



# RHGC NEWSLETTER



## Mid-year Podcast Recap with RHGC President

Check out this podcast interview with President David Bedford as he reflects on his first year at the helm, shares a mid-year review, highlights upcoming events, and outlines his vision for the club and its members.

*Click the image or scan with mobile to listen now*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

13  
SEPT

**SEPTEMBER  
MEDAL**

23  
SEPT

**SAUDI NATIONAL  
DAY TOURNAMENT**

26  
SEPT

**BAHRAIN AMCHAM  
TOURNAMENT**

26  
SEPT

**JUNIOR NIGHT  
GOLF EVENT**







## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we welcome the summer heat in Saudi Arabia, I would like to extend my congratulations to the three winning teams that participated in our Anniversary Tournament held in June. Full results of the tournament can be found on page four of this newsletter. Fortunately, the summer heat was mild during the event, but we remind all members to prioritize their health and hydration, including replenishing electrolytes as necessary, during their rounds.

Additionally, I would like to acknowledge the outstanding performances of our June Monthly Medal winners, Gertjan De Jong, who achieved the low gross score, and Kelly Seung, who secured the overall low net score. The detailed results of the Monthly Medal competition, as well as the current standings in the Race-to-the-Hills, can be found on pages four and five, respectively.

We are pleased to announce that plans are underway to enhance the lighting system on the front nine holes, addressing both the illumination and safety concerns associated with the aging infrastructure. Once the final plans and timelines are confirmed, we will communicate the details to our members.



**David Bedford**  
RHGC President

*Listen to the August podcast interview with our Board President [here](#) or scan QR Code on page one with mobile to listen on device.*

The club's board is actively engaged in planning an exciting lineup of events for the rest of the year. To provide a sneak peek into our upcoming activities, including the highly anticipated Oilman's Golf Tournament and the End of Year Gala Dinner, I invite you to listen to my Mid-year Recap Podcast Interview highlighted on page one.

Important dates for all upcoming events can be found on the Club's [online calendar](#). We hope you will join us for these events and make them a part of your social calendar.

I look forward to seeing you all on the course.

**David Bedford**  
RHGC President





## HANDICAP CORNER

Rolling Hills Golf Club uses the World Handicap System (WHS). For the benefit of the club membership below is a refresher of some key rules affecting how Handicap's are determined.

### Handicap Index (HI)

Based on the lowest 8 of the most recent 20 score differentials. Updated daily, if a new score is posted.

### What are acceptable scores

- Stroke play or match play (home or away)
- 9-hole or 18-hole rounds
- 9-hole score does not need to be paired. GHIN calculates a full 18-hole handicap differential directly from a single 9-hole round
- Competition or causal play
- Partially played rounds, differential is calculated based on expected scores for
- the missing holes.

### Maximum Hole Score (Net Double Bogey Rule)

For handicap purposes:

- Max Score = Par + 2 + Handicap Strokes Received on the Hole



### What is an exceptional score reduction (ESR)

Post a very low score (7.0+ or 10.0+ below HI), GHIN automatically applies a HI reduction by:

- 1.0 stroke for a score 7.0–9.9 below HI
- 2.0 strokes for a score 10.0+ below HI

### What are Soft and Hard Caps

Prevents big changes in handicap due to sudden score fluctuations:

- **Soft Cap:** Applies if your new calculated index (based on best 8 of last 20 scores) is 3.0 strokes above your Low Handicap Index (LHI)
  - Any HI increase beyond 3.0 strokes is reduced by 50%
- **Hard Cap:** Sets a maximum limit on how much your HI can increase.
  - HI can't increase more than 5.0 strokes above your LHI regardless of your scores



For handicap/GHIN related questions please contact [rhgchandicaps@gmail.com](mailto:rhgchandicaps@gmail.com).





## TOURNAMENT RESULTS



The Anniversary Tournament concluded with impressive performances across all flights.

- The **A-Flight** team of Nasif Munir, Yazeed Alghamdi, Ahmed Daham, and Mansour Alturki secured **83 Stableford points**.
- The **B-Flight** team saw outstanding success with Sammy Kim, Odili Iyinagoro, John Okafor, and Ifeanyi Uche leading the pack with an incredible **95 Stableford points**.
- The **C-Flight** team of Manu Pillai, Geetha Pillai, Feng Lu, and Mary Ma achieved an admirable score of **90 Stableford points**.

Congratulations to all participants for their exceptional efforts and sportsmanship!



### June Medal Results

For the June Medal, there were five flights for Men and one Ladies Flight. The participation of female players in the Medal has grown significantly over the past few months, which can only be good for the club, and for the first time in a while, the Low Net was taken by a female player.

#### Low Net Winner

- 1st: Kelly Seung, -6, 66

#### Low Gross Winner

- 1st: Gertjan de Jong, +3, 75

#### A-Flight

- 1st: Taib Abang, -3, 69
- 2nd: David Bedford, -2, 70

#### B-Flight

- 1st: Won Jang, -5, 67
- 2nd: Hakseon Kim, -3, 69

#### C-Flight

- 1st: Zaid Al-Amer, -3, 69
- 2nd: Kyoung Chul Lee, -1, 71

#### D-Flight

- 1st: Saewoong Kim, -5, 67
- 2nd: Johnseungjun Oh, -3, 69

#### E-Flight

- 1st: Michael Colm Lynch, -5, 67
- 2nd: Sangki Chi, -2, 70

#### Ladies

- 1st: Insoon Kim, -1, 66
- 2nd: Myungjin Lee, E, 72

#### Skill Prizes

Hole 4, Soyun Yoon 7'10"  
Hole 8, Sang Jin Mun 4'1"  
Hole 11, Jake Rosenthal 10'8"  
Hole 14, Hakseon Kim 27'8"





## RACE TO THE HILLS

With only two more Medals before the cut-off for the Race to the Hills finals, the competition to get in the top 30 has become a close battle with people looking for that Flight win to push them above the cut line.

### Top 5 as of August

Current rank	Player	Events	No. wins	Pts	Total Pts	Pts Behind lead
1	Hong, Sunmyoung	5	2	0	49	-
2	Lee, Jae	5	2	3	37	12
3	Bedford, David	5	2	8	32	17
T4	De Jong, Gertjan	5	1	8	30	19
T4	Kim, Insoon	4	0	7	30	19

### Remaining Race to The Hills Rankings



Evans, Simon	6	5	1	0	29	20	Byrne, Davan Joseph	T25	3	1	0	17	32
Boukbira, Abdelbaki	7	6	1	5	28	21	Scallion, John-Paul	T25	3	1	0	17	32
Song, Jae-Sang	8	4	1	1	26	23	Kang, Geonyoung	T28	4	0	0	16	33
Pandiangan, Juni	T9	4	1	0	24	25	Seo, Jeong Ho	T28	6	0	1	16	33
Seung, Kelly	T9	4	1	9	24	25	Simamora, Alfian	T28	2	1	5	16	33
Kim, Yeong Joo	T11	5	1	1	23	26	Stewart, Nik	T28	4	0	0	16	33
Kim, Yong Song	T11	5	0	1	23	26	Suryantara, Handy	T28	2	0	0	16	33
Lu, Feng	T11	5	0	1	23	26	Tarihoran, Anton	T28	4	0	0	16	33
Kim, Hakseon	T14	4	1	7	22	27	D'Antoni, Jonathan	T34	5	1	1	15	34
Lynch, Michael Colm	T14	2	2	9	22	27	Kim, Sammy	T34	3	0	1	15	34
Sharma, Samir	T14	4	0	0	22	27	Haq, Nabeel	T36	4	0	5	14	35
Siddiqui, Usama	T17	3	0	0	21	28	Lee, Myungjin	T36	4	0	5	14	35
Yoon, Soyun	T17	5	0	3	21	28	Pomar, Kenri	T36	4	0	0	14	35
Choi, Chulsoon	T19	4	0	0	20	29	Quaye, William	T36	2	1	0	14	35
Ha, Borim	T19	4	1	0	20	29	Alfano, Gaylon	T40	3	0	0	13	36
An, Haesook	T21	3	1	0	19	30	Christianopoulos, D.	T40	5	0	5	13	36
Park, Junghyun	T21	5	0	1	19	30	Chun, Soyoung	T40	5	1	0	13	36
Kim, Saewoong	T23	2	1	9	18	31	Isichei, Obi	T40	3	1	0	13	36
Lee, Sungun	T23	4	0	5	18	31	Mungai, Martin	T40	5	1	0	13	36
Al-Amer, Zaid	T25	3	1	9	17	32	Oh, Johnseungjun	T40	5	0	7	13	36





**RHGC PRESENTS:**

**ANNUAL GALA:**

**MONOCHROME**

**MADNESS**

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**MEMBERS ٤٥٠**

**NON-MEMBERS ٥٥٠**



November 21  
The Diplomat Radisson Blu Bahrain







## FUN FACTS



**Kevin Capstick**  
RHGC Secretary

Ever wonder why we shout "Fore!" or celebrate a "Birdie?"

Golf's unique vocabulary is steeped in history, adding a rich layer to the game we love. Let's tee up some fascinating origins for our newsletter!

### **Tee: More Than Just a Peg**



Before wooden or plastic pegs, golfers in the 17th century used "teaz"—small heaps of sand—to elevate their balls. This practical innovation prevented damage to expensive balls and clubs. The word "tee" is a direct descendant of this early Scottish practice.

### **Fore!: A Call from the Past**

The term "fore" in golf is most likely derived from the historical role of the "forecaddie," a person who would scout ahead to locate golf balls. When a ball was heading towards the forecaddie, golfers would shout "forecaddie" as a warning. Over time, this term was shortened to "fore" for simplicity and ease of use during the game.

While the military theory suggests a possible influence from the use of "before" as a warning, the direct connection to golf's specific terminology and practices makes the "forecaddie" origin more plausible. Historical golf literature and the evolution of golf terminology support this explanation, indicating that "fore" is a natural progression from "forecaddie."



### **Birdie: A "Bird of a Shot!"**

Hitting one under par is a "Birdie," a term born in America around 1903. Legend has it a golfer at Atlantic City Country Club hit an exceptionally good shot, exclaiming it was "a bird of a shot!" When he then sank the putt for one under, the group adopted "birdie" for such a stellar score.

### **Bogey: Battling the "Bogey Man"**

Scoring one over par is a "Bogey," a term with British roots from the late 1800s. It's thought to come from "the Bogey Man" of a popular music hall song. Golfers at the time would jokingly refer to the ideal score for a hole as "the Bogey Man" – a target difficult to "catch." As "par" became the standard for expert play, "bogey" settled in as one stroke over that mark.

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## OTHER NEWS

### Registration Now Open for Fall Tuesday Night League

Get ready to tee off this fall in one of our most exciting seasonal events. The Fall League 2025 kicks off on September 9 and runs through mid-November, featuring the ever-popular Greensomes Match Play format. It's a team-based competition with a twist—perfect for strategy lovers and social golfers alike.



#### Highlights of the League:

🏆 Weekly payouts for match wins and draws

🎯 Balanced competition with a fair handicap structure

👥 All Teams Welcome!

Male, female, or mixed—the format is open to all player combinations. Teams of two can sign up On ForeTees. The cost is SR200 per team. No prior experience required, just bring your game and your good vibes! We anticipate strong interest, so don't wait too long to reserve your spot. Whether you're looking to claim bragging rights, meet fellow members, or sharpen your match play skills, the Fall League promises a season of fun, fairness, and friendly competition.

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"Par," the expected number of strokes for a hole or course, comes from the Latin word meaning "equal." Its use in golf likely draws from its financial meaning of a standard or expected value. The concept of a standard score for a hole formalized in the late 19th century, with "par" officially adopted by the USGA in 1911 as the

score an expert player would achieve under normal conditions.

These terms are more than just golf jargon; they're echoes of the game's past, connecting us to centuries of tradition and the stories behind every swing. So next time you're on the course, remember the rich history behind every "Fore!" and every "Birdie!"

#### RHGC PROSHOP

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## LADIES GOLF LEAGUE

### Hello from sunny Indonesia

I'm enjoying most of my summer holiday here and hope you're all having a wonderful summer too—hopefully with some golf in the mix!

I'm really looking forward to kicking off our Tuesday Morning Ladies League and the ever-popular Nine and Dine again in September 2025.

Stay tuned—dates will be shared soon!

If you're a new lady golfer at RHGC and would like to join our WhatsApp group, email [rhgcladiesdirector@gmail.com](mailto:rhgcladiesdirector@gmail.com).

We use the WhatsApp group to share updates on our golf days and it's also a great way to connect with others and find playing partners.



**Peggy Evans**

