

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

Quite the crazy last month. From the golf side, lots of change with the clubhouse, gardening, and some crazy weather. We are very fortunate to have Community Services support and we do have big plans for the clubhouse in the very near future. Phase 2 is under way which will be offering a nice facelift to the locker rooms, bathrooms, and Board Offices.

With Ramadan approaching, all the best to our Muslim members and their families. We will be closing the course for some routine maintenance this month, please see the below times. The driving range will remain open throughout. Please book the driving range using ForeTees to avoid issues.

Back 9: April 4-8 (Open for 18 holes on the weekend of April 9-10)

Front 9: April 11-15 (Open for 18 holes on the weekend of 16-17 and beyond) There will be no golf after work and the lights will remain off from the 11-15th.

Hit'em straight,

Ed Devlin

From the Pro

The next "Golf in a Week" class starts on April 25th. 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.

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.

The Junior Tour School will return on Friday April 9th and run each Friday for 4 weeks. The classes are from 8:00am — 9:00. The schools will cover rules, etiquette, and golf swing mechanics. All equipment and range balls are supplied. The cost is 300SR.

Individual Lessons can be taken any day at times convenient — check out the website for more information on lesson prices www.arabiangolf.net.

To register, you may contact Stuart at:

stuarthurstfield@gmail.com or WhatsApp +44-775-337-1547

April 1st — Ladies' Classes Continues

April 9th — Junior Tour School

April 25th — Golf in a Week

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Upcoming Tournament Information

Monthly Medal

The fifth leg of the Race to the Hills is happening on **April 24th**. This is not an open play event — playing groups will be created by the Tournament Committee. Registration is now open via [Tournament Manager](#).

The [2021 Tournament Calendar](#) is available on the RHGC's website.

April 17th — Junior Golf Tournament
April 24th — Monthly Medal



Ask Carl

Q: Do I have to check in at the starter and have my temperature taken if I am going to the Driving Range?

A: Yes. As part of the COVID protocols set by Community services, you need to check in at the Starter each time you come on Rolling Hills Golf Course property. Failing to do so might cause Community Service to close our course again.

Q: Do I have to check in at the starter and have my temperature taken if I am going to the Clubhouse or buying a shawarma?

A: Yes. As part of the COVID protocols set by Community services, you need to check in at the Starter each time you come on Rolling Hills Golf Course property. Failing to do so might cause Community Service to close our course again.

Q: Do I have to check in at the starter and have my temperature taken if I am going to the ProShop?

A: Yes. As part of the COVID protocols set by Community services, you need to check in at the Starter each time you come on Rolling Hills Golf Course property. Failing to do so might cause Community Service to close our course again.

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.

Ladies' Golf

We started March with 8 ladies attending another successful skills clinic led by Stuart. The focus of this clinic was Putting.

As the temperature began to rise, the TMLL ladies continued to welcome and encourage new players to our group. The following are some of the comments and feedback that we've received:

"After a year of lockdown and no travel I'm glad that I started golfing last December. I've met friendly and welcoming ladies at TMLL to golf with whilst learning the game. Golf is challenging and requires lots of practice and TMLL has provided me the opportunity to do this".



"Starting a family, work and life in general took me away from golf for many years, but thanks to TMLL I am back on track. Making the most of the wonderful winter weather, enjoying the course and working on my game whilst meeting new people and playing with ladies of all levels, has been a great experience".

Looking forward to April, we have a full schedule ahead. Events include a skills clinic with Stuart, a monthly Stableford medal, 3 open plays, and a fun event.

If you'd like any further information, or have questions regarding Ladies golf, then please feel free to get in touch with me (Amanda Henson) at rhgcladiesdirector@gmail.com.

Photos are from our last Fun Event.



Junior Golf

April Jr. Golf Event

Junior Golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate.

April 17th, 2021

Start: 10:00 – Driving/Putting Range (warmups)
 10:20 – Group pairings announced
 10:30 – Competitive Groups head to #1 Tee, Fun groups to follow
 12:45 – All Groups back in the Clubhouse for lunch and prizes

Finish: 1:30 – 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 against other juniors

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 - Free for all junior RHGC members and 75 SAR for non-members

Equipment Needed - Golf clubs, golf balls and tees.

Sign-Up

Sign up for the Junior Golf Event is currently available on the Tournament Management (TM) website, or via email to rhgcjuniorgolf@gmail.com

For more information, any questions, or to volunteer as a marshal, please contact:

Jake Rosenthal: 054 774 4309 (WhatsApp) or email at: rhgcjuniorgolf@gmail.com

REMINDER: Due to current policy regarding non-family members sharing a golf cart, all participants will be expected to walk and carry their clubs

If a participant's parent chooses to use their own or rent a cart, then the participant can ride with them, but no other participants may ride in that cart

Please ensure all participants arrive with a mask and check-in at the starter shed prior to going to the driving range

March Event Scores

Jack Bachman	47
Changsung Oh	50
Gethin Evans	60
Kangho Choi	60
Kangin Choi	63



Rules Corner

The USGA and R&A in 2019 combined to create a “Player’s Edition” of the new Rules of Golf to make the Rules easier and quicker to understand and apply for all golfers. This set of rules is grouped into 10 categories. You can view the Player’s Edition [here](#), where each rule is included, with purposes for each.

General

1. Fundamentals of the Game (Rules 1 to 4) ***Note: Rule 1 is in focus on the next page.**

The Rules of Play

2. Playing the Round and Hole (Rules 5-6)
3. Playing the Ball (Rules 7-11)
4. Specific Rules for Bunkers and Putting Greens (Rules 12-1)
5. Lifting and Returning a Ball to Play (Rule 14)
6. Free Relief (Rules 15-16)
7. Penalty Relief (Rules 17-19)

Other

8. Procedures for Players & Committee When Issues Arise in Applying the Rules (Rule 20)
9. Other Forms of Play (Rules 21-24)
10. Committee Procedures

How to Use the “Player’s Edition of the Rules of Golf”

The Player’s Edition of the Rules of Golf is intended for you, the golfer. Much of the information from the full Rules of Golf that is intended for those administering golf competitions has been left out of the Player’s Edition. This means it has under half of the content of the full Rules, and it means that it is possible to read the entire Player’s Edition in a short period of time. It also serves as a helpful on-course resource that should assist you in resolving the vast majority of Rules situations that you are likely to encounter on the course, or at least encounter on a regular basis. Also included are colored diagrams for further context and clarification, which can be viewed online or in app form.

- When looking to answer a question or resolve a Rules issue on the course, the Contents page (at the front) can be a helpful tool to enable you to find the Rule that is relevant to your situation.
- The Index (at the back) can also help you identify quickly the Rule that is relevant to your situation. e.g,
 - If you accidentally move your ball on the putting green, identify the key words in the question, such as “ball moved” or “putting green”.
 - The relevant Rules (Rule 9.4 and Rule 13.1d) can be found under the headings “Ball Moved” and “Putting Green” in the Index.
 - A reading of these Rules will confirm the correct answer.
- In addition to using the Contents and the Index in the Player’s Edition of the Rules of Golf, the following points will assist you in using this Rule book efficiently and accurately:

Know the Definition - There are over 70 defined terms (for example, abnormal course condition, general area, etc.) and these form the foundation around which the Rules are written. A good knowledge of the defined terms (which are italicized throughout the book and contained in one section near the back of the book) is very important to the correct application of the Rules.

Understand the Facts of the Case - To answer any question on the Rules you must consider the facts of the case in some detail. You should identify:

- The form of play (are you playing match play or stroke play; is it single, foursome or four-ball; etc.)
- Who is involved (does the question involve you, your partner or caddie, your opponent or his or her caddie, or an outside influence)
- What part of the course did incident occur (was it in a bunker, penalty area, on putting green, etc).
- What actually happened



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Rules Corner con't

Rule 1: The Game, Player Conduct and the Rules

Purpose of Rule: Rule 1 introduces these central principles of the game for the player:

- Play the course as you find it and play the ball as it lies.
- Play by the Rules and in the spirit of the game.
- You are responsible for applying your own penalties if you breach a Rule, so that you cannot gain any potential advantage over your opponent in match play or other players in stroke play.

Per Rule 1.2a Conduct Expected of all Players, all players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by:

1. **Acting with integrity** by following the Rules, applying all penalties and being honest in all aspects of play
 - Per Rule 1.3a, the "Rules: means the Rules of Golf and any Local Rules within the Conditions of Play the Committee has adopted for the competition
2. **Showing consideration to others** – for example, by playing at a prompt pace, looking out for the safety of others, and not distracting the play of another player.
3. **Taking good care of the course** – for example, by replacing divots, smoothing bunkers, repairing ball-marks, and not causing unnecessary damage to the course.
 - Note: Don't forget to bring sand with you to fill in divots, and a ball-mark tool for repairing ball marks.

There is no penalty under the Rules for failing to act in this way, **except** that the Committee may disqualify a player for acting contrary to the spirit of the game if it finds that you have committed serious misconduct. Penalties other than disqualification may be imposed for player misconduct only if those penalties are adopted as part of a Code of Conduct under Rule 1.2b.

4. Player Responsibility for Applying the Rules.

- Players are expected to recognize when you have breached a Rule and to be honest in applying your own penalties (see Rule 1.3b).
- During tournament play, a player may ask for help with the Rules from a *referee* or the *Committee*, **but** if help is not available in a reasonable time to help with a Rules issue, the player must decide what to do and play on. (See Rule 20.1)
 - The player may protect his or her rights by playing two balls in stroke play (see Rule 20.1c (3)). **Note:** advise the event rules committee of the circumstances before returning scorecard.
 - Rulings by Referee. A referee's ruling on the facts or how the Rules apply must be followed by the player. A player has no right to appeal a referee's ruling to the Committee. The referee may seek the Committee's help before making a ruling or refer a ruling to the Committee for review, but is not required to do so (see Rule 20.2a)
 - Rulings by Committee, when there is no referee to give a ruling or when a referee refers a ruling to the Committee, the ruling will be given by the Committee, and the Committee's ruling is final. (see Rule 20.2b)
- During General play if you have any rules issues, please work these out with the other players you are playing with.

If you have any questions, you can email rules committee at rhgcrules@gmail.com.

Handicap Corner

Entering Scores: Not finishing a hole vs Not playing a hole

For those of you with an official handicap, when you enter hole-by-hole scores during RHGC competitions, it is important you understand how to enter your score if you do not finish a hole vs. if you do not play a hole. This is especially important during match play. The following guidance should help.

What score should be entered if someone does not finish a hole?

Q: We had a player who picked up on a hole and did not finish. What should I enter on the score entry page?

A: You have two options:

The first option is to enter "X" + the most likely score if the player completed the hole (as shown below).

In the example to the right, the score of "X8" has been entered assuming the most likely score would have been 8.

Entering X + the most likely score behaves the same as entering "X" except the score will be posted as the most likely score with the max of a net double bogey.

The second option is to enter "X" (as shown below).

15	16	17	18
167	434	393	383
3	4	4	4
8	2		14
5	2		4
4	5		4
4	5		4
4	5	X8	4

12	13	14	15	16
136	331	227	235	227
3	5	4	4	4
17	1	5	7	9
2		3	5	4
4	X	4	3	5
X	4	4	4	4

When entering X:

The scorecard will be marked as complete (If a hole is left blank, the scorecard will be marked as incomplete).

Stroke Play and Match Play leader boards will count as a missing hole.

Stableford and Quota leader boards will count as the worst possible score.

Score will be posted as net double bogey.

For instructions on entering scores when someone does not start (and completely skips) a hole? See next Q&A

What score should be entered if someone does not play a hole?

Q: What score should be entered if someone does not play (and skips) a hole?

A: Leave the hole blank and do not enter any score. When posting scores using the World Handicap System (WHS), the hole will be posted as a "net par". In match play, if the match ends with holes left to play and all players continue to play (all 4 in a four-ball match, and 2 in two-ball match), actual scores may be posted on every hole played. However if these holes are played with practice shots, they should be entered as net par.

If you have any questions, please contact rhgchandicaps@gmail.com

Grounds

Greetings from the Rolling Hills Maintenance Team! Hope everyone has been enjoying the golf course and the beautiful weather.

As you may have noticed, work started again on the edges of the golf course. Hole 2 was reworked down the entire right side from tee to green. Holes 5, 6 and 7 had some edges reworked as did the desert area in front of 12 green. This work will continue as time and equipment availability permits.

Next week we will be starting “spring renovations”. The golf course had just over 30,000 rounds of golf played on it in 2020. By comparison, the average number of rounds on an 18-hole course in the USA is 23,000 rounds. There is a lot of golf being played at Rolling Hills!

All that golf takes a toll on the golf course in the form of soil compaction from golf cart traffic and beat down turf that has been semi-dormant for the past several months. It is now getting warmer and the turf is perking up making this the ideal time for some much needed “renovation” work to ensure the best possible turf conditions.

Starting next week there will be a partial course closure as these renovations start. This will consist of “wall to wall” aeration and verticutting of the entire golf course. The rough has been cut down lower the past couple weeks in preparation for these activities.

Aeration alleviates soil compaction while verticutting is used to manage organic accumulation in the root zone. These practices disrupt the golf course and generate a tremendous amount of material that must be removed before play can be resumed.

Special thanks to the committee for agreeing to the partial closure. This is the best way to maximize this disruption for the betterment of the golf course. The results will be greatly improved turf conditions and a better playing surface across the entire golf course.

Best Regards,

Jason R. Sexton

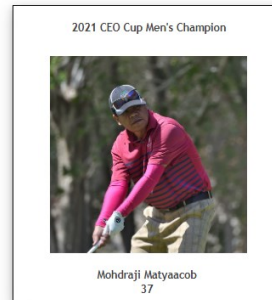


Hole #2



Hole #12

CEO Cup Results



Club Winners

Club	Name	Total
Ain Nakhl Golf Club	Mathew Hope	19
Rolling Hills Golf Club	Ismaeel Musa	32
Surfside Golf Club Division	Jim Dufault	25
Wadi Al Saeed Golf Club	Luis Landaeta	22

Flighted Winners

Ladies' Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	A	Soonhae Kim	36
2	A	Rodziah Daud	35
3	A	Juni Pandiangan	30
4	A	Borim Ha	29

Men's A Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	A	Bruce Waldner	33
2	A	Yound Kyoung Ahn	33
3	A	Sammy Kim	32
4	A	Taib Abang	32

Men's B Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	B	Ahmad Ba Im	35
2	B	Segun Akinyose	33
3	B	Gilroy Dolor	32
4	B	Michael Burke	32

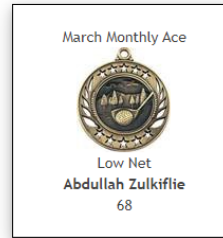
Men's C Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	C	Liam Feeney	33
2	C	Abdul Latif	31
3	C	Juan Michelangeli	31
4	C	Johnseungjun Oh	31

Men's D Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Total
1	D	Ifeanyi Uche	35
2	D	Simon Evans	34
3	D	Fuhao Qin	29
4	D	Charles Lee	28

March Monthly Medal Results



Flighted Winners

A Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	A	Hilton, Matt	34	40	74
2	A	Oh, Jeon	36	39	75
3	A	Ahn, Young Kyoung	34	41	75

B Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	B	Kim, Hakseon	37	34	71
2	B	Fox, Adam	34	38	72
3	B	Ba Im, Ahmad	36	37	73

C Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	C	Waspada, Dwi	32	36	68
2	C	Jackson, Tracey	35	36	71
3	C	Quaye, William	34	39	73

D Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	D	Kim, Hyun Kil	37	33	70
2	D	Boukbira, Abdelbaki	48	35	73
3	D	Pomar, Kenri	35	39	74

E Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	E	Svensen, Christian	36	33	69
2	E	Evans, Simon	39	30	69
3	E	Kim, Gina	33	40	73

Race to the Hills Top 5

Rank	Player	Tournaments	Wins	Points
1	Lu, Feng	4	2	47
2	Song, Kim-Kyung-Sook	4	1	45
3	Steenkamp, Christo	4	2	44
4	Evans, Simon	4	2	41
5	Abdullah, Zulkiflie	3	1	37

March Golf Event



It was good to be back on the golf course for glow in the dark night golf on March 18th. The round of golf and Safwa's dinner were a great way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!



RHGC Quiz Night April 7th

Join us for this fun, informal competition where teams battle to see who has the greatest knowledge of trivia!

- Sign up on Tournament Manager
- Pay 65 SAR/person in the Pro Shop by Monday, April 5th
- Appetizer, Rotisserie Chicken & Fries, Dessert, and a Soda included
- Non-members can play, but at least one person on the team must be an RHGC member
- Seating is 4 per table and, when not eating, masks must be worn

Who? Sign up a team of 4

What? Quiz Night, Hosted by Hugh

Where? RHGC Clubhouse

When? Wednesday, April 7th

What time? Be there at 6:15 PM

Quiz #1 starts at 6:30, then dinner, and then Quiz #2. Prize-giving at 8:30PM.



The Golf Ball

*Friday, December 3rd
Crowne Plaza, Bahrain*

*Semi-Formal Attire
More information to come*