

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

Golf is back in full swing and the course is holding up very nicely thanks to the work of Jason and his team. The recent lifting of the curfew has allowed us to increase the number of tee times while still maintain 14 minute spacing between tee times. I do get weekly usage reports and there is an increasing trend of no-shows. I want to remind everyone that you must always check-in with the Starter before you begin play and if the Community Services (CS) temperature check person is on site you must provide them with your data and have you temperature taken. 38C and above and you are not permitted into the facility. Please cancel your tee time if you can't make it.

The RHGC Board is hard at work with CS and others to have the following services re-opened:

- Online/Phone-in orders for the Proshop with member pick-up
- Clubhouse patio food service (phone-in) with delivery to the RHGC parking lot. Clubhouse would remain closed
- Rental golf cart cashless pay system
- Increased availability of the driving range in the morning and evening

None of the above projects is simple or straight forward and the Board puts in countless hours trying to move these forward. Thanks for your patience. On a final note, I had some putting lessons from Othman Almulla and it has made such a difference from 12' in. Please see his message in this newsletter and take advantage of his skills.

See you on the course,

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Ask Carl

Q: Why is the driving range not open all of the time?

A: To ensure compliance with social distancing regulations and for the dispensing of sanitized golf balls, the range needs to be staffed. Currently there is only enough staffing available for an attendant for 3 hours per day. In addition, the number of sanitized golf balls available per day is limited to 2000. A bucket of golf balls is approximately 25, thus allowing only for eighty sessions at the range per day. We are working with Community Services in the hopes they can provide additional staffing so the available times on the range and the number of sanitized golf balls can be expanded.

Q: If I am just going to the course to hit some balls at the range, do I still need to check in and have my temperature checked?

A: Yes. Any time you arrive at the course, you need to be wearing a mask and you should have your temperature checked. Also, you should only enter using the path between the chipping green and the starter shack. You should never move a barricade or walk through the cement planters.



Q: We are limited to playing 4 rounds a week. However, if there is an open spot the day I want to play, why can't I book and play at the last minute?

A: The current limit of number of rounds is six (6) per week. The rule that governs the number of rounds per day that anyone can book in advance remains the same as it was pre-covid19. The limit for advanced booking is one (1) per day. All rounds must be booked in advance, so if there is spot available, and you have not booked a previous round for that day, then you can go online through ForeTees and book and play.

Q: I have a problem with my cart shed, whom do I contact ?

A: Please email RHGC Membership Directors, Richard Reed and Jane Kirk at:

RHGCMemberships@gmail.com

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.

Saying Goodbye

It is with sadness that we will be saying goodbye to many RHGC members over the next little while. In particular, three RHGC Board members will be leaving us. We want to thank them for their service and wish them the best.



Jeff Hancock—Secretary



Franck Besseat — Treasurer



Mel Rivera—Membership Director

Saying Hello

The RHGC Executive Board would like to welcome Richard Reed to the RHGC Board. Richard will be co-Membership Director with Jane Kirk. Welcome Richard.

A Little Bit About Richard

I started playing golf as teenager with my father and brother. I have been playing off and on for the past several decades—mostly as a hobby. Since coming to Saudi Arabia in 2016, I have been able to dedicate a bit more time and attention to the game.

While I still have much to learn, I am enjoying the opportunity RHGC provides—lessons with Stuart, participating in multiple tournaments and events throughout the year, and enjoying rounds with friends and colleagues.



Supporting the Board as the Membership Director is not something I planned on doing, but given circumstances I am happy to join the team and look forward to contributing to the continued success of our Club.

Handicap Corner

Reminder for members participating in RHGC Handicap Program.

When you book a 9-hole tee time, make sure the below "9-holes" box is clicked in ForeTees. Otherwise, the system will expect an 18-hole score and you will show up on Missed Postings Report.

Date: Tuesday 6/23/2020 Time: 4:02 PM

Add or Remove Players
Note: Click on Names →

Players	Trans	9-holes
erase 1: Steve Vez	REG ▼	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
erase 2: John-Paul	REG ▼	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
erase 3: Steve Farle	REG ▼	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
erase 4: John Kudlir	REG ▼	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Notes to Staff:
erase

REG = Regular Round **SCR** = Scramble **OTH** = Non-Hcping Round (9 = 9 holes)

Go Back Cancel Tee Time Subm
Click for Help

You can also check your tee sheet, if it says "REG9" (see below), then you are OK. But if it says "REG", then you should edit your tee time by clicking the 9-hole box. You can do this any time before your round.

4:02 PM	F	Steve Vezendy	REG9	John-Paul Scallan	REG9	Steve Farley	REG9	John Kudlinski	REG9
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Why is this important?

In order to assist our members the Handicap Committee has started monitoring and sending "Missed Score Postings" to members on a weekly basis. However, while the trend of missed (18-hole) postings has gone down each week due to this monitoring, we are still seeing a large number of Weekday PM 9-hole rounds booked incorrectly.

This inaccurate data entry leads to a missed score posting, as the system then expects an 18-hole score. Ultimately this can lead to a "P" score for members which is not the desired outcome for all involved. **Therefore, please double check your tee time before playing and make any corrections if needed.**

Thanks to the members who have been entering scores timely and to the members responding quickly to the weekly reports. We really appreciate it, this greatly minimizes our workload.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out.

Stephen Vezendy Jr.
Handicap Director
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Lesson Opportunity

Hello everyone My name is Othman Almulla, I'm sure you've all seen me around the club now and then. For those that don't know me I'm a professional golfer and Rolling Hills has been my home club since I started playing golf 18 years ago.

This letter is long overdue. I have been blessed to be a part of an amazing club with a group of members that I consider family. During my golfing career, I've had the most amazing support system from all of you at our club, and for that I'll be forever grateful. I would like to start giving back to the club that has given me everything. Although we have an amazing teaching professional in Stuart and I encourage to continue having lessons with him, I'm always around for a chat, or a quick bit of advice. I play or practice almost every single day and will always have time either before or after rounds. If you'd like some help on the range, putting green, or short game area, reach out, and we can arrange some time.

I'm also going to make more of an effort to get to know everyone. Im going to leave my contact details and would love to play with everyone, if you don't mind me joining your normal groups.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Jason and his amazing staff for the fantastic job they do taking care of our golf course, you will always hear me advocating for quicker greens (ha ha) but to be honest, I've travelled around the world and we're really lucky to have our wonderful course. Although we can't always see our pitch marks, we can all help out the crew by fixing one or two near our ball while waiting for others to putt, the course is ours and we can help the guys make it the most phenomenal one in Saudi. This goes for any divots too, which we should be filling with sand as well.

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