

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

Eid Mubarak to all of our members and I certainly hope that everyone had a happy and safe Ramadan.

I am very proud to share a picture of H.E. Yasir Al-Rumayyan, Chairman of the Saudi Golf Federation, along with our own Ahmed Al-Subaey and resident pro Othman Al-Mulla here at Rolling Hills. His Eminence was able to play two rounds over Eid and we look forward to hosting him again in the future.

We received some good travel news this weekend so hopefully everyone will have the opportunity to see family and friends either in Kingdom or abroad. As you have surely noticed, it is very hot out there. We are not yet allowed to have Igloo water coolers on the course but I can report that we will now offering water, Gatorade, soda, and a variety of snacks in the ProShop. There will be an announcement for the hours of operation for purchasing and the cost for each item.

Hit'em straight,

Ed Devlin



From the Pro

The next "Golf in a Week" class starts on June 27th. 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 start on Friday June 18th 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

June 3rd — Ladies' Classes Continues

June 18th — Junior Tour School

June 27th — Golf in a Week

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Upcoming Tournament Information

Monthly Medal

The sixth leg of the Race to the Hills is happening on **June 5th**. This is not an open play event — playing groups will be created by the Tournament Committee. Registration is now open via [Tournament Manager](#).

17th Anniversary Tournament

17th Annual Anniversary Tournament Sign Up is Open! The tournament will be played on **June 19th**. We are happy to announce that the link for signing up is now open through the 17th Annual Anniversary [Tournament Manager](#).

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

2021 World Ryder Cup

World Ryder Cup Sign Up is Open! The World Ryder Cup will be played on the weekend of September 3rd and 4th. We are happy to announce that the link for signing up is now open through the [2021 World Ryder Cup Event Portal](#).

Your Team Captains this year are:

TEAM ROW: Gareth Weale

TEAM USA: Troy Thompson

2021 Club Championship

Club Championship Sign Up is Open!

The Club Championship will be played on the weekend of **October 15th and 16th**. We are happy to announce that the link for signing up is now open through the [2021 Club Championship Event Portal](#).

Please sign up **before June 30th** to **guarantee your shirt size**.

June 5th — Monthly Medal
 June 19th — 17th Anniversary Tournament
 September 3rd & 4th — World Ryder Cup
 October 15th & 16th — Club Championship



Ask Carl

Q: Why is it only the 17th Annual Anniversary Tournament? I thought the golf course has been here for a long time

A: The Anniversary Tournament does not celebrate the opening of Rolling Hills Golf Course but rather the opening of the grass course as we know it.

Q: Is it possible to organize my own tournament? A friend of mine is leaving and I would like to arrange a fun scramble tournament as a Ma Salama party.

A: Yes. Any member can organize a Member Hosted Tournament. Information on how to do so can be found on the [RHGC Website](#).

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

As we head into the summer months, TMLL is taking a break and will resume again mid September.

Below is a photo where we bid a fond farewell to Kaori.



As always, if you have any questions or would like information about ladies golf, then please do get in touch with me, Amanda on rhgcladiesdirector@gmail.com.

Junior Golf



May Event Scores

Eric Heinold	44
Kangin Choi	51
Samuel Gustas	56
Calvin Manalu	56
Kangho Choi	58
Zac Stephenson	58

Thank you to all Junior golfers and parents!

We want to send out a special thank you to all the junior golfers and parents for participating in the last few events and we look forward to the next one in the fall.

The next Junior event will be held on September 11th.



For more information, any questions, or to volunteer on the Junior golf committee, please contact:
Jake Rosenthal: 054 774 4309 (WhatsApp) or email at: rhgcjuniorgolf@gmail.com

Handicap Corner

This is just a mid-year reminder for RHGC members carrying an official Handicap index, we'd like to refresh what your main responsibilities are:

Player Responsibilities

In order to comply with requirements of the Rules of Handicapping, a player is expected to:

1. Act with integrity by following the Rules of Handicapping and to refrain from using, or circumventing, the Rules of Handicapping for the purpose of gaining an unfair advantage.
2. Have only one Handicap Index from a single scoring record, which is managed by the player's home club in accordance with the Rules of Handicapping. Note: This Handicap Index will apply elsewhere, including at all other golf clubs of which the player is a member.
3. Ensure each Golf Club of which they are a member knows the details of
 - o All other Golf Clubs that they are a member of, an
 - o Which Golf Club that they have designated to be their home Club.
4. Ensure that, prior to playing a round in an authorized format of play, they
 - o Know their current Handicap Index,
 - o Inform the Handicap Committee or the Committee in charge of the competition of any discrepancies with their Handicap Index
 - o Know the holes where handicap strokes are to be given or received, and
 - o Record their correct handicap on the scorecard in a stroke-play competition.
5. Attempt to make the best score possible at each hole
6. Where applicable, ensure all acceptable scores are submitted for handicap purposes, including scores from outside the player's home jurisdiction. Acceptable scores should be submitted
 - o Before midnight on the day of play, and
 - o In the correct chronological order.
7. Submit only acceptable scores to provide reasonable evidence of their demonstrated ability.
 - o **Important reminder... One of the main basic premises underlying the World Handicap System (WHS), is "each player will try to make the best score at each hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played."** So remember, not all scores are acceptable for handicap purposes. For example, a round of golf played for practice or social (e.g. playing with your kids for fun) where you are not adhering to this premise would not be considered acceptable. In this situation book your tee time in Foretees using "OTH". For other types of scores not acceptable for handicap purposes see <https://www.arbiangolf.net/node/467>
8. Provide any new golf club with the full details of their previous playing history, Handicap Index held, memberships and any other information relevant to their golfing ability.
9. Play by the Rules of Golf
10. Certify the scores of fellow players.

Hope you enjoyed this article. If you have any questions about Handicaps or have suggestions for future articles, please email us at rhgchandicaps@gmail.com. Stephen Vezendy

Rules Corner

Conditions Affecting the Stroke

Rule 8 - Course Played as It Is Found

One of the most fundamental Rules of the game of golf is to “play the course as you find it”. While there are exceptions, in general when playing a round, you must play the ball as it lies on the golf course and play the course as it’s found. This means that normally you must accept the conditions of where your ball came to rest. For more information here is a short video [short video click here](#).

To maintain this principle, Rule 8 protects the following five areas known as the “conditions affecting the stroke” for the next stroke that you will make:

1. The lie of the player's ball at rest
2. The player's area of intended swing
3. The player's area of intended stance
4. The player's line of play
5. The relief area in which the player intends to drop or place a ball

Actions that are not allowed:

Except as allowed by certain actions we’ll look at later, you may not take any of the following actions if they improve the conditions affecting the stroke (that is, if they are likely to give you a potential advantage):

- Moving, bending or breaking any object that is growing or attached, an immovable obstruction, an integral object or a boundary object or tee markers when playing from the teeing area – *For example, a branch growing off a tree is sticking out directly in the area of your intended backswing, and you break off the branch so it no longer will interfere.*
- Moving a loose impediment or movable obstruction into position to aid in the players stance or line of play (such as to build a stance or to improve the line of play) – *For example, if your ball lies in a tree, you may not move a nearby bench into position to stand on to be able to make a stroke at your ball.*

The above improvements can be restored to their original position before the player makes their stroke (in doing so, the player avoids penalty).

- Altering the surface of the ground (pressing down/replacing divots, filling in/eliminating holes, etc.) – *For example, your ball is short of the green and you repair a pitch-mark in the general area a few yards in front of your ball on your line of play before hitting a low-running chip shot.*
- Removing or pressing down sand or loose soil – *For example, when putting from just off the green, there is some loose sand in the fringe on your line of play that you brush away.*
- Removing dew, frost or water – *For example, because there is dew on your line of play on the putting green early in the morning, you clear all the dew off your line of play with a towel.*

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If a player takes any actions to improve the above conditions, the player receives the **general penalty** (two strokes penalty in stroke play or loss of hole in match play), it cannot be restored to avoid penalty.

Actions That Are Allowed

In preparing for or making a stroke, you may take certain actions even if doing so improves one of the five conditions affecting the stroke mentioned above. Some of these allowed actions include:

- Fairly searching for your ball – *For example, while searching for your ball in tall grass but not doing anything beyond what is reasonably necessary to find it, you press down some grass that may have improved your area of intended swing.*
- Grounding the club lightly in front of or right behind the ball – “Ground the club lightly” means allowing the weight of the club to be supported by the grass, soil, sand or other material on or above the ground surface. *For example, there is no penalty if in grounding your club lightly in a “waste area,” some sand is pressed down that improves the lie of your ball. However, a penalty would still apply if you press the club down more than lightly and improve your lie.*
- Fairly taking your stance – To fairly take your stance, you must use the least intrusive course of action to adapt to the situation. *For example, if you back into a branch because that is the only way to take a stance for the selected stroke, there is no penalty even if this moves the branch out of the way and improves the area of your stance or swing.*
- Making a stroke or the backswing for your stroke which is then made – Provided you finish making the stroke, there is no penalty for improvements made during your backswing or stroke. *For example, in making the backswing for your stroke, you break off a piece of a branch and knock down some leaves*

Note that the lists of allowed and not allowed actions above are not exhaustive. If you would like to read the full lists, please see Rules 8.1a and 8.1b in the Rules of Golf.

New to the Rules of Golf for 2019 was the concept of restoring certain conditions after you have made an improvement to avoid getting a penalty. Such restorations can only apply in specific circumstances – bending or breaking an object or moving an object into position. *As an example, prior to your stroke, you remove a boundary stake (which the Rules treat as immovable) that was interfering with your area of intended stance. If you replace the stake prior to making your stroke, you can avoid penalty under Rule 8.1.*

Outside of actions that are needed and reasonable to prepare for and make a stroke, you must not make improvements to affect the stroke you are about to make – **play the course as you find it!**

If you have any general questions about Rules or have suggestions for future articles, please send email to rhgchandicaps@gmail.com. Stephen Vezendy.

Facilities

Please remember to always wear your mask when checking in with the Starter, in the ProShop, and in the Clubhouse. The following rules are still mandatory at RHGC as per Recreation guidelines:

1. Temperature check with the Starter before entering the facility, even if you're not playing golf
2. Masks must be worn inside of the ProShop
3. Masks must be worn inside of the Clubhouse unless you are eating or drinking
4. Maintain social distancing

Not adhering to the rules can result in the course getting shut down again. So please make sure that you follow the rules and politely remind others who may have forgotten

Monthly Medal Treats!

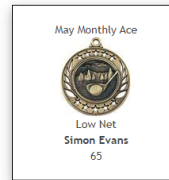
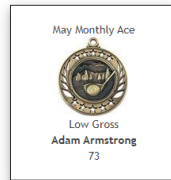


Stop by the Clubhouse for a treat before your round or at the turn.

Scouts will be handing out drinks and ice cream between 8:00-11:00 on June 5th.

(Small bags of ice also available while supplies last.)

May Monthly Medal Results



A Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	A	Ahn, YoungKyoung	38	33	71
2	A	Kim, Sammy	37	35	72
3	A	Oh, Jeon	37	36	73

B Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	B	Vezendy, Stephen	39	32	71
2	B	Temaga, John	35	36	71
3	B	Kim, Hakseon	35	36	71

C Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	C	Quaye, Williams	37	32	69
2	C	Kang, Geonyoung	36	33	69
3	C	Park, Junghyun	33	36	69

D Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	D	Boukbira, Abdelbaki	34	33	67
2	D	Uche, Ifeanyi	34	34	68
3	D	Lee, Charles	33	35	68

E Flight

Place	Flight	Name	Front	Back	Total
1	E	Svendsen, Christian	36	32	68
2	E	Gratia, Paolo	34	36	70
3	E	Svendsen, Kaori	35	37	72

Race to the Hills Top 5

Rank	Player	Tournaments	Wins	Points
1	Evans, Simon	6	2	65
2	Lu, Feng	6	2	63
3	Song, Kim-Kyung-Sook	6	1	55
4	Akinyose, Segun	6	0	48
5	Steenkamp, Christo	6	2	46

Music Night

RHGC hosted a wonderful live music event on May 21st. There were several local bands performing including Lime Wednesday, Sgt. Pepper Band, Glorious Ruins, and No Commitments.



THE GOLF BALL

*Friday, December 3rd
Crowne Plaza, Bahrain*

Semi-Formal Attire

Member-SR500 | Guest-SR550

Doors open at 7:00pm

Dinner, Door Prizes, & DJ

(House drinks until 11pm)

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