

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

We are mid-way through the heat of the summer, and a reminder to all members to take extra precautions to stay hydrated. We do not recommend walking the course during the heat of the day. Because of the heat, club tournaments are at a minimum during the summer, but come September we're back to regular programming. The Saudi National Day tournament is September 23rd, and following that, the ever popular Ryder Cup. This year Team USA, captained by Edward Devlin, will try to retain the cup against the ROW, captained by Jeff Meisner. See page 2 for full tournament information.

For those that are interested, the updated cart shed occupancy list and wait lists have been posted on the RHCG website. See <http://www.arabiangolf.net> under Club Info ⇒ Membership Documents ⇒ Cart Shed List or [click here](#).

See you on the course,

-Dave

From the Pro

Stuart will be running the next "Golf in a Week" class starting on September 17th. Classes are an hour each day beginning at 7:00 pm. This is a 5 consecutive day course aimed at beginner and intermediate golfers. It covers all aspects of the game: Safety, Rules, Etiquette, Swing Method, and an on course Texas scramble. The cost is 600 SAR per person.

A Junior Tour School will commence on September 30th and will last for 5 weeks. The clinic will cover the fundamentals and basics (putting, irons, chipping, and woods) of the game and swing. Only children aged 8 – 16 are permitted to take part in a Junior Clinic. The class runs for one hour each Saturday from 9:00 am – 10:00 am. The cost is 400 SAR and needs to be paid in cash to Stuart.

A Ladies only class will commence again on September 28th and run each Thursday morning from 9-10 AM. All equipment is supplied and there is free coffee on arrival. It is ideal for either the beginner or intermediate golfer as it covers all the skills to get one out on the course! The cost is 90 SAR per person per class.

To register, you may contact Stuart via email at:

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September 17th — Golf in a Week

September 28th — Junior Tour School

September 30th — Junior Tour School

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Upcoming Tournament Information

August Bi-Monthly Stableford

The medal is an Open Play event for Friday August 25th or Saturday August 26th. Sign up online, then book your own tee times to play with whomever you wish. Bookings for the weekend will open up on ForeTees on Monday August 21st / Tuesday August 22nd.

September Bi-Monthly Medal

We are having our Bi-Monthly Medal on September 16th. Registration on ForeTees is already open for the 6:30 AM shotgun start and 12:00 PM shotgun start. The format will be STROKE play. Shawarmas will also be available for you to purchase at lunch time so bring your cash and an appetite.

Eid Al Adha Eclectic

This year's Eid Al Adha Eclectic will occur during Thursday, August 31st through to Tuesday, September 5th. Golfers can play a maximum of 6 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 playing partner initial the round after 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.

Saudi National Day

The annual tournament this year is on September 23rd and will consist of an Individual Stableford Event as well as a 2 best ball Stableford Team Event. We will have the awards ceremony right after the morning round, and there will be an Arabic theme lunch served during the presentation ceremony.

Ryder Cup

This year's Ryder Cup will take place on September 29th and 30th. Team USA's Captain is Edward Devlin III while Team ROW's Captain is Jeff Meisner. Team ROW will try to win the Cup back this year from Team USA.

Four-Ball Match Play: Friday September 30th with 6:30 AM Shotgun Start

Foursome Match Play: (Alternating Shot) Friday, September 30th with 1:00pm Shotgun Start

Singles Match Play: Saturday, October 1st with 7:00 AM Shotgun Start

August 25th & 26th — Bi-Monthly Stableford
 August 31st – September 5th — Eid Al Adha Eclectic
 September 16th — Bi-Monthly Medal
 September 23rd Saudi National Day Tournament
 September 29th & 30th — Ryder Cup



Ask Carl

- Q: Why must I check with the Starter when I am a member? I don't have to pay him or anything like that.
- A: All users of company recreation facilities must check in prior to use, per Recreation Manual rules. As an SDG we also report weekly usage figures to Recreation.
- Q: I was playing in a Match and my opponent used his putter to pull the ball out of the hole. Is this allowed?
- A: While there is no rule against it, it is a big no-no. Doing so damages the integrity of the cup. Players should also be careful when putting the flagstick back in the hole not to touch the sides of the cup.
- Q: Last time I played 18 holes, the group in front of us went into the Clubhouse at the turn to get some food. Our group went directly to the tee box. They arrived at the tee box after us but said they still get to tee off before us? Is this right?
- A: Getting food at the turn is quite common. However, members need to realize, if they do such, they might have to let their group behind them play through. Whichever foursome arrives at the teeing ground first, and is ready to tee off, has the tees.

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

Common Courtesy On the Course - from Golf Digest

I'm a beginning golfer paired with a good player. How do I survive the round?

Don't get overwhelmed. It can be intimidating to be paired with a better player, and possibly amplify insecurities regarding your game. Use this opportunity as a learning experience. Take note of the player's swing, his technique around the green, pre-shot routine, even something as simple as his demeanor and etiquette. And don't be afraid to ask questions. Most golfers are happy to pass knowledge to beginners. You do have a responsibility, however, to keep things moving. It's OK to struggle, but "struggle" and "slow play" don't have to correlate. Four over par should be the max score on any hole; once you reach the limit, pick up. Moreover, don't let your labors drain your attitude or outlook. Golfers can deal with newbies.

I'm paired with a beginning golfer who is really struggling. How do I survive the round?

Compassion is key. That slow, flailing greenhorn was once you. Without belittling, let them know it's OK to be liberal with the rules by improving lies, placing their penalty shots on the other side of the hazard and conceding less-than-automatic putts. Unless they ask, avoid giving tips and advice; they're already overwhelmed, and don't need more thoughts running through their head (more on this in a moment). Do feel free to pass on general etiquette or rules, however, and try to keep things light so they enjoy themselves. And if it's really bad? Perhaps call it a day at the turn and hit the range instead.

How do I to tell someone to pick up the pace?

When informing a partner to get their butt moving, avoid a singular accusation. Instead, use "we" as in, "Looks like we better get going, think we're holding groups up." If it's a family member or friend, feel free to be more direct. Even in this circumstance, don't deliver the "speed it up" edict in emotional or confrontational terms. It will only exacerbate the situation.

When am I supposed to let groups play through?

For whatever reason, most golfers view letting others ahead as a shot to their manhood. Which is absurd: If you're in a foursome, it stands to reason that you'll play slower than the single or twosome behind you. If there are no groups immediately in front of you and you're holding up individuals or a pairing, give them the greenlight with a wave, then proceed to move to the side of the hole. If this happens more than once in a round -- especially if the groups behind are multiple players -- take it as a hint that you need to pick up the pace.

What's the deal with smoking cigars on the course?

If they're good enough for Miguel Angel Jimenez, aka "The Most Interesting Man in the World," they're good enough for you. Smoke 'em if you got 'em, but don't make a mess of your leftovers on the course.

What about smoking something, um, other than cigars?

Whatever you do when hitting the links by yourself is between you and the great Scorer in the sky (or, depending on your residence, your local enforcement community). When teeing it up with others, however, the only grass you should encounter are the blades wiped off your irons.

What's my role in fixing the golf course and stuff like that?

It's all pretty simple, but some golfers fail to do this. When you make a divot in the fairway, replace it. Mark on the green? Fix it, as well as any other indentions you encounter. Rake the sand after your trip to the beach. Keep practice swings to a minimum so you don't tear up the turf. And for God's sake, the woods and high weeds are not a trash can, you monsters.

Can I give my playing partner swing tips? I really want to help!

I don't care if your partner's hacks make Charles Barkley look like Adam Scott. Unless someone specifically asks for advice, don't give it. We know you're trying to help, but adjustments and swing practice are for the range, not mid-rounds. Moreover, your partner will likely be offended, possibly making for an awkward afternoon.

RHGC Hat Donation

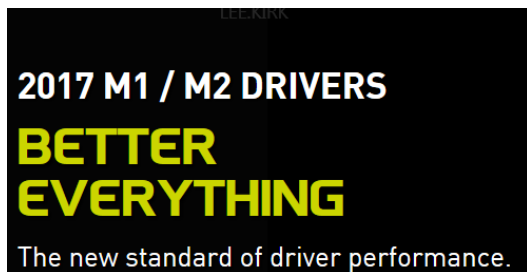
The RHGC Hat Donation was a great success. The donations were so generous that there were enough left for another round of goody bags that will be put together in the future. The guys were very excited about the hats which you will notice being well utilized around camp during these hot summer months. Below are some photos featuring some of the recipients getting their gift packages along with the hats donated by our membership! One of the photos even has some of the handout helpers in it too.



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:



New men`s and ladies` clothing from Greg Norman, Ping, and Footjoy 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?



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++

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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

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

- 18 holes championship golf
- Sleeve of balls
- Lunch

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Valid 1st June to 31st August 2017 only.

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.