

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

Rolling Hills Members,

I want to thank all of you for the support and kind words regarding the election. I am humbled to have been elected. As my first order of business I want to thank Dave Minchau, the Executive Board, and the Directors and Volunteers for all that they do each and every day.

As I prepared for my first "President's Message" I re-read Dave's last message about his Presidency being the "Dark Ages". I would have to respectfully disagree and change it to the "RHGC Renaissance". As I look ahead, I see that membership is up, women's participation has doubled, and a former RHGC player, Nathan Kraynyk, won the SAIT. 104 sheds are almost finished, social events have tripled and our course continues to transform itself into one that is more playable for beginners, yet is still challenging for tournament play.

Needless to say, I am thrilled to get started and look forward to giving back to our club over the next two years.

-Ed Devlin



From the Pro

Stuart will be running the next "Golf in a Week" class starting on Sunday, January 21st. 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. All equipment and range balls are supplied. The cost is 600 SAR. Please sign up in the Pro Shop.

Also, a Junior Tour School will commence on Saturday, January 13th 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 8:00 am – 9:00 am. All equipment and range balls are supplied. The cost is 400 SAR. Please sign up in the Pro Shop.

Stuart offers a Ladies only class 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.

January 5th — Ladies Classes Continues
January 13th — Junior Tour School
January 21st — Golf in a Week

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Upcoming Tournament Information

Opening Day Florida Scramble

Rolling Hills Golf Club is pleased to announce the 2018 Opening Day Scramble on January 20th, 2018. This format for the scramble will be a Florida Scramble. You may pick your own four person team or join an existing one. There will be three mixed-gender flights. Please note: in order to play in the opening day scramble you must be a member in good standing of the Rolling Hills Golf Club for 2018 with 2018 membership fees paid. Registration on ForeTees is already open for the 7:00 AM shotgun start and 12:00 PM shotgun start.

Bi-Monthly Medal

We are having our Bi-Monthly Medal on January 27th, 2018. Registration on ForeTees is already open for the 7:00 AM shotgun start and 12:00 PM shotgun start. The pairings will be determined by the tournament committee. The format will be STROKE play. You must be a member in good standing of the Rolling Hills Golf Club for 2018, with 2018 membership fees paid, in order to participate in this bi-monthly medal.

Shawarmas will also be available for you to purchase at lunch time so bring your cash and an appetite.

The 2018 Tournament Calendar is available now on the RHGC's website. [Click here](#) to access.

January 20th — Opening Day Scramble
January 27th — Bi-Monthly Medal



Ask Carl

Q: Are the new golf cart sheds really going to be open on ~~December~~ January February 1st?

A: We are waiting on a firm date from Recreation. Recreation has told us that Loss Prevention has to sign off on the new sheds. I guess there is an issue with access for emergency vehicles. It is getting worked out.

Q: Is golf really an acronym for "gentlemen only, ladies forbidden?"

A: Sorry, but no. It's likely that "gentlemen only, ladies forbidden" arose as a joke made by male golfers. The most commonly accepted origin of the word golf, the one endorsed by the British Golf Museum and USGA, is from the medieval Dutch word "kolf" or "kolve" meant "club." It is thought that word passed to the Scots, which they transformed into the word "golfe," "gowl" or "gouf."

Q: I was golfing with a buddy and he got a 12 on hole #8. This started us thinking of what the worst score on a single hole in a PGA tournament was. Do you know?

A: In 1927 Tommy Armour put up a 27 at the Shawnee Open. More recently, John Daly posted an 18 at the 1998 Bay Hill Invitational.

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

Elections Results

Congratulations to the newly elected RHGC Board members.



President:
Ed Devlin



Treasurer:
Franck Besseat



Handicap Director:
Kurt Janssen

Elected Board members serve a two year term. If you are interested in helping out and becoming a Board member, there are also several yearly appointed Board members:

Membership Director
Pro Shop Director
Clubhouse Director
Social Director

Youth Golf Director
Grounds and Rules Director
Ladies Golf Director
Media Director

Appointed Board members will be selected in January by the RHGC Executive Board. If you are interested, please submit your name to our President Ed Devlin. Additionally, please consider volunteering as a committee member. Many of the roles above are run by committee and need your help (no experience necessary).

Special thanks to outgoing Board members Alejandro Ramirez Coello, Dave Minchau, and Steve Vezendy for their service over the past two years.



CEO Cup



This is the initial announcement for the 2018 CEO Cup scheduled to be played February 23rd – 24th at the Rolling Hills Golf Course in Dhahran. We hope that you are as excited as we are about this year's tournament and look forward to those of you who plan on playing in the event.

In due course, the event will be open for registration via ForeTees or through your respective Saudi Aramco Golf Association (SAGA)-affiliated club President if you are not resident in Dhahran. For now, we ask that you hold the date on your calendar.

Important announcements will occur between now and the tournament date so please be on the lookout for these as they occur.

We anticipate plenty of fun, friendly competition and a first class banquet at the end of the competition to recognize the winners.

Cordially on behalf of the tournament organizing committee,

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Les Hertlein

2018 CEO Cup Chairman

2017 Player of the Year Results

Individual

- Ladies Gross – Rodziah Daud (102 points)
- Ladies Net – Rodziah Daud (68 points)
- Mens Gross – Yong Song Kim (83 points)
- Mens Net – Marjoe Siongco

Most Improved Players

- Men – Chris McLean;
- Ladies – Kang Young Mi

Match Play

- Team: Patrick Antony & Marjoe Siongco
- Singles: Bill Ghant

Flighted

- A: Dave McLeary
- B: Dhanraj Kunhiveetil
- C: Tamara Tahir

Junior Golf

The weather was great for the final Jr. Golf event of the year. We had a great turnout with 11 juniors playing. In our competitive group it was a hard fought round with Justin Baggett coming out victorious for his second straight victory. The fun group was just that, with golfers of all ages and abilities showing off what they've learned and improving as the round went on. We hope to see these guys moving up soon to the competitive group.

Our next Jr. Golf Event will be in February.



Justin Baggett – Competitive Group winner



Our Jr. Golfers