

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

Congratulations to Team USA, and its captain Ed Devlin, which won the closely fought Ryder Cup this past weekend. It proved to be a great weekend of golf.

Recreation has informed the Board that the new golf cart sheds will be completed by December 1st. For more information on how these sheds will be distributed see Page 4 of this newsletter.

Finally, October sees the Board hosting a lot of tournaments. First is the Club Championship which is this coming up weekend. If you haven't signed up yet there is still time do so on ForeTees. The Club also will host the a qualifying tournament for the Xerox Challenge Cup. This was a great success last year. If you have never played in a Xerox Challenge Cup qualifying tournament you are missing out on a great opportunity. See Page 7 for more information.

See you on the course, Dave



From the Pro

Stuart will be running the next "Golf in a Week" class starting on October 22nd. 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 Ladies' only class continue through the month of October 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:

stuart.hurstfield@aramco.com

October 22nd — Golf in a Week
Thursdays — Ladies Only Class

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Upcoming Tournament Information

2017 Club Championship

The 2017 Club Championship will be held on **October 6th and 7th**. The qualifying rounds on the **6th** will have shotgun starts at 6:30 AM and 12:00 PM. Registration is now open on ForeTees.

Junior Golf Day

RHGC will hold putting contest and a 9 hole Junior stroke-play golf tournament on the afternoon of Saturday **October 14th**. The flights and groupings will be made by the tournament committee and will incorporate experience gained from the previous junior tournaments. See page 3 for further details.

Bi-Monthly Stableford

The October Bi-Monthly Stableford tournament is on **October 28th**. Shotgun starts will be at 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Registration is now open on ForeTees.

2017 Xerox Corporate Golf Challenge

RHGC will host a qualifying round for the Xerox Corporate Golf Challenge on **October 21st**. Please see the newsletter article in this issue for more details. Registration closes on **October 19st**. See page 7 for further details.

October Night Golf

On **October 26th** RHGC will host a night time 9 hole Texas scramble. Each player will get 1 Glow Night Flyer LED golf ball and a glow stick. Teams wearing costumes will be rewarded. We encourage everyone to be creative and decorate their carts. Remember, the goal of this tournament is to socialize and have FUN! Teams of 4 can sign up on ForeTees beginning **October 2nd**. This event will be limited to 22 teams so sign up early. See page 8 for further details.

October 6th & 7th — 2017 Club Championship

October 8th — Junior Golf Day

October 21st — 2017 Xerox Corporate Challenge

October 26th — October Night Golf

October 28th — Bi-Monthly Stableford



Ask Carl

- Q: What is with all the long grass just off the course? Keep losing my ball if it goes an inch off the course.
- A: The maintenance crew is waiting to purchase new machines that will handle cutting this grass in a more efficient manner. In the meantime I suggest trying to keep your shots on the fairway to avoid losing any more balls.
- Q: When are the new cart sheds going to be done?
- A: We have been told the completion date is December 1st. Please see page 4 of this newsletter for more details on how they will be distributed.
- Q: I am interested in helping out with the RHGC. How do I become a Board member?
- A: Elections for RHGC Executive Director positions will occur in November. The election for Board Executive positions are divided into two groups in order to ensure a smooth transition between Board members. This year the positions that members can run for are President, Treasurer, and Handicap Director. Each of the Executive Board members serve a 2 year term. Board Executive members are not allowed to run for consecutive Board Executive positions. There are also 8 yearly appointed Board members: Membership Director, Youth Golf Director, Pro Shop Director, Grounds and Rules Director, Clubhouse Director, Ladies Golf Director, Social Director, and Media Director. Appointed Board members are selected each January by the RHGC Board Executive.

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—October 14th, 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 Groups are made**
- 11:00 am — **Competitive Group heads to #1 Tee**
- 11:15 am — **Fun Groups head to course / back in Clubhouse by 1:00**
- 1:30 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.

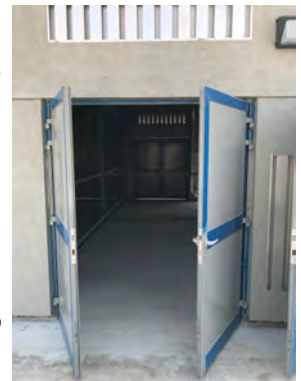
For more information ,or to volunteer as a marshal, please contact:

Coby Long : 054 838 0576 or email at: coby-long@gmail.com

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New Cart Sheds

Finally, the long wait is over. After years of anticipation (for some more than a decade), the new golf cart shed construction is near completion. These golf cart sheds are being made available to RHGC members based on the order of a wait-list that has been maintained by the club. The list does not necessarily correspond to the join date of the member (historically, there were a number of factors that affected a member's place on the list; opt-in date, interrupted on-time payment of dues and green fees, change employment status, etc.). Updated wait-lists have been made available for membership viewing over the years so there should be no great surprise on the order (a few changes were made based of supporting evidence provided). Special appeals can be submitted to the Membership Director (patrick.antony@aramco.com) along with the proper documentation and description of circumstances until October 14. Decisions are made by the membership director, in consultation with the board, and based on precedent with significant weight placed on established club policies and existing practices.



In total, 108 new golf cart sheds were built and it is expected that 106 sheds will be made available (two sheds will contain a series of rented lockers for off-camp members to store their golf bag/clubs). The corresponding number of 106 members on the top of the wait-list will be guaranteed a new 'valley' golf cart shed. If a selected member declines in the hopes of getting one of the original 'hill' golf cart shed, he/she will be bypassed and the next member on the list will be offered the shed. The passed over member will retain the same top spot on the list and later offered an original shed when it becomes available.

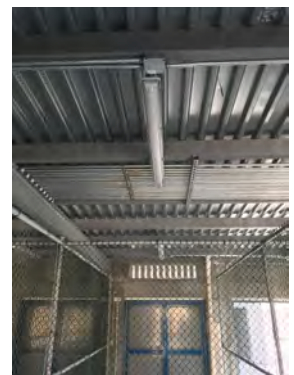


The assignments of the new golf cart sheds will be conducted as a social (fun)-raiser. For those lucky 106 members wishing for a particular location or lucky shed number, we will be accepting bids and having a live auction in early December when the sheds are expected to be completed. The highest bid will have the option of selecting first, second highest next and so on. Only those selected 106 will be guaranteed a shed and allowed to bid. If a shed does not receive a bid, the membership director will make the shed assignment.

- October 14: close appeal process
- October 15: freeze golf cart shed wait-list order
- October 15: inform top 106 members of their selection and solicit their intent of accepting
- October 22: finalize the lucky 106 members
- December 1 - 2: tour of sheds "open house"
- December 3 - 7: accept submittal of silent bids (for those unable to attend the live auction event – must designate specific shed; only one silent bid is allowed).
- December 10: live auction at club house. Hand over keys!!!

All monies raised will go toward club social events, youth golf programs, maintenance crew appreciation, etc..

Please see the RHGC Website for the current Golf Shed Wait-list.



Handicap Corner

MEMBERS IN HANDICAP PROGRAM SHOULD ENTER “ADJUSTED GROSS SCORES”

If you are participating in the Handicap Program to maintain a USGA handicap index, you must apply Equitable Stroke Control adjustments when entering your score for handicap purposes.

WHAT IS EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL?

Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) is a feature of the USGA Handicap System whereby abnormally high individual hole scores are adjusted downward prior to the score being posted. ESC sets a maximum number that a golfer can post on any hole based on Course Handicap (not Handicap Index). See table below.

EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL

COURSE HANDICAP	MAXIMUM NUMBER ON ANY HOLE
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 or more	10

HOW TO DETERMINE YOUR POSTING SCORE

The score that you post should be your “adjusted gross score” that accounts for Equitable Stroke Control. For example, on that one hole per round where you put multiple balls in the water and then 4-putt, you might have taken 12 strokes to get the ball in the cup. But based on your course handicap, ESC might require you to enter only a “7” on the scorecard you post. Including that 12 on your handicap score might throw your handicap index out of whack. Remember, the handicap index is not meant to reflect your average score, it's meant to reflect your best potential.

ENTERING YOUR SCORES

There are 2 ways to enter your scores:

SINGLE ENTRY – enter total score for the round, using one of the following:

- GHIN website <http://www.ghin.com/scorePosting.aspx> using the “Post Scores” link
- GHIN app on your phone
- Through Foretees with the “Post a Score” link under the “Handicaps” menu.

When a member enters their total score for the round, he/she **MUST** take into account the maximum score that can be recorded per hole. e.g. **REDUCE** the score on “blow up” holes as shown below. You should be using the numbers in **RED** when you calculate your total score.

Handicap Corner Continued

If your Handicap is 40 (ladies only) then your max per hole is 10, 4+6 (the first digit of your handicap, 4, plus 6).																						
HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	OUT	TOTAL
SCORE	6	8	12	5	6	9	8	6	11	71	8	5	10	8	5	7	7	13	6	69	71	140
ESC SCORE	6	8	10	5	6	9	8	6	10	68	8	5	10	8	5	7	7	10	6	66	68	134

If your Handicap is 30-39, then your max per hole is 9, 3+6 (the first digit of your handicap, 3, plus 6).																						
HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	OUT	TOTAL
SCORE	6	10	9	5	6	7	5	12	6	66	7	5	10	6	4	11	6	10	5	64	66	130
ESC SCORE	6	9	9	5	6	7	5	9	6	62	7	5	9	6	4	9	6	9	5	60	62	122

If your Handicap is 20-29, then your max per hole is 8, 2+6 (the first digit of your handicap, 2, plus 6).																						
HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	OUT	TOTAL
SCORE	6	8	9	5	6	5	10	5	6	60	6	4	9	4	4	5	9	7	6	54	60	114
ESC SCORE	6	8	8	5	6	5	8	5	6	57	6	4	8	4	4	5	8	7	6	52	57	109

If your Handicap is 10-19, then your max per hole is 7, 1+6 (the first digit of your handicap, 1, plus 6).																						
HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	OUT	TOTAL
SCORE	5	5	8	4	5	5	4	4	4	44	5	3	6	4	3	4	9	6	4	44	44	88
ESC SCORE	5	5	7	4	5	5	4	4	4	43	5	3	6	4	3	4	7	6	4	42	43	85

If your Handicap is < 10, then your max per hole is double bogey.																						
HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	OUT	TOTAL
PAR	4	5	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	36	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	36	36	72
SCORE	4	4	4	6	5	7	4	3	4	41	7	3	5	4	4	4	4	5	4	40	41	81
ESC SCORE	4	4	4	5	5	7	4	3	4	40	6	3	5	4	4	4	4	5	4	39	40	79

In the examples above, the adjusted gross score entered would be 134, 122, 109, 85 and 79 (not 140, 130, 114, 88 or 81).

HOLE-BY-HOLE in GHIN (this is preferable method).

With an eGolfer profile you can log into GHIN and enter your scores hole-by-hole and the system automatically does the ESC adjustment for you.

Why is ESC important? If you do not account for maximum score adjustments, your scores entered and handicap index may be inflated. This would not be in compliance with USGA handicap policy and would not be fair to other golfers who you compete against who are applying these maximum scores correctly. So, before you enter your score for handicap purposes, make sure to apply the ESC maximum scores based on your course handicap. It is your responsibility.

If you have any questions about GHIN, handicaps, posting a score, or Equitable Stroke Control, please feel free to contact Handicap Director (stephen.vezendyjr@aramco.com). You can also get more information at RHGC's new website <http://www.arabiangolf.net>. Thanks.



CORPORATE GOLF CHALLENGE

RACE TO EARTH



Saturday, 21st October 2017

9th Qualifying Round - Rolling Hills Golf Club, Dammam, Saudi Arabia.

Online registration now live for Round 9 at Rolling Hills Golf Club, Dammam, Saudi Arabia.

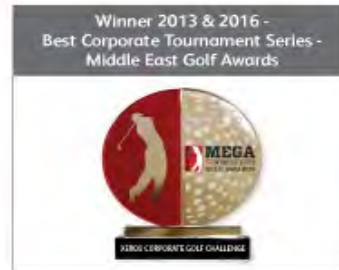
The Xerox Corporate Golf Challenge is back!

The 2017 edition is the 'RACE TO EARTH' series that will see qualifiers from across the region compete in a 36-hole Grand Final at the prestigious Earth Course, Jumeirah Golf Estates - venue of the last leg of the European Tour Race to Dubai. The 2017 series will also see the footprint expand across MEA and provide more opportunities for corporate golfers to participate, meet new friends, network and utilise this award winning platform to help expand their business.

The XCGC is open to corporate teams of 2 players. Both players must be fully employed and hold official handicaps - see terms & conditions online for more information. 2 Teams will qualify for the Grand Final (1 Net & 1 Gross) - Betterball Strokeplay - Full Handicap Index.

Register online at: www.xeroxcgc.com

For further details about the XCGC, contact the event management company Onside Sports - Steven Munro at: smunro@onside-sports.com



When:

Saturday, 21st October, 2017
7.30am: Shotgun Start

Where:

Rolling Hills Golf Club, Saudi Arabia.

Entry Fees (per person):

Member of Home Club : SAR 350
Visitor : SAR 550

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Halloween Lights Out Night Golf!

October 26th, 2017

Sign-ups begin October 2nd.

Grab three friends and sign up as a foursome for this Texas Scramble that you'll play with glow-in-the-dark golf balls!

Come dressed in costumes, feel free to decorate your cart, and arrive early to enjoy snacks and pre-golf socializing starting at 5:00. All teams need to be checked in and ready for announcements by 6:00.

After signing up on Foretees, drop off team payment at the Clubhouse by October 22nd. 300 riyals/team. Guest dinner tickets may be purchased for 75 riyals/person.

Dinner will be served by 8:30.

There'll be ice cream for dessert, but the bakers among us are also invited to bring a dessert to share. Let the pictures below inspire (challenge) you.



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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2017 RHGC Golf Ball Tournament

December 8th, 9:00-11:00am Tee Times

The Royal Golf Club , Bahrain

Texas Scramble

Registration Breakfast

Prizes and Hole Contests

Space is limited to the first 13 teams or
(52 players)...

Sign up today at the RHGC Proshop!!

Cost will be 280 BD or 2800 SAR per
team depending on the number of
participants.

*Must pay at time of registration.

Falafel for Sale!

When?

Wednesdays, 4:00 PM onward

Where?

Golf Club Patio

How much?

Falafel Sandwich, 7 riyals

Falafel Plate, 25 riyals



(The plate includes falafel, hummus, tahini, bread, pickles, tomato, mint, and lemon.)

Clubhouse Menu

SUN: Grilled BBQ chicken/salad bar: 45 SAR



MON: Shawarma Night: 7 SAR each



TUE: Fried chicken wings (7 pieces) with fries: 20 SAR
(also available WED and THU nights)



WED: Falafel Night

7 SAR each/25 SAR plate

12 SAR hummus and bread



FRI/SAT: Filipino Breakfast
Chicken or beef with fried rice
(tapsilog/tasilog): 30 SAR

Cheeseburger & fries: 20 SAR





Think Pink Ladies Charity Pro-Am 2017

Wednesday 11th October
4 Ball Betterball

9:00am shotgun

Members Entry Fee – 20BD

Non Members Entry Fee – 35BD

Includes Golf, Think Pink Polo, Lunch & Prizes

Sign up online!

https://www.golfgenius.com/register?league_id=65778

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