

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

We were very fortunate to have a mild winter which has allowed the course to grow and allow our gardening teams to begin to make the changes necessary to bring the course back to its original design. You will see that many of the holes have begun to have the Tamarix plants pulled and removed. The plan is to plant Cornucopia Trees to limit penalties, lost balls, and create a pace of play that is more advantageous for all members at our club.



Please review the tournament calendar, it has been updated on the website and there have been quite a few changes. These changes will soon be reflected in Four Tees for signups under the "Events" button.

Also, no President's message in April would be complete without a President's Cup reminder. It will be played over the weekend of May 11-12. It will be a qualifying tournament so please keep both days open. Should be a good time, I am looking forward to it.

Lastly, I wanted to again update the members about another issue we are having with the foxes. As described in my email to all members, the foxes are being trapped and moved to a location about 25-30km from here. Unfortunately, I have been informed by gardening and recreation that members are removing the food, damaging the cages, and letting the fox go from the cages. We have been instructed that if an employee, or a dependent of theirs, is caught doing anything related to the capture of the fox, Industrial Security will open an investigation and company based progressing discipline will occur. The board again wants the membership to know that the capture and release of the foxes is the best case scenario and we ask that all members steer clear of the foxes and the cages.

Hit em' straight

-Ed Devlin

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Upcoming Tournament Information

Bi-Monthly Stableford

We are having our Bi-Monthly Stableford on **April 14th, 2018**. Registration on ForeTees is already open for the 7:00 AM shotgun start and 12:00 PM shotgun start. It is open play—sign up your foursome on Foretees when you register. You must be a member in good standing of the Rolling Hills Golf Club for 2018, with a valid handicap, 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.

The Oilman's Tournament

The Oilman's Tournament will be on **April 20th** this year. The tournament is our primary fundraising event. This tournament is organized to promote and bolster the business relationships between the many contracting entities who work with Saudi Aramco by bringing together individuals who enjoy the sport of golf.

RHGC members can also form a team for 2,000SR. There will be shotgun starts at 7:00AM and at 12:00PM. Prizes will be awarded for lowest Net team score based on flight. Dinner will also be served as part of the awards ceremony.

See [Page 4](#) for more details.

Junior Golf

Junior golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate in the Junior Golf Invitational on **April 28th**. The day will start out at 9:30 at the putting/driving range. There will be both a Fun Division tournament and a Competitive Division tournament. Sign up is now open on ForeTees. See [Page 5](#) for more details.

The [2018 Tournament Calendar](#) is available on the RHGC's website.

April 14th — Bi-Monthly Stableford
 April 20th — The Oilman's Tournament
 April 28th — The Junior Golf Invitational



Ask Carl

- Q: I don't have a cart shed but I see some carts being parked by the upper sheds. Can I park there too?
- A: No. Storing a shed anywhere other than a cart shed at Rolling Hills Golf Course is strictly forbidden. This becomes a safety issue that deals with emergency access to the facilities at the course. Please note that this does not come from the Board but from Loss Prevention.
- Q: Why are the trees being removed from the course?
- A: Please read the Ground and Rules section ([page 7](#)) of the newsletter for a complete update of what is happening with the improvements that are being made to the course.
- Q: Last Medal I got an email that I was to use Tournament Manager to keep my score. How do I find out more about it?
- A: There is a presentation on the RHGC website. You can access it by [clicking here](#).

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

Butt it Out

Please do not throw your cigarette butts on the grass at Rolling Hills. It makes the course look bad and it can damage the grass.



From the Pro

Two Junior Tour Schools will be offered in April. The first begins on Sunday **April 1st** and the next commences on **April 8th**. Each will last for 5 consecutive days. The clinics will cover the fundamentals and basics (putting, irons, chipping, and woods) of the game and swing. All equipment and range balls will be supplied. Numbers are limited—only children aged 8 – 16 are permitted to take part in a Junior Clinic. The classes runs for one hour from 8:00am – 9:00am. The cost is 400 SAR and needs to be paid prior to the class commencing.

Stuart will be running the next “Golf in a Week” class starting on Sunday, **April 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. 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

April 1st & 8th — Junior Tour School
 April 5th — Ladies Classes Continues
 April 22nd — Golf in a Week

Oilman's Tournament



RHGC Members can now enter a team for the 2018 RHGC Oilman's Golf Tournament scheduled for **April 20th**. Aramco teams must be configured with all of the players being Aramco employees and/or RHGC members. The cost of registration is 2000 SR per team and those wishing to enter a team can do so via the RHGC Pro Shop. Payment in full must be made at the time of registering your team. If any of your team members are planning on bringing a guest to the dinner and awards the evening of the 20th you will need to purchase a dinner ticket in the amount of 150 SR, this too can be purchased at the RHGC Pro Shop. Please visit the [RHGC website](#) for official Oilman's format and rules.

Registration will open on RHGC members on April 1st and close on April 17th via For-tees or [RHGC website](#).

Volunteers

It takes a lot of helping hands to run activities at the Golf Club. If you have suggestions that can make our activities better, or new ideas in general, step up and lead out! Please contact Tamara.Tahir@aramco.com if you've got ideas or would like to volunteer.

Oilman's Tournament, April 20th

- Planning table decorations and coordinating clubhouse set up before the tournament and take down at the end of the evening.
- Driving a drink cart around the course in the morning or the afternoon.
- Opportunities to be marshals, photographers, and registration volunteers are also available.

Golf Ball, December 7th

- It's months away, but the planning has already begun! We are looking for help with ticket sales, table decorations, and gifts and prizes.

Junior Golf

Junior Golf Invitational – April 28th, 2018

Junior golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate in the Junior Golf Invitational. Here's the schedule for the day:

- 9:30 am — **Driving/Putting Range (warmups)**
- 10:00 am — **Meeting in Clubhouse for pairings and rules**
- 10:20 am — **Competitive Group heads to #1 Tee**
- 10:40 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 and SAGA club members ages 8-17 years old or those who have or are currently taking lessons from Stuart Hurstfield (RHGC Golf Pro) or a Community Club Pro.

Greens Fees

None - Free for all junior RHGC members!

75SR for non RHGC 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 April Junior Golf Invitational is currently available on the [ForeTees](#) website, or via email if the player does not have a handicap or is not a member of RHGC.

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

Please contact the [Handicap Director](mailto:handicaps@arabiangolf.net) (handicaps@arabiangolf.net) if you have any questions.

Acceptability of Scores

Fair handicapping depends upon full and accurate information regarding a player's potential scoring ability as reflected by a complete scoring record. Every player must be responsible for returning all acceptable scores, as defined in this section. For handicap purposes, all Section 4 adjustments, including Equitable Stroke Control, must be applied to all scores, including tournament 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:

- Any round in which at least 13 holes are played should be posted as an 18-hole round for handicap purposes. Rounds of at least 7, but less than 13 holes played, should be posted as a 9-hole round. Un-played holes are entered as par plus any handicap strokes (i.e. net par).
- 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 including scores played under the local rule of "preferred lies"
- Unfinished Holes and Conceded Strokes - A player who starts, but does not complete a hole or is conceded a stroke must record for handicap purposes the most likely score. The most likely score may not exceed the player's Equitable Stroke Control limit.
- Holes Not Played or Not Played Under The Rules of Golf - If a player does not play a hole or plays it other than under the Rules of Golf (except for preferred lies), the score recorded for that hole for handicap purposes must be par plus any handicap strokes the player is entitled to receive on that hole. (ie.net par)
- Equitable Stroke Control - All scores for handicap purposes, including tournament scores, are subject to the application of Equitable Stroke Control (ESC). This mandatory procedure reduces high hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's potential ability.

EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL

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

Q. What scores are NOT acceptable for handicap purposes?

- 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, however, anyone accompanying a golfer during a round, including a caddie, would make the score acceptable.
- 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

Please Post your acceptable scores!

Grounds Update

The Tamarix removal is proceeding nicely and holes #10 and #11 are almost finished. Gardening has agreed to remove 100% of the Tamarix and eventually the course will be tree-lined with Cornucopia trees. The strategy is to start on the west and move east proceeding one hole at a time. Next up is hole #12. Please be patient if you see workers out there and understand they are doing the best they can.



Until we are finished with the Tamarix removal, we will regard all debris piles as immovable obstructions and Rule 24-2 “Immovable Obstruction” will apply. If you hit your ball into a debris pile (branches or other immovable obstructions) you are entitled to a free drop under Rule 24-2. You can drop your ball within 1 club length and no nearer to the hole. If you want to consider the debris as a movable obstruction then Rule 24-1 “Movable Obstruction” can be applied. In this case you can lift your ball, move the debris, and then drop your ball at the same location with no penalty. Use

your discretion and in general we don't want players hoisting branches and debris around so Rule 24-2 should be applied liberally until the Tamarix removal has been completed.

If you hit your ball into a debris pile that is in the water, play as normal and you are not entitled to a free drop.

If you are in the dirt and your ball is resting in a tire track, this is considered “rub of the green” and you must play your ball as it lies.

- Troy

From the Pro Shop

February's Ping and Titleist Demo Day was the first in a long, long time for RHGC. Even with a relatively large golf event in Bahrain that day, we had an excellent turn-out with lots of interest. Over 50 golfers came out to try drivers, fairway woods, and irons from across the spectrum. Over a dozen RHGC golfers took advantage of the special demo day pricing and placed orders for custom clubs and pre-orders for not-yet released items. Due to the excellent turn-out and positive feedback, additional demo days with other club manufactures are currently in the works. Make sure to keep an eye out in future newsletters for dates and details.

We have also ordered a few of the more popular choices from the Demo Day to be added to our Pro Shop stock. So if you missed it, make sure to stop by in the next few weeks as the new inventory rolls in. Reduced prices are already in effect to make room for the new merchandise if you are still pondering last year's models!

On a final note, a very limited number of RHGC Yeti tumblers and bottles are on sale now! We hope to grow the inventory and styles available, but for now, they are a very exclusive item. Make sure to stop by today and pick one up before they are gone!



2018 UDH Open Tournament

Friday, April 13, 2018

Shotgun start at 9:00 AM



- Tournament is open to all golfers with an established handicap.
- Sign up fee of 350 SAR includes: Lunch for player, Tournament Goody Bag, & Tournament Prizes.
- To sign up you must visit <http://www.udhgolf.com/> and click on the tournament sign up page.
Deadline for sign up is Tuesday, April 3, 2018.
- For more info please contact Greg Kortzman @ 055 358-6655 or gregkort@yahoo.ca.

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