

# ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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## Ryder Cup 2016 Captains

RHGC is very happy to announce the 2016 Ryder Cup Team Captains. They are:

Ed Devlin – Team USA

Michael Henry – Team ROW (Rest of the World)

Both Captains are long standing members of the Rolling Hills Golf Club and fierce competitors. This year's Ryder Cup Tournament promises to be a dog fight and will surely be a day of reckoning. No points uncontested!!!

Mark your calendars. This year's Ryder Cup will be on September 30 and October 1st.

Please welcome both Ed and Mike as Ryder Cup Captains for 2016! All the best gentlemen. Let the games begin!



## Pro Shop Massive Clearance Sale!!

Time to make space for new arrivals, with massive discounts on a large amount of clothing, clubs and other items. Many items reduced to cost price or less. Hurry, to grab a bargain while stocks last. There is new clothing in stock from Crest Link, as well as push carts and cart bags from Fenix.

## New Cart Sheds

RHGC members may have noticed that a construction project has started alongside Chico's beside the teeing area of hole #1. This is in fact the construction of 108 new cart sheds assigned to RHGC.

The expected completion date for this project is the end of March, 2017.

On completion, these cart sheds will be allocated to eligible RHGC members based on the RHGC Cart Shed Waiting List in line with current RHGC policy; unless otherwise dictated by Saudi Aramco Recreation. The Cart Shed Waiting List is currently being reviewed to ensure that the waiting list is correct.

This is indeed good news for RHGC members who have been patiently waiting, in some cases many years, for the allocation of a cart shed.



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## Upcoming Tournament Information

### July Bi-Monthly Medal

The medal is an Open Play event for Friday July 15th or Saturday July 16th. Register for the Medal via ForeTees, then book your own tee times to play with whomever you wish. You can book your tee time for the weekend open Medal online beginning on Tuesday July 12th.

### Eid Al Fitr Eclectic

This year's Eid Al Fitr Eclectic will occur from Tuesday, July 5th through to Saturday, July 9th. Golfers can play a maximum of 5 rounds. Golfers must declare to their playing partners before they begin the round that it will be a tournament round that will count towards the Eclectic Score. Golfers should have their player partner initial the round once the round is completed. The round must be recorded on the tournament scorecard. Each day will be represented on the card. You must record the score for that day in the appropriate location. For a round to count towards your eclectic score, you must complete at least 14 of 18 holes of the round.

### August Bi-Monthly Stableford

This Stableford is an Open Play event for Friday August 26th or Saturday August 27th. Sign up online, then book your own tee times to play with whomever you wish. Registration on ForeTees for the Stableford will open up online on Monday July 17th and close Tuesday August 23rd.

### September Bi-Monthly Medal

The September Medal is set for Saturday September 3rd. This is not an open event. Registration on ForeTees will open on July 17th and close on August 30th. There will be two shotgun starts: AM – 6:30 shotgun start and PM – 12:00 noon shotgun start. The format will be STROKE play.

### Eid Al Adha Eclectic

This year's Eid Al Adha Eclectic will occur during Friday, September 9th through to Tuesday, September 13th. Golfers can play a maximum of 5 rounds. Golfers must declare to their playing partners before they begin the round that it will be a tournament round that will count towards the Eclectic Score. Golfers should have their player partner initial the round once the round is completed. The round must be recorded on the tournament scorecard. Each day will be represented on the card. You must record the score for that day in the appropriate location. For a round to count towards your eclectic score, you must complete at least 14 of 18 holes of the round.

July 15 & 16th — Bi-Monthly Medal

July 5th-9th — Eid Al Fitr Eclectic

August 26 & 27th — Bi-Monthly Stableford

September 9th-13th — Eid Al Adha Eclectic



## Ask Carl

Q: What is my maximum score per hole?

A: In stroke play there is no maximum score; you keep counting strokes until the ball is holed. However, for handicap purposes, the maximum number of strokes that can be entered for a hole is determined by your handicap; this is known as **Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)**. See the GHIN Scoring Entry section on page 4 of this newsletter for more information.

Q: How long should I look for a lost ball before I give up and take a drop?

A: Players have 5 minutes to search for a ball that has gone astray. If the ball is not found within the 5 minutes, players are not allowed to "take a drop." Players must go back to the location from where the ball was hit and put another ball into play under a penalty of stroke and distance. It's always a good idea to hit a provisional ball if you think your ball might be lost. This saves you from having to go back and hit again.

If you would like Carl to answer a question, please email a Board member and they will make sure Carl gets it.

## Handicap News

### **Handicap Policy Update**

We have revised the Handicap Policy going forward. The USGA handicapping system gives a Handicap Committee “the responsibility of making certain that each player has a Handicap Index reflecting potential ability.” The RHGC Handicap Committee has agreed that any member scoring net 67 or lower in tournament play will have their scoring history reviewed for a possible manual adjustment. If a manual adjustment is warranted, the Handicap Committee will notify members in advance and their Handicap will be denoted with an “M”. The Manual adjustment will be reviewed at each Handicap Revision to determine if the modification should be maintained or lifted. (this will replace the current policy of using “P” scores to affect an automatic 1 stroke reduction for net 67, 2 strokes for net 66, etc.)

If you have a questions related to RHGC Handicap Policy and Program, please contact Handicap Director Stephen Vezendy at [rhgc.handicap.dir@gmail.com](mailto:rhgc.handicap.dir@gmail.com) or [stephen.vezendyjr@aramco.com](mailto:stephen.vezendyjr@aramco.com).

## Pro Shop Summer Hours

Monday	4pm - 7pm	Friday	6am – 12pm
Tuesday	4pm - 7pm	Saturday	6am – 12pm
Wednesday	4pm - 7pm	Holidays	6am – 12pm (Eid Holidays will be 6am – 12pm)
Thursday	4pm - 7pm	Sunday	Closed

## The Golf Ball

The RHGC invites you to attend the annual **Golf Ball** on December 9, 2016 at the Crown Plaza in Bahrain.

Tickets will be sold to all members and guests on a first come, first serve basis.

Ticket sales will be announced in the September newsletter.



## SAIT — Save the Date

Please mark your calendar for the 51st Annual Saudi Aramco Invitational Golf Tournament. The tournament will take place on Friday/Saturday, November 4-5, 2016 at Rolling Hills Golf Course.

Eligibility based on USGA Handicap Index of 9.9 or CONGU Exact Handicap of 10.7

Official invitation and registration details to follow. The Chairperson for this year’s SAIT tournament is Paul Titley. Congratulations Paul.

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT [SAITGOLFTournament@gmail.com](mailto:SAITGOLFTournament@gmail.com)



## GHIN Scoring Entry

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

- 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**.

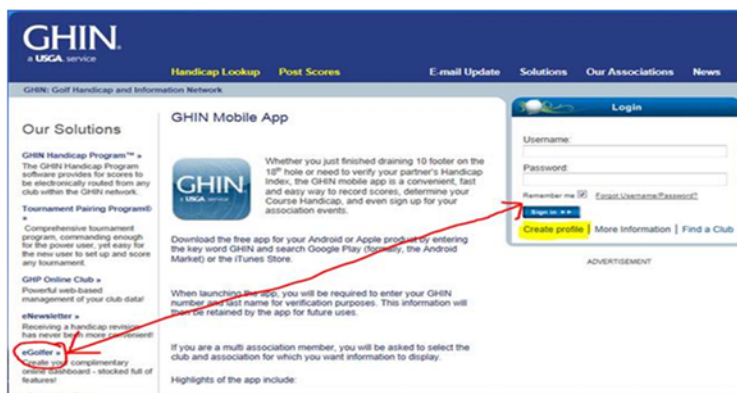
HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	OUT	TOTAL
SCORE	6	8	9	5	6	5	10	5	6	60	6	4	9	4	4	5	9	7	6	54	60	114
ESC SCORE	6	8	8	5	6	5	8	5	6	57	6	4	8	4	4	5	8	7	6	52	57	109

### 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 [rhgc.handicap.dir@gmail.com](mailto:rhgc.handicap.dir@gmail.com) or [stephen.vezendyjr@aramco.com](mailto:stephen.vezendyjr@aramco.com).