

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

As May and Ramadan approach we can look back to what was a very busy beginning of the year. We have lots to celebrate and with those celebrations we have many board members and volunteers to thank for all that they do. I am happy to announce that Tamara Tahir was nominated by Rolling Hills as our SDG "Volunteer of the Year". Tamara is a tireless worker and spends hundreds of hours at the club working to make sure that our events are memorable to all. Her unselfish nature and attention to detail led to her nomination and I am happy to announce that on April 25, 2018 Tamara won the SDG Volunteer of the year for all of Saudi Aramco. Congratulations Tamara from all of our members, you are truly a special person and we would not be the club we are without you.



As a reminder, the President's Cup is set for May 11-12. This a two day aggregate event so please make yourself available for both days.

Lastly, I want to applaud Tim Billa, Jeff Meisner and the entire Oilman's committee for a very fun and successful event back on the 20th of April. The weather cooperated and scores were low. Our own Aramco team of Bruce Waldner, Rob Hotchkiss, Tom Harneshaug and Ike Bellaci set a new Oilman's record on their way to the title. Enjoy retirement Ike!

Hit em' straight
-Ed Devlin

From the Pro

Stuart will be running the next "Golf in a Week" class starting on Sunday, May 20th. 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

May 3rd — Ladies' Classes Continues

May 20th — Golf in a Week

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Recreation Recognition

Rolling Hills Golf Club was recognized at the Self Directed Group luncheon on April 25th as 1 of 4 Outstanding Self Directed Groups (Cricket, Theatre, & Tennis) out of the 52 self directed groups at Saudi Aramco. This is a wonderful honor for Rolling Hills Golf Club. Steve Vezendy needs to be recognized for doing all of the work to ensure that RHGC came in compliance on our application; we could not have accomplished this without him.



On a second note, we are proud to announce that Tamara Tahir was chosen as the SDG Volunteer of the Year. This is a great and well deserved honor for Tamara and we could not be more proud of her and all that she has accomplished. She is such a hard worker for our club, we do not know where she finds the energy! Congratulations Tamara!



Upcoming Tournament Information

Turkish Airlines World Cup

RHGC is proud to host a qualifying event for the Turkish Airlines World Cup. The event will be held on **May 5th**. The Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup Amateur Series became the widest reaching in corporate golf in 2017 with almost 8,000 participants contesting in over 100-event Qualifying Series, which took place in 60 countries worldwide. The entry fee for this event is 200 SAR and can be paid in the Pro Shop. The event is limited to 72 players so sign-up now in the Pro Shop. See page 5 for more details.

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

The President's Cup

The President's Cup will be held on **May 11th** and **12th**. This is a 2-day event, day 1 used as a qualifier for day 2.

NOTE Only submit an entry if you can play both days. This is not a tournament for those who only want to play in the day 1 scramble.

Please sign up as a four person team.

Day 1 is a Four Person Texas Scramble from tee until the ball is holed. The team handicap allowance is 10% of team total. The top 50% of the field plus ties will advance to Day 2.

Day 2 is a 2 x 2 person scramble. Qualifying teams will form 2—two person scramble teams. A-D will form one team and B-C will form the other. The total score from the first pairing are added to the total score from the second pairing to obtain the overall score for the team. The handicap allowance will be applied

to the overall score for each pairing. The handicap allowance is 25%. Sign up is now open on ForeTees.

Bi-Monthly Medal

We are having our Bi-Monthly on **May 25th, 2018**. Members are to form their own foursome and register on ForeTees. There will be two sessions for starting: 6:00am to 7:50am and then 10:30am to 12:20pm. 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.

May 5th — Turkish Airlines World Cup
 May 11th & 12th — The President's Cup
 May 25th — Bi-Monthly Medal



Ask Carl

- Q: When will all the Tamarix trees be gone and the new Cornucopia trees be planted?
- A: What started out to look like a 1 year project is now appearing to be a 2 year project. After the Tamarix trees are removed, poison has to be placed on the ground to make sure that their root system is dead. This is a six month process before the new Cornucopia trees can be planted. The crews should be starting on hole #12 in May.
- Q: The Pro Shop does not have the driver I want. Can it be custom ordered?
- A: Yes, if you would like some golf equipment that the Pro Shop does not have, it can be ordered for you. Please contact Marc Elasmarr for more details.

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

Oilman's Tournament Results



The Oilman's Tournament was a great success. Thanks to Tim Billa, Jeff Meisner, Tamara Tahir, Ed Devlin and the rest of the organizing committee for putting on another amazing Oilman's. The winning team of Ike Bellaci, Tom Harneshaug, Robert Hotchkiss, and Bruce Waldner set an all-time net low Oilman's record with a score of 51.1.



2018 Oilman's Champions
Texas Ironworks—Team 3



2018 Oilman's A Flight Champions
Packers Plus Team 1
Mike Mezei, Gary Lorentz, Kurt Keam, Kene Ufodu



2018 Oilman's C Flight Champions
i-Energy
Jamie Campbell, Mike Aitken, Ruben Van Oel,
Johnathan Mosquera

Turkish Airlines World Cup –Amateur Series

The Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup Amateur Series became the widest reaching in corporate golf in 2017 with almost 8,000 participants contesting in over 100-event Qualifying Series, which took place in 60 countries worldwide.

And with continued global interest from sponsors, media and guests alike, the 2018 Series promises to be even bigger and even better! Eligible winners* of each qualifying event, which take place on some of the world's leading golf courses, will be invited to attend the season-ending Grand Final which is scheduled to take place in Belek, Antalya, Turkey in October 2018. The lucky Grand Final qualifiers will enjoy return Business Class flights with Turkish Airlines, accommodation on an all-inclusive basis at the 5-star Titanic Deluxe Belek resort (<http://www.titanic.com.tr/titanicdeluxebelek/default-en.html>), a two-round Grand Final at Titanic Golf Club and season tickets to attend the Turkish Airlines Open, which will be held at Regnum Carya Golf and Spa Resort, Belek, Antalya.

Format of play at each qualifying event is individual Stableford with prizes for the top three players. Each event will also offer a best gross prize and nearest the pin competitions with separate prizes for men and ladies. For the Grand Final winners, a once in a lifetime opportunity to participate in the Pro-Am of the Turkish Airlines Open awaits. Over previous years, Finalists have partnered amongst others, Henrik Stenson, Martin Kaymer, Victor Dubuisson, Lee Westwood, Rory McIlroy and 14-time Major Champion Tiger Woods in the pre-tournament Pro-Am.

Tournament Rules

- Individual Stableford competition off full handicap allowance.
- The maximum handicap index will be 24.0 for gentlemen and for ladies. Any player with a handicap index of 24.1 and above will be allocated a 24.0 handicap index for the purpose of the event.
- Gentlemen will play the white course from the black Turkish Airlines tee markers and Ladies will play the red course from the white Turkish Airlines tee markers.
- The following prizes will be awarded:
 - Winner – Gold Trophy and model aircraft
 - 2nd – Silver trophy and model aircraft
 - 3rd – Bronze trophy and model aircraft
 - Best Gross Score – Red trophy and model aircraft
 - Ladies' Nearest to the Pin – Turkish Airlines trophy
 - Men's Nearest to the Pin – Turkish Airlines trophy
- * please note that any player WILL be eligible to win more than one prize.
- The winner will progress to play in the Grand Finals, provided they are eligible to play according to the criteria set out in the Qualifying Competition Rules.
- In order to be eligible to progress through to the Grand Final, the winner must hold a handicap issued by a validated handicap system that confirms to the regulations set out by the governing body and must have played in at least three handicap qualifying competitions during the 12 months prior to the date of the qualifying event. The winner must email proof of the THREE handicap qualifying competitions to events@ism.golf within 48 HOURS of the date of the qualifying event. Failure to provide this information by the deadline will deem the player not eligible to take part in the Grand Finals.



Ladies Golf

Tuesday Morning Group—Tuesday morning Ladies' Golf has had two more fun filled golfing months- March and April.

Our **March** monthly medal was held on March 27th. Congratulations to our winners: 1st. Soonhae Kim 2nd. Sarah Roe and 3rd. Gina Kim

Our **March** monthly fun tournament and luncheon was held on March 20th and we had a fabulous lunch afterwards at Melinda Hall's with amazing food, fun and prizes as usual.

Our **April** monthly medal was held on April 24th. Congratulations to our winners: 1st. Kerri Wethington 2nd. Soonhae Kim 3rd. Gina Kim

The **April** fun tournament and luncheon was held on April 10 at Sarah Roe's, and once again everyone came along with incredible food. There were lots of prizes for the month and the weather was lovely for being outside.

Come join us in May for more golf, fun and friendship.

We are always looking for new ladies to join our group and welcome players of **ALL** levels. Anyone interested in joining, please email Janice (janice@twosl.com)

Rolling Hills Ladies League May Schedule:

Ladies Eclectic, sign up on Foretees now and the competition is from May 1-15. Participants play 3 rounds on the front nine and record it on the eclectic scorecard obtained at the starter shack. We take the best hole of the 3 rounds to make your score!

May 1 Monthly Medal -Stroke Play meet at 7:30am at the clubhouse. 18 holes competition and you must have a handicap.

May 8 Fun Tournament-Meet at 7:30am at the clubhouse. R.S.V.P. to bkwethington@yahoo.com no later than May 6 at 5pm. You must have a handicap to play. We will have our last potluck lunch until Sept. **Bev Ingram** is kindly hosting at **767 Tuwayq** in the Hills at **12:30pm**. Please let me know if you can make the lunch as well.

May 15- Open Play- Meet at 7:30am and play. No handicap necessary!

If you have any questions please feel free to email me Kerri at bkwethington@yahoo.com or Gina Kim at gina123@gmail.com

Junior Golf

There was a great turnout for the annual Jr. Golf Invitational; 35 junior golfers attended from the different communities. The competitive division was a hotly contested match with the top three competitors coming in with scores of 52, 53 and 54. RHGC's Justin Baggett took home the top prize and his 4th consecutive win. We had several first timers out there with many saying they couldn't wait to get back out to play again...Music to our ears!!

Our next Jr. Golf events will take place on May 19 and June 2.



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.

Did I Play to My Handicap?

To acquire a better understanding of the USGA Handicap System™, wouldn't it be nice to know what "Playing to Your Handicap" means and whether you should do this every time? The system is built around the concept of Course Rating™, which impacts us all even though its definition ties to a "scratch" golfer. When you are given handicap strokes, you receive the number of strokes necessary to play to the level of a scratch golfer. If the scratch golfer is supposed to shoot the Course Rating, then those handicap strokes relate to the Course rating as well.

We use the phrase "target score" regarding playing to your Handicap. How is a target score determined? First, go through the normal process of converting a Handicap Index to a Course Handicap. Then add that Course Handicap to the Course Rating. For example, a player with a USGA Handicap Index of 16.3 decides to play a course with a USGA Course Rating of 68.9 and a Slope Rating of 129. That player converts the 16.3 to a Course Handicap of 19 (using Course Handicap Tables or "Conversion Charts"), then adds 19 to 68.9, for a total of 88 (rounded). If the player shoots 88, that player has played to his or her Handicap.

So playing to your handicap is not exclusively a matter of whether you have hit the ball well or the number of putts you had, but a measurable number. It is NOT how your net score relates to par.

How often should a player do this? Recognize that your worst scores are not truly utilized in the calculation of a Handicap Index; only the best 10 scores are utilized and the worst 10 are disregarded, then the best 10 are averaged. This ratio tells us playing to a handicap happens less than half of the time. Including all of the handicap formula, **the resulting probability is that playing to your handicap happens only once out of four to five rounds.** The USGA isn't out to discourage you, but in order to maintain a semblance of equitable competition for players with differing skills in varying formats, we have determined this probability as the best choice for our formula. If we used all scores, those players with higher handicaps would see their values increase significantly, while those with lower values would not increase as much. This would tip the balance of the system heavily toward higher handicap players. We believe there should be an incentive toward improving one's game.

We can't all be scratch golfers, but we can set a target to strive for to play to our handicap - and we can determine what that means. **And don't get discouraged if you only play to your handicap 20-25 percent of the time.**

ARE YOU ON TARGET?

Calculating a Target Score before you play a round of golf will provide a better understanding of what it means to play to your handicap.

Use the USGA's Course Handicap™ Calculator to convert your Handicap Index® into a Course Handicap using the Slope Rating® of the tees played.



Note: A Target Score is attained about 20% of the time—expect an average score 2-4 strokes higher when not achieved.

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To calculate your Target Score, add the USGA Course Rating™ for the set of tees you are going to play to your Course Handicap.

<small>COURSE HANDICAP</small>	<small>USGA COURSE RATING</small>	
13	+ 73.2	=
86		
YOUR TARGET SCORE		

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The Golf Ball

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Secondary Draw

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The number and value of the prizes to be awarded for the secondary draw will be dependent on the number of primary tickets sold – in the past we have had gold, iPads, iPad iPhones as secondary prizes.

No tickets will be sold for this Secondary draw. If only 5 people buy 2 tickets on the Club Car, then there will only be 5 people in the Secondary Draw. You can only get into the Secondary draw if you purchase 2 or more of the Main Draw tickets.

The Draw will be held at the Golf Ball. You do not need to be present to win.

Buy your tickets now at the RHGC Pro Shop. A Maximum of 500 will be sold. That's right, you have an excellent 1 in 500 chance to win!!! Tickets are going fast.

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