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Special Guest MC Shannon Crockett from Radio Bahrain





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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER MEDAL

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TRIVIA NIGHT

SAUDI NATIONAL DAY TOURNAMENT

JUNIOR NIGHT GOLF

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First off, we say a heartfelt farewell to Peggy Evans as she steps down from her role as Ladies League Director on the RHGC Board at the end of August. Peggy's leadership, dedication, and enthusiasm have left a lasting impact on the ladies league, and we are deeply grateful for the time and energy she has given to our community. While we will truly miss her guidance, we are pleased to welcome Laura Moore, who has graciously agreed to step in and cover the director role through the end of the year. We look forward to supporting Laura and continuing to build on the strong foundation Peggy, and the other past directors, have helped create.



David Bedford RHGC President

We've got an exciting lineup of events this month, and we can't wait to see everyone out on the course and at the clubhouse! The heat and humidity are still with us so remember to stay hydrated and help keep rounds moving at a good pace.

Our Monthly Medal: Sat, Sept. 13
Our Monthly Medal rounds
restart this September. With only
two rounds left to qualify for the
Race-to-the-Hills finals, every
stroke counts! Be sure to register
early to secure your spot.

Trivia Night: Friday, Sept. 19

We're thrilled to welcome Bahrain Radio Host Shannon Crockett as the MC for our Trivia Night. Get your teams ready for an evening of laughs, friendly competition, and prizes. Open to everyone, members or non-members, so spread the word. This one's sure to be a hit! <u>Register here</u>.

Saudi National Day Tournament: Tuesday, Sept. 23
Celebrate Saudi National Day on the course with our special tournament. Registration is now open—don't miss your chance to be part of this fantastic day of golf and community spirit.

Looking further toward the end of the year, we have the End of Year Gala Dinner! This will be a night to remember—great food, entertainment, and celebrations with fellow members and friends. If you haven't registered yet, don't wait too long! See more details and <u>register here</u>.

Stay up-to-date on all things RHGC by joining our WhatsApp Community! If you haven't already, simply scan the QR code below to connect with us. Our community is where you'll find important updates on events, news regarding a club pro, and course information, all shared directly by the RHGC board.















RHGC PRESENTS:

ANNUAL GALA: MONOCHROME MADNESS

CLICK <u>HERE</u> FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER

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FUN FACTS



Kevin Capstick RHGC Secretary

Strangest Events in Golf History: Fun Facts (and legends) from Rolling Hills Golf Club

At Rolling Hills Golf Club, we celebrate the game's rich tapestry —its triumphs, traditions, and yes, its downright bizarre moments. Golf, often seen as a genteel pursuit, has a wild side filled with oddities that could rival any sport's lore. From lunar tee-offs to presidential hostage dramas, here are some of the strangest events in golf history that will have you chuckling on the fairway. We've delved into the archives to bring you these fun facts—perfect for sharing over a post-round drink at our clubhouse.

Let's start with the moonshot that defies gravity—literally. On February 6, 1971, during the Apollo 14 mission, astronaut Alan Shepard smuggled a 6-iron head aboard and attached it to a lunar sample tool. In his bulky spacesuit, he one-handedly whacked two golf balls across the moon's surface.

The second shot, he claimed, went "miles and miles," though estimates suggest it traveled about 40 yards in low gravity. This extraterrestrial escapade remains golf's most out-of-this-world moment.

Closer to Earth, the Masters
Tournament has hosted its share of head-scratchers. In 1983, while
President Ronald Reagan was golfing at Augusta National, an unemployed man named Charles Harris crashed through the gates in a pickup truck, took hostages in the pro shop with a revolver, and demanded to speak with Reagan about steelworker layoffs. Reagan called to negotiate, but Harris hung up, thinking it was a prank. He was later arrested after a standoff and served five years.

Another Augusta oddity occurred during World War II, when the course was closed and converted into a cattle ranch with 200 cows and 1,000 turkeys grazing the fairways to cut costs. The animals devoured azaleas and tree bark, requiring POW labor to restore the grounds.

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The Open Championship also boasts its share of weirdness. In 1949 at Royal St. George's, Harry Bradshaw's drive landed inside a broken beer bottle. Unsure of the rules, he smashed it out with a wedge, sending shards flying and the ball only 20 yards forward. Rattled, he carded a six and lost in a playoff.

Fast-forward to 1999 at Carnoustie, where Jean van de Velde famously triple-bogeyed the final hole after wading barefoot into a burn, needing only a double-bogey to win. In 1933 at St. Andrews, Leo Diegel air-swung a tap-in putt, missing the ball entirely and costing himself a playoff spot.

Streakers have also made appearances at major tournaments. In 1995, Mark Roberts dashed past John Daly during The Open, sporting the words "19th Hole" scrawled on his back.

Then there's the 1974 Tallahassee Open, where Mike Reasor, injured from horseback riding, shot a staggering 123—golf's worst PGA Tour score—playing one-handed with makeshift clubs. Or the 2003 Open disqualification of Mark Roe and Jesper Parnevik for mistakenly swapping scorecards.

These tales remind us that golf's charm lies in its unpredictability. At Rolling Hills, we've seen our share of quirky shots and laughs—minus the moon landings. Join us for a round and create your own stories. Who knows? Your next slice might become club legend!

Hole-In-One Club Grows



Muhammad Saar, Hole #11, using wood #5. July 4, 2025. Congrats and welcome to the Hole-In-One Club, Muhammad.

Did You Know?

The Garmin **Launch Monitor** is ready for you at RHGC's range. Book a 45-min session in the ForeTees app (30 SAR) and get instant feedback on your swing. <u>Learn more</u>.











RHGC SOCIAL EVENTS

Welcome back to all our members who have been away for the summer! We hope you had a relaxing time and are ready for an exciting lineup of events at the club this fall. Mark your calendars and be sure to sign up for these fun social functions.



Vikki Bedford RHGC Social Director



Trivia Night

Friday, September 19 at 5:30 p.m.
Test your knowledge and enjoy a night of friendly competition at our Trivia Night! We're excited to have a special guest MC, Shannon Crockett from Radio Bahrain. Gather your team and sign up here and then pay at the Proshop by September 10.

RHGC Annual Gala: Monochrome Madness

Friday, November 21

Our annual gala, Monochrome Madness, is coming to the Diplomat Radisson Blu Bahrain! Get dressed up in your best black and white attire for a night of dinner, dancing, and unforgettable memories.

Register here.



We can't wait to see you at these events! If you have any questions, please contact the Proshop.

Mark Your Calendars

Saudi National Day Celebration: Monday, September 23 Mixed Foursomes Tournament: Saturday, October 11 Halloween Glow Ball Golfing: Friday, October 31









Rolling Hills Junior Golf

JULIORS LUCHT SEPT 25TH

WHO CAN PLAY?

For Junior Golfers ages 8-17 of all skill levels!

Free For Club Members or

Pay 50 SAR per junior at the pro shop

AGENDA

DETAILS

6:00 PM Driving Range/Putting Warm-up

6:20 PM Pairings Announced

6:30 PM Competitive groups head out to 1st Tee

6:30 PM Fun groups shotgun start on holes 4-6

8:30 PM All groups back to the clubhouse for snacks and prizes

Competitive Division: For older/more experienced golfers who want to compete

Fun Division: For beginners/juniors who just want to have fun! All golfers must bring their own clubs, balls, and tees



A parent is requested to stay and supervise their kids for safety and logistics

REGISTER:

Please respond by May 12th

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