

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

As we move into February, I look forward to the CEO Cup, Oilman's, and so many wonderful social events on the horizon. The course is holding up through some of the colder winter temperatures. Also, the hole indexes and tournament scoring system are up and running and working well.

As I look back, I have so many wonderful Executive Board members and Directors to thank. This group impresses me so much with their drive, independence, and golf knowledge. I am not sure if we are all truly aware of the work that happens behind the scenes but if you get a chance, please pat them on the back for a job well done.

Lastly, it has taken some time, but the golf cart sheds have been released to the board and we are working on getting all of them assigned. More information will be coming to those receiving sheds in the very near future.

Hit em' straight

-Ed Devlin



From the Pro

Stuart will be running the next "Golf in a Week" class starting on Sunday, February 18th. 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.

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.

Individual Lessons can be taken any day at times convenient check out the website for more information on lesson prices www.arabiangolf.net.

To register, you may contact Stuart via email at:

stuart.hurstfield@aramco.com

February 1st — Ladies Classes Continues
February 18th — Golf in a Week

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Upcoming Tournament Information

Bi-Monthly Stableford

We are having our Bi-Monthly Stableford on **February 10th, 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. 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 Stableford.

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

Valentine's Golf

Of the evening of **February 15th**, RHGC will be hosting the first of many evening social events. The first will have a Valentine's theme and will be geared towards couples. Sign up is now open on Foretees. Sign up now as the event is limited to 24 teams of two.

Please see [page 9](#) of this newsletter for more information

2017 CEO Cup

The CEO Cup will be held on **February 23rd & 24th**. It will be an 18 hole Stableford tournament. There will be 3 Shotgun starts: **February 23rd** at 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM and **February 24th** at 7:00 AM. Pairings will be by committee. Sign up is now open on Foretees.

See [page 4](#) of this newsletter for more information on the CEO Cup.

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

February 10th — Bi-Monthly Medal
 February 15th — Valentine's Golf
 February 23rd & 24th — CEO Cup



Ask Carl

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

A: Better, the new cart sheds will be distributed to eligible members at the "Cart shed Drive" which will take place on Friday February 2nd and Saturday February 3rd at the Clubhouse from 10 am – 1 pm. Members who are eligible for a new cart shed will be contacted directly by the Membership Director.

Q: The bunker on the back side of hole # 8 was planned to be removed in summer. Now its winter and that bunker is still there, why?

A: We posed the above question to our head Grounds Keeper and he has informed us that the filling in of the back bunker will hopefully be completed in the next couple of months.

Q: The updated hole index still shows hole # 8 index as 18. Is it still the easiest hole ?

A: A lot of interest in hole #8 lately. Many golfers make the mistake thinking that the handicap of holes on a golf course goes from 1 (the hardest) to 18 (the easiest). This is simply not true. The handicapping of holes is set up to maximize the number of halved holes during a match. One method used to determine the handicap of the holes is to compare the average scores on a hole between a really good group of golfers and a group of not so good golfers. The hole with the greatest spread between the two groups of golfers would be given the #1 handicap and the hole with the smallest spread would be given the #18 handicap. Also, the odd numbers are given to the front nine and even numbers to the back, unless the back nine is a lot more difficult—such as on our course.

So in the case of hole #8, it has the distinction of being given handicap 18 not because it's the easiest hole, but because both good and not so good players play it so poorly that it has the smallest differential between the two group's average score.

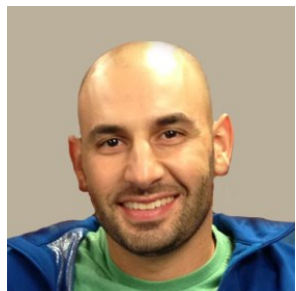
If you would like Carl to answer a question, please email a Board member and they will make sure Carl gets it.

Appointed Board Members

Congratulations to the appointed RHGC Board members. Appointed Board members were selected in January by the RHGC Executive Board. They will serve for one year.



Membership
Mel Rivera



Pro Shop
Marc Elasmr



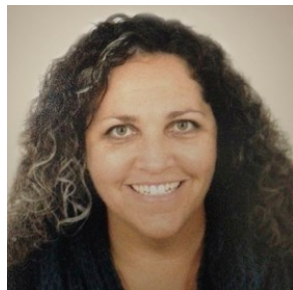
Youth Golf
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Clubhouse
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Grounds and Rules
Troy Thompson



Social
Tamara Tahir



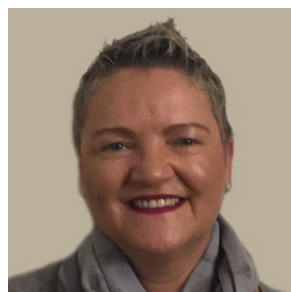
Ladies Golf
Keri Wethington



Media
Bruce Waldner



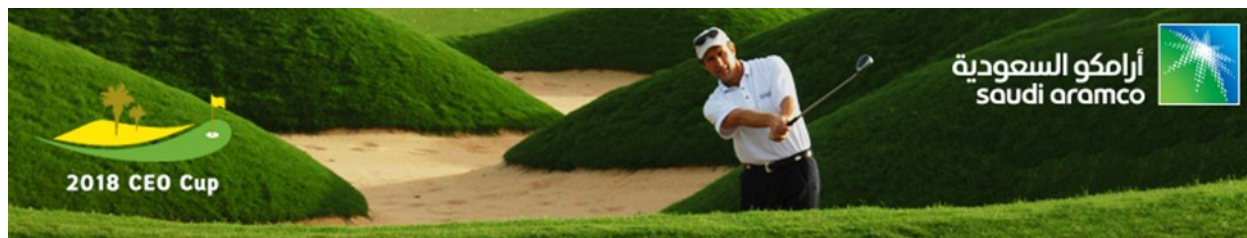
Associate Pro Shop
Edward Kim



Associate Membership
Jane Kirk

Special thanks to outgoing Board members Patrick Antony, Lee Kirk, and Robert Cox for their service to the Club.

CEO Cup



The 2018 CEO Cup is scheduled to be played February 23rd – 24th at the Rolling Hills Golf Course.

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.

The event is open for registration via ForeTees or through your respective Saudi Aramco Golf Association (SAGA)-affiliated club President if you are not a resident in Dhahran. If you wish to participate, please make timely registration a priority as the **registration deadline of February 11th** is fast approaching.

Please allow me to convey a couple of important items regarding the tournament and the awards dinner to be held following Saturday's play at the Plaza Conference Center starting at 4 p.m.

- Only members in good standing with RHGC or your affiliated SAGA are eligible to participate in the tournament. If you do not possess a valid 2018 membership and a verifiable handicap, you cannot participate. Please do not register for the tournament if these two conditions have not been met. Not meeting these requirements will result in disqualification, as determined by the Tournament Committee.
- If a player plans on attending the February 24th awards dinner, you must purchase a ticket which are now available at the RHGC Pro Shop in advance of the dinner. The cost of a ticket is 150 SAR, which is refundable to each participant player at the dinner check-in upon presentation of the dinner ticket.
- If a player plans to bring a guest (one guest per player) to the awards dinner, a ticket must also be purchased for your guest at the RHGC Pro Shop. The cost of a guest ticket is 150 SAR and is non-refundable.
- Players from SAGA affiliated clubs (non-RHGC members) must indicate their intentions to attend the awards dinner event (including a guest, if optioned) at the time that their club President or Representative submits its player registrations to the 2018 CEO Cup Tournament Director.

The RHGC Pro Shop will be open for advance purchase of tickets ... Ticket sales will close February 15th at 7:00pm. Again, we anticipate lots of fun and friendly competition. More information can be found on www.Arabaingolf.net. Thank you in advance for your kind attention to the items cited above.

Cordially on behalf of the tournament organizing committee,

Les Hertlein

2018 CEO Cup Chairman

Junior Golf

RHGC Junior Golf Event–February 3rd, 2018

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**
- 10:40 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: cobylong@gmail.com

Junior Golf
DEVELOPING THE PLAYER, GROWING THE GAME™

Ground and Rules

Jason and the Rolling Hills crew have done a fantastic job enhancing the course over the past year. The greens are in the best “winter” shape we have seen. The fairways, tee boxes, collars, bunkers, shoulders, and rough continue to get better and better. We are all excited by this turnaround and are confident Jason and staff will continue this trend.

In addition to the improvements on playability, we are going to make our top priority for 2018 the removal of the “pine-weeds” that flank much of the course. Members who have been around the club since 2004 know we went from a desert designed course, with no junk on the flanks, to what we see today. The pine-weeds impact on playability has led to large swings in scoring, significantly slowed down the pace of play, and taken a lot of the fun out of the course when not playing well. Once the pine-weeds have been eradicated, we are hoping to tree line the course with Cornucopia trees, like the ones planted along holes 1, 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15 and 18. It will take time for the new trees to grow significantly to prevent the pine-weeds encroachment and Jason and crew will maintain these areas as necessary. Of course, there is no guarantee we can get all the groups on board with this idea so no promises...

Also, we are looking at new ways to help keep our course in tiptop shape. One of the suggestions is for volunteers to meet and take care of things like filling divots, fixing pitch marks, picking up trash and movable objects, ensuring coolers are functioning properly with plenty of disposable cups, etc. Let me know if you are interested in joining the Rolling Hills Volunteer Team (RHVT). These duties may expand with time to include removing the pine-weeds (chain saws and 4x4 vehicles, yahoo!)... or, maybe not.

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- Troy



Handicap News

For all handicap correspondence please use handicaps@arabiangolf.net

On January 1st, 2018 the Club officially began using the new Course Rating , Slope , and Hole Index's. To ensure that your scores are being submitted with the correct numbers, everyone should reset their course selection menus in their GHIN app. Please remove Rolling Hills Golf Club from your "Favorites" and also do not use "Recent" Please start over using the Search feature, set the State to Texas and then search for Rolling Hills Golf Club (not Course).

The correct numbers are

Tees	Holes	Rating/Slope
Men's Blue	18 Holes	72.5/137
Men's Blue	Front 9	36.2/135
Men's Blue	Back 9	36.3/139
Men's White	18 Holes	70.2/133
Men's White	Front 9	35/131
Men's White	Back 9	35.2/135
Men's Yellow	18 Holes	67.4/130
Men's Yellow	Front 9	33.5/127
Men's Yellow	Back 9	33.9/130
Ladies' Red	18 Holes	71.5/129
Ladies' Red	Front 9	35.6/126
Ladies' Red	Back 9	35.9/132
Ladies' Yellow	18 Holes	72.9/131
Ladies' Yellow	Front 9	36.4/128
Ladies' Yellow	Back 9	36.5/133
Ladies' White	18 Holes	76.5/135
Ladies' White	Front 9	38.3/132
Ladies' White	Back 9	38.2/137

USGA Course Handicap Formula:

Course HC = USGA Index x Course Slope / 113 -- (rounded to nearest whole number)

example: For RHGC White Tees (Slope is 133) & a player with HC Index of 12.7

$$\text{Course HC} = 12.7 \times 133 / 113 = 14.9 = \mathbf{15}$$

Pro Shop

2018 Highlights and News

- ◆ Callaway Rogue and TaylorMade M3 & M4 available for pre-order today!
- ◆ Did you know you can order specific or customized items through the Pro Shop from Callaway, TaylorMade, Titleist, Ping, Odyssey, Mizuno, and more!
- ◆ Can't find what you want, just ask!
- ◆ Demo Days are coming RHGC!! Soon try out new equipment from the biggest names in golf, order your new clubs on the spot for special Demo Day prices! Keep an eye on the Monthly RHGC Newsletter for dates, times, and more info!
- ◆ Price Drops on currently in-stock drivers, woods, and hybrids. Stop by the Pro Shop and get your 2016 and 2017 models for a steal!



Valentine's Scramble

The first of many Evening Golf and Social Events to be held at RHGC this year is the Valentine's Scramble - the event is geared towards couples. The date of the event is February 15th.

FORMAT: The Chapman System: a 2-person team competition format that works like this:

- Both golfers hit drives;
- Each plays the other's ball for the second shots;
- The best of the second shots is selected, and from there the two partners play alternate shot into the hole.

HANDICAPS:

The partner with the lower course handicap gets 60-percent of that number, the partner with the higher course handicap receives 40-percent. Combine the two results for the team's course handicap.

SIGNUP:

Signup online in teams of 2 at <http://web.foretees.com/rollinghillsgc/login.jsp> under the events tab. This event is limited to 24 Two Players Teams, so hurry up and get your team together and signup. Sign up opens is now open and will close on February 11th at 4:00pm

COST AND CHECK-IN:

200 SAR per Team. Please pay in advance at the Clubhouse. Spots are limited. If your spouse doesn't play, no worries, they can join you for Dinner, 100 SAR for non-golfers. Payments need to be made by February 11th @ 8:00PM in the Clubhouse.

APRÈS GOLF:

Buffet Dinner

Movie Night

DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT RETURNS!

Thursday, March 8th, 7:00 PM

Bring your golf cart or a blanket and enjoy watching
a movie projected outside behind the clubhouse.

25 riyals gets you a hot dog, popcorn, soda and ice cream.

Between February 18th and March 5th, you can sign up on Foretees
and pay for the event in the clubhouse. Members are welcome to bring guests.

(The fancy movie night flyer announcing the movie will be posted.)

Clubhouse Menu

SUN: Grilled BBQ chicken/salad bar: 45 SAR



MON: Shawarma Night: 8 SAR each



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



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

Cheeseburger & fries: 20 SAR



BAHRAIN GOLF SPECIAL WINTER RATES EXCLUSIVELY FOR ARAMCONS!

BD 40 Sun - Thu

BD 50 Fri & Sat

Reservations
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*Rates are per person for 18 holes on championship course after 11am.
Rates valid from 15th September - 31st May 2018.
Weekend rate valid on public holidays.
Saudi Aramco employee card must be presented to avail of these rates.
Group enquiries can be forwarded to a.dutson@theroyalgolfclub.com*

