

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

Congratulations to all of the winners of this year's CEO Cup. The Board certainly hopes you enjoyed the venue, food, and all of the prizes provided from our President and CEO, Mr. Amin Nasser. He sent his best wishes through Mr. Ahmed Subaey and H.E. Nabeel Amudi who both electrified the crowd with their stories about where golf started and the bright future golf has here in the Kingdom. A special congratulations to Rodney Masoud and Kelly Seung for winning the overall CEO Cup Men's and Women's Championship.

March and April will be very busy. Please review the tournament schedule as you do not want to miss out on all of the social and competitive opportunities that Rolling Hills has to offer. Events for March include St. Paddy's Day Social, the ABQ and UDH opens, and the end of the month 2 day President's Cup. As always we will have our March Monthly Medal and Junior Tournament.

I again ask that all members remain diligent informing non-members that the golf course and areas around the golf course are for golfers only. We continue to see too many people walking down 9 and 18 and most recently we have had bikers, skateboards, runners, and yes even a car driving down our fairways.

Hit em Straight

-Ed Devlin

From the Pro

The next "Golf in a Week" class starts on March 22nd. 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.

There will be two Junior Tour Schools over the Saudi Aramco Expatriate School break. The first will commence on Sunday, March 29th and the second will start on Sunday April 5th. Each will run for five days. Each 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 classes run for one hour each day from 8:00 am – 9:00 am. The cost is 400 SAR and needs to be paid prior to the class commencing.

To register, you may contact Stuart at:

stuart.hurstfield@aramco.com

March 5th — Ladies' Classes Continues

March 29th & April 5th—Junior Tour School

March 22nd — Golf in a Week

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Upcoming Tournament Information

March Monthly Medal

We are having the March Medal on **March 7th**. The format will be STROKE play. Registration is now open via [Tournament Manager](#).

The President's Cup

The President's Cup will be on **March 27 & 28th**. The format is Pink Ball. Golfers on teams of 4 will rotate using a pink ball. On Friday, the scoring for a hole will be the player's score using the pink ball plus the best net score of the other 3 players. On Saturday, the scoring will be calculated using the pink ball score plus the score of the other three golfers that are playing a scramble.

The [2020 Tournament Calendar](#) is available on the RHGC's website.

St. Paddy's Day Night Golf

Of the evening of **March 19th**, RHGC will be hosting the second evening social event of the year. The March event will have a St. Paddy's Day theme. Sign up as a team of four. The course lights will be turned off and each team will be given glow balls to use. There is a cost of 150 SAR per player for this event. Any team that has not paid by 7:00 PM on March 16th will be replaced by teams on the waiting list. Additional dinner tickets may be purchased for 125 SAR per guest. Payments can be made at the Clubhouse. Sign up is now open on [Tournament Management](#). See [page 11](#) for more details.

April Monthly Medal

We are having the April Medal on **April 4th**. The format will be STROKE play. Registration is now open via [Tournament Manager](#).

The Oilman's Tournament

The Oilman's Tournament will be on **April 17th** 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. See the [Page 3](#) for more information.

March 7th — Monthly Medal
 March 27th & 28th — The President's Cup
 April 4th — Monthly Medal
 April 17th — The Oilman's Tournament



Ask Carl

Q: Why do golf balls have dimples on them?

A: The first golf balls were completely smooth and did not have dimples on them. However, as more people started playing golf, people found that a golf ball with cuts and scratches on it would fly further and straighter than a new smooth golf ball. Balls then were made with raised bumps on them. In 1905 the first patent of a dimpled golf ball was filed. The average golf ball has about 336 dimples on it. Most have anywhere from 250 to 500. The interesting thing about dimples is that they must be symmetrical, but there is no limit to how many you can have on a ball.

Q: Will a new \$500 driver help my game?

A: Maybe, but not as much as \$500 worth of lessons.

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.

Oilman's Tournament



We are pleased to announce and extend an invitation for the 8th Annual Oilman's Golf Tournament which will be hosted by the Rolling Hills Golf Club on April 17th, 2020. There will be 2 shotgun starts: 7:00AM and 12:00PM.

This tournament has been 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. The Oilman's Golf Tournament is an annual event which is hosted by Rolling Hills Golf Club in Dhahran, and the event will take place at Rolling Hills Golf Course located inside the Saudi Aramco Community in Dhahran, KSA.

We would like to extend our appreciation for those that participated last year and look forward to having you participate again in this year's event. It is our vision that the Oilman's Golf Tournament will be a long lasting and prestigious event in which we will see returning teams as well as new teams in the years to come.

FORMAT

The format is a team "Texas" scramble, with each team comprised of four players. Consideration will be given to teams for the bolstering and nurturing of business relationships among the Aramco employees and those representatives from our Contracting entities. Each player must have an established golf handicap. The teams will be split into "flights" based on team handicap. There will be a minimum of 3 Flights.

HANDICAP ALLOWANCE (10% of Team total)

The team handicap allowance is calculated by taking 10% of the total team playing handicaps (i.e. if team players handicaps total 72 then the team handicap is 7.20). The maximum allowable player handicap will be 26 for men and 32 for women.

Decisions by the tournament organizing committee on handicaps will be made on or before April 14th, 2020, and notices of any changes sent to the relevant team captain. Any disputes regarding the handicaps must be resolved before April 15th, 2020.

EVENT CHECK IN

Event registration for both tee times will be at Rolling Hills Golf Club - Club House.

Registration/check-in times will be notified by organizers to teams prior to the tournament day. Please make sure to have your team arrive and sign in AT LEAST 60 minutes prior to scheduled start of round.

There will be practice balls available on the range for warm-up.

NO HARD SPIKES & DRESS CODE

Rolling Hills Golf Club has a no "hard spikes" rule. Please note that we now have showers and lockers available for guests inside of our Club House. You will, however, need to bring your own towels.

All shirts must have collars. No tee shirts, sleeveless shirts, or cutoff shorts are allowed. Players will not be allowed to wear jeans on the course.

ENTRY FEES

The entry fees paid covers green fees, range balls, and all meals including the awards dinner which will be held at the Rolling Hills Golf Club for each player in the four-member team.

The cost for additional awards dinner tickets (for guests or spouses) is SR 175

Oilman's con't

TEAM REGISTRATION

Team registration will commence on Sunday January 27, 2020, and the cutoff for registrations or changes to team participants will be Wednesday 8 April, 2020.

You can sign-up your 4-person team for this event at the [Oilman's Events Registration Portal](#). The registration process will require the names, handicaps and the email addresses of each the players on the Team.

Team spots are limited, so Contractor/Company representatives are urged to submit their registration early to avoid confusion or complications. Based on the demand in previous years, we anticipate that there will be many players wishing to participate. We will do our best to ensure that there are no teams without 4 players in order to allow maximum participation.

We ask that the registration form be completed in its entirety. Each team should indicate their preference on the team registration form for a morning or afternoon tee time. The morning and afternoon times will be filled based on first-come, first-served basis. We will endeavor to give everyone their preferred time, but The Tournament Committee reserves the right to shift the schedule in order to balance the tournament.

Payment for teams MUST be received at the Rolling Hills Golf Club Pro Shop prior to Wednesday 8 April, 2019. If you have not made payment or provisions for payment by that date, your team may be replaced with a team from the waiting list. Payment can be made in cash at the Rolling Hills Pro Shop or by wire transfer to Saudi Aramco. (Banking instructions will be provided on request.) Unfortunately, we cannot accept or process any credit card payments.

RULES

Men will play from the white tees, and ladies from the red tees. Hole assignments will be confirmed on the tournament day by the organizers.

The format is a Texas Scramble (Best Ball Scramble). All players tee off, and the best shot is selected. All players will then hit their next shot from that spot. The shot must be played from within one club length **but no nearer to the hole**. If the chosen ball comes to rest in the rough, then all team shots **must** be played from the rough as well. Players can place their ball under this rule in all areas of the course **EXCEPT** hazards. Shots in the sand hazard must be dropped from shoulder height and no greater than one club length from the original spot. This format is repeated until the balled is holed. Each team must use 3 drives from each player. The player's drive used should be indicated by placing the player's initials on the score card next to each hole the player's tee shot was used.

In the event of an incomplete team on the day of the tournament, the organizers reserve the right to replace any "no-show" with a player of their choice. The Team Handicap will only be adjusted in the resultant Team Handicap is lower than the original. The Team will remain in the same flight regardless.

3 PLAYER TEAM RULES

1. If your team has only three players for some reason, the following rules will be followed.
2. Each player will rotate in order being the 4th player on each hole. Every player including your "fourth" is still required to obtain at least 3 drives
3. The designated 4th player for that hole plays as the 4th player for the entire hole
For instance, if Player 1 is the designated "4th" players for that hole, and the team selects Player 2's drive, then Player 1, Player 3 and Player 4 will hit the next shot where Player 4 is represented by Player 1. Player 1 will hit twice.
4. The handicap for the missing player will calculated by taking the average of the three playing players, and the team handicap will be adjusted accordingly.

No player from the morning flight can play as a substitute for an afternoon team or vice versa.

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MULLIGAN (FREE SHOT)

One Mulligan per player may be purchased for 50 SAR each (Corporate Sponsored Teams have their mulligans included in the Entry Fee). This entitles each player to play **one** additional shot anywhere during the round (i.e. drive, fairway, or putt). The mulligan shot must be indicated on the scorecard with an "M" and the player's initials next to the hole it was used.

Teams taking extra mulligans will be disqualified. Mulligans **MUST** be taken immediately after the 1st shot. **Once the cart moves forward, the mulligan is out of play.** Driving **BACK** to the location of the previous shot will be played under the rules of golf (lost ball, out-of-bounds, etc.) and penalty assessed.

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There will be practice balls available on the range for warm-up.

SCORE CARDS

The lowest handicap golfer on each team is responsible to keep the score card, **sign it**, and turn it in to the Rolling Hills Golf Club Tournament Director immediately after play. **Failure to turn in a scorecard within 30 minutes after completion of play will result in team disqualification.**

PACE OF PLAY

We want everyone to enjoy themselves but also to maintain the pace of play. Remember to keep up with the team in front of you not simply ahead of the team behind you! The lowest handicap golfer on each team is responsible to keep up speed of play for the team; do not spend more than a minute looking for lost balls. Rolling Hills is expecting all groups to complete the round in 4 hours. This is challenging in a tournament, but teams must take no more than 4 1/2 hours to complete play. If this playing time is not maintained by the morning group, it will be extremely difficult for the afternoon group to complete their round before dark. Rolling Hills Golf Club marshals will be on the course to monitor pace of play.

If your team falls behind the team in front of you by more than one full hole, the marshals will ask you to pick up the pace. If your team fails to comply with the marshal's instructions and does not speed up play, the marshals (at their sole discretion) may penalize the slow-playing team by causing them to miss the next hole and record a score of 3 over par.

COURTESY AND PACE OF PLAY IS IMPORTANT!!!

NOTE: Teams taking longer than 4 ½ hours in the morning may be asked to leave the course after that time and take par as their score for any uncompleted holes. If there are a large number of teams unable to finish their round due to slow play, the organizers will either assign par to those teams for unfinished holes OR (at the organizers sole discretion) take the average score of other teams in their flight who did complete a hole & assign that score to the teams who did not complete the hole(s).

PRIZES

Trophies – Each player on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams in each flight will be awarded trophies at the awards dinner. The overall winning team will have their team name engraved and placed on the Oilman's Golf Tournament Trophy which will be displayed and updated each year with the current year's winning team.

Skill Prizes – We will have skill prizes on designated holes to include closest to the pin, long drive and Chair-person's Drive flag, but these are entirely dependent upon Sponsor donations.

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HANDOUTS

In addition to the golf & dinner, each player will receive a "goody bag" with golf-related giveaway items.

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

Breakfast and Lunch will be provided for all competitors. Refreshments will be available throughout the day at the clubhouse and designated stations on the course.

AWARDS DINNER

The tournament organizers will try to minimize the "talk time" to allow everyone time to enjoy their dinner. However, flight and individual (skills prize) winners will be recognized, our sponsors will be acknowledged, and prizes will be given.

The awards ceremony will be conducted at the dinner after the tournament on the evening of 17 April. The dinner theme is casual, and the location will be announced at registration.

The cost of dinner is included in the tournament entry fee for each golfer. Additional dinner tickets for guests may be purchased in advance by contacting the Tournament Chairperson. The cost per guest is SR 175.

SPONSORSHIP

Being that Rolling Hills Golf Club is a self-directed group that is recognized by the Saudi Aramco Recreation Department, we cannot receive or entertain cash sponsorships, prizes, or gifts. However, those companies wishing to sponsor gifts, merchandise or other event related materials can inquire and do so through our Pro Shop. Please Contact the Tournament Chairperson for further information regarding sponsoring opportunities. We will have several sponsor options for consideration for the event.

HOW TO GET TO THE COURSE

If you're uncertain as to directions, ask at the time of team entry. Otherwise, you can try Google Maps or inquire with the Tournament Chairperson for a map to Rolling Hills Golf Club.

COMMUNITY ACCESS

Visitor access to the Aramco Community must be arranged in advance by one of the Aramco playing partners for each team, so please coordinate with the respective Aramco players to assure that they gain the necessary information for our internal Visitor Management System request and approval process.

RHGC will sponsor the entry to the community for teams with no Aramco players. We will need the following information no later than 8 April in order to have sufficient time to process the visitor request for access to the golf course and the awards dinner:

COMMUNICATION

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The Oilman's Golf Tournament continues to be an annual event that you will not want to miss. We look forward to your response and participation in the 2020 Oilman's Golf Tournament hosted by the Rolling Hills Golf Club

Regards,
Jeff Meisner
RHGC Oilman's of Tournament
Chairperson

Junior Golf

RHGC Junior Golf Event – March 14th, 2020

Junior golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate in the March 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 #10 Tee**
- 11:00 am — **Fun Groups head to course / back in Clubhouse by 1:00**
- 1:00 pm — **Competitive Group 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

**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 March 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

Junior Golf
DEVELOPING THE PLAYER, GROWING THE GAME™

Cashless Purchases

No joke, but on April 1st RHGC will launch the cashless purchasing system in the Pro Shop and Club House. We hope you'll embrace this step forward.

How will it work?

The bar code printed on the front of your 2020 Membership Cards is your unique identifier. As of April 1st, you will be able to hand over cash at either the Pro Shop or in the Club House and have this credited to your new **Member Account**. You can then use this account for "cashless" purchases of goods and services around the Club by presenting your Membership Card to staff.

So, what's the benefit?

It's an enabler. By introducing cashless transactions our colleagues who dutifully man the Starter Hut, will be able to extend their duties to include serving in the Pro Shop for those purchases transacted via the cashless system. This will enable you to access the Pro Shop on more days and for longer hours.

It's easy. You hand over an amount of cash, at your discretion, and have your **Member Account** topped up with funds. You then use your membership card to make purchases without the need to continually have cash available. You "top up" your **Member Account** balance as and when you need to do so.

It's convenient. No more searching for the right money. No more hearing "sorry, we don't have any change, do you have the right amount?". Charge your account and off you go.

Keep track. By presenting your membership card in the Club House or Pro Shop the staff will be able to use the PoS card readers to give you an immediate account balance to enable you to keep track of your spending.

It's Flexible. Whilst the long-term aspiration is to move to a totally cash free environment you will be able to use both cash and cashless transactions for the foreseeable future. The cashless system, whilst providing a number of benefits, will not be mandatory when it launches on April 1st.

If you haven't already collected your 2020 Membership Card please do so from the Pro Shop.

2020 CEO Cup Winners

Men's CEO Champion



Rodny Masoud

Ladies' CEO Champion



Kelly Seung

A Flight Winners



Kyoryeong Lee



Taib Abang

Flight Winners



B. Jerry Renaud

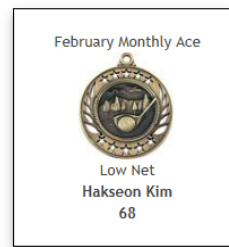


C. Kamal Ariffin



D. Sang Jin Mun

February Medal Results



A Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	A	Abang, Taib	34	36	70
2	A	Hertlein, Les	34	39	73
3	A	Kim, Yong Song	38	36	74

B Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	B	Kim, Soonhae	38	34	72
2	B	Al-Mulaik, Fahad	41	32	73
3	B	Akinyose, Segun	40	33	73

C Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	C	Steenkamp, Christoffel	38	35	73
2	C	Shin, Sangjung	37	36	73
3	C	ycheese, John	37	37	74

D Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	D	Besseat, Franck	33	36	69
2	D	Wethington, William	34	36	70
3	D	McCoy, Kenneth	37	34	71

E Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	E	Gebrekrstos, Meaza	36	38	74
2	E	In, Sanghee	41	34	75
3	E	Aguilera, Luis	36	41	77

Race to the Hills Top 5

Rank	Player	Home Country	Tournaments	Wins	Points
1	Young-Kyoung Ahn	Republic of Korea	3	2	45
2	Soonhae Kim	United States	3	1	39
3	Simeon Bolarinwa	Canada	3	0	35
4	Kenneth McCoy	United States	3	1	33
5	Sang Jin Mun	Republic of Korea	3	1	31

St. Patrick's Day Night Golf



March 19th

**Soup, Salad, and Socializing
starting at 5:30 PM**



Dinner will be served at about 8:30.

**Sign up a foursome to play Lights Out Night Golf on Tournament Manager
and then go to the Clubhouse to pay your fee of 150 riyals/player.**

Wear green!

Additional dinner tickets can be purchased at the Clubhouse for 125 riyals/person.

**All team fees and guest dinner tickets must be purchased by March 16th
or teams on the waiting list will be given the empty spots.**



May the luck of the Irish be with you!



From the ProShop

Due to RHGC Proshop staff vacations, Proshop hours will be limited in March. Hours for March are below. Thank you for your understanding and for your continued support of the Proshop.

Sunday: Closed

Monday: 2 PM to 6 PM

Tuesday: 10 AM to 2 PM

Wednesday: 10 AM to 2 PM

Thursday: 2 PM to 6 PM

Friday: Closed

Saturday: Closed

The Proshop will be closed from March 12 to March 18.

Ladies' Golf

Tuesday ladies golf is open to all lady members at Rolling Hills Golf Club. We meet every Tuesday morning at 7:30 AM to golf 9 or 18 holes. We have two tournaments a month, a monthly medal and a fun tournament that is followed by lunch.

February was a great month for our ladies. Congratulations to Kelly Seung on her CEO Cup win and to Soonhae Kim and Meaza Gebrekristos for winning their flights in the February medal.

Exciting news: Saudi Arabia is hosting its first Ladies European Tour (LET) tournament at the Royal Greens Golf & Country Club in King Abdullah Economic City from March 19 to 22. If you are interested in volunteering please register via the website: <https://app.initlive.com:443/JE/brl6nhnl5x28hz>

Save the date for the **Bahrain Spring cup on May 8, 2020**. We are the defending champions so it would be nice to have a good showing for this tournament.

March Schedule:

March 3: Open Play,

March 10: Open Play

March 17: Fun Tournament with lunch hosted by Sally Lim

March 24: Open Play

March 31: Monthly Medal (Stableford)

Player Development:

The Tuesday Ladies League supplements a group lesson with Stuart Hurstfield on the first Tuesday of every month at 10:30 AM. Your cost is only 20 sar for the lesson. Please email Sue Herlein at spalm20109@gmail.com if you plan to attend. This is a good time to ask Stuart questions and improve your game.

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY

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Abqaiq 31311, Saudi Arabia

**Will host the 18th Annual
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2020**

You can sign up via our website at <http://www.abqaiqgolf.com/> Under
2020 Tournament Schedule

Please read the Open tournament information guidelines on our web site before signing up.



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