

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

Volume 2, Issue 6

June 2017

President's Message

The Board has been receiving lots of positive feedback about the shape of the course. Our new Course Superintendent, Jason Sexton, has been doing a great job, but many of the best changes are yet to come. The course will undergo some major changes this summer, such as the back bunker on hole #8 being filled in. The changes will result in some temporary greens. We have tried our best to time the major work over the summer when members are out on repat or the heat just keeps them off the course.

The Oilman's Tournament was a great success. Everyone had a great time and there were lots of happy winners. Speaking of tournaments, the 13th Anniversary Tournament is coming up in June. Get your team of 4 and sign-up now online at ForeTees.

Also, all players are reminded to check in with the Starter prior to play. You must not go directly to the tee. Allow yourself sufficient time to take the 30 seconds needed to do this. This is Recreation policy covering RHGC usage. If you cannot make your tee time you should cancel it online or by calling the Starter at 876 6009, as early as possible, giving others the chance to play.

-Dave

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

www.lifeinthetrap.com



From the Pro

There will be no classes offered during the month of June. However, if you would like a private lesson please contact Stuart. You may contact Stuart via email at: stuart.hurstfield@aramco.com

Inside this issue:

Upcoming Tournament Info	2
Ask Carl	2
Junior Golf	3
Handicap Corner	4
From the Pro Shop	5
Evening Events	6
Golf Ball	7
The Royal Club Special Offer	8



Upcoming Tournament Information

13th Anniversary Tournament

On June 10th the 13th Anniversary Tournament will take place. This year it is a 3-2-1 Cha Cha Cha format. This is a 4 player team event, which can be mixed gender. Each player plays his own ball, recording a gross score for every hole. One score card will be kept for each team. Each team will use the preprinted cards.

The strokes are to be taken in the order assigned on the score card. For example, a player with a 3 stroke handicap takes them on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd handicap holes.

Beginning on hole #1, the sum of the 3 best NET scores of the team will be used.

On hole #2 the sum of the 2 best NET scores of the team will be used.

On hole #3 the best NET score of the team will be recorded will be used.

Repeat the above process for the remainder of the holes, using the 3 best NET scores for hole #4, 2 best NET score for hole #5, the best NET score for hole #6 and so on until the round is completed. As there

will be a shotgun start, a team's starting hole might not be a 3 best NET score hole. For example, a team starting on hole #15 would only record the best NET score.

Upon completion total the scores, the card must be signed by the scorer, attested by one player and dated to avoid disqualification.

The Tournament Committee will enter all gross scores and lowest team score by flight will be declared the winner.

There will be three flights A-B-C, 1st, 2nd, 3rd place team winners.

Bi-Monthly Stableford

The Bi-Monthly Stableford is an Open Play event for Friday **June 17th** or Saturday **June 18th**. Sign up online, then book your own tee times to play with whomever you wish. ForeTees is already open for registration.

Eid Al Fitr Eclectic

This year's Eid Al Fitr Eclectic will occur during Friday, June 23rd through to Wednesday, June 28th. Golfers can play a maximum of 5 rounds. Golfers must declare to their playing partners before they begin the round that it will be a tournament round that will count towards the Eclectic Score. Golfers should have their player partner initial the round once the round is completed. The round must be recorded on the tournament scorecard. Each day will be represented on the card. You must record the score for that day in the appropriate location. For a round to count towards your eclectic score, you must complete at least 14 of 18 holes of the round.

Sign-up on ForeTees is now open.

June 10th — 13th Anniversary Tournament

June 17th — Bi-Monthly Stableford

June 23rd – 28th — Eid Al Fitr Eclectic



Ask Carl

Q: How many new cart sheds are there and when will they be ready?

A: There are 108 new sheds—not all will be distributed to members. Some might be used by the Recreation Division and some by the Club. The expected completion date is the end of September.

Q: When did the grass course open?

A: The grass course opened in 2004. This month's Anniversary Tournament is the 13th annual celebrating the opening of the grass course.

If you would like Carl to answer a question, please email a Board member and they will make sure Carl gets it.

Junior Golf

RHGC Junior Golf Event – June 3, 2017

Junior golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate in the June Junior Golf Event. Here is the schedule for the day:

- 10:00 am — **Driving/Putting Range (warmups)**
- 10:30 am — **Meeting in Clubhouse for pairings and rules**
- 10:45 am — **Competitive Group heads to #1 Tee**
- 11:05 am — **Fun Groups head to course / back in Clubhouse by 1:00**
- 1:00 pm — **Competitive Group back in the Clubhouse for lunch and prizes**
- 2:00 pm — **Finish: Golfers are free to go**

Fun Division For younger and less experienced juniors that just want to have fun playing a few holes of golf on the course

Competitive Division For the older and more experienced juniors that want to test their golf skills on the course and compete for medals

**Parents are welcome to come along and watch their children play. We are also seeking volunteers to marshal the younger golfers as they play.

Who Can Play?

RHGC Club members ages 8-17 years old or those who have or are currently taking lessons from Stuart Hurstfield (RHGC Golf Pro).

Greens Fees

None - Free for all junior RHGC members!

75SR for non members

Equipment Needed

Golf clubs, golf balls and tees. If needed, there will be a limited number of junior golf club sets available for use for free.

Sign-Up

Sign up for the June Golf Event is currently available on the [ForeTees](#) website, or via email if the player does not have a handicap.

For more information ,or to volunteer as a marshal, please contact:

Coby Long : 054 838 0576 or email at: cobylong@gmail.com

Junior Golf
DEVELOPING THE PLAYER, GROWING THE GAME.™

Handicap Corner

Acceptable Scores

Q. What scores are acceptable for handicap posting purposes?

A. Almost all scores are acceptable because of the basic premise of the USGA Handicap System which states that every player will try to make the best score at each hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played, and that the player will post every acceptable round for peer review. Therefore, all of the following are acceptable scores:

- When at least seven holes are played (7-12 holes are posted as a 9-hole score; 13 or more are posted as an 18-hole score)
- Scores on all courses with a valid Course Rating and Slope Rating
- Scores in all forms of competition: match play, stroke play, and team competitions where each player play their own ball
- Scores made under The Rules of Golf
- Scores played under the local rule of "preferred lies"

Q. What scores are unacceptable for handicap purposes?

A. Scores made under the following conditions are not acceptable for handicap purposes and must not be entered in the player's scoring record:

- When fewer than seven holes are played
- When made on a golf course in an area in which an inactive season is in effect
- When, as a condition of the competition, the maximum number of clubs allowed is less than 14, or types of clubs are limited as, for example, in a competition that allows only iron clubs
- When scores are made on a course with no USGA Course Rating or Slope Rating
- When a player uses non-conforming clubs, non-conforming balls, or non-conforming tees; or when a player incurs a second breach of Rule 14-3
- When a player plays alone
- When a player ignores one or more Rules of Golf and fails to post an adjusted hole score as required under Section 4-1 and 4-2, or fails to record the appropriate penalty for a breach of rule

17 Excuses for Not Turning in a Score

A little dated, but we still hear some of these excuses today!

Golf Digest, November, 1987

1. I was playing with my wife.	10. I was on vacation.
2. I didn't know the Course Rating.	11. I don't turn in scores from Myrtle Beach
3. I didn't know the Slope Rating.	12. We were bumping the ball.
4. I was in another state	13. We played the back nine first.
5. I was playing in a match and picked up twice.	14. My club takes only home-course scores
6. I only played 16 holes.	15. Tees weren't really the blues and they weren't really the whites so there was no course rating.
7. I just got lucky.	16. The weather was bad.
8. I was using rental clubs.	17. It was Sunday and I was walking my dog.
9. It was my second 18 of the day.	

Post your acceptable scores!

If you have a questions related to RHGC Handicap Policy and Program, please contact Handicap Director Stephen Vezendy at rhgc.handicap.dir@gmail.com or stephen.vezendyjr@aramco.com.

From the Pro Shop

Kankura Golf shoes arrived in April and there are many models and sizes for both men and women to choose from.

Also in stock, major winning Taylormade M series:

2017 M1 / M2 DRIVERS
BETTER EVERYTHING
The new standard of driver performance.



New men`s and Ladies` clothing from Greg Norman, Ping, and Footjy are in stock!
Also, Callaway Epic drivers are available.



We also have lots of new putters in stock:



Summer vacation soon? Travel bags in stock, along with lots of logo items for gifts for loved ones, how about a set of drinks coasters?



QUIZ NIGHT!

**Thursday, June 15th
7:00 PM @ RHGC Clubhouse
SR 50**

*Grab a few friends and join us for snacks and a trivia quiz night at the RHGC Clubhouse.
If you don't have smart friends, don't worry!
The format will level the playing field, so bring your friends anyway.*

Quiz questions will include sports, current events, culture, history, and other interesting facts.

Sign up on Foretees and pay 50 riyals at the Clubhouse between June 1-10.

Your payment covers the cost of nachos, wings, other snacks, drinks, and prizes.

If you would like to bring non-members, simply sign them up and pay for them at the Clubhouse.

May 11th Evening Golf!

Safwa's Taco and Fajita Bar did not disappoint. The scramble format resulted in some great scores with winners taking home El Chico's gift certificates. After June's Quiz night, be on the look out for more fun golf evenings in the fall.



First



Second



Tied for Third

2017 Golf Ball

December 8, 2017

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Bahrain

7 p.m. to 2 a.m., Semi-formal attire

SR 400 Members, SR 450 Guests

Dinner, house drinks until 11 p.m., door prizes, and a DJ

Ticket sales begin September 18th at the RHGC Pro-Shop

Crowne Plaza special rates, pre-pay by November 15

BD 50++ Standard room, BD 58++ Deluxe room, Breakfast available for BD 5++

www.cp-bahrain.com +973 175 31122

The Royal Golf Club Promotion



Special Offer at the Royal Golf Club

The Rolling Hills Golf Club is pleased to announce that the Royal Golf Club in Bahrain has extended to all our members the below special rates over the summer months – valid June 1st until September 14th. The below rates are valid any time of the day.

Sunday – Thursday	25 BD
Friday – Saturday (including public holidays)	35 BD

Furthermore, if you get a small group to play the deals get better. For groups of 8 players or more, the price on the weekend is lowered to 30BD per player and all players receive a sleeve of golf balls and a 5BD lunch voucher!

SUMMER SIZZLER

BD 25 per person midweek

BD 30 per person weekend

- 18 holes championship golf
- Sleeve of balls
- Lunch

T: +973 17 750777

Valid 1st June to 31st August 2017 only.

Superb championship golf day out for groups of 8 players or more.

To book, call +973 1775 0777 and request the special Aramcon rate. You will need to present your Saudi Aramco ID when checking in at the course.