

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

I hope everyone had a chance to read my membership email. I know there is a lot there but ultimately the process will take no more than 3 minutes to register and make an inspection appointment. This will be important to ensure the membership drive runs smoothly.

Electric Cart Owners starting on Nov 1, you will be able to charge your carts at one of the 3 outlets on the first row of the "up top" cart sheds. Lines will be drawn shortly and a sign put up reading "Electric Cart Charging Stations". More to come on this.

Congratulations to Yong Song Kim and Soonhae Kim for winning the 2019 Club Championship. In addition, thanks so much to Tamara Tahir and the Social Committee for putting on such a great Halloween event on October 24th. We have a busy November with the SAIT, Turkey Shoot, Elections and of course the Membership Drive!

Hit em' straight

-Ed Devlin

From the Pro

The next "Golf in a Week" class starts on November 17th. 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.

The next Junior Tour School will be offered commencing Friday November 15th. The school will run for 4 consecutive weekends from 8:00am—9:00am. 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 cost is 300 SAR and needs to be paid prior to the class commencing.

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.

Adult Individual Lessons can be taken any day. Each class is 50 minutes the cost 200 SAR or 6 sessions for 1000 SAR.

You may contact Stuart at: stuart.hurstfield@aramco.com

November 7th — Ladies' Classes Continues

November 17th — Golf in a Week

November 15th — Junior Tour School

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Upcoming Tournament Information

Bi-Monthly Medal

We are having our Bi-Monthly Medal on November 2nd. Shotgun starts at 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM. The format will be STROKE play. Registration is now open via [Tournament Manager](#).

54th Annual SAIT

The Rolling Hills Golf Club is pleased to announce the 54th Anniversary of the Saudi Aramco Invitational Tournament, sponsored by the Saudi Aramco Golf Association (SAGA) and hosted by the Rolling Hills Golf Club of Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. This year's tournament will take place on November 15th & 16th.

Turkey Shoot

This year's annual Turkey Shoot event will be held on November 23rd. Format is modified Par 3, where every hole is a Par 3. Adults: Natural Birdie gets a bird. Juniors: Natural Par gets a gift voucher to Johnny Rockets (or similar). Maximum one turkey/voucher will be awarded per player. Turkeys are being arranged for pick up after the round on Saturday at the Clubhouse. Registration is now open via [Tournament Manager](#).

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

November 2nd — November Bi-Monthly Medal
November 15th & 16th — 54th Annual SAIT
November 23rd — Turkey Shoot



Ask Carl

- Q: Are the hedges on the course considered out of bounds. For example, if a ball lies in a hedge is it considered out of bounds?
- A: It really depends where the ball is in the hedge. Consider the middle of the hedge the OB line. If the ball is in the course side of the hedge, the ball is in play. If the ball is on the OB side of the hedge then it is OB.
- Q: What is the plan for the tamarix that is growing back on the course?
- A: The grounds crew have some new Toro machines. They will use them to remove any tamarix that has regrown. This should be done within the first 2 weeks of November.
- Q: I was playing in a Foursomes match and one partner on the opposing team said their ball was lost and was going back to hit another. While on the way back his partner found their ball. I said they couldn't play it because they declared their ball lost. They said they could. Who is right?
- A: The only way a ball can be declared lost is if it cannot be found within the 3 minutes that is allotted to find a ball. If a ball is found within the 3 minutes, it is still playable. See Rule 18.2.a

2019 Elections

Nominations are requested from active members for the Rolling Hills Golf Club Board positions of:

- **President**
- **Secretary**
- **Handicap & Rules Director**

All nominations must be submitted to the Nominating Committee Duncan Anderson (duncan.anderson@aramco.com) or Paul Titley (paul.titley@aramco.com) on or before 4:00 pm on Thursday, November 7th, 2019. All nominee names and their **bios and photographs** will be posted on the <http://www.arabiangolf.net> website once the call for nominations has closed. Look for a link located on the main menu bar of the RHGC home page.

Please do not nominate anyone without asking their permission to do so. Only members in good standing may submit nominations and all nominees must meet the following requirements:

- An active primary member of Rolling Hills Golf Club and a regular Saudi Aramco employee
- Nominated by an active member of Rolling Hills Golf Club
- Able to serve for 2-year term starting January 1, 2020 and attend Board meetings. Board meetings generally occur on the 2nd Sunday of each month
- Willing to attend major Club events as well as spend personal time planning and organizing Club events
- Willing to uphold the RHGC Constitution & Bylaws
- The nominees Bio may be used as a platform to describe a candidate's view on improvements or changes they would like to make if elected (if applicable)
- Agrees not use Company email lists or club based email lists for campaigning purposes
- Agrees not to hang campaign posters or distribute any campaign flyers

A member of the Nominating Committee will contact all nominees to confirm their nomination and anyone wishing to withdraw his or her nomination may do so prior to November 14th, 2019.

Timeline for the elections:

- **Thursday, November 7th, at 1:00 pm** – Call for nominations closes
- **Thursday, November 14th, at 4:00 pm** – Deadline for receipt of all nominee bios (inclusive of photographs)
- **Sunday, November 17th**, Voting begins **Thursday, November 28th**, at 4:00 pm – Voting ends
- **Sunday December 8th** - Election results announced at RHGC AGM
- **Sunday, December 15th**, at 4:00 pm – deadline for receipt of votes if election run-off is required

Incentives for the 2020 - 2021 RHGC Board participation:

To encourage more active participation in the operation of the RHGC, the following incentives have been approved for active Board members for 2019.

- A 50% discount in annual RHGC membership dues based on the applicable single member dues rate at the time (currently this would be a SR500 discount)
- 10 day advance tee time booking
- Priority consideration for Special Events & Functions (e.g. Saudi International @ Royal Greens (Jeddah) – European Tour RHGC volunteer selection, advanced table selection for the annual golf ball etc...)
- 10% Pro-shop Discount

Recreation Manual Rules that impact our election.

Section 4.3 *A spouse may not succeed his/her spouse as one of the group's primary board members. Husbands and wives cannot serve on the board of a Self-Directed Group in any two separate board positions at the same time.*

Section 4.4 *When currently holding an office in one group, an officer must be within three months of completing the term before placing his/her name in nomination for office in another Self-Directed Group.*

Section 4.5 *Officers of Self-Directed Groups must be Saudi Aramco employees or their spouses, and must work or have a mailbox location within the area of the Self-Directed Group main facility or meeting area. Officers of Quad-Area Organizations must work in the area of the Self-Directed Group main facility or meeting area. This qualification will not apply to coaches, officials or umpires.*

4.5.1 *An individual can be an officer of only one Self-Directed Group at any time.*

4.5.2 *No officer of a Self-Directed Group can become a coach/division coordinator of that Self-Directed Group due to conflict of interest.*

Membership Drive

Rolling Hills Golf Club will be holding its 2020 Membership Drive for early membership renewals and new membership registration at the Club House on the following dates from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm:

- November 23-24
- November 29-30

On the above dates, you will be able to complete your RHGC membership and submit the Green Fees form to Recreation for salary deduction all at the same time. The following documents **MUST BE** presented at the time of renewal:

- 1) Golf Cart Inspection Form - PASSED
- 2) 2020 Membership Form
- 3) Cart Shed Rental Agreement (if applicable)
- 4) Aramco ID
- 5) Copy of your driver's license (from either your home or resident country)

Membership dues and the cart shed fee for 2020 are shown below and must be paid in cash at time of registration:

- Single: SAR 1,000
- Family: SAR 1,300
- Junior: SAR 250
- Retiree: SAR 800
- Cart Shed Fee: SAR 750

**Exact change is appreciated*

New changes that will be introduced from 2020

Golf Cart Inspections

Recreation and Security have requested that all golf carts must undergo an annual inspection. This inspection helps ensure that the golf carts being operated in camp are maintained in a safe manner.

The golf cart inspection only verifies that your golf cart was in a safe and operable condition on the day of the inspection. It is your duty to maintain the condition of your golf cart at your own expense. If your golf cart fails the inspection, it is your financial responsibility to perform the necessary repairs.

Therefore, before any membership renewal can take place, your golf cart **MUST** have been inspected. You must register your golf cart and schedule inspection ahead of time. Cart Registration and inspection scheduling will open on November 1. <http://rhgc-2019golfcartinspection.golfgenius.com/register>. Bring your PASSED Golf Cart Inspection Form or a picture of your sticker when you renew your membership.

If you cannot attend the membership drive, you must still register your golf cart online and arrange to have your cart inspected independently (50SR per cart) before visiting the Pro-Shop to renew your Membership.

Golf Cart Stickers

As from January 1, 2020, Recreation and Security have introduced a new policy that **ALL** golf carts **MUST** have displayed a sticker showing that the driver of the golf cart is a fully paid RHGC member. There will be two types of stickers differentiating RHGC members that has an assigned cart shed to members without an assigned cart shed. Your sticker will be linked to your RHGC Membership Number and will be placed on the left panel (driver side) of your golf cart during the Membership Drive by one of our dedicated team. **THIS STICKER MUST NOT BE REMOVED**. If you are stopped by Security either on/off the course for whatever reason, and you do not have the appropriate sticker displayed on your golf cart, RHGC will not be held responsible.

If you do not own a golf cart when renewing your membership **YOU WILL NOT** be issued a sticker. However, when you decide to purchase a golf cart from an RHGC member, the member selling the golf cart **MUST** have their sticker removed by either the Membership Directors **OR** the Pro-Shop and the new owner must visit the Pro-Shop to obtain their own sticker as this is not transferable. This also applies to all RHGC Members upon retirement/voluntary termination from Saudi Aramco, the sticker must be removed from their golf cart by either the Membership Directors **OR** the Pro-Shop.

For any RHGC Member who accepts a cart shed, you will need to replace the sticker currently displayed on your golf cart before the cart shed key is handed over. The Membership Directors **OR** Pro-shop will remove your old sticker which will then be replaced by a new sticker indicating that you own a cart shed.

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Membership Cards

We will be introducing Membership IDs for 2020 which will allow all members to put money onto their account to pay for items at the Pro-Shop and Clubhouse. The Membership ID will display your full name, RHGC Membership Number and date of joining. This must be kept with you at all times on/off the course. If you are stopped by Security this will be your means of identification that you are a fully paid RHGC member and that you are authorized to drive the golf cart. If you are unable to show Security your Membership Card, RHGC will not be held responsible.

If you are a family member, all dependents above the age of 12 years will be issued their own ID cards.

You will be receiving an e-mail notification from the RHGC Membership Directors in mid-November with the appropriate Pre-filled Membership Form and Cart Shed Rental Agreement (if applicable).

Please note that all RHGC Membership Dues and Cart Shed Fees **MUST BE PAID IN CASH** on the day of the membership drive. All cart shed owners must also pay their Annual Green Fees in full at the same time.

Notice to all Dhahran Residents

Weekend green fees are only granted to Residents of RT, ABQ or UDH. Weekend membership will only be granted to Dhahran RHGC Members under special circumstances.

Don't worry if you miss the Annual Membership Drive, you can still go the RHGC Pro-shop to register or renew your membership. Also, you will be able to submit your completed Green Fees Form and salary deduction to Recreation at the Starter.

REMEMBER

If you have not paid your membership / green fees /cart shed by January 31, 2020, your name will be removed from the database and you will not be able to play in any golf competition or make a reservation via ForeTees.

Junior Golf

RHGC Jr Golf Event – November 30th, 2019

Junior golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate. 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 or #10 Tee**
- 11:00 am — **Fun Groups head to course**
- 12:45 pm — **All groups back in the Clubhouse for lunch and prizes**
- 1:30 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

Who Can Play?

RHGC and Aramco Community Club members ages 8-17 years old or those who have or are currently taking lessons from Stuart Hurstfield (RHGC Golf Pro) or Community Club 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 November Golf Event is currently available on the Tournament Manager 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

Club Championship Results

Men's Club Champion



Yong Song Kim

Ladies' Club Champion



Soonhae Kim

Ladies' Flight



1. Kyoryeong Lee



2. Do Hee Lim



3. Kelly Seung

Men's A Flight



1. Jake Rosenthal



2. Mubarak Al-Ghamdi



3. Les Hertlein

Club Championship Results

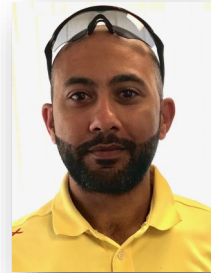
Men's B Flight



1. Mohdghazali Abdkarim



2. Marc Elasmr



3. Yousef Noaman

Men's C Flight



1. James Kieyah



2. Mohdraji Matyaacob



3. Geonyoung Kang

Men's D Flight



1. Rodny Masoud



2. Zulkiflie Abdullah



3. Mel Rivera

Men's E Flight



1. Mokhtarudin Abdul Razak



2. Marjoe Siongco



3. Satya Putra

2019 Player of the Year Standings

Ladies' Gross

Rank	Player	Tournaments	Wins	Total Points	Points Behind
1	Soonhae Kim	8	5	72	0
2	Young Kang	8	0	51	21
3	Tamara Tahir	8	1	51	21
4	Kelly Seung	11	0	44	28
5	Rosie Daud	6	0	42	30

Men's Gross

Rank	Player	Tournaments	Wins	Total Points	Points Behind
1	Karam Chand	8	5	67	0
2	JP Scallon	11	1	43	24
3	Young Song Kim	9	1	38	29
4	Douglas Loudon	8	0	37	30
5	Young-Kyoung Ahn	9	1	33	34

Ladies' Net

Rank	Player	Tournaments	Wins	Total Points	Points Behind
1	Kelly Seung	11	1	56	0
2	Young Mi Kang	8	1	51	5
3	Janice Lim-Anderson	5	2	35	21
4	Soonhae Kim	8	0	32	24
5	Kim-Kyoung-Sook Song	6	1	30	26

Men's Net

Rank	Player	Tournaments	Wins	Total Points	Points Behind
1	Gilroy Dolor	10	2	26	0
2	Michal Alvarez	6	1	26	0
3	Frank Chang	7	0	22	4
4	Kenri Pomar	3	2	20	6
5	Ahmed Daham	11	0	19	7

From the ProShop

ProShop Credits / Prize Vouchers:

Just a reminder that our Tournament calendar runs from December 1st to November 30th of the following year. All prizes won in a form of ProShop vouchers issued during this period expire the last day of December. For 2019, all vouchers credited to your ProShop account between December 1st, 2018 and November 30th, 2019 will expire on December 31st, 2019. We encourage you not to wait till December to use your vouchers.

Money transfers between member accounts are not permitted.

Hours of Operation:

RHGC Pro Shop will maintain the following operating hours for the days during the SAIT (11/14 – 11/16):

11/14	Thursday	10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
11/15	Friday	6:30 AM - 12:30 PM
11/16	Saturday	6:00 AM - 10:00 AM 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

The Pro Shop will resume to normal hours from November 17th

Sunday	CLOSED	
Weekdays	Monday	10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
	Tuesday	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
	Wednesday	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
	Thursday	10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Weekend	Friday - Saturday	CLOSED

Handicap Corner

There is a Handicap Bulletin Board in the Club House, please stop by and enjoy some interesting reading!

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

Score Card Review – Ends November 1

The Handicap Committee would like to thank everyone for their support of this effort by dropping their scorecards in the boxes provided for the past 4 months. We have now collected over 600 scorecards and the boxes will be removed on Nov. 1st so you are no longer asked to drop your cards in the boxes after Nov.1 But please remember to continue posting all your acceptable scores to GHIN.

World Handicap System coming January 1, 2020

Just a heads up on what's coming next year (there are 3 pages, look for the little arrow on the right hand side of the screen)

https://read.nxtbook.com/global_golf_post/lone_star_golf/lone_star_golf_october_2019/cover_story_1.html

Halloween Night Golf 2019





The Golf Ball

**Friday, December 6
Crowne Plaza, Bahrain**

7:00pm

Semi-Formal Attire

Members - SR450 | Guests - SR500

Dinner, Door Prizes, & DJ
(House drinks until 11pm)

Ticket Sales begin September 30th at the RHGC ProShop
Crowne Plaza special rates

Standard Room - 52++, Deluxe Room - 57++

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Join us for the

**19th Annual ABA-EP Golf Tournament
with AmCham Awards Dinner**

November 29, 2019
Royal Golf Club

Respond with your participation by Nov 1st

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