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Next Generation Rising

Check out the second episode of RHGC's new podcast, The Divot, where Yazeed Alghamdi sits down to talk about his three-year journey into the world of golf, which has already rewarded the 25-year-old with his first hole-in-one and a stunning performance during September's Monthly Medal.

Click the image to the left or scan QR Code with mobile to listen now.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NINE & DINE

JUNIOR GOLF

MIXED FOURSOMES **CHAMPIONSHIP**

OILMAN'S TOURNAMENT



CALL for VOLUNTEERS (See page 4)

31 OCT **HALLOWEEN SOCIAL TOURNAMENT**













PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



David Bedford RHGC President

After the long, hot Saudi summer, September marked the exciting restart of golf events at Rolling Hills, and it felt fantastic to see the course buzzing with competition, laughter, and community once again.

A huge congratulations to all our Monthly Medal winners. Special applause goes to Jake Rosenthal, who captured Low Gross, and to Yazeed Alghamdi, who delivered an absolutely phenomenal 9-under par to take Low Net—a round we'll be talking about for a long time!

Off the course, our Trivia Night was a runaway success, thanks to the everentertaining DJ Shannon Crockett from Radio Bahrain. His quick wit and energy kept us all laughing the entire evening. Check out the RHGC Facebook page for a video from the night. Well done to the winners, and get ready—another Trivia Night is already in the works for early 2026, and trust me, you won't want to miss it!

We also came together to celebrate the Saudi National Day Tournament, which was a true spectacle of both color and scoring. Congratulations to all the winning teams and individuals—full details are available on page 3 of this newsletter. The only thing that topped the day's play was the incredible lunch that followed.

And one more exciting update: your RHGC Board is working closely with CS and a third-party partner to secure a Club Profor the coming fall/winter season. Once the details are finalized, we'll share the news with you all.

It's shaping up to be a truly memorable season at RHGC. Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and support—it's your spirit that makes our club so special.

David Bedford RHGC President

October is packed with excitement:

Oct. 11, we launch the first annual Mixed Foursomes Championship.
 Don't forget—registration closes Oct.
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—**Oct. 24**, we welcome the Oilman's Golf Tournament. This is a big one, and we'll need plenty of volunteers—keep an eye on the community WhatsApp channel for the call to action.

—**Oct. 31**, get ready for some spooky fun with Halloween Night Golf. This year, we'll be using new, softer glow balls (that actually stay lit after impact and don't break your clubs). It promises to be a full-field event—details will be shared via WhatsApp and email later this month.











TOURNAMENT RESULTS

2025 Saudi National Day Tournament

Flight A Foursome (99 points)

Ismaeel Musa, Abdelbaki Boukbira, Zaid Al-Amer, Anes Hadrez

Flight B Foursome (98 points)

Nabeel Hag, Faisal Siddigi, Syed Ali, Arslan Mahomood

Flight C Foursome (88 points)

Johan Van der Merwe, Louise Van der Merwe, Steven Flynn, Theodore Goede

Overall Low Net Stableford | 1st: Syed Ali (47 pts); 2nd: Arslan Mahmood (45 pts); 3rd: Abdelbaki Boukbira (41 points)

September Medal Results

Low Net Winner | Yazeed Alghamdi, -9, 63 **Low Gross Winner** | Jake Rosenthal, +1, 73





Ladies

- 1st: Insoon Kim, E, 72
- 2nd: Haesook An, E, 72

A-Flight

- 1st: Pedro Castro, -3, 69
- 2nd: Jake Rosenthal, -2, 70

B-Flight

- 1st: Ahmad Ba Im, E, 72

C-Flight

- 1st: Yazeed Alghamdi, -9, 63
- 2nd: Alfian Simamora, +1, 73

D-Flight

- 1st: Manu Pillai, -2, 70
- 2nd: Paolo Gratia, E, 72

E-Flight

- 1st: Joo Hyeong Lee, -4, 68
- 2nd: Simeon Bolarinwa, E, 72
 2nd: Davan Joseph Byrne, -2, 70

Skill Prizes

Hole 4, Youngwook Song, 12'3" | Hole 8, Les Hertlein, 4'0" Hole 11, Fahad Aziz, 5'1" | Hole 14, Pedro Castro 3'10"













CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



The countdown is on for one of the biggest events on our calendar—the 11th Annual Oilman's Tournament, happening October 23–24, 2025—and we're calling on our incredible community to help make it unforgettable.

Whether you're a longtime member or new to the club, volunteering is a fantastic way to get involved, meet fellow golf lovers, and contribute to the smooth running of this high-energy event. From registration and setup to on-course support and post-round logistics, there's a role for everyone.

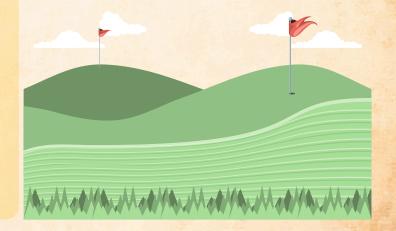
T Bonus for Volunteers:

All volunteers will receive a player SWAG bag—the same premium gear bag given to tournament participants. It's our way of saying thank you for being part of the team.

Volunteer Coordinator: Edo Syafron **\cdot** 055 9947110

Edo is your point of contact for all volunteer-related questions, sign-ups, and assignments. Reach out today to secure your spot on the team.

Let's rally together and make this year's Oilman's Tournament the best one yet. Your energy, enthusiasm, and support are what make this event truly special.





Rolling Hills Junior Golf

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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 Oct 7th

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

> MEMBERS J. 450 NON-MEMBERS J. 550



November 21 The Diplomat Radisson Blu Bahrain









FUN FACTS

The Strangest Records in Golf: From Lightning Strikes to Long Drives

Golf is a game steeped in tradition, precision, and etiquette—but it's also a sport that occasionally veers into the bizarre. While we're all familiar with the legends of Tiger Woods and Jack Nicklaus, some of the most unusual records in golf history are as quirky as they are fascinating.



Kevin Capstick RHGC Secretary

From freak weather events to seemingly impossible feats, here are some of the strangest records that have ever graced the greens and fairways.

The Longest Recorded Drive:

Believe it or not, the longest drive in golf history was recorded at an astounding 551 yards by Jason Zuback in 2017, surpassing Mike Austin's 515-yard drive in 1974. Using a wooden driver and a balata ball, Austin launched the ball into the thin Nevada air, where it rolled an additional 45 yards after landing. It's a shot that defies physics and logic, and one that still boggles the minds of golf historians.

The Longest Putt:

Imagine lining up a putt and not knowing whether it will drop until you've walked nearly half the length of a football field. That's exactly what happened when Tommy Cooper, a professional trick golfer, sank a putt from 420 feet—yes, 140 yards—on a specially designed green in the UK. While this record isn't officially recognized by the PGA or any major golfing body, it's hard to ignore the sheer audacity of the shot.

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Most Lightning Strikes Survived by a Golfer:

If you think playing in the rain is risky, consider the case of Lee Trevino, a professional golfer who survived being struck by lightning twice during his career. His experiences serve as a stark reminder of the dangers of playing golf during a storm. In fact, lightning strikes on golf courses are more common than you might think, and Trevino's survival story is both miraculous and sobering.

The Oldest Golfer to Make a Professional Cut:

Golf is a sport for all ages, and no one embodies that spirit more than Lee Elder, who, at the age of 87, made the cut at the 2021 U.S. Senior Open. Elder, a trailblazer in the sport as the first African American to compete in the Masters, proved that passion and perseverance can defy the limits of time. His record is a testament to

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the enduring appeal of golf and the idea that you're never too old to chase your dreams.

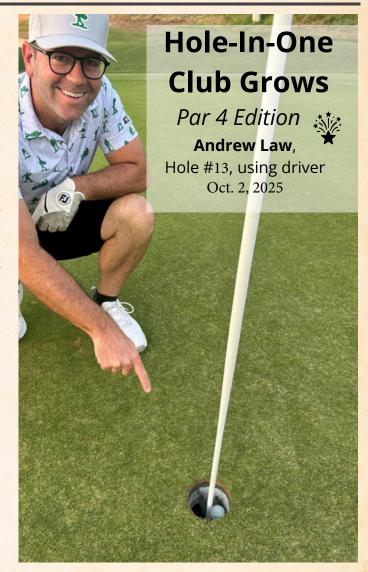
Most Golf Holes Played in a Single Year: If you thought playing 18 holes was a full day's work, consider the feat of Robert Clyne, a golfer who played 11,000 holes in a single year. That's the equivalent of playing more than 611 rounds of golf in 365 days—an average of 30 holes per day. Clyne's record is a staggering display of dedication, stamina, and, perhaps, a touch of obsession.

The Fastest Round Ever Played:

In a remarkable display of speed and efficiency, Brent Kelley set a new benchmark for speed when he completed an entire 18-hole round in just 29 minutes and 30 seconds. That's less time than it takes to watch a sitcom, and yet he managed to play an entire course—rules be damned! While this record is more of a novelty than a serious achievement, it's a fun reminder that golf doesn't always have to be taken so seriously.

The Most Golf Balls Hit in a Single Day:

Imagine hitting a golf ball every few seconds for 12 hours straight. That's exactly what David Womersley, a British golfer, did when he struck an incredible 10,000 golf balls in a single day. Womersley's record was set to raise money for charity, and it's a feat that requires not only physical endurance but also mental focus. It's a reminder that golf is as much a test of willpower as it is of skill.



Final Thoughts

While golf is often associated with quietude and decorum, it's also a sport that celebrates the extraordinary. Whether it's the longest drive, the fastest round, or the most lightning strikes survived, these records remind us that golf is full of surprises—and that sometimes, the most memorable moments come not from the fairway, but from the fringes of the game itself.



