

# ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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## President's Message

Hard to believe it has been a year since I started this job! If you came to the AGM you heard quite a bit about the accomplishments and the challenges that we have faced this past year. As we move into 2019, we will continue to build upon our vision of bringing the course back to its original design and to make Rolling Hills a place where golf is the center point but where friendships are made for life.

I am happy to report that Jason Sexton, our greens keeper, returned to Saudi Arabia on December 23rd. We are so very happy to have him back.

Remember that the new year also brings in several rule changes. These were highlighted in the November newsletter. You might want to watch this [YouTube video](#) to get a clearer understanding of them.

The Golf Ball proved to be a wonderful end to our calendar year. Tamara Tahir and Jim Schultz did a wonderful job of leading a powerhouse team of volunteers including: Dina Hancock, Dawn Walle, Sue Hertlein, Kerri Wethington, Wendy Kraynyk, Angie Farley, Codi Long, Marc Elasmr, Jeff Meisner, Amy & Mel Rivera, and Jeannine Devlin. Thanks again to this group and anyone who had a role in making this a truly exceptional evening.

Hit em Straight  
-Ed Devlin

## From the Pro

The next "Golf in a Week" class starts on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Classes are an hour each day beginning at 7:00 pm and run for 5 consecutive days. Courses 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 9:00 -10:00. 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.

The Junior Tour School will return on Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup> and run each Saturday for 4 weeks. The classes are from 8:00am — 9:00. The schools will cover rules, etiquette, and golf swing mechanics. All equipment and range balls are supplied. The cost is 300SR.

Individual Lessons can be taken any day at times convenient — check out the website for more information on lesson prices [www.arabiangolf.net](http://www.arabiangolf.net).

To register, you may contact Stuart at:

[stuart.hurstfield@aramco.com](mailto:stuart.hurstfield@aramco.com)

January 3<sup>rd</sup> — Ladies' Classes Continues

January 12<sup>th</sup> — Junior Tour School

January 21<sup>st</sup> — Golf in a Week

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## Upcoming Tournament Information

### Opening Day Tournament

The 2019 Opening Day Scramble format this year a Florida Scramble an will take place on **January 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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 2019 with 2019 membership fees paid. Sign-up is already open in [Tournament Manager](#).

### Oasis Cup at Durab

On the weekend of **January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**, members of RHGC will be traveling to Riyadh to play members of the Durab Golf & Country Club in the first leg of the Oasis Cup. The format of play is based on the Ryder Cup format. Sign-up is already open in [Tournament Manager](#).

### Bi-Monthly Medal

We are having our Bi-Monthly Medal on **January 26<sup>th</sup>**. The format will be STROKE play. Shawarmas will also

be available for you to purchase at lunch time so bring your cash and an appetite. Registration is now open via [Tournament Manager](#).

### CEO Cup—Save the Date

The CEO Cup will be held on **February 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**. It will be an 18 hole Stableford tournament. There will be 3 Shotgun starts: **February 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM and **February 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00 AM. Pairings will be by committee. Registration is open on [Tournament Manager](#). See [page 4](#) for more details.

The [2019 Tournament Calendar](#) is available on the RHGC's website.

January 12<sup>th</sup> — Opening Day Tournament  
 January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> — Oasis Cup at Durab  
 January 26<sup>th</sup> — Bi-Monthly Medal  
 February 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> — CEO Cup



### Ask Carl

**Q:** RHGC fees seemed to go up a lot this year. I don't remember voting on this.

**A:** More of a statement than a question but I see where you're going with this. Regular members do not vote on what the annual RHGC dues are. As per the RHGC Constitution, Section IV-3-2, the dues are set by the Board of Directors. I'm paraphrasing here but you can look it up on the [RHGC Website](#). The last time RHGC increased dues was four years ago in 2015. Dues went from 600 SAR to 800 SAR. This was to offset the cost of ForeTees and USGA Membership. So why are fees increasing again? Prices of items and the cost of getting items to KSA have increased significantly. Things like VAT and shipping have really hurt us. You may have noticed in the past year there were not as many tournaments where there was swag like shirts, hats, lunches, etc... We had to scale back on such items in order to stay under budget. However, we have heard from our membership, and from Saudi Aramco upper management, that those items are appreciated and wanted. Therefore, to cover the costs of these items, dues have increased.

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

**2018 Players of the Year**

**Ladies' Gross**



**Rosie Daud**

**Ladies' Net**



**Do Hee Lim**

**Men's Gross**



**Karam Chand**

**Men's Net**



**Yong Park**

**Flighted Match Winners**

**A Flight**



**Rod Kraynyk**

**B Flight**



**Kurt Janssen**

**C Flight**



**Olusegun Akinyose**

**Match Play Winners**

**Singles**



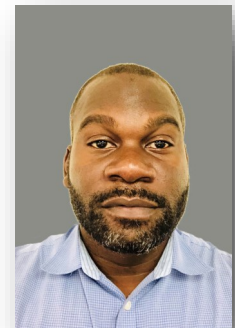
**Les Hertlein**

**Team**



**Janice Lim-Anderson &  
Duncan Anderson**

**Most Improved**



**Obi Isichei**

## 2019 CEO Cup



### Initial Announcement

## 2019 CEO CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT February 22nd and 23rd, 2019

Dear RHGC Members,

This is the initial announcement for the 2019 CEO Cup scheduled to be played February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

CEO Cup registration is now open via Tournament Manager. Please follow this link to register: <http://rhgc-rollinghillsgolfclub1.golfgenius.com/ggid/84bh53/directory>

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 awards ceremony & banquet at the end of the competition. Saudi Aramco's CEO will recognize the winners and present their awards.

Cordially on behalf of the 2019 CEO Cup Organizing Committee,

*Les*

Les Hertlein

2019 CEO Cup Chairman

## Handicap Corner

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

**The HC Committee Welcomes everyone to 2019** .... and would like to remind all new members that if they want to join the HC Program to please refer to their Membership Welcome email for details on how to do that. Or visit the HC Page on the RHGC website. **also, for everyone, not just new members, the 2019 HC Quiz has arrived!**

Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> of this year you will need to have taken the Handicap Quiz (and passed with 100%) to be eligible to play in tournaments. You should have received this email inviting you to take the quiz already. If you haven't, please check your SPAM folder in your email program. If you still haven't received it, please send an email to the Handicap Director and request that it be sent out again. It's not that difficult and after your first attempt you will see all the questions with your answers so you only need to go back and change the one's you got wrong. Hopefully the Quiz will give everyone some general knowledge about the USGA Handicap System and a better understanding of how their Handicap Index relates to their actual scores.

To get a head start on your "homework" for the Quiz check out the links below:

<http://www.usga.org/Handicapping.html>

<http://www.usga.org/Handicapping/handicap-manual.html#!rule-14367>

<http://www.usga.org/Handicapping/handicapping-101.html>

<http://www.usga.org/Handicapping/publications-25483.html>

<http://www.usga.org/handicapping-articles/how-well-should-you-play-25502.html>

## Establishing a Handicap Index<sup>®</sup>

A player does not establish a Handicap Index from a specific set of tees.

**ANYONE, ANYWHERE, FROM ANY SET OF TEES**

Myth Buster: One of the questions we get at the USGA is "Do I establish my handicap from a certain set of tees?" No, a player does not establish a Handicap Index from a set of tees. Here's why:



**ENTER SCORES**



**STANDARD FORMULA APPLIED**



**10.9 Handicap Index**

**RESULT: A PORTABLE HANDICAP INDEX**



GOLD TEES



WHITE TEES



Adjusted Gross Score -  
USGA Course Rating™ x 113 / Slope Rating™  
= Handicap Differential™

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## Junior Golf

# RHGC Junior Golf Event—January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Junior golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate in the January 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 Group heads to #1 Tee**

11:00 am — **Fun Groups head to course / back in Clubhouse by 1:00**

1:15 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 January 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 (WhatsApp) or

email at: [cobylong@gmail.com](mailto:cobylong@gmail.com)

**Junior Golf**  
DEVELOPING THE PLAYER, GROWING THE GAME™

## New Signs and New Eagle Scout

On December 22<sup>nd</sup> Chaz Long executed his Eagle Scout Project at the golf course. His project was to put directional signs around the golf course to help the new golfers navigate their way through some of the more difficult areas on the course. The project took 204 hours of work to complete between planning/coordinating to execution. Through this project Chaz was able to demonstrate his leadership abilities as the project leader. He also learned several lessons about project management and the changes that occur when planning and executing a project. Chaz had several volunteers (30) assist in various stages along the way.

This is a major accomplishment as only 4% of all boys who start Boy Scouts complete the rank of Eagle. Chaz has been able to stay committed to Boy Scouts even while away at boarding school in the US. Many of the hours spent planning and coordinating this project were done while at boarding school.

Please take a moment to congratulate Chaz on this great accomplishment while enjoying the use of his project on the golf course.



## RHGC Maintenance Crew Golf Tournament

On December 23, 2018, the members of the Rolling Hills Golf Course Maintenance crew held their first ever Golf Tournament. Eighteen members participated and Rhodel Morcozo posted the lowest score of 84.

After the tournament, there was a lunch for the crew's which sponsored by the RHGC to honor the crew for their year-round hard work and dedication.

RHGC Women's club donated chocolates for the luncheon while Safwa and his brother worked hard to provide a great meal for the entire crew,

Additionally, each member of the crew received a Christmas gift. This was made possible by very generous donation of 2,300SAR from the Saudi Aramco Korean Golfer's Association. An additional 400SAR was also donated by RHGC member Mel Rivera.



Lastly, the RHGC Pro Shop donated 27 shirts for the members of the crew to make this a memorable event for all.

Please offer the members of the crew a word of thanks when you see them.





## 2019 Membership Registration

The 2019 RHGC Membership registration drive continues through the end of January 2019. If you have not yet renewed your membership, we ask that you do this immediately. Please print and bring your pre-filled forms (emailed to you on November 20) to the Proshop to renew your membership. If you do not have these forms, you may download them from the [RHGC Website](#). For membership and cart shed fees, you must pay in cash. For green fees, you can stop by the Starter Office immediately after registration to fill-in the payroll deduction. For retired or JV personnel, you can pay by credit card.

Please take note that if you still have not paid for your 2019 registration, you are considered delinquent member. If dues are not paid by January 31, such delinquent Members shall be temporarily suspended and subject to dismissal from the Club. You will also be asked to vacate your cart shed (if you are currently renting one). Please refer to Article IV, Section 5 of our club constitution for more information.

The ProShop hours:

Monday – Thursday: 4:00PM – 7:00PM  
Fridays and Saturdays: 7:00AM – 2:00PM  
Sundays: Closed  
Telephone +966-13-872-0692

Mel Rivera & Jane Kirk  
RHGC Membership Directors  
email: [membership@arabiangolf.net](mailto:membership@arabiangolf.net)

## Social Event



### Valentine's Day Scramble

February 14, 2019

Sign up on Tournament Manager with your spouse  
or a fellow golfer for this 2-person Chapman-style scramble.

Pay your 150 riyal/person entry fee at the Club House by February 11th.

Guest dinner tickets may be purchased for 125 riyals.

Soup and salad will be served 5:15 PM onward  
with Golf at 6:00 and a steak dinner to follow around 8:30 PM.





Sign up on Tournament Manager & pay for tickets in the Clubhouse through Monday, Jan 21<sup>st</sup>

**THURSDAY, JAN 24<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:00PM**

# GOLF CART DRIVE-IN MOVIE

*Featuring*

## HAPPY GILMORE

Rated PG-13

SR 25 (per person) includes:

- \* Movie viewing
- \* Hot dogs, popcorn, drinks, & ice cream

- All ages welcome
- Bring your golf carts, blankets, & lawn chairs
- Movie showing on the grass behind clubhouse
- Members may bring guests



**When was the last time you played putt putt golf?**

**Do you keep telling yourself that you need to get out and practice putting?**

Well, look no further than our

**Putting Event, Saturday, February 2nd  
Noon-3 PM**

**A mini-golf putt putt course will be set up on the chipping green by the Club House and open for members and guests to come and go from 12:00-3:00. Kids of all ages are welcome with adult supervision.**

**We'll have putters for folks to borrow if they don't have their own.**



**If you'd like to invest in your Golf Club, please consider helping run this event. Contact [Tamara.Tahir@aramco.com](mailto:Tamara.Tahir@aramco.com) to volunteer.**