

# ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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## President's Message

Hello golfers, and welcome to the first issue of our newsletter. This hopefully will be a monthly publication; keeping all of you up to date on club happenings and what's going on with the Board.

We receive a lot feedback from members — which is good! Not surprisingly, the #1 issue we hear about is slow play. The Board really does take this to heart and is looking for solutions. Remember, we all can do our part to improve the pace of play (see Page 6).

We're also seeing that members need more encouragement to repair ball marks. I played with a fellow the other week who didn't make a move to repair a single one in 18 holes. People, if you play golf, fix ball marks. Carry a

divot tool or tee and scout the green for opportunities to practice this new skill.

And how about footprints in bunkers? It boggles the mind why members continue to be rake averse. This isn't the sand course with green sweepers, respect your fellow members and clean up your footprints!

On a more positive note, we've got the Oilman's tournament coming up on April 8th, our G&R director has arranged a course rater to visit, course marshals have been asked to be more active, and Recreation has approved lights on the back nine (just kidding, had to test if you've read this far).

See you out on the course, Dave



## Pro Shop

Check out what's new in stock in the Pro Shop.



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## Upcoming Tournament Info

### Oasis Cup

Rolling Hills Golf Club will be hosting the return competition of the OASIS Cup on **April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This is an annual event wherein our club competes with Dirab Golf Club in Ryder Cup format. The first day will be a 2 Person Best Ball (or better ball) competition and the second day is Match Play. Last February 19 and 20, Dirab Golf Club hosted the OASIS Cup and won on a lopsided 22.5 to 10.5 points victory. If you haven't had the opportunity to experience this annual event, you need to consider the trip to Riyadh and be part of the team.

### The Oilman's

The Oilman's Tournament will be on **April 8<sup>th</sup>** 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.

Contracting entities can sponsor a team for 4,000SR and participate in a 4-person team Texas Scramble. RHGC members can also form a team for 2,000SR. There is a shotgun start at 7:00AM. Prizes will be awarded for lowest Net team score based on flight. Dinner will also be served as part of the awards ceremony.

### Florida Scramble

The annual Welcome Spring Florida scramble tournament will take place on **April 16<sup>th</sup>**. Teams are asked to wear FLORAL themed attire or matching team uniform. The Format is Florida Scramble. Lowest Team score by flight will be awarded voucher credits from the Proshop. Nearest to the Pin and Longest Drive will also be awarded. Lunch will be served so you can enjoy our patio, company of good friends and hopefully, great weather.

### Bi-Monthly Stableford

If you are still not tired of golf, we are having our Bi-Monthly Stableford tournament on **April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Stableford is a great format because you can have one or two blow-up holes and still accumulate points enough to win your flight. Shotgun starts at 6:30AM and 12:00 noon.

April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> — Oasis Cup

April 8<sup>th</sup> — The Oilman's

April 16<sup>th</sup> — Florida Scramble

April 23<sup>rd</sup> — Bi-Monthly Stableford

## Junior Golf Day — Saturday, April 9th

Rolling Hills Golf Club invites all junior club members 8 – 18 years of age to participate in the upcoming Junior Golf Day on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate in the April Junior Golf Event. Junior golfers are invited to participate in one or all of the activities. All activities are free for RHGC members. Golf clubs, golf balls and tees. There will be a limited number of junior golf club sets available for use.

### 9:15 am to 10:00 am – [Free Junior Golf Clinic](#)

RHGC Pro Stuart Hurstfield will conduct a 45 minute clinic for junior golfers of all levels at the driving range. Stuart will cover many of the basics such as grip, stance and how to swing a golf club.

### 10:00 am to 10:30 am – [Putting Contest](#)

Taking place on the practice putting green, this contest is for fun to see who can sink the longest putt and get a long putt closest to the hole. There will be prizes for the participants.

### 10:30am to 2:00pm – [Golf & Lunch](#) (starting and finishing in the Clubhouse)

[Fun Division](#) For new and young golfers and those 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 prizes

Sign up for each tournament is currently available on the ForeTees website.

For more information, or to volunteer as a marshal, please contact Clinton McGrath: +966-53-787-8480 or email at [clintmcgrath@gmail.com](mailto:clintmcgrath@gmail.com)

## New Rules Effective 2016



### Rule 14-1b

#### Prohibition on Anchoring the Club While Making a Stroke

This Rule prohibits anchoring the club either "directly" or by use of an "anchor point" in making a stroke. The penalty is loss of hole in match play or two strokes in stroke play. **THIS IS NOT AN EQUIPMENT RULE.**

### Rule 18-2b

#### Withdrawal of Rule on Ball Moving After Address

This Rule assessed a one-stroke penalty if a ball at rest moved after it was addressed. Now a one-stroke penalty will be applied only when the facts show that the player has caused the ball to move.

### Rule 18-2b

#### Modification of Penalty for a Single Impermissible Use of Artificial Devices or Equipment

The penalty for a player's first breach during the round has been reduced from disqualification to loss of hole in match play or two strokes in stroke play. The penalty for any subsequent breach of Rule 14-3 will continue to be disqualification.

### Rule 5-1e(vi)

#### Acceptability of Scores

Scores made when a player plays alone are not acceptable for handicap purposes.

Scores made while playing alone will no longer be acceptable for handicap purposes. This change underscores the importance of providing full and accurate information regarding a player's potential scoring ability, and

the ability of other players (peer review) to form a reasonable basis for supporting or disputing a posted score

But, not every hole has to be played among peers, for the round to count. As long as someone accompanies the player during the round (e.g., fellow competitor, opponent, caddie, marker for a tournament, friend riding

along in a cart) the player is not playing alone. According to the USGA, "the player must be accompanied for at least seven holes for a nine-hole score or 13 holes for 18-hole score." As for the holes played alone, "the player would treat these as not played under the Rules of Golf and post according to 'par plus' any handicap strokes the player is entitled to re-

ceive." For example, your handicap is 12 and you play the par-4 13th hole, the 11th-toughest hole on the course, alone. No matter what you scored, you would count a 5.

## Ladies Golf

Ladies golf at Rolling Hills meets every Tuesday morning at 7:30am. We have two tournaments a month, one being a monthly medal and one a fun tournament followed by a monthly lunch.

We are excited to welcome 6 new ladies to golf who have been taking lessons from our pro, Stuart and are now going to join us on the course. We are open to all levels from the very beginners to the low handicappers!

Our schedule for the month of April is: April 5th - open play, April 12- monthly medal, April 19 - open play, April 26 Fun Tournament. We will also offer an eclectic tournament for all ladies. This is three rounds of golf (9 holes) played and cards turned in and we take the best scores from each hole of each round, you must declare that your round is an eclectic round and get a special score card from the starter shack. The eclectic

will take place starting April 15-April 30, be sure to register!

As per Rolling Hills guidelines, in order to participate in the tournaments you must be a Rolling Hills member and have an established handicap. For any open play you can just show up and pay green fees. For any other questions, please contact Kerri @ [bkwethington@yahoo.com](mailto:bkwethington@yahoo.com).



## Handicap News

There are two ways to enter scores in the handicap (GHIN) system.

1. **SINGLE ENTRY** – enter grand total score for the round, using one of the following
  - the GHIN website [www.ghin.com](http://www.ghin.com) using the “Post Scores” link
  - GHIN app on your phone
  - through Foretees with the “Post a Score” link under the “Handicaps” menu.

When a member enters their grand total score for the round, he/she MUST take into account the maximum score that can be recorded per hole, known as **Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)**. The table below lists the maximum strokes per hole based on your Course handicap.

### EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL

COURSE HANDICAP	MAXIMUM NUMBER ON ANY HOLE
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 or more	10

For example, if your handicap is 20-29, and have the following scores for 114, you would enter **109**.

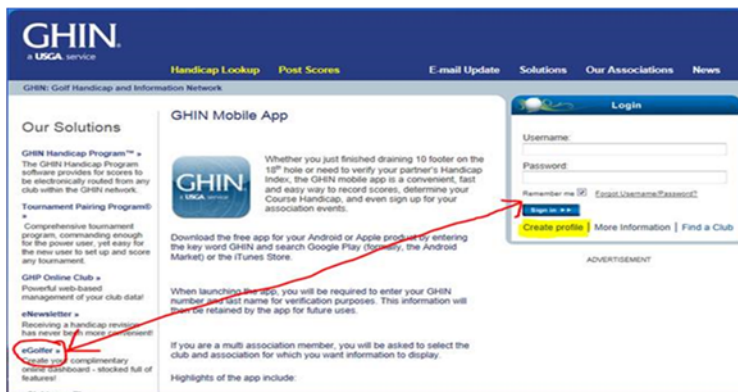
HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	OUT	TOTAL
SCORE	6	8	9	5	6	5	10	5	6	60	6	4	9	4	4	5	9	7	6	54	60	114
ESC SCORE	6	8	8	5	6	5	8	5	6	57	6	4	8	4	4	5	8	7	6	52	57	109

### 1. HOLE-BY-HOLE IN GHIN - using eGolfer Profile in GHIN

If you enter your gross scores hole-by-hole in GHIN, this ESC adjustment is done automatically by the system.

You DO NOT have to adjust scores manually as explained above, you just enter your total gross score hole-by-hole with no adjustment and the GHIN system automatically does the ESC adjustment for you.

Setting up a eGolfer “Profile” in GHIN. You would need to “Create Profile” first before this feature can be used (your Foretees username and password will not work here). It allows you to enter hole-by-hole scores (which automatically adjusts your scores for ESC).



If you have any questions please contact Handicap Director Stephen Vezendy at [rhc.handicap.dir@gmail.com](mailto:rhc.handicap.dir@gmail.com) or [stephen.vezendyjr@aramco.com](mailto:stephen.vezendyjr@aramco.com).

### St. Paddy's Day Night Golf!



The luck of the Irish was with many golfers on March 17th. Eighty golfers gathered at the clubhouse for some socializing and the all-important safety talk before heading out to the dark golf course with glow-in-the-dark golf balls. Teams coming off the front turned in lower scores than those coming off the back, but there were winners on each side. Even the losers

were winners as the highest scoring teams were awarded really valuable prizes! Best dressed and best cart decorations were also rewarded. Candle holders and lanterns went home with some players and dinner guests as their names came up in the lucky draw. If you didn't go home a winner, chances are, at least one of your friends did!

There was music to take us into the night as "Sure Thing" played their greatest hits. Safwa's meal was delicious, and if any guests went home hungry, they have only themselves to blame. Many ladies brought homemade desserts to share--thank you! The desserts, decorations and prizes were organized by Kerri Wethington, with the help of Sue Hertlein and Janice.

### Volunteers Needed For Oilman's Tournament

Club members are invited to help with the Oilman's Tournament on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Tamera.Tahir@aramco.com if you are interested in supporting RHGC with this fundraiser for our club. We will need help with setting up and taking down decorations in the clubhouse, as well as help on the day of the event delivering drinks on the course and possibly running driving range and on-the-course compe-

titions. The perks and benefits of volunteering are too numerous to list, but a fine meal is included.



### The Clubhouse Goes Healthy

Exclusively for our members, the Clubhouse is now offering a healthy option! Introducing our delicious Chicken Caesar Salad and Greek Salad on the weekends. Remember our operating hours are currently 6:00AM to 9:00PM on the weekends.



### Club Repair Center

Rolling Hills Golf are delighted to announce our new fully equipped Club Repair Center, located at the Pro Shop. With summer coming, now is the ideal time to get your clubs re-gripped.

- Replacement Steel Shaft – SR 165\*
- Replacement Graphite Shaft – SR 195\*
- Re-gripping, Individual Club – SR 10\*
- Re-gripping, Full set (max 14) – SR 75\*

All grips purchased from the Pro Shop include free fitting

\*cost does not include grip.

Email [stuart.hurstfield@aramco.com](mailto:stuart.hurstfield@aramco.com) for more infor-

## Pace of Play

While we all enjoy playing a round of golf. However, there are very few things that will ruin a round than getting caught behind a group of slow players. Slow play is like bad driving; no one thinks that they are a bad driver and no one thinks that they are a slow player. However, if the group behind you is waiting for you to play on each shot; most likely you're playing slow.

Good golf etiquette has slower groups allowing faster groups to play through. This can happen by the slower group waiving the faster group through or the faster group requesting, politely, to play through. Once allowed to play through, players should be quick about playing their shots and move ahead briskly. They should also say thank-you.

**Rule 6-7** states in part:

“The player shall play without undo delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the committee,” and there after prescribes penalties for slow play.



### Tips to Speed Up Play

- Play ready golf if you find you are out of position or just need to catch up with the group ahead of you.
- Take several clubs with you when away from cart.
- If doubling up on a golf cart walk to your ball.
- Always take several clubs and putter when off the green.
- Look for balls only 5 minutes as allowed under definitions of “Lost Ball”.
- Play two balls if a rule is in question.
- When on the green, while the first player is putting, the others should be getting prepared for their putts by reading the green and aligning their balls up so when the first player is done, the next player is ready to play.
- Be ready to play as soon as it is your turn to play.
- If your ball is not in the line of a ball behind you, proceed to your ball and get ready to hit.
- Don't walk to your ball, then walk to a yardage marker, walk back to the ball, walk to your cart for club, walk back to ball.
- Concentrate on your shot, not everyone else's.
- If in a water hazard, drop and hit. Minimize time looking for your ball, you can look for your ball while the other players are hitting.
- Putt out short putts rather than marking your ball.
- Mark scores on the next tee box not beside the green.

Front and back nines should be played in 2:05					
Hole	Time	Elapsed Time (h:m)	Hole	Time	Elapsed Time (h:m)
1	0:11 minutes	0:11	10	0:14 minutes	0:14
2	0:16 minutes	0:27	11	0:10 minutes	0:24
3	0:15 minutes	0:42	12	0:18 minutes	0:42
4	0:12 minutes	0:54	13	0:12 minutes	0:54
5	0:14 minutes	1:08	14	0:10 minutes	1:04
6	0:15 minutes	1:23	15	0:14 minutes	1:18
7	0:14 minutes	1:37	16	0:14 minutes	1:32
8	0:14 minutes	1:51	17	0:18 minutes	1:50
9	0:14 minutes	2:05	18	0:13 minutes	2:03