

# CLUB NEWS



VIEW FROM HOLE 17, ROLLING HILLS

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### STARTER HUT OPENING HOURS

SUN	4PM-9PM
MO - SA	6AM-9PM

### PRO SHOP OPENING HOURS

SUN	CLOSED
MO - THU	11AM-6PM
FRI-SA	6AM-12PM

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Eid Mubarak to all our members and families. I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing Eid break, enjoying time with loved ones and making the most of the holiday.

As we move through May, summer has certainly made its presence felt, with some very hot days already behind us and many more to come in the months ahead. A friendly reminder to all members to take care while out on the course—stay well hydrated, make use of shaded areas, and don't hesitate to take breaks when needed. Your health and wellbeing should always come first.

One of the highlights of the past month was the 2026 CEO Cup, now in its 55th edition, which proved to be a tremendous success once again. Congratulations to all the winners, and in particular to our champions: **Soyoung Chun**, who claimed the Ladies title with 36 points—making history as the first ever back-to-back winner—and **Martin Mungai**, who delivered an incredible performance to take the Men's title with 43 points. Outstanding achievements by both players.

The Eid Eclectic competition has also recently concluded, and once again showcased some exceptional scoring. Congratulations to **Eric Heinold**, who topped the A-flight with a stellar gross score of -14, and **Harold Gbinije**, who secured the B-flight title with a strong net score of -11. Well played to both winners and to all who participated in this enjoyable and challenging format.

Before we head into the summer break, we still have one major event to look forward to—the 22nd Anniversary Tournament on June 20th. This popular 4-person team event is always a fantastic day of golf and camaraderie, so be sure to get your team registered before sign-up closes to avoid missing out.

On the facilities front, maintenance work on the Driving Range lights is progressing well, and we expect them to be back up and running for nightly use very soon. Thank you for your patience while these repairs are completed.

Finally, I encourage all members to keep an eye on the RHGC WhatsApp Community Announcements page. Good progress is being made toward securing a coaching professional here in Dhahran, and we look forward to sharing more details with you very soon. If you're not connected, scan the QR code on this page.

Thank you all for your continued support of RHGC. I wish you enjoyable golf in the weeks ahead and look forward to seeing many of you at the Anniversary Tournament.

David Bedford  
RHGC President



*Scan or upload this QR code using the  
WhatsApp camera to join this group*



# MONTLY MEDAL RTTH2026 RACE TO THE HILLS

 [FULL RESULTS AVAILABLE HERE](#)

 [RACE TO THE HILLS:  
SEASON STANDINGS  
AVAILABLE HERE](#)



MAY 15-16



 [FULL RESULTS AVAILABLE HERE](#)

# MAY EID ECLECTIC

26 - 31 may 2026

 [FULL RESULTS AVAILABLE HERE](#)



## SOCIAL in SEPTEMBER

DUST OFF YOUR THINKING CAPS!

TRIVIA NIGHT IS BACK!

We are hoping to bring back **Shannon, the Aussie DJ from Bahrain**, to lead the festivities once again.

*The Theme: Legends of the Game*

*The Fun:* Expect prizes, side games, and plenty of laughs.

*The Challenge:* We highly encourage you to dress up! Start brainstorming your best outfits and clever team names now.

Sign-ups open in late August. We hope to see an even bigger crowd join us for the fun!

## LADIES GOLF

With weather warming we had a small but lovely gathering on Tuesday, May 5th for a social golf round representing the Ladies League.

The 9 n Dine event on May 6, 2026 was well attended and lots of fun! Vikki organized this event and had 16 ladies out golfing and using Golf Genius to help set up and track the event and help with the scoring! The evening ladies golf events have been a great success in 2026.

Looking forward to promoting more women's events in 2026! Stay tuned!



LADIES  
9 'N DINE

10 June  
5pm



WE NEED YOUR HELP! PLEASE  
KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE  
SURVEY. WE WANT TO HEAR  
FROM OUR LADIES MEMBERS  
WITH REGARDS TO PARTICIPATION  
AND INVOLVEMENT.

\*Registration closed for this event.

# 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY TOURNAMENT

20 JUNE 2026



[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)



# MONTHLY MEDAL

RTTH2026  
RACE TO THE HILLS



[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)

## HANDICAP CORNER

# DID YOU KNOW?

When signing up for a round of golf in ForeTees, **selecting the correct Type of Play helps ensure scores are handled properly for handicap posting**, tournament records, and club statistics.

**REG**

**OTH**

**SCR**

**REG**

Choose **REG** for a normal individual round of golf played under the Rules of Golf where a player attempts to make their best score on every hole.

**OTH**

Select **OTH** for rounds or formats that do not fit standard individual play or may not be acceptable for handicap purposes.

**SCR**

Use **SCR** specifically for scramble events such as Texas or Florida Scrambles, where the team plays from the best selected shot.

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# CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Want to be part of the Anniversary  
Tournament 2026?  
Join our volunteers team 20 June  
2026.

CONTACT: Volunteer Coordinator for  
any detail.

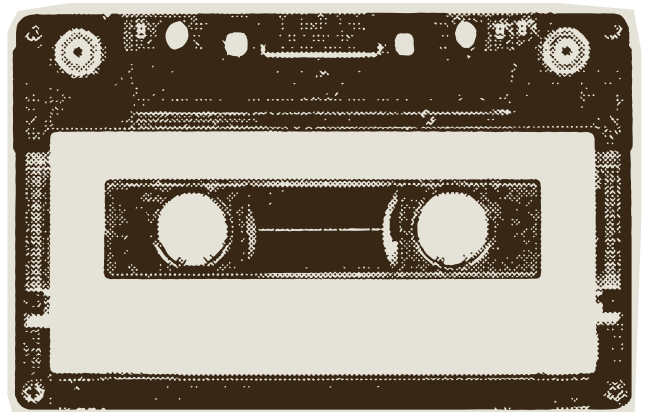


**RHGC Volunteers Team**  
WhatsApp group



“The golf cart survey has been sent to all individual members on May 5 and all primary family members on May 19. Please check your emails and respond to the survey. Thank you in advance for your help. This information is helpful for planning our major events.

The survey request email came from [RHGCmemberships@gmail.com](mailto:RHGCmemberships@gmail.com) and includes a link to respond via Google forms. It was sent to the personal email you use for GolfGenius.”



**PLAYLIST LINK**

JOHANNES VAARTJES

## HOME TOWN CLUB:

Drentsche Golf & Country Club, Assen, Netherlands

## YOUR GOLF STORY:

I've always been into ball games, growing up I played football and tennis. In 1985 a golf course was built close to my home village and this sparked my interest. I still have a newspaper article about the (stormy!) KLM Dutch Open in '89, finishing with a 9-hole sudden death play-off. It wasn't until 10 years later when I started my career in Shell that I started taking lessons, after I had hit my first ball ever on a range in the USA. The golf bug had bitten me.

## FAVOURITE HOLE AT RHGC:

I love the view over the course from the tee box of 14, but my favorite hole to play is 6. Some may regard as an easier hole, but like any other it can still be challenging. It does however give a good chance for par or better, which is nice for a bogey king like myself!

## FAVOURITE GOLFING QUOTE:

"It's not all about golf". Perhaps weird, coming from a golf fanatic, but these words came from the Captain of a small club in South-East England (Mundesley GC) when I joined the club in 2006 when working in the area for a year at a gas plant. He was referring to the fact that being a member of a club is being part of a large 'golf family', playing with friends and making new ones. Even if I ruin my own round by playing bad golf, I always remind myself not to ruin the relationships with my fellow players on the back of it.

## FAVOURITE PLAYER:

Fellow Dutchman Joost Luiten. One of Netherlands' only few tour players, but the best for many years now. Through the tournaments in KSA and recently Bahrain I get to see him play about each year since 2019 and usually have a little chat after his round. He nearly made it in the European Ryder Cup team once, but he still hasn't given up on that dream goal. Never give up trying to play your best golf.

## DREAM 4-BALL:

If they have to be from the land of the living than Joost Luiten with Jack Nicklaus and Tiger. Living legends. Otherwise I wish it would be possible to play with Old Tom Morris, Seve Ballesteros and Moe Norman. Legends.

## FAVOURITE COURSE OUTSIDE OF KSA:

The 18 holes links course of the Crail golfing society, close to St.Andrews. Apart from it being magical to play in the area of 'the home of golf', I played it with a dear friend in 2015. I was living in Scotland with my family and he came over for a 4-day golf adventure (incl. my then homecourse Kemnay GC). He was a Captain of my old Dutch home course. Sadly he's diagnosed with Alzheimers 2 years ago and has played his last round of golf soon after.

## TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE GOLFING MEMORY:

I guess I have better memories watching (live) golf than playing it, having visited many Dutch Opens, 2 British Opens at St.Andrews, Scottish Open in Aberdeen (on a sunny day!), Ryder Cup in 2014 and the first Saudi International in Jeddah in 2019 and several after that. Those are all great memories, and yet among the best are the ones watching and helping out with the AIT at our own course. All great players, but very kind and humble, both towards the course (greens!) and volunteers from our club.



*As much as I love playing golf, I enjoy volunteering equally, both for the pros as well as our own RHGC members.*

## COLE DESAI SHINES ON THE FALDO FUTURES STAGE

Rolling Hills Golf Club is proud to celebrate the impressive achievements of one of our promising young members, 12-year-old Cole Desai, who has made remarkable strides in his golfing journey this year.

In addition to representing his school team, Cole has stepped onto the international stage by competing in the prestigious Faldo Futures Series—part of the globally recognized Faldo Series, founded by six-time Major champion Sir Nick Faldo. This elite development pathway is designed to nurture young golfers and guide them from grassroots competition toward the professional ranks. Competing in the Faldo Futures category (ages 7–12), Cole demonstrated both talent and determination throughout the season. His journey began on April 4th at Sunbury Golf Course in the UK, where he delivered an outstanding performance to finish 2nd overall. This excellent result secured his place in the regional finals held at Sunningdale Heath on May 27th. Facing a highly competitive field, Cole rose to the challenge and delivered his strongest performance yet at this course—an encouraging milestone given his previous appearances there. He finished tied for 3rd place, ultimately placing 5th after a countback decision. While this meant narrowly missing qualification for the prestigious Belfry British Masters this August, his performance was nothing short of commendable.

Cole's round included several near birdie opportunities that could have changed the outcome, but more importantly, it showcased his growing skill, composure, and competitive spirit. These experiences—both the highs and the near misses—are invaluable stepping stones in the development of any young athlete.

This season has marked significant progress for Cole, and his dedication and passion for the game continue to shine through. With each tournament, he gains not only experience but the resilience and confidence needed to succeed at higher levels.

We congratulate Cole on an excellent season and look forward to watching his continued growth and future successes on the course.

Well done, Cole!



# ADVISORY: INCREASED FOX ACTIVITY

RHGC foxes are increasingly bold, taking personal items and food from carts.

**1**

**SECURE VALUABLES**  
Keep all items zipped in bags or closed compartments.

**2**

**NO FEEDING**  
Never feed foxes; it encourages aggressive behavior.

**3**

**MANAGE TRASH**  
Use secured bins for all waste and wrappers.

**4**

أكثب تطللي البهيت.

**STAY ALERT**  
اتعل على الحدالمن  
Watch surroundings near treelines.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP THE SAUDI WILDLIFE WILD.

## THE GOLFER'S GUIDE TO RESPONSIBLE PLAY

**1. REPAIRING DIVOTS:** First, cleanly replace the dislodged turf divot back into its scar. Step down firmly to smooth. Then, level any remaining gaps with course-provided sand.

**2. FIXING PITCH MARKS ON GREENS:** Use a tool to gently lift and push the turf 'into' the dent. Step down with putter sole to flatten.

**3. RAKING BUNKERS:** After leaving, rake the entire disturbed area (footprints and ball-mark) to create a smooth, even surface. Leave rake on standard course location.

## THE GOLFER'S GUIDE TO GOLF CART ETIQUETTE

**1. STAY ON DESIGNATED PATHS WHEN POSSIBLE**

**2. DO NOT DRIVE OR PARK ON T-BOXES**

**3. STAY A MINIMUM OF 11 YARDS (10 METERS) FROM THE PUTTING GREEN**

**4. NO DRIVING BETWEEN THE GREEN SIDE BUNKERS AND THE PUTTING GREENS**



*The RHGC Board sends warm wishes to all our members for a joyful and blessed Eid—may it bring peace and togetherness.*