

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

We had an incredibly busy last 6 weeks with the Opening day Tournament, Ryder Cup, The Club Championship and of course this past weekend's SAIT. Congratulations to Othman Al-Mulla on another SAIT title. We love our home town hero.

The next months will slow on the course but we still have plenty of spots for the Boy Scout Tournament next weekend and everyone looks forward to the par 3 Turkey Shoot Challenge at month's end. In addition, we will be starting the membership drive, having elections, and the AGM meeting is scheduled for December.

Also, just a reminder that all prize vouchers won in 2020 need to be redeemed in the ProShop by the end of December 2020 or they will become void.

Lastly, the weather is great and many of us will be out there walking. You must keep the pace or please let faster players play through. We have had about 10 complaints on this over the last 3 weeks and I can confirm if you are not keep pace with the group in front and you do not let others play through, we will have no choice but to discuss this with you and offer a warning and later if it happens again, discipline.

NUTS and BOLTS: We need to be fixing ball marks on the green and divots in the fairway. Last night alone our fourball filled in 15 cans worth of divots and averaged 4-6 ball marks per green. If you are walking, you need to carry sand, that simple. This is our course and it needs to be treated with respect by all of us. **If you find items left by other players the protocol is to turn them in to the starter.**

Enjoy the time outside as it is beautiful and hit em straight.

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2020 ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB ELECTION

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

- Vice President
- Treasurer

All nominations must be submitted to the Nominating Committee Steve Farley (George.Farley@aramco.com) or Mark Williams (Mark.Williams@aramco.com) on or before 4:00 pm on Thursday, November 5th, 2020. Once received, 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. One can find this information through 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, in good standing 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, 2021 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 12th, 2020.

Timeline for the elections:

- **Monday, October 12th** – Call for nominations opens
- **Thursday, November 5th, at 1:00 pm** – Call for nominations closes
- **Thursday, November 12th, at 4:00 pm** – Deadline for receipt of all nominee bios (inclusive of photographs)
- **Monday, November 16th**, Voting begins. Votes will be collected and tabulated using survey Monkey
- **Thursday, November 26th**, at 4:00 pm – Voting ends
- **Sunday December 6th** - Election results announced at RHGC AGM
- **Sunday, December 13th**, at 4:00 pm – deadline for receipt of votes if election run-off is required

Incentives for the 2021 - 2022 RHGC Board participation:

To encourage more active participation in the operations of the RHGC, the following incentives have been approved for active Board members:

- 10 day advance tee time booking
- 100% discount on the RHGC primary membership fee (free membership)
- 100% discount on the Recreation greens fee (free greens fee)

RHGC ELECTION CON'T

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.*

Regards

Steve Farley & Mark Williams
The RHGC Election Committee

Les Hertlein
Chairman of the Election Committee

Rules Corner

Reminder: RHGC Local Rules Updated October 13th

As communicated in email to members on October 13th a revision to the local rules for RHGC were updated and approved last month. The updated RHGC local rules can be found here on the [RHGC Website](#).

The Rules Committee welcomes all suggested revisions, or questions. If you have any please send to rhgcrules@gmail.com.

Handicap Corner

As stated in the RHGC Handicap Program policy posted on RHGC web site. Two basic premises underlie the World Handicap System (WHS), namely **1) each player will try to make the best score at each hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played**, and 2) the player will enter every acceptable score for peer review before midnight local time on the day of play. Players and the player's Handicap Committee have joint responsibility for ensuring the Rules of Handicapping are being implemented and administered appropriately.

For the first premise. A recent handicap awareness campaign was launched to promote and provide awareness on the responsibility of all golfers in maintaining Handicap Systems. To hammer home the message and to assist clubs, committees and golfers around the world, handicap cheating has been defined as: "Playing and not trying your best at any point in the round with the aim of manipulating your handicap."

Handicap Committees work extremely hard to ensure clubs are compliant with the handicap system. Despite this significant workload, the onus still rests with players to try their best every time they play. It is important to realize that Handicap Committees have limited ability in dealing with handicap issues such as willful on-course tactics. The only real way of tackling this issue is at a member-to-member level where everybody takes a proactive approach in dealing with the issue and calling out fellow members on their behavior (Peer Review). If you see this happening please contact the Handicap Committee. Or if you as a player know you are playing a practice round and not attempting to make the best score possible on each hole like you would do in a competition, mark your tee time as "Other" and do not enter your score.

Why is this important? At some stage in the future you're going to go out on the course and shoot the lights out. You'll have 43 points because you put in the effort to get better, addressed your weaknesses and practiced, practiced and practiced some more. And just when you think you've won you'll discover that somebody had 48 points and this somebody has (or perceived to have) manipulated their handicap through willful on-course tactics.

Unlike most sports, golf is largely played in the absence of a referee and as with the Rules of Golf, the handicap system relies on the integrity of every golfer playing the game. For club golfers, it is essential that each individual observes the spirit and intent of the handicapping system in order to make the game as fair and equitable as possible.

Golf's unique handicapping system provides a means for every player to compete on an equal footing, making the game as inclusive as possible, and levelling the playing field.

For the second premise, the Committee will use the information from their score posting monitoring process (done from May 31 when course re-opened) when conducting the recommended annual Handicap Index Review in November. The plan is to have this done in advance of the kickoff of the 2021 Tournament season in December (which we hope will be back to normal). We will also recognize members who had no missing scores and entered their scores timely during this period.

If any questions please contact the Handicap Director at rhgchandicaps@gmail.com.

Junior Golf

RHGC Junior Golf Event – November 28th, 2020

Junior golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate in the 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 — **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

**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™

Club Championship Results

Congratulations to Tamara Tahir and John-Paul Scallon for winning the 2020 RHGC Club Championships.



Ladies' Club Champion
Tamara Tahir



Men's Club Champion
JP Scallon

Ladies' Gross Championship Division

Place	Name	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross
1	Tahir, Tamara	+34	89	89	178
2	Kim, Soonhae	+36	87	93	180
3	Lee, Kyoryeong	+47	91	100	191

Men's Gross Championship Division

Place	Name	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross
1	Scallon, John-Paul	+8	76	76	152
2	Smith, Derrick	+10	76	78	154
3	Lee, Jae	+11	79	76	155

Ladies' Low Net Championship Division

Place	Name	Total To Par Net	R1	R2	Total Net
1	Kemalawati, Rahmi	-7	69	68	137
2	Daud, Rodziah	-6	67	71	138
3	Lim, Do	-1	70	73	143

Men's Low Net Championship Division

Place	Name	Total To Par Net	R1	R2	Total Net
1	Uche, Ifeanyi	-9	67	68	135
2	Kim, Choongmyeong	-8	69	67	136
3	Dupont, Jonathan	-8	71	65	136

2020 SAIT Results

Congratulations to Othman Al-Mulla for winning the 2020 Saudi Aramco Invitational Tournament. Also, congratulations to Michael Henry for winning the 2020 Plate Championship.



Champion
Othman Al-Mulla



Plate Champion
Michael Henry

Championship Division

Place	Name	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross
1	Othman Al-Mulla	+1	73	72	145
2	Jake Rosenthal	+8	76	76	152
3	Yong Song Kim	+10	73	81	154

Plate Division

Place	Name	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross
1	Michael Henry	+28	86	86	172
2	Seymour Thomas	+29	86	87	173
3	Peter Donkin	+30	91	83	174

Challis Division

Place	Name	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross
1	Minhaj Khan	+18	87	75	162
2	Ismaeel Musa	+30	86	88	174
3	Tom Coghill	+35	96	83	179

Plate Division - Low Net

Place	Name	Total To Par Net	R1	R2	Total Net
1	Tracy Jackson	-1	74	69	143
2	Seymour Thomas	-1	71	72	143
3	Abdelbaki Ben Mansour	-1	71	72	143