renowned architects like Jack Nicklaus and Greg Norman. The country's golf tourism industry is worth millions of dollars, with visitors from around the world flocking to play on its world-class courses.

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### Malaysia's Golfing Heritage

Golf has a long history in Malaysia, with the first course established in 1893 in the town of Kuala Lumpur. The sport gained popularity during the British colonial era, with many courses built during this time. Today, Malaysia is home to over 200 golf courses, with many of its players competing at the international level. The country has hosted numerous high-profile tournaments, including the Malaysian Open and the CIMB Classic, which have helped to put Malaysian golf on the map.

### Philippines: Growing Golfing Nation

Golf was introduced to the Philippines in the early 20th century, with the first course established in 1907 in the city of Manila. The sport gained popularity in the 1950s and 1960s, with the country's first professional golf tour established in 1975. Today, the Philippines is home to over 100 golf courses, with many of its players competing at the international level. The country has hosted several high-profile tournaments, including the Philippine Open and the ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour, which have helped to promote golf tourism and development in the country.

### Indonesia: A Golfing Paradise

Indonesia has a rich golfing history, with the first course established in 1894 in the city of Jakarta. The sport gained popularity in the 1970s and in 1980. Today, Indonesia is home to over 150 golf courses, with many of its players competing at the international level. The country has hosted several high-profile tournaments, including the Indonesian Masters and the Asian Tour, which have helped to put Indonesian golf on the

map. With its beautiful courses, stunning scenery, and warm climate, Indonesia is a golfing paradise that attracts visitors from around the world.

### India: A Rising Golfing Power

Golf was introduced to India in the early 19th century, with the first course established in 1829 in the city of Calcutta. The sport gained popularity in the 1950s and 1960s, with the country's first professional golf tour established in 1970. Today, India is home to over 200 golf courses, with many of its players competing at the international level. Indian golfers like Jeev Milkha Singh, Arjun Atwal, and Anirban Lahiri have become household names, inspiring a new generation of golfers in the country. With its rich golfing history, stunning courses, and talented players, India is poised to become a major force in the golfing world.

### The Future of Golf in the East

As the golfing world continues to evolve, the East is poised to play an increasingly important role. With the rise of talented players from countries like China and Vietnam, the region is set to become a major force in the sport. The development of new golf courses, training facilities, and tournaments will help to drive growth and interest in the game, attracting new players and fans from around the world. As the sport continues to grow and develop in the East, one thing is certain – the region will play a major role in shaping the future of golf.

In conclusion, the history of golf in the East is a fascinating story that highlights the sport's global appeal and growth. The East will remain a vital part of the golfing world, with its rich history, stunning courses, and talented players inspiring a new generation of golfers around the world.