

September 2026

CLUB NEWS



HOLE 18, 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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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

September was a fantastic month at RHGC, and I'd like to start by congratulating all the winners from our **Saudi National Day Tournament**. It was great to see such a strong turnout for the event, and the lunch afterwards was very well received. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make it such an enjoyable celebration of Saudi National Day.

A special shout-out also goes to all of our **RHGC juniors** who turned out for the Junior Golf event on September 18th. This was our biggest junior turnout yet, which is a fantastic indication of the growing interest in golf among the Aramco junior community. A huge thank you to our Junior Director, **Alex Hollander**, for the time and effort he continues to put into organizing these events and helping introduce more young golfers to the game. Well done, Alex!

And now, October is here—and it's going to be a busy one!

First up is the **final qualifying round for the Race-to-the-Hills**, with the October Monthly Medal taking place on **October 3rd**. This is your last opportunity to qualify, so make sure you register now or risk missing out. The Race-to-the-Hills finals will then take place on **October 16–17**, where our qualifiers will battle it out for the title.

On **October 10th**, we'll host the **2nd Annual Mixed Foursomes Championship**. Last year's inaugural event saw 26 mixed pairs competing across three flights for the trophies, and with some of last year's winners now retired and living their best lives, the titles are very much up for grabs! Who knows, we may see some new champions crowned this year.

Our juniors will also be back in action on **October 9th**, and with the weather finally becoming a little more golf-friendly, we're expecting participation to continue growing. It's fantastic to see the junior program building momentum, so if you have a young golfer in the family, make sure they get involved.

Then comes **RHGC's biggest event of the year—the annual Oilman's Golf Tournament on October 23rd**. With a full field of sponsors and members, we're looking forward to another spectacular day of golf, followed by all the excitement that makes Oilman's such a special event on our calendar. These events simply wouldn't happen without our volunteers, so if you're able to lend a hand, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, **Edo Syafron**. Your support is greatly appreciated.

And if that isn't enough, we'll round out the month with the ever-popular **Halloween Glow Golf** evening. Keep your eyes on the RHGC WhatsApp Community for registration details coming soon. Get your glow gear ready!

A reminder as well about our season-ending **Desert Stars Gala Dinner in Bahrain**. If you haven't registered yet, don't miss out on what promises to be an incredible evening of great food, entertainment and RHGC camaraderie. With the special pricing secured for this event, it represents exceptional value, so get registered before the seats disappear!

Finally, there has been **lots of progress on the new Front 9 lighting project**. The overall target remains completion by the end of the year, with all major earthworks expected to be completed by the end of October. We're getting closer to once again having a fully lit course, which will be a fantastic improvement for the club. In the meantime, please continue to take extra care around the construction areas and give the workers and equipment plenty of room to operate safely.

There really is something for everyone at RHGC this month—from juniors to championships, from Oilman's to Halloween Glow Golf, and everything in between. Thank you to all the volunteers, Board members and members who continue to put so much energy into making RHGC a great place to play, compete and socialize.

October is going to be a big one—get involved, have fun, and I'll see you on the course!

David Bedford
RHGC President



Edo Syafron (Tournament Director), Zaid, Al-Amer, Abdelbaki Boukbira, Ismaeel Musa, David Bedford (Club President)



Edo Syafron (Tournament Director), William Quaye, Martin Mungai, Kenekchukwu Ufendu, Harold Gbinije, , David Bedford (Club President)

TEAM FLIGHT A

1. Ismaeel Musa, Abdelbaki Boukbira, Zaid, Al-Amer, Mohammed Mulla
2. John Okafor, Odili Iyinagoro, Mikhail Zhuravlev, Hafizul Hayazi
3. Fahad Al-Mulaik, Ahmed Daham, Abdullatif Al-Omair, Nasif Munir

TEAM FLIGHT B

1. Martin Mungai, William Quaye, Harold Gbinije, Kenekchukwu Ufendu
2. Pedro Castro, Antonio Pico, Brian Moore, Vera Castro
3. Kim-Kyung-Sook Song, Jae-Sang Song, Myung Hwa Lee, Geonyoung Kang



Edo Syafron, John Okafor, David Bedford

OVERALL LOW NET WINNER

1. John Okafor



Edo Syafron, Fahad Al-Mulaik, David Bedford



Edo Syafron, Ahmed Daham, David Bedford



Vikki and David Bedford

**SINGLES
FLIGHT A**

- 1. Fahad Al-Mulaik
- 2. Odili Iyinagoro
- 3. Abdelbaki Boukbira

**SINGLES
FLIGHT B**

- 1. Ahmed Daham
- 2. Soyoung Chun
- 3. Ismaeel Musa

**SINGLES
FLIGHT C**

- 1. Vikki Bedford
- 2. Myung Hwa Lee
- 3. Syed Ali





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MEDAL RTH2026
RACE TO THE HILLS



FULL RESULTS AVAILABLE HERE



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LADIES GOLF



OCTOBER 6TH



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OCTOBER 26TH



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OCTOBER - THE COURSE IS WAKING UP!

by John Duffield, Grounds & Rules Director

After another long Middle Eastern summer, October is always a welcome month at Rolling Hills Golf Club. The temperatures begin to ease (hopefully!), the golf gets more enjoyable (also hopefully!), and the course starts to move into one of the busiest and most rewarding periods of the year.

Our Grounds Team has been working throughout the summer to keep RHGC in the best condition possible, often in challenging conditions. As we move into the cooler months, we now have an opportunity to help the course recover, develop and look its best.

We also need to bear in mind the ongoing Lighting Work being carried out on the front 9. This obviously has and continues to create some issues and problems such as damage to the course, excavations, vehicles and equipment, restricted areas and extra people.

We need to bear in mind that the workers brought onto the course more than likely have no idea of what a golf course is, what the game entails and what hazards they may face while we play around them. With this in mind, please show patience and restraint during your games and play mindfully of the people who are implementing improvements to increase our enjoyment of the course.

YOUR COURSE - PLEASE LOOK AFTER IT

A great golf course isn't just the responsibility of the Grounds Team. Every golfer plays an important part.

PITCH MARKS:

Please repair your pitch mark - and if you see another one, repair that too. Two repaired pitch marks take only a few seconds but can make a big difference to the quality of our greens - you might have to putt over the top of a damaged green from an unrepaired pitch mark to win the hole!

DIVOTS:

Please replace your divots wherever possible and/or use the provided sand. And remember that practice swings can sometimes take more turf than the actual shot! So, ask yourself if you need to take that 'excavating' practice swing!

BUNKERS:

Please rake bunkers after playing your shot and leave them ready for the golfer behind you. If your ball has left a particularly large footprint (not as large as footprints from golf shoes!) or disturbed a significant area, take a moment to tidy it all up and rake it smooth to remove all evidence of you actually being in the bunker - think Golf CSI!

GOLF CARTS:

Please follow all cart rules and restrictions. Avoid driving close to greens, tees and other sensitive areas unless specifically permitted.

One unnecessary trip across a vulnerable area can create damage that takes considerably longer to repair. Avoid driving along the hand cart paths - they were not built for driven carts and driving on some of them could lead to overturn.

PLAY THE COURSE, NOT JUST YOUR BALL!

Good course etiquette is about thinking beyond your own round.

If you see a pitch mark, repair it.

If you see an unrepaired divot, sand it.

If you disturb a bunker, rake it.

If you see an area marked as restricted, stay out of it.

And if you see a member of the Grounds Team working on the course or the team installing the new lights, **please give them the time and space they need to work safely.**

The cooler months are when RHGC really comes alive. With more golfers enjoying the course, our collective responsibility becomes even more important.

Let's keep Rolling Hills looking like the course we are proud to call home.

Repair it. Replace it. Rake it. Respect it.

Enjoy the cooler weather - and most importantly, **enjoy your golf!**

CODE OF CONDUCT & RESPECT FOR STAFF

Rolling Hills Golf Club serves not only as a recreational facility but also as an integral extension of the Saudi Aramco workplace community. Consequently, all members, guests, and dependents are expected to treat employees with the same courtesy, professionalism, and respect afforded to colleagues within the corporate workplace.

Our staff, including personnel at the Pro Shop, Clubhouse, and across the Club's grounds dedicate themselves daily to enhancing member experiences and ensuring the seamless operation of the Club.

Please be advised of the following:

Zero Tolerance Policy: Rude, bullying, or disrespectful behavior toward any employee will not be tolerated.

Reporting Mechanism: Incidents of misconduct, however rare, may be reported to Human Resources and/or Security for appropriate investigation and follow-up.

Membership Responsibilities: All members and their guests are reminded that membership privileges entail a responsibility to uphold the values and standards of the Rolling Hills Golf Club.

We trust that all members will take pride in fostering a respectful environment for everyone.

EVERY ACCEPTABLE SCORE COUNTS

A fair Handicap Index depends on members **reporting all acceptable scores—good and bad.** Selecting which scores to post undermines fair competition.

An acceptable score comes from an approved competition or casual round, played under the Rules of Golf on a rated course with another person present, meeting the applicable hole-count and verification requirements. **Qualifying nine-hole rounds count too.**

Post casual-round scores promptly after play and **before midnight local time**, using the correct date, course and tees. Hole-by-hole entry is recommended.

Competition scores are submitted by the club. Players must check their hole scores, ensure both player and marker certify the scorecard, and return it promptly. Do not post these scores again.

Missing scores may lead to a Handicap Committee review and a penalty score. For questions about qualifying or unfinished rounds, contact the Handicap Committee.

Play fairly, record accurately and post promptly.

References: Rules of Handicapping 2, 4 and 7.1b; Rules of Golf 3.3b.



**CALL FOR
VOLUNTEERS**



Volunteers Oilman's 2026

WhatsApp group



HOLE-IN-ONE-CLUB

#64



Congratulations Martin Mungai!
17 September 2026, Hole 14, 7iron

#65



Congratulations Fahad Al-Mulaik!
23 September 2026, Hole 8, 6 rescue

LADIES NINE & DINE



A special Nine & Dine send-off for Geetha! We marked the occasion with a fun scramble, lots of laughs and great company. Geetha, you'll be missed on the course - wishing you all the best for the next adventure.



The Legend of Manu: RHGC Says Farewell to a Club Icon

by Feng Lu

As the final days of September tick down, the Rolling Hills Golf Club community is preparing to say a bittersweet goodbye to one of our finest couples: Manu and Geetha.

Manu joined Saudi Aramco in 2018 following highly successful stints at BP and KPMG. Over his eight years with Aramco, Manu earned five extensions—a true testament to his value as an employee, and, as we all know, his respectability as a golfer.

For Manu, golf wasn't just a hobby; it was the undisputed anchor of his social calendar. He didn't just participate in club events; he practically lived on the leaderboard. From the CEO Cup, President's Cup, and Club Championship, to the Oilmen tournament, Monthly Medals, and various weekday and weekend leagues, Manu was always on the timesheet. To play a round with Manu was an absolute privilege. He is the definition of a humble golfer—always playing with a big smile, zero negative emotions, and endless cheers for his playing mates.

For many years, Manu, Geetha, my other half Mary, and I shared countless casual rounds, couples' night golf, team events, and a tremendous amount of fun along the way.

Manu was also my reliable partner in the Tuesday Night League for more than five years.

Our on-course communication was effortless. Playing alongside him brought zero pressure and pure pleasure, allowing us to capture numerous victories over the seasons. For a long time, I flattered myself by thinking I was making a solid contribution to the team. However, with his departure looming and my scorecard rapidly trending in the wrong direction, the harsh truth has finally come to light: I was just incredibly lucky, and Manu carried me for half a decade.

Losing Manu doesn't just mean losing a phenomenal golf buddy—it means my wallet is taking a serious hit, too! With all the tournament cash prizes he has accumulated during his time here, I am certain he is stepping into retirement with total financial freedom.

While Geetha certainly possesses the talent to have won many tournaments herself, she wisely chose to spend most of her time chasing their lovely grandkids instead of a little white ball. After all, toddlers run much slower than a downhill putt.

As they pack their bags for their new home in London, I asked Manu about his post-retirement plans. Naturally, golf remains at the very top of the list. In fact, he confessed that he intends to use his free time to work on improving his game.

This is where our golfing journeys drastically diverge. While my aging body constantly negotiates with my golf swing just so I can survive and stay on the grass, Manu-at a similar age-still drives the ball like a young man, chips with laser precision, and drains putts consistently. Yet, he still wants to get better!

There is absolutely no doubt that he will continue to dominate the leaderboards across the pond. He will, however, have to settle for winning British pounds instead of Saudi Riyals.

So long, Manu! Thank you for the partnership, the laughs, and for making me look far better on the scorecard than I actually am. I will miss you dearly. We wish you and Geetha a long, happy, and healthy retirement. Keep hitting them straight!



TUESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

Week 4 of our Tuesday Night League is here, and the momentum is building fast. The competition has been fierce, the teamwork electric, and every Tuesday night feels bigger than the last. With nine weeks of play and only the top four teams in each division earning a shot at the playoffs, every match has that extra charge—you can feel it on the tee box. The league has become one of the most exciting parts of our season, and seeing all these teams out there brings the club to life. If you're watching from the sidelines this year, let the energy of TNL pull you in next season—you won't want to miss it.



TRIVIA NIGHT RECAP

A huge thank you to all the teams who joined us for our Trivia Night in September. DJ Shannon led a night full of laughs, awesome tunes, and brain-busting questions. Congratulations to our winners:

- 1st Place: "Rosenstewburys" - The reigning champs defended their title in a thrilling 50/50 tie-break finish!
- 2nd Place: "Golf Pro's & Tennis Ho's" - fought hard to the very end.
- 3rd Place: "Peaked in High School" - Our awesome team of teachers.
- Best Decorated Table: "The Wedge Warriors" - For bringing the best style and flare.



UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

DESERT STARS GALA

Tickets are still available! Register today to secure your spot.

Date: Friday, November 13, 2026

Time: Doors Open at 5:30pm

Location: Hilton Bahrain

Price: SR100 (member) / SR200 (non-members)

HALLOWEEN GLOW GOLF

Get ready to play in the dark at our annual Halloween Night Golf event at the end of the month. Dress up in your best costumes, deck out your carts, and join us for a round of golf followed by dinner. Registration will be released soon with limited spots, so be ready to sign up quickly!

**RHGC
Presents**

Desert Stars Gala

**Entertainment
by
DJ Shannon**

**Dinner, Dancing
& Prizes**

Ticket Price:

**Members 100
Non-Members 200**



**Hilton Bahrain
November 13, 2026
Doors Open @ 5:30pm**

***Register
Here***

****Limited Special Room Rates Available****



Rolling Hills Junior Golf

JUNIORS NIGHT

OCT 9TH

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

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

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

JOIN NOW!

DETAILS

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 6th

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